

# Discrete Mathematics: Homework 3

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1. Let  $P(x)$  = "x is a person",  $L(x, y)$  = "x loves y" and  $E(x, y)$  = "x=y".

Translate the following statements into formulas:

- (a) "Every person loves some person."
- (b) "Every person loves some other person."
- (c) "There is a person who is loved by every person."
- (d) "There is a person who is loved by every other person."

**Solution:**

(a)

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

(b)

$$\forall x P(x) \wedge \exists y P(y) \wedge \neg E(x, y) \wedge L(x, y)$$

(c)

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

(d)

$$\exists x P(x) \wedge \forall y P(y) \wedge \neg E(x, y) \wedge L(y, x)$$

2. Determine if the following formulas are logically valid, satisfiable or unsatisfiable.

(a)  $(\exists x P(x) \leftrightarrow \exists x Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x (P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x))$

(b)  $\exists x (\mathbf{T} \vee P(x) \rightarrow \mathbf{F})$

(c)  $\forall x ((P(x) \vee \neg \exists y (Q(y) \wedge \neg Q(y))))$

(d)  $\exists x P(x) \rightarrow P(0)$

**Solution:**

(a) if  $\exists x P(x) \leftrightarrow \exists x Q(x)$  is True, which indicates  $P(x) = T, Q(x) = T$  or  $P(x) = F, Q(x) = F$ . Hence,  $\exists x (P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x))$  is T. So it's T in every interpretation.

**It's logically valid.**

(b)  $T \vee P(x) \equiv T$ , so  $\exists x (\mathbf{T} \vee P(x) \rightarrow \mathbf{F})$  is F in every interpretation.

**It's unsatisfiable.**

(c)  $\neg \exists y (Q(y) \wedge \neg Q(y))$  is always T.  $\forall x ((P(x) \vee \neg \exists y (Q(y) \wedge \neg Q(y))))$  is always T.

**It's logically valid.**

(d) when  $P(0) = T, \exists x P(x) \rightarrow P(0) \equiv T$ , when  $P(0) = F, \exists x = 0$ , such that,  $P(x) = F$ . So it's T in every interpretation.

**It's logically valid.**

3. Show that  $\exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$

**Solution:**

- (1) **Show that  $\exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$  is logically valid.**

Suppose that  $\exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$  is F in an interpretation I

$P(x)$  is F and  $Q(x)$  is F in an  $x$  in I

$x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  is F in the  $x$  in I

$\exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  is F in I

- (2) **Show that  $\exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x) \rightarrow \exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  is logically valid.**

Suppose that  $\exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$  is F in an interpretation in I

$P(x) \vee Q(x)$  is F in an  $x$  in I

$P(x)$  is F and  $Q(x)$  is F in the  $x$  in I

$P(x)$  is F in an  $x$  in I and  $Q(x)$  is F in an  $x$  in I

$\exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$  is F in I

4. Show that  $\forall xP(x) \vee \forall xQ(x) \Rightarrow \forall x((P(x) \vee Q(x)))$

**Solution:**

**Suppose that the left hand side is true in an interpretation I**

$\forall xP(x) \vee \forall xQ(x)$  is T

$P(x)$  is T,  $Q(x)$  is T or  $P(x)$  is T,  $Q(x)$  is F or  $P(x)$  is F,  $Q(x)$  is T in every  $x$  in I

$P(x) \vee Q(x)$  is T in every  $x$  in I

$\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  is T

5. Show that  $\exists xP(x) \wedge \exists xQ(x) \Rightarrow \exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$

**Solution:**

**Suppose that the left hand side is true in an interpretation I**

$\exists xP(x) \wedge \exists xQ(x)$  is T

$P(x)$  is T and  $Q(x)$  is T for the  $x$  in I

$P(x) \wedge Q(x)$  is T for the  $x$  in I

$\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  is T in I

6. Show that  $\forall x(P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists P(x) \leftrightarrow \exists xQ(x)$

**Solution:**

*Suppose that the left hand side is true in an interpretation I*

$\forall x(P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x))$  is T

$P(x)$  is T,  $Q(x)$  is T or  $P(x)$  is F,  $Q(x)$  is F in every  $x$  in I

$P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x)$  is T in an  $x$  in I

$\exists P(x) \leftrightarrow \exists xQ(x)$  is T in I