

# Assignment 2 (Ch. 2-3)

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- 2.48. For statements  $P$  and  $Q$ , show that  $(P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)) \Rightarrow Q$  is a tautology. Then state  $(P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)) \Rightarrow Q$  in words. (This is an important logical argument form, called **modus ponens**.)

$[P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)] \Rightarrow Q$  is a tautology if it true for all inputs

$P$	$Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)$	$[P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)] \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

As you can see  $[P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)] \Rightarrow Q$  is true for all possible combinations of  $P$  and  $Q$ .

- 2.52. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be statements.

- (a) Is  $\sim(P \vee Q)$  logically equivalent to  $(\sim P) \vee (\sim Q)$ ? Explain.  
(b) What can you say about the biconditional  $\sim(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow ((\sim P) \vee (\sim Q))$ ?

$P$	$Q$	$P \vee Q$	$\sim(P \vee Q)$	$\sim P$	$\sim Q$	$\sim P \vee \sim Q$
T	T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T

- a) as you can see  $\sim(P \vee Q)$  is equivalent to  $\sim P \vee \sim Q$

$\sim(P \vee Q)$	$\sim P \vee \sim Q$	$\sim(P \vee Q) \rightarrow (\sim P \vee \sim Q)$	$(\sim P \vee \sim Q) \rightarrow \sim(P \vee Q)$
F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F
F	T	T	F
T	T	T	T

the two implications do not match so the biconditional is false.

- 2.54. For statements  $P$  and  $Q$ , show that  $(\sim Q) \Rightarrow (P \wedge (\sim P))$  and  $Q$  are logically equivalent.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sim Q \rightarrow (P \wedge \sim P) &= \sim(\sim Q) \vee (P \wedge \sim P) && \text{by theorem 2.17} \\
 &= Q \vee (P \wedge \sim P) && \text{by double negation} \\
 &= Q \vee F && \text{by tautology} \\
 &= Q && \text{by identity laws}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= Q \vee (P \wedge \neg P) \\
 &= Q \vee F \\
 &= Q
 \end{aligned}$$

by double negation  
by tautology  
by identity laws

2.60. Consider the implication: If  $x$  and  $y$  are even, then  $xy$  is even.

- State the implication using "only if."
- State the converse of the implication.
- State the implication as a disjunction (see Theorem 2.17).
- State the negation of the implication as a conjunction (see Theorem 2.21(a)).

a) "if  $P$  then  $Q$ " is equal to " $Q$  only if  $P$ "

$xy$  is even only if  $x$  and  $y$  are even

b) the converse is the implication backwards

if  $xy$  is even then  $x$  and  $y$  are even

c) theorem 2.17 states  $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$

$x$  or  $y$  is odd, or  $xy$  is even

d) theorem 2.21 states  $\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv P \wedge \neg Q$

$x$  and  $y$  are even, and  $xy$  is odd

2.64. For which biconditional is its negation the following?

$n^3$  and  $7n + 2$  are odd or  $n^3$  and  $7n + 2$  are even.

$x$  and  $y$  are odd or  $x$  and  $y$  are even.

$$\neg P \vee Q \equiv P \rightarrow Q \quad P \vee Q \equiv \neg P \rightarrow Q$$

if  $x$  or  $y$  is even then  $x$  and  $y$  are even

2.68. State the negations of the following quantified statements:

- For every rational number  $r$ , the number  $1/r$  is rational.
- There exists a rational number  $r$  such that  $r^2 = 2$ .

negation of quantified statements

$$\exists x \in S \text{ s.t. } P(x) \equiv \neg(\forall x \in S, P(x))$$

$$\forall x \in S, P(x) \equiv \neg(\exists x \in S, \text{ s.t. } \neg P(x))$$

a) there doesn't exist some rational number  $r$  such that  $1/r$  is irrational

b) for not all rational numbers  $r$ ,  $r^2 \neq 2$

2.74. Consider the open sentence

$$P(x, y, z) : (x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (z - 2)^2 > 0.$$

where the domain of each of the variables  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  is  $\mathbf{R}$ .

- (a) Express the quantified statement  $\forall x \in \mathbf{R}, \forall y \in \mathbf{R}, \forall z \in \mathbf{R}, P(x, y, z)$  in words.
- (b) Is the quantified statement in (a) true or false? Explain.
- (c) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (a) in symbols.
- (d) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (a) in words.
- (e) Is the negation of the quantified statement in (a) true or false? Explain.

a) for all real numbers  $x, y, z$ ,  $(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-2)^2 > 0$

b) it is **false** because if  $x=1, y=2, z=2$   
then it is not  $> 0$

c)  $\sim (\exists x \in S \text{ s.t. } (x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-2)^2 \leq 0)$

d) there does not exist real numbers  $x, y, z$   
such that  $(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-2)^2 \leq 0$

e) It is **false** because if  $x=1, y=2$ , and  $z=2$   
then  $(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-2)^2 = 0$

3.14. Let  $S = \{1, 5, 9\}$ . Prove that if  $n \in S$  and  $\frac{n^2+n-6}{2}$  is odd, then  $\frac{2n^3+3n^2+n}{6}$  is even.

We will solve this using proof by cases for the cases where  $n=1$ ,  $n=5$ , and  $n=9$ .

CASE 1: if  $n=1$ , then  $\frac{n^2+n-6}{2} = \frac{1+1-6}{2} = -2$ , which is even.

Since the antecedent of the implication is false, by definition, the implication is true.

CASE 2: if  $n=5$ , then  $\frac{n^2+n-6}{2} = \frac{5^2+5-6}{2} = 12$ , which is even.

Since the antecedent of the implication is false, by definition, the implication is true.

CASE 3: if  $n=9$ , then  $\frac{n^2+n-6}{2} = \frac{9^2+9-6}{2} = 42$ , which is even.

Since the antecedent of the implication is false, by definition, the implication is true.

As demonstrated, all possible cases for  $n$  result in the implication being true, so the statement is true.