

202201 Math 122 Assignment 1 Solution ideas

1. Let d be “*I have a million dollars*”, g be “*I would buy you a green dress*”, and m be “*I would buy you a monkey*”. Then, in symbols, the statement “*If I had a million dollars, I’d buy you a green dress and a monkey*” is $d \rightarrow (g \wedge m)$.

The statement “*If I buy you neither a green dress nor a monkey, then I don’t have a million dollars*” is $(\neg g \wedge \neg m) \rightarrow \neg d$. It is not logically equivalent to the given statement. If d is true, g is true and m is false then the given statement is false while this statement is true.

The statement “*I don’t have a million dollars, or I’d buy you a green dress and a monkey*” is $\neg d \vee (g \wedge m)$. It is logically equivalent to the given statement since $p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q$.

The statement “*To buy you a green dress or a monkey, I need to have a million dollars*” is $(g \vee m) \rightarrow d$. It is not logically equivalent to the given statement. If d is true and both g and m are false, then the given statement is false while this statement is true.

2. Let:

“ q : you do well on the Math 122 quizzes”,

“ n : you have gone through the notes at least three times”, and

“ t : you have done at least three of the old tests”.

Then the first statement is $q \rightarrow (n \wedge t)$ and the second statement is $(\neg n \wedge \neg t) \rightarrow \neg q$.

The two statements are not logically equivalent. If q and n are true and t is false, then the first statement is false and the second one is true.

(iii) Unclear/ can’t tell. Suppose you have done at least three of the old quizzes but not gone through the notes at all. Then, the first statement is true if q is false and false if q is true, while the second statement is always true. Thus the two statements can give conflicting information.

3. Let s_1, s_2, s_3 be statements. Suppose $s_1 \rightarrow s_2$ and $s_2 \rightarrow s_3$ and $s_3 \rightarrow s_1$ are tautologies.
- (a) Suppose s_1 is true. Since $s_1 \rightarrow s_2$ is always true, s_2 is true.
 - (b) Suppose s_1 is false. Since $s_3 \rightarrow s_1$ is always true, s_3 is false. By the same argument, since $s_2 \rightarrow s_3$ is always true, s_2 is false.
 - (c) Yes s_1 and s_2 logically equivalent. By (a) and (b) the statement $s_1 \leftrightarrow s_2$ is a tautology.
 - (d) Yes. The argument is identical to the argument in (c) except for the subscripts.

4. (a) We have $p \vee q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \rightarrow q$ and $p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \rightarrow \neg q)$.
 (b) We know every statement has a representation using \wedge, \vee and \neg . By (a), statements involving \wedge or \vee have a representation using \rightarrow and \neg . Thus, every statement has a representation using only the logical connective \rightarrow and \neg .
 (c) We have $p \leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p) \Leftrightarrow \neg[(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \neg(q \rightarrow p)]$ by (a).
5. (a) $(\neg a \rightarrow b) \wedge [\neg b \vee \neg(a \wedge b)]$
 $\Leftrightarrow (a \vee b) \wedge [\neg b \vee (\neg a \vee \neg b)]$ Known L.E., DeMorgan
 $\Leftrightarrow (a \vee b) \wedge [(\neg b \vee \neg b) \vee \neg a]$ Commutative, Associative
 $\Leftrightarrow (a \vee b) \wedge [\neg b \vee \neg a]$ Idempotent
 $\Leftrightarrow [(a \vee b) \wedge \neg b] \vee [(a \vee b) \wedge \neg a]$ Distributive
 $\Leftrightarrow [(a \wedge \neg b) \vee (b \wedge \neg b)]$
 $\quad \vee [(a \wedge \neg a) \vee (b \wedge \neg a)]$ Distributive
 $\Leftrightarrow [(a \wedge \neg b) \vee \mathbf{0}] \vee [\mathbf{0} \vee (b \wedge \neg a)]$ Known Contradictions
 $\Leftrightarrow (a \wedge \neg b) \vee (b \wedge \neg a)$ Identity
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg(a \rightarrow b) \vee \neg(b \rightarrow a)$ Known L.E.
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg[(a \rightarrow b) \wedge (b \rightarrow a)]$ DeMorgan
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg(a \leftrightarrow b)$ Known L.E.
- (b) $p \wedge [(\neg q \leftrightarrow p) \wedge q]$
 $\Leftrightarrow p \wedge [(q \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q)] \wedge q$ Known L.E.
 $\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \wedge [(q \vee p) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)]$ Commutative, Associative, DeMorgan
 $\Leftrightarrow [(p \wedge q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)] \wedge (q \vee p)$ Commutative, Associative
 $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{0} \wedge (q \vee p)$ Known Contradiction
 $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{0}$ Dominance

Therefore the given statement is a contradiction.