

1 Truth Tables

Determine whether the following equivalences hold, by writing out truth tables. Clearly state whether or not each pair is equivalent.

- (a) $P \wedge (Q \vee P) \equiv P \wedge Q$
- (b) $(P \vee Q) \wedge R \equiv (P \wedge R) \vee (Q \wedge R)$
- (c) $(P \wedge Q) \vee R \equiv (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee R)$

2 Propositional Practice

Convert the following English sentences into propositional logic and the following propositions into English. State whether or not each statement is true with brief justification.

- (a) There is a real number which is not rational.
- (b) All integers are natural numbers or are negative, but not both.
- (c) If a natural number is divisible by 6, it is divisible by 2 or it is divisible by 3.
- (d) $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}) (x \in \mathbb{Q})$
- (e) $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}) (((2|x) \vee (3|x)) \implies (6|x))$
- (f) $(\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) ((x > 7) \implies ((\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}) (a + b = x)))$

3 Converse and Contrapositive

Consider the statement "if a natural number is divisible by 4, it is divisible by 2".

- (a) Write the statement in propositional logic. Prove that it is true or give a counterexample.
- (b) Write the inverse of the implication in English and in propositional logic. Prove that it is true or give a counterexample. (The inverse of an implication $P \implies Q$ is $\neg P \implies \neg Q$.)
- (c) Write the converse of the implication in English and in propositional logic. Prove that it is true or give a counterexample.
- (d) Write the contrapositive of the implication in English and in propositional logic. Prove that it is true or give a counterexample.

4 Equivalences with Quantifiers

Evaluate whether the expressions on the left and right sides are equivalent in each part, and briefly justify your answers.

(a)	$\forall x ((\exists y Q(x,y)) \Rightarrow P(x))$	$\forall x \exists y (Q(x,y) \Rightarrow P(x))$
(b)	$\neg \exists x \forall y (P(x,y) \Rightarrow \neg Q(x,y))$	$\forall x ((\exists y P(x,y)) \wedge (\exists y Q(x,y)))$
(c)	$\forall x \exists y (P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x,y))$	$\forall x (P(x) \Rightarrow (\exists y Q(x,y)))$

(1a)

not equivalent

P	Q	R	$P \wedge (Q \vee P)$	$P \wedge R$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	F	F

(b)

equivalent

P	Q	R	$(P \vee Q) \wedge R$	$(P \wedge R) \vee (Q \wedge R)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	F	F

(C). equivalent

P	Q	R	$(P \wedge Q) \vee R$	$(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee R)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F

2.

(a) $(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(x \notin \mathbb{Q})$

True, not all real numbers are rational, π

(b) $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}) ((x \in N) \vee (x < 0)) \wedge (\neg((x \in N) \wedge (x < 0)))$

True, since we define the naturals to contain all integers which are not integer.

(c)

$$(\forall x \in N)(6|x) \Rightarrow ((2|x) \vee (3|x))$$

True, since any number divisible by 6 can be written as $6k = (2 \cdot 3k) = 2(3k)$, meaning it must also be divisible by 2.

(d)

All integers are rational.

True, it can be written as $\frac{n}{1}$

(e)

If a integer is divisible by 2 or 3, it is divisible by 6.

False, 14 can't be divisible by 6 but can be divisible by 2

f)

If a natural number is larger than 7, there exists 2 natural numbers, their sum equals the number

True, $x = 0 + x$

3.

(a) $(\forall x \in \mathbb{N})(4|x \Rightarrow 2|x)$

True, $x = 4b = 2 \cdot 2b$, $2b$ is a integer, so it can be divisible by

2.

(b) If a natural number isn't divisible by 4, it isn't divisible by 2.

$(\forall x \in \mathbb{N})(4 \nmid x \Rightarrow 2 \nmid x)$

False, 18 isn't divisible by 4, but divisible by 2.

(C) If a natural number is divisible by 2, it is divisible by 4.

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) (2|x \Rightarrow 4|x)$$

18 is divisible by 2, but not divisible by 4

(d) If a natural number isn't divisible by 2, it isn't divisible by 4

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) (2 \nmid x \Rightarrow 4 \nmid x)$$

True

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) (2 \nmid x \Rightarrow 4 \nmid x)$$

$$\equiv (\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) / (2|x) \vee (4 \nmid x)$$

$$\equiv (\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) ((4|x) \Rightarrow (2|x))$$

To show that this true, first consider that saying that x is not divisible by 2 is equivalent to saying that $x/2$ is not an integer. And if we divide a non-integer by an integer, we get back another non-integer - so $(x/2)/2 = x/4$ must also not be an integer.

4. a) Not equivalent

left:

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x ((\exists y R(x, y)) \Rightarrow P(x)) \\ \equiv & \forall x (\neg(\exists y R(x, y)) \vee P(x)) \\ \equiv & \forall x (\forall y \neg R(x, y)) \vee P(x) \end{aligned}$$

right:

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x \exists y (R(x, y) \Rightarrow P(x)) \\ \equiv & \forall x \exists y (\neg R(x, y) \vee P(x)) \end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite the left side as

$\forall x ((\neg(\exists y R(x, y))) \vee P(x))$ and the right side as $\forall x \exists y (\neg R(x, y) \vee P(x))$. Applying the negation on the left side of the equivalence $(\neg(\exists y R(x, y)))$ changes the $\exists y$ to $\forall y$, and the two sides are clearly not the same.

(b) not equivalent

left:

$$\begin{aligned}& \neg \exists x \forall y (P(x, y) \Rightarrow Q(x, y)) \\& \equiv \forall x \exists y \neg (P(x, y) \vee \neg Q(x, y)) \\& \equiv \forall x \exists y (P(x, y) \wedge \neg Q(x, y))\end{aligned}$$

right:

$$\forall x (\exists y P(x, y)) \wedge (\exists y Q(x, y))$$

Using De Morgan's Law to distribute the negation
on the left side yields, $\forall x \exists y (P(x, y) \wedge Q(x, y))$

But \exists does not distribute over \wedge , there could exist
different values of y such that $P(x, y)$ and $Q(x, y)$ for
a given x , but not necessarily the same value

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left:

$$\forall x \exists y (P(x) \Rightarrow R(x, y))$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y (\neg P(x) \vee R(x, y))$$

right:

$$\forall x (P(x) \Rightarrow (\exists y R(x, y)))$$

$$\equiv \forall x (\neg P(x) \vee (\exists y R(x, y)))$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y (\neg P(x) \vee R(x, y))$$

We can rewrite the left side as $\forall x \exists y (\neg P(x) \vee R(x, y))$ and the right side as $\forall x (\neg P(x) \vee (\exists y R(x, y)))$. Clearly, the two sides are the same if $\neg P(x)$ is True. If $\neg P(x)$ is false, then the two sides are still the same, because $\forall x \exists y (\text{False} \vee R(x, y)) \equiv \forall x (\text{False} \vee \exists y R(x, y))$