

Problem Set #1 Solutions**Propositional Logic**

Rosen, Section 1.1:

8a) $r \wedge \sim q$

8b) $p \wedge q \wedge r$

8e) $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

8f) $r \leftrightarrow (q \vee p)$

24e) $(p \vee q) \wedge \sim r$

p	q	r	(p \vee q)	$\sim r$	(p \vee q) $\wedge \sim r$
T	T	T	T	F	F
T	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	F
T	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	F

Rosen, Section 1.2:

8d) $[(p \vee q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow r$

p	q	r	(p \vee q)	(p \rightarrow r)	(q \rightarrow r)	\wedge	\wedge	\rightarrow
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	T	T	F	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	T	F	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	F	F	T

18) $\sim(p \oplus q)$ and $p \leftrightarrow q$ are logically equivalent: The first of these expressions is T when p and q both have the same truth value (both T or both F); remember we are taking the “ \sim ” of XOR. The exact same thing is true for $p \leftrightarrow q$.

36) Show that $\{\mid\}$ forms a functionally complete set: The truth table for the Sheffer stroke is

p	q	p \mid q
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	T

From this truth table, we can see that $p \mid p$ is logically equivalent to $\sim p$. We can also see that $((p \mid p) \mid (q \mid q))$ is logically equivalent to $(p \vee q)$. The solution to exercise 29 (in the Student Solutions Guide) proves that any compound proposition is logically equivalent to one that uses only \sim and \vee . Our observations above indicate that we can get rid of all the negations and disjunctions by using NANDs. Thus, every compound proposition can be converted into a logically equivalent compound proposition involving only NANDs.

40) Show that if $p \Leftrightarrow q$ and $q \Leftrightarrow r$, then $p \Leftrightarrow r$.

To say that $p \Leftrightarrow q$ is to say that the truth tables are identical; similarly to say $q \Leftrightarrow r$ is to say that the truth tables are identical. If the truth tables for $p \Leftrightarrow q$ and the truth tables for $q \Leftrightarrow r$ are identical, then the truth tables for p and r are identical (this is a fundamental axiom of the notion of equality). Therefore, $p \Leftrightarrow r$.

Propositional Logic Proofs

- 1) L: Fred lives in France
S: Fred speaks French
D: Fred drives a Miata
B: Fred rides a bike.

$\sim L \rightarrow \sim S$

$\sim D$

$L \rightarrow B$

$S \vee D$

B

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) $\sim L \rightarrow \sim S$ | given |
| 2) $S \rightarrow L$ | contrapositive |
| 3) $L \rightarrow B$ | given |
| 4) $S \rightarrow B$ | sylogism |
| 5) $S \vee D$ | given |
| 6) $\sim D$ | given |
| 7) S | disjunctive syllogism |
| 8) B | S is true (see (4)) |

2) not valid: Let the statements have the following truth values. Then the premises are true, but the conclusion is false.

$p = T$

$q = F$

$w = T$

$r = F$

$t = T$

$\sim t = F$

Predicate Logic

Rosen, Section 1.3:

- 12a) $\exists x F(x, \text{Fred})$
- 12b) $\exists y F(\text{Evelyn}, y)$
- 12c) $\exists x \exists y F(x, y)$
- 12d) $\sim \exists x \exists y F(x, y)$
- 12e) $\forall y \exists x F(x, y)$
- 12f) $\sim \exists x [F(x, \text{Fred}) \wedge F(x, \text{Jerry})]$
- 12g) $\forall y_1 \forall y_2 [F(\text{Nancy}, y_1) \wedge F(\text{Nancy}, y_2) \wedge y_1 \neq y_2 \wedge \forall y (F(\text{Nancy}, y) \rightarrow (y = y_1 \vee y = y_2))]$
- 12h) $\forall y [\exists x F(x, y) \wedge \exists z (\exists x F(x, z) \rightarrow z = y)]$
- 12i) $\sim \exists x F(x, x)$
- 12j) $\exists x \exists y [x \neq y \wedge F(x, y) \wedge \exists z ((F(x, z) \wedge z \neq x) \rightarrow z = y)]$

18) Let $P(s, c, m)$ be the statement that student s has class standing c and is majoring in m . The variable s ranges over students in the class; c ranges over the four class standings; and, m ranges over all possible majors.

- 18a) $\exists s \exists m P(s, \text{junior}, m)$ true
- 18b) $\exists s \exists c P(s, c, \text{CS})$ false (there are some math majors)
- 18c) $\exists s \exists c \exists m (P(s, c, m) \wedge (c \neq \text{junior}) \wedge (m \neq \text{math}))$ true (there is a sophomore CS major)
- 18d) $\exists s (\exists c P(s, c, \text{CS}) \vee \exists m P(s, \text{sophomore}, m))$ false (there is a freshman math major)
- 18e) $\exists m \exists c \exists s P(s, c, m)$ false (It cannot be that m is math since there is no senior math major; it cannot be that m is CS since there is no freshman CS major. Nor, can m be any other major.)

42) We need to show that each of these propositions implies the other. Suppose that $\exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$ is true. We want to show that $\exists x \exists y (P(x) \vee Q(y))$ is true. By our hypothesis, one of two things must be true: either P is universally true or Q is universally true. In the first case, $\exists x \exists y (P(x) \vee Q(y))$ is true since the first expression in the disjunction is true, no matter what x and y are; in the second case, $\exists x \exists y (P(x) \vee Q(y))$ is true since the second expression in the disjunction is true, no matter what x and y are. Now we need to prove the converse. Suppose $\exists x \exists y (P(x) \vee Q(y))$ is true. We want to show that $\exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$ is true. If $\exists x P(x)$ is true then we are done. Otherwise, $P(x_0)$ must be false for some x_0 in the domain of discourse. For this x_0 , the hypothesis tells us that $P(x_0) \vee Q(y)$ is true, no matter what y is. Since $P(x_0)$ is false, $Q(y)$ must be true for each y . In other words, $\forall y Q(y)$ is true or to change the name of the meaningless quantified variable, $\exists x Q(x)$ is true. This implies that $\exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$ is true, as desired.

Resolution

1) $(q \rightarrow r), (p \rightarrow q), (p \vee q) \vdash r$

1) $\sim q \vee r$

2) $\sim p \vee q$

3) $p \vee q$

4) $\sim r$

negation of the conclusion

5) q

resolution of (2) and (3)

6) r

resolution of (1) and (5)

7) false

resolution of (4) and (6)

2) $[(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r], (r \rightarrow \sim p), (\sim q \rightarrow \sim p), (\sim r \rightarrow p) \vdash r$

1) $\sim p \vee \sim q \vee r$

2) $\sim r \vee \sim p$

3) $q \vee \sim p$

4) $r \vee p$

5) $\sim r$

negation of the conclusion

6) $r \vee \sim q$

resolution of (1) and (4)

7) $\sim p \vee r$

resolution of (6) and (3)

8) $\sim p$

resolution of (7) and (2)

9) r

resolution of (8) and (4)

10) false

resolution of (9) and (5)