

Get in small groups (about 4 students maximum) and work out these problems on the whiteboard. Ask one of the teaching assistants for help if your group gets stuck. You do **not** need to turn anything in.

1. What is wrong with this proof?

Theorem: If n^2 is positive, then n is positive.

Proof: Suppose that n^2 is positive. Because the conditional statement “If n is positive, then n^2 is positive” is true, we can conclude that n is positive.

2. Suppose A is a proposition that does not depend on the variable x , but the propositional function $P(x)$ does depend on x . Establish these logical equivalences, using logical equivalences for compound propositions and quantifiers.

(a) $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow A) \equiv \exists x P(x) \rightarrow A$

(b) $\exists x (P(x) \rightarrow A) \equiv \forall x P(x) \rightarrow A$

Hint: Recall that $\forall x P(x) \equiv P(a) \wedge P(b) \wedge \dots$ and $\exists x P(x) \equiv P(a) \vee P(b) \vee \dots$, if the domain for x is a, b, \dots

3. Prove that the following rules of inference are tautologies. Try to name the rules of inference or logical equivalences without using any reference material.

(a) $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$

(b) $(\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$

(c) $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

(d) $((p \vee q) \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q$

(e) $p \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

(f) $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$

(g) $((p) \wedge (q)) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$

(h) $((p \vee q))$

4. Determine the truth value of the statement $\exists x \forall y (x \leq y^2)$ if the domain for the variables consists of

- (a) the positive real numbers.
- (b) the integers
- (c) the nonzero real numbers.

5. Use direct proofs to prove the following:

- (a) Show that the square of an even number is an even number using a direct proof.
- (b) Show that the product of two rational numbers is rational.
- (c) Show that every odd integer can be written as the difference of two squares.

6. Show that if n is an integer and $n^3 + 5$ is odd, then n is even using

- (a) a proof by contraposition.
- (b) a proof by contradiction.

7. Prove the following using a proof by contraposition:

- (a) Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$; If $x^2 - 6x + 5$ is even, then x is odd.
- (b) If a product of two positive real numbers is greater than 100, then at least one of the number is greater than 10.

8. For each of the following proof blocks:

- (a) Identify the domain and translate the English statements into logical statements.
- (b) Use rules of inference and logical equivalences to prove that the given conclusion follows from the associated premises. Be sure to indicate whether you are using a Direct Proof, a Contrapositive Proof, a Proof by Cases, or a Proof by Contradiction. If you use a Proof by Cases, be sure to indicate what each case is, and in each case, which type of proof you are using.
 - i. A. *Premise 1*: All students like coffee or like sleep.
B. *Premise 2*: All students do not like sleep or like getting good grades.
C. *Premise 3*: All students who are good students like getting good grades.
D. *Premise 4*: Some students do not like coffee.
E. *Conclusion*: Some students are not good students.
 - ii. A. *Premise 1*: All university employees who are TA's teach students and like teaching.
B. *Premise 2*: All university employees are TA's and run marathons.
C. *Conclusion*: All university employees like teaching and run marathons.
 - iii. A. *Premise 1*: All CSCI 2824 students either do homework or study.
B. *Premise 2*: All CSCI 2824 students who study and do not do homework will get good grades.
C. *Conclusion*: All CSCI 2824 students who get bad grades do homework.

9. *Take home coding problem (this week's concept is fall-through cases)*

Tony is looking for someone who can code up a basic function that analyzes the truth values of an input. With your python coding expertise you step-up to that challenge. Write a function that takes 2 inputs, the first one is a string argument that represents what logical operation you need to perform. The valid strings are AND, OR, CONDITIONAL, BICONDITIONAL. Your second argument is a list of n truth values that you have to evaluate to a final True or False value which you will return. 2 example test cases are given below -

- (a) `function_name('AND', [True,False]) -> False`
- (b) `function_name('OR', [True,False,False]) -> True`

For the biconditional case you have to check to make sure there are only 2 values in the list. Return **False** along with an error message if otherwise.