

CISC 102 (Fall 21)

Homework #3: Proofs (24 Points)

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Question 1

If we take the premise $\neg p \longrightarrow \neg q$ to be true, then saying $q \longrightarrow p$ is an application of modus tollens, which is valid.

Question 2

If x is any man, then the statement could be written as $P(x) \longrightarrow M(x)$, and if $\forall x P(x)$, then $True \longrightarrow M(x)$, $\therefore M(x)$ is an application of, universal instantiation, general instantiation, and modus ponens.

Question 3

Let r be rain, f be fog, s be the sailing competition, l be the lifesaving demonstration, and t be the trophy;

$\neg(r \wedge f) \longrightarrow (s \wedge l)$ *Premise

$s \longrightarrow t$ *Premise

$\neg t$ *Premise

$\neg t \longrightarrow \neg s$ *Modus Tollens (2)

$\neg s$ *Modus Ponens (4)

$\neg(s \wedge l) \longrightarrow \neg(\neg r \vee \neg f)$ *Modus Tollens (1)

$\neg s \vee \neg l \longrightarrow r \vee f$ *DeMorgan's (7)

$T \vee \neg l \longrightarrow r \wedge f$ *Sub in T for s (5)

$T \longrightarrow r \wedge f$ *Dominance Law (8)

$r \wedge f$ *Modus Ponens (9)

$\therefore r$ *Simplification (10)

Question 4

Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

This can be written as: $x^2 + (x + 1)^2$

$= x^2 + x^2 + 2x + 1$

$$= 2x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$= 2(x^2 + x) + 1$$

Since x is an integer, $(x^2 + x)$ will always yield some integer k .

$= 2(k) + 1$ is the definition of what it means to be an odd number.

$\therefore x^2 + (x + 1)^2$ will always yield an odd number.

Question 5

Case 1: n is even, let $n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(2k)^3 + 2((2k)^2) + 2k + 4$$

$$= 8k^3 + 8k^2 + 2k + 4$$

$$= 2(4k^3 + 4k^2 + k + 2)$$

Since $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(4k^3 + 4k^2 + k + 2)$ must also yield some integer p .

$$= 2(p)$$

This is the definition of an even number, \therefore when n is even, $n^3 + 2n^2 + n + 4$ is even.

Case 2: n is odd, let $n = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(2k + 1)^3 + 2((2k + 1)^2) + 2(k + 1) + 4$$

$$= 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 1 + 8k^2 + 8k + 2 + 2k + 1 + 4$$

$$= 8k^3 + 20k^2 + 16k + 8$$

$$= 2(4k^3 + 10k^2 + 8k + 4)$$

Since $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(4k^3 + 10k^2 + 8k + 4)$ will always yield some integer p .

$$= 2(p)$$

This is the definition of an even number, \therefore when n is odd, $n^3 + 2n^2 + n + 4$ is even.

Since the only 2 cases both yield even integers, we can conclude that $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$n^3 + 2n^2 + n + 4$ is even.

QED

Question 6

Let p be the proposition 'For all rational number x and irrational number y , the sum of x and y is irrational.'

If we assume $\neg p$:

$x + y$ is rational.

$$\longrightarrow \frac{a}{b} + y = \frac{c}{d}, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$

Definition of rational numbers, y is irrational (proposition q)

$$\longrightarrow y = \frac{c}{d} - \frac{a}{b} \longrightarrow y = \frac{bc - ad}{bd}$$

$\longrightarrow y$ can be expressed through fraction of real numbers \longrightarrow (y is not irrational) $\longrightarrow \neg q$

$\longrightarrow \neg p \longrightarrow q \wedge \neg q$, this is a contradiction.

$\longrightarrow (\neg p \text{ is false}) \longrightarrow (p \text{ is true})$, which means that $x + y$ is irrational.

Question 7

$P(1) \equiv 1^2 \geq 1 \equiv 1 \geq 1 \equiv \text{True}$

This is a direct proof.

Question 8

Let p be the proposition 'at least three of any 25 days chosen must fall in the same month of the year.'

If we assume $\neg p$:

\longrightarrow (Each month contains at most 2 of the 25 chosen days) Let q be the proposition that 'there are 25 chosen days'.

\longrightarrow (Number of chosen days $\leq 2 \times 12$) \longrightarrow (Number of chosen days ≤ 24) $\longrightarrow \neg q$

$\longrightarrow \neg p \longrightarrow \neg q \wedge q$, this is a contradiction.

$(\neg p \text{ is false}) \longrightarrow (p \text{ is true})$, meaning that at least three of any 25 days chosen must fall in the same month of the year.

Question 9

$(3x + 2 \text{ is even}) \equiv (x + 5 \text{ is odd}) \equiv (x^2 \text{ is even})$ *Premise

$\longrightarrow ((3x + 2 \text{ is even}) \leftrightarrow (x + 5 \text{ is odd}) \leftrightarrow (x^2 \text{ is even}))$ Logical Equivalence (1)

$\longrightarrow ((x^2 \text{ is odd}) \leftrightarrow (x + 5 \text{ is even}) \leftrightarrow ((3x + 2 \text{ is odd})))$ Contrapositive (2)

Case 1: x is even, $x = 2k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\longrightarrow (((2k)^2 \text{ is odd}) \leftrightarrow ((2k) + 5 \text{ is even}) \leftrightarrow ((3(2k) + 2 \text{ is odd})))$

$\longrightarrow ((2(2k^2) \text{ is odd}) \leftrightarrow (2(k + 2) + 1 \text{ is even}) \leftrightarrow (2(3k + 1) \text{ is odd}))$

$\longrightarrow (\text{False}) \leftrightarrow (\text{False}) \leftrightarrow (\text{False})$

Case 2: x is odd, $x = 2k+1$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\longrightarrow (((2k+1)^2 \text{ is odd}) \leftrightarrow ((2k+1) + 5 \text{ is even}) \leftrightarrow ((3(2k+1) + 2 \text{ is odd})))$

$\longrightarrow (2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1 \text{ is odd}) \leftrightarrow (2(k + 3) \text{ is even}) \leftrightarrow (2(3k + 2) + 1 \text{ is odd}))$

$\longrightarrow (\text{True}) \leftrightarrow (\text{True}) \leftrightarrow (\text{True})$

Since for both cases, all 3 contrapositive statements produce the same results, the 3 statements are all equivalent.

Question 10

It is easiest to show the transitivity of equivalences using general predicates a , b , and c .

$(a \leftrightarrow b \wedge b \leftrightarrow c) \longrightarrow a \leftrightarrow c$ *Premise

$\equiv (a \longrightarrow b) \wedge (b \longrightarrow a) \wedge (b \longrightarrow c) \wedge (c \longrightarrow b) \longrightarrow a \leftrightarrow c$ *Logical Equivalence

$\longrightarrow (a \longrightarrow c) \wedge (c \longrightarrow a)$ *Hypothetical Syllogism

$\equiv (a \leftrightarrow c) \longrightarrow (a \leftrightarrow c)$ *Logical Equivalence

$\equiv \text{True}$

With this, we can prove the equivalence across all four predicates, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 , to show all of their equivalences by applying this previous lemma, we will call this lemma1.

We already know that $p_1 \leftrightarrow p_3, p_1 \leftrightarrow p_4, p_2 \leftrightarrow p_3$

1st Proof: $((p_1 \leftrightarrow p_3 \wedge p_1 \leftrightarrow p_4) \longrightarrow p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4)$ *Application of Lemma1

2nd Proof: $((p_1 \leftrightarrow p_3 \wedge p_2 \leftrightarrow p_3) \longrightarrow p_1 \leftrightarrow p_2)$ *Application of Lemma1

3rd Proof: $((p_2 \leftrightarrow p_3 \wedge p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4) \longrightarrow p_2 \leftrightarrow p_4)$ *Application of Lemma1 using previously found equivalence $(p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4)$

$\therefore p_1 \leftrightarrow p_2 \leftrightarrow p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4$

QED