

CC1041-DISCRETE STRUCTURES
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Assignment # 1 – Solution

Q1. Express predicates using quantifiers for the following:

[CLO-1]

- i. All sportsmen are tall.

$S(x)$: x is a sportsman

$T(x)$: x is tall

$$\forall x (S(x) \rightarrow T(x))$$

- ii. Some people like apples

$P(x)$: x is a person

$A(x)$: x likes apples

$$\exists x (P(x) \wedge A(x))$$

- iii. No one likes medicine.

$M(x)$: x likes Medicine

$$\forall x \neg M(x)$$

- iv. If all animals had wings they would fly

$W(x)$: x has wings

$F(x)$: x would fly

$$\forall x (W(x) \rightarrow F(x))$$

- v. Every student either likes discrete math or likes calculus.

$S(x)$: x is student

$D(x)$: x likes discrete math

$C(x)$: x likes calculus

$$\forall x (S(x) \rightarrow D(x) \vee C(x))$$

Q2. Given the following Predicates.

[CLO-1]

- $C(x)$ is x is a comedian.

- $F(x)$ is x is funny.

Domain/Universe of x is all people.

Translate into English:

(i) $\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow F(x))$

Every comedian is funny.

(ii) $\forall x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$

Every person is a funny comedian.

(iii) $\exists x (C(x) \rightarrow F(x))$

There exists a person such that if she or he is a comedian, then she or he is funny.

(iv) $\exists x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$

Some comedians are funny.

Q3.**[CLO-2]**

For each of these collections of premises, what relevant conclusion or conclusions can be drawn?

Identify the rules of inference used to obtain each conclusion from the premises.

- a)** “Randy works hard,” “If Randy works hard, then he is a dull boy,” and “If Randy is a dull boy, then he will not get the job”

w = Randy works hard

d = Randy is a dull boy

j = Randy will get the job

Hypotheses:

w Premise 1 (i)

 $w \rightarrow d$ Premise 2 (ii) $d \rightarrow \neg j$ Premise 3 (iii)

d Using (i) and (ii) and applying Modus Ponens (iv)

 $\neg j$ Using (iii) and (iv) and applying Modus Ponens (v)

So the desired final conclusion is “Randy will not get the job”.

- b)** “If I play hockey, then I am sore the next day.” “I use the whirlpool if I am sore.” “I did not use the whirlpool.”

p = I play hockey

s = I am sore

w = I use whirlpool

Hypotheses:

$p \rightarrow s$ Premise 1 (i)

$s \rightarrow w$ Premise 2 (ii)

$\neg w$ Premise 3 (iii)

$p \rightarrow w$ Using (i) and (ii) and applying Hypothetical Syllogism (iv)

$\neg p$ Using (iii) and (iv) and applying Modus Tollens (v)

So the desired final conclusion is “I do not play hockey”

Q4: Construct the truth tables to prove the following equivalences

[CLO-3]

- a) $(p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r)$ and $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

P	Q	R	$p \rightarrow r$	$q \rightarrow r$	$(p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r)$	$p \wedge q$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

b) $\neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \equiv q \rightarrow (p \vee r)$

P	Q	R	$\neg P$	$Q \rightarrow R$	$\neg P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$	$P \vee R$	$Q \rightarrow (P \vee R)$
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1

Q5: Construct a combinational circuit for the below expression using inverters, OR, and AND gates. Also produces the output where $p=T$, $q=F$ and $r=T$. **[CLO-3]**

$$((\neg p \vee r) \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg (q \vee r))$$

Solution:

