

Sample Midterm

CSCA67 - Discrete Mathematics

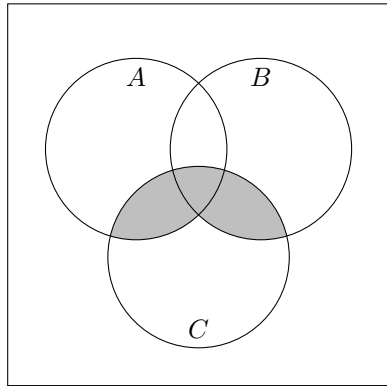


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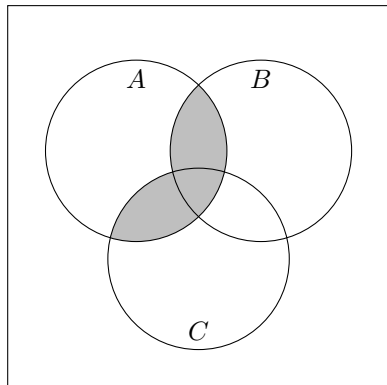
Question 1.

Part (a) Each option below is a predicate formula. Circle all answers equivalent to the given.



- (a) $a \wedge b \wedge c$
- (b) $(a \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge c)$
- (c) $(\neg b \rightarrow a) \wedge c$
- (d) $c \wedge (b \vee a)$
- (e) None

Part (b) Write a propositional statement using \rightarrow and \neg if necessary equivalent to regions 3, 5, and 6. marks you can leave your solution using \wedge, \vee, \neg and \rightarrow . You do not need to specify which equivalence laws you use if you need them.



- $(a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$
- $a \wedge r(b \vee c)$
- $\neg(a \rightarrow \neg(\neg b \rightarrow c))$

Part (c) Circle (I just bolded.) every statement equivalent to $\neg a \rightarrow b$.

- (a) $\neg b \rightarrow a$
- (b) $a \rightarrow \neg b$
- (c) a is sufficient for $\neg b$
- (d) $\neg(a \wedge \neg b)$
- (e) b is sufficient for $\neg a$
- (f) a is necessary for $\neg b$
- (g) $\neg a$ is necessary for b
- (h) b if $\neg a$
- (i) $b \vee a$

Question 2.

Determine whether \forall can be factored from an implication. In other words is

$$\forall x \in X, (p(x) \rightarrow q(x)) \iff \forall x \in X, p(x) \rightarrow \forall x \in X, q(x)$$

true? Explain your reasoning. Marks will only be given for your explanation.

No.

let $p(x) = x > 5$ and $q(x) = x^2 > 25$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, (p(x) \rightarrow q(x)) \iff \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, (x > 5 \rightarrow x^2 > 25)$$

which means: for all integers x , if x is greater than 5, then x^2 is greater than 25.

vs.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, p(x) \rightarrow \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, q(x) \iff \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x > 5 \rightarrow \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^2 > 25$$

which means: if all integers are greater than 5, then all integers squared are greater than 25.

Sometimes, factoring in \forall can lead to a statement that is true, but never equivalent.

$\forall x \in X, (p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$ is saying for every x , if predicate p is true, then predicate q is true.

$\forall x \in X, p(x) \rightarrow \forall x \in X, q(x)$ is saying for every x , if predicate p is true, then for every x , predicate q is true, since are not equivalent, therefore \forall cannot be factored into or from an implication.

Question 3.

Answer the following questions to construct a direct proof that:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}, a \equiv_n b \rightarrow a^2 \equiv_n b^2$$

Part (a)

Write a and b in terms of n using the division theorem and taking into consideration any common variables.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= k_1 \cdot n + r \\ b &= k_2 \cdot n + r \\ k_1, k_2 &\in \mathbb{Z}, r \in [0, (n-1)] \end{aligned}$$

Part (b)

Now complete the proof.

Assume $a \equiv_n b$, then that means:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= k_1 \cdot n + r & a^2 &= k_1^2 \cdot n^2 + 2k_1 \cdot n + r^2 \\ b &= k_2 \cdot n + r & b^2 &= k_2^2 \cdot n^2 + 2k_2 \cdot n + r^2 \\ k_1, k_2 &\in \mathbb{Z}, r \in [0, (n-1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= k_1^2 \cdot n^2 + 2k_1 \cdot n + r^2 = n(k_1^2 \cdot n + 2k_1) + r^2 \\ b^2 &= k_2^2 \cdot n^2 + 2k_2 \cdot n + r^2 = n(k_2^2 \cdot n + 2k_2) + r^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since both a^2 and b^2 share the same remainder r^2 when divided by n ,
 $\therefore \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}, a \equiv_n b \rightarrow a^2 \equiv_n b^2$.

QED

Question 4.

Prove that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, (n^2 - 1 \not\equiv_4 0) \rightarrow n$ is even.

Assume the contrapositive

$$n \in \{2k + 1\}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (n^2 - 1 \equiv_4 0)$$

$$n = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$$n^2 - 1 = 4k^2 + 4 = 4(k^2 + 1)$$

$$n^2 - 1 \equiv_4 0$$

Since we prove the contrapositive to be true, and the contrapositive is logically equivalent to the original,
 $\therefore n \in \{2k + 1\}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (n^2 - 1 \equiv_4 0)$

QED