

Homework 2.

Due Mon. Jun 9, 2014.

Problem 1 (Graded)

Prove

- (a)
$$\frac{r \rightarrow p \quad p \rightarrow q}{r \wedge t} \quad q \wedge t$$
- (b)
$$\frac{(p \vee r) \rightarrow (q \wedge s) \quad p}{s}$$
- (c)
$$\frac{t \wedge s \quad (p \wedge s) \leftrightarrow r \quad p \vee \neg t}{r}$$
- (d)
$$\frac{p \vee (r \wedge t) \quad \neg p \vee \neg(q \wedge u) \quad (q \wedge u) \vee s \quad \neg s}{r}$$
- (e)
$$\frac{(\neg q \wedge p) \vee s \quad p \rightarrow (q \vee r)}{r \vee s}$$
- (f)
$$\frac{q \quad t \leftrightarrow r \quad p \wedge (q \rightarrow r)}{p \wedge t}$$
- (g)
$$\frac{s \wedge t \quad \neg p \vee \neg(r \rightarrow s)}{\neg p}$$

Problem 2. Knights and Knaves (Not graded)

A similar problem is discussed as an example in Rosen (ed.6: p. 14; ed.7: p. 19). However, the solution in Rosen is rather cumbersome.

Imagine an island that has two kinds of inhabitants, knights, who always tell the truth, and their opposites, knaves, who always lie.

- Is it possible for any inhabitant of this island to claim that he is a knave?
- Is it possible for an inhabitant of the island to claim that he and his brother are both knaves?
- Suppose an inhabitant A says about himself and his brother B: "At least one of us is a knave." What type is A and what type is B?
- Suppose A instead says: "Exactly one of us is a knave." What can be deduced about A and what can be deduced about B?
- On the first day you arrived to the island, you met an inhabitant and asked him: "Are you a knight or a knave?" He angrily replied: "I refuse to tell you!" and walked away. That's the last you ever saw or heard of him.
Was he a knight or a knave?

These knights and knaves puzzles (as well as many other) were created by Raymond Smullyan, an extraordinary mathematician and philosopher. Try to find his books if you like this kind of puzzles. Smullyan was born in Far Rockaway in 1919, received his PhD from Princeton, and was teaching at New York City colleges, particularly at Lehman College.