

Mathematical Logic HW8

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1. (b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \neg(\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))) \\
 &= \exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \wedge \neg\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \\
 &= \exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \wedge \exists x\neg(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \\
 &= \exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \wedge \exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

2. (b) We must prove $\exists xQ(x)$.

1. $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$ premise
2. $\forall x\neg P(x)$ premise
3. $P(a) \vee Q(a)$ 1, universal elimination
4. $\neg P(a)$ 2, universal elimination
5. $Q(a)$ 3, 4, disjunctive syllogism
6. $\exists xQ(x)$ 5, existential introduction QED

(d) We must prove $\neg\forall xQ(x)$.

1. $\neg\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ premise
2. $\forall xP(x)$ premise
3. $\exists x\neg(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ 1, change of quantifier
4. $\neg(P(a) \wedge Q(a))$ 3, assumption
5. $\neg P(a) \vee \neg Q(a)$ 4, negation of conjunction
6. $P(a)$ 2, universal elimination
7. $\neg Q(a)$ 5, 6, disjunctive syllogism
8. $\exists x\neg Q(x)$ 7, existential introduction
9. $\neg\forall xQ(x)$ 8, change of quantifier
10. $\neg\forall xQ(x)$ 3, 4-9, existential elimination QED

(f) We must prove $Q(y) \wedge \exists x(P(x) \wedge R(x))$.

1. $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow (Q(y) \wedge R(x)))$ premise
2. $\exists xP(x)$ premise
3. $P(a)$ 2, assumption
4. $P(a) \rightarrow (Q(y) \wedge R(a))$ 1, universal elimination
5. $Q(y) \wedge R(a)$ 3, 4, modus ponens
6. $Q(y)$ 5, conjunction elimination
7. $R(a)$ 5, conjunction elimination
8. $P(a) \wedge R(a)$ 3, 7, conjunction introduction
9. $\exists x(P(x) \wedge R(x))$ 8, existential introduction
10. $Q(y) \wedge \exists x(P(x) \wedge R(x))$ 6, 9 conjunction introduction
11. $Q(y) \wedge \exists x(P(x) \wedge R(x))$ 2, 3-10, existential elimination QED

3. (b) $(\exists xP(x) \wedge \exists xQ(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ is not a valid implication.

A counterexample can be demonstrated as follows. Let the predicate $P(x)$ be “ $x = 0$ ”, the predicate $Q(x)$ be “ $x = 1$ ”, and the universe for x be \mathbb{Z} . There does exist an integer which is equal to zero, namely zero; so $\exists xP(x)$ is true in this interpretation. Similarly, there is an integer equal to one, so $\exists xQ(x)$ is true as well.

If the implication were valid, we would be able to say $\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$. Or in English, “there is an integer which is equal to both one and zero”. However this consequent is false in our interpretation, since there is no such integer.

- (d) $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow \forall xP(x) \rightarrow \forall xQ(x)$ is a valid implication. Below is the inference procedure.

1.	$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$	premise
2.	$P(a) \rightarrow Q(a)$	1, universal elimination
3.	$\forall xP(x)$	assumption
4.	$P(a)$	3, universal elimination
5.	$Q(a)$	2, 4, modus ponens
6.	$\forall xQ(x)$	5, universal introduction
7.	$\forall xP(x) \rightarrow \forall xQ(x)$	3-6, deduction theorem QED

4. We are to determine whether the following implication is valid or not.

$$\forall x\exists yP(x, y) \models \exists y\forall xP(x, y)$$

The ‘proof’ provided in the question is not sound. In line 4 of the ‘proof’, the universal quantifier is introduced, violating one of the restrictions of the rule of inference ‘Universal Introduction’. The restriction in question states that from $\varphi(\beta/\alpha)$ we can infer $\forall x\varphi$, only if “ β is not mentioned in any hypothesis or undischarged assumptions”. In the question, z takes the position of β , but z is mentioned in an undischarged hypothesis on line 3. (Although not clear in the provided proof, line 3 should be an *assumption* for the start of a new sub-proof.)

The above implication is not sound. A counterexample can be shown as follows. Let the binary predicate $P(x, y)$ be defined as $y = x$, and the universe for x and y be \mathbb{Z} . In this interpretation, our premise $\forall x\exists yP(x, y)$ is true, because for every integer x , there is an integer y which is equal to it. However, the ‘conclusion’ $\exists y\forall xP(x, y)$ is false, since there is no such integer y such that all other integers are equal to it.