

### MAC 1103: PROPOSITIONAL CALCULUS

1. Prove that  $S \vee R$  follows from the premises  $P \vee Q$ ,  $P \rightarrow R$ , and  $Q \rightarrow S$ .
2. Show that  $(P \vee Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \wedge (P \rightarrow M) \wedge (\neg M) \implies R \wedge (P \vee Q)$ .
3. Show that the premises  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow S)$ ,  $\neg R \vee P$ , and  $Q$  tautologically imply  $R \rightarrow S$ .
4. Show that the following sets of premises are (each) inconsistent:
  - (a)  $P \rightarrow Q$ ,  $Q \rightarrow R$ ,  $R \rightarrow \neg P$ .
  - (b)  $A \vee B$ ,  $A \rightarrow \neg C$ ,  $C \rightarrow \neg B$ ,  $C$ .
  - (c)  $P \rightarrow Q$ ,  $Q \rightarrow R$ ,  $Q \rightarrow \neg R$ ,  $P$ .
  - (d)  $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$ ,  $D \rightarrow (B \wedge \neg C)$ ,  $A \wedge D$ .
5. Show that the following premises are inconsistent:
  - (a) If Jack misses many classes due to illness, then he fails school.
  - (b) If Jack fails school, then he is uneducated.
  - (c) If Jack reads a lot of books, then he is not uneducated.
  - (d) Jack misses many classes due to illness and reads a lot of books.
6. Let the propositions  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  be defined as follows:

$P$ :  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.  
 $Q$ :  $(\sqrt{2})^{\sqrt{2}}$  is rational.  
 $R$ :  $\left((\sqrt{2})^{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{\sqrt{2}} = 2$  is rational.

$S$ : There exist two irrational numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x^y$  is rational.

Prove that  $S$  follows from the premises  $P$ ,  $R$ ,  $P \wedge Q \rightarrow S$ , and  $P \wedge (\neg Q) \wedge R \rightarrow S$ . That is, show that there exist two irrational numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x^y$  is rational.