

# CSE 211: Discrete Mathematics

## Homework 1

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1. (10 points) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be the propositions.  
 $p$  : She speaks English.    $q$  : She speaks Turkish.  
Give a simple verbal sentence which describes each of the following:
  - (a)  $(p \wedge q)$ . : *She speaks English and Turkish.*
  - (b)  $(p \vee q)$ . : *She speaks English or Turkish.*
  - (c)  $(p \wedge \neg q)$ . : *She speaks English and doesn't speak Turkish.*
  - (d)  $(p \leftrightarrow q)$ . : *She speaks English if and only if she speaks Turkish.*
  - (e)  $(p \vee q) \wedge (p \rightarrow \neg q)$ . : *She speaks English or Turkish, and if she speaks English then she doesn't speak Turkish*
2. (10 points) Show whether the following propositions are logically equivalent to  $p \rightarrow q$ .
  - (a)  $q \rightarrow p$ .

*One counter example will be enough to show that  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $q \rightarrow p$  are not logically equivalent to each other:*

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$

- (b)  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ .

*Again, a counter example:*

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$

- (c)  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ . (1)

*Truth Table:*

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$

*Hence,  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ .*

(d)  $\neg p \vee q$ .

*Truth Table:*

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p \vee q$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$

Hence,  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ . **(1)**

(e)  $\neg(p \wedge \neg q)$ .

$\neg(p \wedge \neg q) \equiv \neg p \vee q$ . (*De Morgan's Law*)

$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ . **(1)**

Hence,  $\neg(p \wedge \neg q) \equiv p \rightarrow q$

3. (10 points) Construct truth tables for the following and determine whether each of the following is a tautology or neither.

(a)  $[p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)] \leftrightarrow [(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r)]$ .

*Truth Table:*

$p$	$q$	$r$	$[p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)]$	$[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r)]$	$[p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)] \leftrightarrow [(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r)]$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$

*Tautology.*

(b)  $(a \vee (b \oplus c)) \vee (c \rightarrow b)$ .

*Truth Table:*

$a$	$b$	$c$	$(a \vee (b \oplus c))$	$(c \rightarrow b)$	$(a \vee (b \oplus c)) \vee (c \rightarrow b)$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$

*Tautology.*

4. (10 points) Write these propositions using  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$  and logical connectives. Test the validity of the following argument using truth table.

$p$ : Tom is a singer.  $q$ : Tom is a footballer.  $r$ : Tom has good voice.

Tom is either a singer or a footballer. If he is a singer then he has good voice. Tom does not have good voice so he is a footballer.

*Proposition:*  $(p \oplus q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \wedge (\neg r \rightarrow q)$

*Truth Table:*

$p$	$q$	$r$	$(p \oplus q)$	$(p \rightarrow r)$	$(\neg r \rightarrow q)$	$(p \oplus q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \wedge (\neg r \rightarrow q)$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$

5. (10 points) Show, without using truth table, if  $(d \vee (a \wedge c \wedge d)) \wedge ((a \wedge b \wedge \neg c) \vee a \vee (a \wedge b))$  is logically equivalent to  $(a \wedge d)$ . Explain why (simplify and use the laws of logic).

$(d \vee (a \wedge c \wedge d)) \equiv d$  Absorption law

$(a \wedge b \wedge \neg c) \vee a \equiv a$  Absorption Law

$(a \vee (a \wedge b)) \equiv (a \wedge a)$  Absorption law

6. (6 points)  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{b, c, d\}$ . List the elements of each of the following sets.

(a)  $(A \times X) \cap (B \times Y) = \{(3, b), (4, b)\}$

(b)  $(A \cap X) \times Y = \{b, c, d\}$

(c)  $(A \times X) \cup (B \times Y) = \{(1, a), (1, b), (2, a), (2, b), (3, a), (3, b), (4, a), (4, b), (3, c), (3, d), (4, c), (4, d), (5, b), (5, c), (5, d)\}$

7. (4 points) Find the power set  $P(E)$  of  $E = [\{a, b, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{1, 2\}]$ .

$$E = \{a, b, c\} \cup \{b, c\} \cup \{1, 2\}$$

$$E = \{a, b, c, 1, 2\}$$

$$P(E) = [\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{c, b\}, \{a, 1\}, \{a, 2\}, \{b, 1\}, \{b, 2\}, \{c, 1\}, \{c, 2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{a, b, c, 1\}, \{a, b, c, 2\}, \{2, b, c, 1\}, \{a, 2, c, 1\}, \{a, b, 2, 1\}, \{a, b, c, 1, 2\}, \{\}]$$

8. (15 points) Prove by mathematical induction that for all positive integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $4^{2n+1} + 3^{n+2}$  is divisible by 13.

$$a_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$$

$$a_n = 4^{2n+1} + 3^{n+2} \rightarrow a_{n+1} = 4^{2n+3} + 3^{n+3}$$

We assume the proposition is true, hence:

$$m, n \in \mathbf{N}$$

$$a_n = 13.m \Rightarrow 13.m = 4.4^n + 9.3^n \Rightarrow 3.13.m = 12.4^n + 27.3^n$$

$$a_{n+1} = 13.n = 64.4^n + 27.3^n$$

$$a_{n+1} - a_n \Rightarrow 13(n - m) = 52.2^n \Rightarrow 13(n - m) - 51.2^n \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$$

9. (15 points) Use mathematical induction to prove that for  $n \geq 1$

$$\sum_{1 \leq x \leq n} \frac{1}{x(x+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{x(x+1)} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$\sum_{1 \leq x \leq n} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\sum_{1 \leq x \leq n} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

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