KEITH DEVLIN: Introduction to Mathematical Thinking PROBLEM SET 1 (for Lectures 1 and 2)

This problem set focuses on material covered in Lectures 1 and 2, so I recommend you to watch both lectures and attempt Assignments 1 and 2 before submitting your answers.

- 1. Is it possible for one of $(\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge \theta$ and $\phi \wedge (\psi \wedge \theta)$ to be true and the other false? (If not, then the associative property holds for conjunction.)
- 2. Is it possible for one of $(\phi \lor \psi) \lor \theta$ and $\phi \lor (\psi \lor \theta)$ to be true and the other false? (If not, then the associative property holds for disjunction.)
- 3. Is it possible for one of $\phi \wedge (\psi \vee \theta)$ and $(\phi \wedge \psi) \vee (\phi \wedge \theta)$ to be true and the other false? (If not, then the distributive property holds for conjunction across disjunction.)
- 4. Is it possible for one of $\phi \lor (\psi \land \theta)$ and $(\phi \lor \psi) \land (\phi \lor \theta)$ to be true and the other false? (If not, then the distributive property holds for disjunction across conjunction.)
- 5. Is showing that the negation $\neg \phi$ is true equivalent to showing that ϕ is false?
- 6. Assuming you know nothing more about Alice, which of (a) (e) is most likely? (Or does (f) hold?)
 - (a) Alice is a rock star and works in a bank.
 - (b) Alice is quiet and works in a bank.
 - (c) Alice is quiet and reserved and works in a bank.
 - (d) Alice is honest and works in a bank.
 - (e) Alice works in a bank.
 - (f) None of these is more or less likely.
- 7. Assuming you know nothing more about Alice, which of (a) (e) is most likely? (Or does (f) hold?)
 - (a) Alice is a rock star or she works in a bank.
 - (b) Alice is quiet and works in a bank.
 - (c) Alice is a rock star.
 - (d) Alice is honest and works in a bank.
 - (e) Alice works in a bank.
 - (f) None of these is more or less likely.
- 8. Identify which of the following are true (where x denotes an arbitrary real number). If you do not select a particular statement, the system will assume you think it is false.
 - (a) $(x > 0) \land (x \le 10)$ means $0 \le x \le 10$
 - (b) $(x > 0) \land (x^2 < 9)$ means 0 < x < 3
 - (c) $(x \ge 0) \land (x \le 0)$ means x = 0
 - (d) There is no x for which $(x < 4) \land (x > 4)$
 - (e) $-5 \le x \le 5$ means x is at most 5 units from 0.
 - (f) -5 < x < 5 implies that x cannot be exactly 5 units from 0.
 - (g) $(x \ge 0) \lor (x < 0)$
 - (h) $(0=1) \lor (x^2 \ge 0)$
 - (i) If $(x > 0 \lor x < 0)$ then $x \neq 0$.
 - (i) If $x^2 = 9$ then $(x = 3 \lor x = -3)$.