
MATH 135 Fall 2020: Extra Practice 2
Warm-Up Exercises

WE01. Let A , B and C be statement variables. Determine the truth table of $(A \wedge B) \implies \neg C$.

| A | B | C | $A \wedge B$ | $\neg C$ | $(A \wedge B) \implies \neg C$ |
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WE02. State the contrapositive and the converse of the following implication: If Jane is a doctor, then she went to medical school.

Converse: If Jane went to medical school, then she is a doctor. *Contrapositive:* If Jane did not go to medical school, then she is not a doctor.

Recommended Problems

RP01. For each of the following statements, identify the four parts of the quantified statement (quantifier, variables, domain, and open sentence). Next, express the statement in symbolic form using as few words as possible and then write down the negation of the statement (when possible, without using any negative words such as “not” or the \neg symbol, but negative math symbols like \neq are okay). Finally determine if the original statement is true or false. No justification is needed.

- (a) For all real numbers x and y , $x \neq y$ implies that $x^2 + y^2 > 0$.

Quantifier: \forall , *Domain:* \mathbb{R} , *Variables:* x, y , *Sentence:* $x \neq y \implies x^2 + y^2 > 0$.

Symbolically, $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq y \implies x^2 + y^2 > 0$.

Negation: $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq y \wedge (x^2 + y^2 \leq 0)$.

The statement is false.

- (b) For every even integer a and odd integer b , a rational number c can always be found such that $a < c < b$ or $b < c < a$.

Quantifier: $\forall \exists$, *Domain:* \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q} , *Variables:* a, b, c , *Sentence:* $2a < c < 2b + 1 \vee 2b + 1 < c < 2a$.

Symbolically, $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists c \in \mathbb{Q}, 2a < c < 2b + 1 \vee 2b + 1 < c < 2a$.

Negation: $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall c \in \mathbb{Q}, (c \geq 2a \wedge c \geq 2b + 1) \vee (c \leq 2a \wedge c \leq 2b + 1)$.

The statement is true.

RP02. Let A and B be statement variables. Prove that $(\neg A) \vee B$ is logically equivalent to $\neg(A \wedge \neg B)$.

Proof. Apply De Morgan's law: $(\neg A) \vee B \equiv \neg(A \wedge \neg B)$. □

RP03. Let A and B be statement variables. Determine whether $A \implies B$ is logically equivalent to $(\neg A) \vee B$.

Proof. $A \implies B$ is defined as $\neg(A \wedge \neg B)$. This is easily verifiable by noticing that an implication is only false when the hypothesis is true but the conclusion is false. Expand using De Morgan's law: $\neg(A \wedge \neg B) \equiv (\neg A \vee B)$. □

RP04. Assume that it has been established that the following implication is true:

If I don't see my advisor today, then I will see her tomorrow.

For each of the sentences below, determine if it is true or false. No justification is needed. If you can't determine the truth value of the sentence, explain why.

- (a) I don't meet my advisor both today and tomorrow. (This is arguably an ambiguous English sentence. Answer the problem using both interpretations.)

For the case of not today and not tomorrow, the statement is contradictory. For the case of today or tomorrow, exclusive, see (c).

- (b) I meet my advisor both today and tomorrow.

Not contradictory, but the truth value is indeterminate because we do not know about meeting "today".

- (c) I meet my advisor either today or tomorrow (but not on both days).

Not contradictory, but the truth value is indeterminate because we do not know about meeting "today".

RP05. Let A , B and C be statement variables. Prove the following logical equivalence using a chain of logical equivalences as in Chapter 2.3 of the notes.

$$(A \wedge C) \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv \neg((A \vee B) \implies \neg C)$$

Proof. Begin by considering the implication on the right-hand side. Recall the definition of an implication $X \implies Y \equiv \neg X \vee Y$. Apply this and simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg((A \vee B) \implies \neg C) &\equiv \neg(\neg(A \vee B) \vee \neg C) \\ &\equiv \neg(\neg(A \vee B)) \wedge \neg(\neg C) && \text{De Morgan's law} \\ &\equiv (A \vee B) \wedge C && \text{Double negation} \\ &\equiv (A \wedge C) \vee (B \wedge C) && \text{Distributive conjunction} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the left side is logically equivalent to the right side, so the equivalency holds. \square

RP06. Four friends: Alex, Ben, Gina and Dana are having a discussion about going to the movies. Ben says that he will go to the movies if Alex goes as well. Gina says that if Ben goes to the movies, then she will join. Dana says that she will go to the movies if Gina does. That afternoon, exactly two of the four friends watch a movie at the theatre. Deduce which two people went to the movies.

Proof. For each friend, let A , B , G , and D be if they go to the movies, respectively. We can write our statements as implications: $A \implies B$, $B \implies G$, and $G \implies D$. By the transitivity of the implication, $A \implies G$, $A \implies D$, and $B \implies D$. Recall that only two of A , B , G , and D are allowed to be simultaneously true. If A is true, then all of B , G , and D are true, which is a contradiction. Therefore, A is false. If B is true, then both G and D are true, which is a contradiction. Therefore, B is false. This leaves G (which implies D) and D to be true, which satisfies our exclusivity condition. Therefore, Gina and Dana attended the movies. \square

RP07. Consider the following statement.

For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, if $x^6 + 3x^4 - 3x < 0$, then $0 < x < 1$

1. Rewrite the given statement in symbolic form.
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^6 + 3x^4 - 3x < 0 \implies 0 < x < 1$
2. State the hypothesis of the implication within the given statement.
 $x^6 + 3x^4 - 3x < 0$
3. State the conclusion of the implication within the given statement.
 $0 < x < 1$
4. State the converse of the implication within the given statement.
 $0 < x < 1 \implies x^6 + 3x^4 - 3x < 0$
5. State the contrapositive of the implication within the given statement.
 $x \leq 0 \vee x \geq 1 \implies x^6 + 3x^4 - 3x \geq 0$
6. State the negation of the given statement without using the word “not” or the \neg symbol (but symbols such as \neq , \dagger , etc. are fine).
 $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, x^6 + 3x^4 - 3x < 0 \wedge (x \leq 0 \vee x \geq 1)$