

BBM 205
Problem Set 1: Logic

1. What is the negation of each of these propositions?
 - (a) Today is Thursday.
 - (b) There is no pollution in Istanbul.
 - (c) $2 + 1 = 3$
 - (d) The summer in Ankara is hot and sunny.
2. Let p and q be the propositions
p: It is below freezing. Write these propositions using p and q and logical connectives.
q: It is snowing.
 - (a) It is below freezing and snowing.
 - (b) It is below freezing but not snowing.
 - (c) It is not below freezing and it is not snowing.
 - (d) It is either snowing or below freezing (or both).
 - (e) If it is below freezing, it is also snowing.
 - (f) It is either below freezing or it is snowing, but it is not snowing if it is below freezing.
 - (g) That it is below freezing is necessary and sufficient for it to be snowing.
3. Show that $\neg(p \leftrightarrow q)$ and $p \leftrightarrow \neg q$ are logically equivalent by using a truth table.
4. Determine the truth value of each of these statements if the domain consists of all real numbers.
 - a) $\exists x(x^3 = -1)$ c) $\exists x(x^4 < x^2)$
 - b) $\forall x((-x)^2 = x^2)$ d) $\forall x(2x > x)$
5. The notation $\exists! xP(x)$ denotes "There exists a unique x such that $P(x)$ is true.". What are the truth values of these statements?
 - a) $\exists! xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xP(x)$
 - b) $\forall xP(x) \rightarrow \exists! xP(x)$
 - c) $\exists! x\neg P(x) \rightarrow \neg\forall xP(x)$
6. Determine the truth value of the statement $\exists x\forall y(x \leq y^2)$ if the domain for the variables consists of
 - (a) the positive real numbers.
 - (b) the integers.
 - (c) the nonzero real numbers.
7. (Spring 2014) Determine the truth value of each statement, assuming that the domain is the set of real numbers. Justify your answer.

- (a) For every x , $x^2 > x$.
 - (b) For some x , $x^2 > x$.
 - (c) For every x , for every y , if $x < y$, then $x^2 < y^2$.
 - (d) For every x , for some y , $x^2 < y + 1$.
 - (e) For every x , for every y , $x^2 + y^2 = 9$.
8. (Spring 2015) The notation $\exists! xP(x)$ denotes “There exists a unique x such that $P(x)$ is true.”. What are the truth values of these statements?
- (a) $\exists! xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xP(x)$
 - (b) $\forall xP(x) \rightarrow \exists! xP(x)$
9. (Spring 2015) Let p , q and r be the propositions
- p: You get an A on the final exam.
 - q: You do every exercise in this book. Write these propositions using p , q and r and
 - r: You get an A in this class.
- logical connectives.
- (a) You get an A in this class, but you do *not* do every exercise in this book.
 - (b) You get an A on the final, you do every exercise in this book, and you get an A in this class.
 - (c) To get an A in this class, it is *necessary* for you to get an A on the final.
 - (d) You get an A on the final, *but* you do not do every exercise in this book; *nevertheless*, you get an A in this class.
 - (e) Getting an A on the final and doing every exercise in this book is *sufficient* for getting an A in this class.
 - (f) You will get an A in this class *if and only if* you either do every exercise in this book or you get an A on the final.
10. (Spring 2015) Show that this conditional statement is a tautology by using truth table: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$.
11. (Spring 2015) Determine the truth value of the statement $\forall x \exists y(xy = 1)$ if the domain for the variables consists of
- (a) the positive real numbers.
 - (b) the nonzero integers.
 - (c) the nonzero real numbers.
12. (Spring 2015) State the converse, contrapositive and inverse of each of these conditional statements.
- (a) *If* it snows tonight, *then* I will stay at home.
 - (b) I go to the beach *whenever* it is a sunny summer day.
 - (c) *When* I stay up late, it is *necessary* that I sleep until noon.
 - (d) A positive integer is a prime only if it has no divisors other than 1 and itself.

13. (Spring 2015) Let $Q(x)$ be the statement " $x + 1 > 2x$ ". If the domain for x consists of all integers, what are the truth values below? Justify your answer.

$$\begin{array}{lll} Q(-1), & Q(1), & \forall x \neg Q(x), \\ \exists x Q(x), & \forall x Q(x), & \exists x \neg Q(x). \end{array}$$

14. (Spring 2015) Find a counterexample, if possible, to these universally quantified statements, where the domain for all variables consists of all real numbers.

$$\forall x (x^2 \neq x), \quad \forall x (|x| > 0), \quad \forall x (x^2 \neq 2).$$

15. (Fall 2016) Determine the truth value of each of these statements if the domain consists of real numbers. Give a short explanation for each answer to receive full credit.

(a) $\exists x (x^3 = -1)$

(b) $\exists x (x^4 < x^2)$

(c) $\forall x ((-x^2) = x^2)$

(d) $\forall x (2x > x)$

16. (Fall 2016) Determine whether each of these arguments is valid. If it is valid, show the steps of your conclusion. If it is not valid, give a logical error.

(a)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{If } n \text{ is a real number such that } n > 2, \text{ then } n^2 > 4. \\ n \leq 2 \end{array}$$

$$n^2 \leq 4$$

(b)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{If it snows today, the university will close.} \\ \text{The university is not closed today.} \end{array}$$

Therefore, it did not snow today.

17. (Fall 2016) Determine the truth value of the statement $\exists x \forall y (x \leq y^2)$ and if the domain for x and y consists of the following sets. Give a short explanation for your answer.

(a) the positive real numbers

(b) the integers

(c) the nonzero real numbers