

Mathematics for Computer Scientists COMP1046

Tutorial 1 Solutions

1. Construct truth tables.

| p | q | r | $q \vee r$ | $p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$ | $\neg q$ | $p \wedge \neg q$ | $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow r$ | $(p \rightarrow (q \vee r)) \leftrightarrow ((p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow r)$ |
|-----|-----|-----|------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| T | T | T | T | T | F | F | T | T |
| T | T | F | T | T | F | F | T | T |
| T | F | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
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| F | T | F | T | T | F | F | T | T |
| F | F | T | T | T | T | F | T | T |
| F | F | F | F | T | T | F | T | T |

| p | q | r | $q \rightarrow r$ | $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$ | $p \wedge q$ | $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ | $(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \leftrightarrow ((p \wedge q) \rightarrow r)$ |
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| F | F | T | T | T | F | T | T |
| F | F | F | T | T | F | T | T |

2. Using tables of logical equivalences from the lectures:

(1).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r) \\
 \equiv & (\neg p \vee r) \vee (\neg q \vee r) && \text{by rule (20)} \\
 \equiv & (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (r \vee r) && \text{by rules (8) and (10)} \\
 \equiv & (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee r && \text{by rule (5)} \\
 \equiv & \neg(\neg p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow r && \text{by rule (22)} \\
 \equiv & (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r && \text{by rule (15)}
 \end{aligned}$$

(2).

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \\ \equiv & p \vee (q \rightarrow r) && \text{by rule (20)} \\ \equiv & p \vee (\neg q \vee r) && \text{by rule (20)} \\ \equiv & \neg q \vee (p \vee r) && \text{by rules (8) and (10)} \\ \equiv & q \rightarrow (p \vee r) && \text{by rule (22)} \end{aligned}$$

(3). To be logically equivalent, two propositions must always take the same truth value.

Provide counterexample: $p \equiv F, q \equiv F, r \equiv F$, then $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r$ is F and $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$ is T .

Therefore they are not logically equivalent.

3. This is one solution, others are possible:

(a) $\neg \exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$

(b) $\forall x(Q(x) \rightarrow R(x))$

(c) $\neg \exists x(P(x) \wedge R(x))$

(d) No, because an individual c with $P(c), \neg Q(c), R(c)$ is true of (a) and (b) but makes (c) false.