PHIL 111 Assignment 2

Please upload your assignment to Moodle by Wednesday, and also bring a paper copy to class on next day. This assignment will be graded anonymously, so please don't list your name, but only your MAC ID.

As noted by the syllabus as well as in class, the scope and content of assignments are set by lectures, instead of any specific textbook. Please beware that different textbooks may use different symbolism or definitions. Lemmon's as a very old textbook, for example, uses soundness and validity differently from the lectures.

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1. (1 point) Match concepts in the first column with terms in the second column. Note that a concept may have more than one match, and some concept may not have any match.

Propositions True or false

Declarative sentences Sound or unsound

Sentential variables Have truth values

Phrases (incomplete sentences) Valid or invalid

Sentential expressions

Arguments

- **2.** (2 points) Express the following texts as sentential expressions using sentential variables and connectives that we have learned (that is, negation, conjunction, and disjunction). Also explain what each sentential variable represents; for example, A: Alex is happy. Indicate relevant ambiguities, as you find them, and formalize each of the readings.
  - (1) The telephone is disconnected.
  - (2) Charles is rich but he's not happy; Charles wants to be happy.

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(3) Democracy is a form of government which may be rationally defended, not as being good, but as being less bad than any other.

- (4) Neither Zoey nor I are knaves.
- (5) At least two of Ann, Barbara and Claire are unmarried.
- (6) Ulysses, who is crafty, is from Ithaca.
- (7) Ulysses, who isn't crafty, is from Ithaca.
- (8) Ulysses, who is crafty, isn't from Ithaca.
- (9) Ulysses isn't both crafty and from Ithaca.
- (10) Ulysses is not both from Ithaca and Troy, though he is crafty.
- **3.** (0.9 points) Make truth tables for the following complex sentences. Please make sure you list all the intermediate steps.
  - (1)  $\neg (P \land \neg P)$
  - (2)  $P v \neg Q$
  - (3)  $P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$
- **4.** (1.1 points) Suppose that  $\vee^x$  is a connective that corresponds to exclusive 'or' (i.e.,  $A \vee^x B$  is true just when one of A and B is true, but not both.) Show that disjunction can be expressed using  $\wedge$  and  $\vee^x$  (without using negation); in other words, using only  $\wedge$  and  $\vee^x$ , construct a sentence whose truth-table column is exactly that of  $A \vee B$ . (This is easier than it looks.)

It's recommended that you list both the truth tables, so even if your final result is not fully correct, you might still be able to receive partial credit.