

Homework 1: Logic

10. Find a counterexample to these universally quantified statements

- a. $\forall x \exists y (x = 1/y)$
 - i. $x = 2$ is a counterexample
 - ii. In order for this statement to be true, y must equal $1/2$, but $1/2$ is not in the domain (integers).
- b. $\forall x \exists y (y^2 - x < 100)$
 - i. $x = -101$ is a counterexample
 - ii. If $x = -101$, this statement can never be true for any value of y . y^2 will always be positive, and as a result, $y^2 + 101$ will always be greater than 100
- c. $\forall x \forall y (x^2 \neq y^3)$
 - i. $x = 1$ and $y = 1$ is a counterexample
 - ii. $\forall x \forall y$ states that every value of x and every value of y , including instances where $x = y$, must satisfy the condition in order for the statement to be true.
 - iii. When $x = 1$ and $y = 1$, $x^2 = y^3$, this making this statement false.

11. $\exists x \forall y (x \leq y^2)$

- a. Domain consists of all positive integers
 - i. True because of $x = 1$
 - ii. If $x = 1$, all values of y in the domain will yield a number greater than or equal to 1 when put into y^2
- b. Domain consists of all integers
 - i. True because of $x = 0$
 - ii. If $x = 0$, all values of y in the domain will yield a number greater than or equal to 0 when put into y^2
- c. Domain consists of all nonzero real numbers
 - i. True because of $x = -1$
 - ii. y^2 will always yield a number greater than zero (zero is not in the domain)

12. If $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$ and $\forall x ((\neg P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow R(x))$ are true, then $\forall x (\neg R(x) \rightarrow P(x))$ is true

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| a. $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$ | Hypothesis |
| b. c is an arbitrary element in the domain | Hypothesis |
| c. $P(c) \vee Q(c)$ | Universal Instantiation (a, b) |
| d. $\forall x ((\neg P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow R(x))$ | Hypothesis |
| e. $(\neg P(c) \wedge Q(c)) \rightarrow R(c)$ | Universal Instantiation (b, d) |
| f. $\neg(\neg P(c) \wedge Q(c)) \vee R(c)$ | Conditional Identity (e) |
| g. $P(c) \vee \neg Q(c) \vee R(c)$ | De Morgan's Law (f) |
| h. $P(c) \vee P(c) \vee R(c)$ | Resolution (c, g) |
| i. $P(c) \vee R(c)$ | Idempotent Law (h) |
| j. $R(c) \vee P(c)$ | Commutative Law (i) |
| k. $\neg R(c) \rightarrow P(c)$ | Conditional Identity (j) |
| l. $\forall x (\neg R(x) \rightarrow P(x))$ | Universal Generalization (k) |

13. "Logic is difficult or not many students like logic." $L \vee \neg S$
 "If mathematics is easy, then logic is not difficult." $M \rightarrow \neg L$

Define the following propositional variables:

L indicates that logic is difficult

S indicates that many students like logic

M indicates that mathematics is easy

- a. That mathematics is not easy, if many students like logic.
 - i. Convert to variables: $S \rightarrow \neg M$. This is our desired conclusion.
 - ii. $L \vee \neg S$ Hypothesis
 - iii. $M \rightarrow \neg L$ Hypothesis
 - iv. $\neg L \rightarrow \neg S$ Conditional Identity
 - v. $M \rightarrow \neg S$ Hypothetical Syllogism
 - vi. $\neg M \vee \neg S$ Conditional Identity
 - vii. $\neg S \vee \neg M$ Commutative Law
 - viii. $S \rightarrow \neg M$ Conditional Identity
 - ix. This is a valid conclusion
- b. That mathematics is not easy or logic is difficult.
 - i. Convert to variables: $\neg M \vee L$. This is our desired conclusion.
 - ii. $L \vee \neg S$ Hypothesis
 - iii. $M \rightarrow \neg L$ Hypothesis
 - iv. $\neg M \vee \neg L$ Conditional Identity
 - v. This is not a valid conclusion, since $M \rightarrow \neg L$ implies $\neg M \vee \neg L$, which differs from the desired conclusion of $\neg M \vee L$.
- c. That if not many students like logic, then either mathematics is not easy or logic is not difficult.
 - i. Convert to variables: $\neg S \rightarrow (\neg M \vee \neg L)$. This is our desired conclusion.
 - ii. $L \vee \neg S$ Hypothesis
 - iii. $M \rightarrow \neg L$ Hypothesis
 - iv. $\neg L \rightarrow \neg S$ Conditional Identity
 - v. $M \rightarrow \neg S$ Hypothetical Syllogism
 - vi. $\neg M \vee \neg S$ Conditional Identity
 - vii. $\neg S \vee (L \wedge \neg M)$ Distributive Law
 - viii. This is not a valid conclusion (?)

14. p_1, p_2, p_3 , and p_4 equivalent if $p_1 \leftrightarrow p_4$, $p_2 \leftrightarrow p_3$, and $p_1 \leftrightarrow p_3$.
- a. p_1 and p_4 must have the same truth value in order to be true.
 - b. Similarly, p_2 and p_3 must have the same truth value in order to be true.
 - c. If p_1 and p_3 have the same truth value, then you can guarantee that all propositions are equivalent, since p_1 's value matches p_2 's value, and p_3 's value matches p_4 's value.
15. Every positive integer can be written as the sum of the squares of 3 integers
- a. 19 is a counterexample
 - b. $0^2 = 0$, $1^2 = 1$, $2^2 = 4$, $3^2 = 9$, $4^2 = 16$
 - c. In order for 19 to be true, it must be written as a sum consisting of only three numbers in the set 0, 1, 4, 9, 16.
 - d. This is not possible with only three integers - the closest you can get is 1, 1, and 16, which only yields 18.