

Your exam will be shorter than this. These are practice problems of the flavor you can expect. You will be provided with an necessary logical equivalences so no need to memorize anything other than some formal definitions such as cardinality, injective/surjective/bijection, function, proposition, etc., for the exam. Please also see the [study guide](#) for topics.

**Problem 1**

Which of the following are propositions?

- (a) Boston is the capital of Massachusetts
- (b) Miami is the capital of Florida
- (c)  $2+3=5$
- (d)  $5+7=10$
- (e) Go to school

**Problem 2**

For a compound proposition with constituents  $p, q, r, s, t, u$ , how many rows would appear in the truth table?

**Problem 3**

Construct a truth table for each of these compound propositions.

- (a)  $p \wedge \neg p$
- (b)  $(p \vee q) \Rightarrow (p \wedge q)$
- (c)  $(p \Rightarrow q) \oplus (p \Rightarrow \neg q)$
- (d)  $p \oplus (p \vee q)$

**Problem 4**

Explain, without using a truth table, why  $(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p)$  is true when  $p, q$  and  $r$  have the same truth value and is false otherwise.

**Problem 5**

Translate the following into propositional logic.

- (a) To use the wireless network in the airport you must pay the daily fee unless you are a subscriber to the service.
- (b) You are eligible to be the President of the U.S.A. only if you are at least 35 years old, were born in the U.S.A, or at the time of your birth both of your parents were citizens, and you have lived at least 14 years in the country.
- (c) You can see the movie only if you are over 18 years old or you have the permission of a parent.

**Problem 6**

Knights always tell the truth, Knaves always lie. You run into two people,  $A$  and  $B$ .  $A$  says, “We are both Knights” and  $B$  says, “ $A$  is a Knave”. Can you determine their identities? What if  $A$  says “I am a Knave or  $B$  is Knight” and  $B$  says nothing? Can you determine their identities then?

**Problem 7**

Use DeMorgan’s laws to find the negation of the following statements.

- (a) Francois knows Java and Calculus
- (b) Rita will move to Oregon or Washington

**Problem 8**

Is  $[(p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q]$  a tautology?

**Problem 9**

Let  $P(x)$  be the statement “ $x = x^3$ ”. If the domain is the integers, what are the truth values of the following?

- (a)  $P(0)$
- (b)  $\exists x P(x)$
- (c)  $\forall x P(x)$
- (d)  $P(2)$

**Problem 10**

Determine the truth value of each of these statements if the domain consists of all real numbers

- (a)  $\exists x(x^3 = -1)$
- (b)  $\exists x(x^4 < x^2)$
- (c)  $\forall x((-x)^2 = x^2)$
- (d)  $\forall x(2x > x)$

**Problem 11**

Translate each of these statements into logical expressions using predicates, quantifiers, and logical connectives.

- (a) Something is not in the correct place.
- (b) All tools are in the correct place and are in excellent condition
- (c) Everything is in the correct place and in excellent condition
- (d) Nothing is in the correct place and is in excellent condition
- (e) One of your tools is not in the correct place but it is in excellent condition

**Problem 12**

Find a counterexample, if possible, to these universally quantified statements, where the domain for all variables consists of all real numbers.

- (a)  $\forall x(x^2 \neq x)$
- (b)  $\forall x(x^2 \neq 2)$
- (c)  $\forall x(|x| > 0)$

**Problem 13**

Let  $T(x, y)$  mean that student  $x$  likes cuisine  $y$ , where the domain for  $x$  consists of all students at your school and the domain for  $y$  consists of all cuisines. Express each of these statements by a simple English sentence.

- (a)  $\neg T(\text{Jon}, \text{Japanese})$
- (b)  $\exists x \forall y T(x, y)$
- (c)  $\forall x \forall z \exists y ((x \neq z) \Rightarrow \neg(T(x, y) \wedge T(z, y)))$
- (d)  $\forall x \forall z \exists y (T(x, y) \Leftrightarrow T(z, y))$
- (e)  $\exists x \exists z \forall y (T(x, y) \Leftrightarrow T(z, y))$

**Problem 14**

What rules of inference are used in the following arguments

- (a) “All men are mortal. Socrates is a man. Therefore, Socrates is mortal.”
- (b) “No man is an island. Manhattan is an island. Therefore, Manhattan is not a man.”
- (c) “Kangaroos live in Australia and are marsupials. Therefore, kangaroos are marsupials.”
- (d) “Steve will work at a computer company this summer. Therefore, this summer Steve will work at a computer company or he will be a beach bum.”

**Problem 15**

Use a direct proof to show that the sum of two odd integers is even.

**Problem 16**

Show that the square of an even number is an even number.

**Problem 17**

Prove that if  $n$  is a perfect square, then  $n + 2$  is not a perfect square.

**Problem 18**

Use a proof by contraposition to show that if  $n$  is an integer and  $n^3 + 5$  is odd, then  $n$  is even.

**Problem 19**

Prove that there is no positive integer  $n$  such that  $n^2 + n^3 = 100$

**Problem 20**

Prove that  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is irrational using a proof by contradiction.

**Problem 21**

Use set builder notation to give a description of each of these sets

- (a)  $\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\}$
- (b)  $\{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- (c)  $\{m, n, o, p\}$

**Problem 22**

Determine whether each of these statements is true or false.

- (a)  $0 \in \emptyset$
- (b)  $\{0\} \subset \emptyset$
- (c)  $\{0\} \in \{0\}$
- (d)  $\{\emptyset\} \subseteq \{\emptyset\}$
- (e)  $\emptyset \in \{0\}$
- (f)  $\emptyset \subset \{0\}$

**Problem 23**

Use an Euler diagram to illustrate the relationships  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C$ .

**Problem 24**

Find two sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A \in B$  and  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Problem 25**

What is the cardinality of each of these sets?

- (a)  $\{a\}$
- (b)  $\{a, \{a\}\}$
- (c)  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$

**Problem 26**

How many elements does each of these sets have where  $a$  and  $b$  are distinct elements?

- (a)  $\mathcal{P}(\{a, b, \{a, b\}\})$
- (b)  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{a\}))$
- (c)  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{a, b, c\}))$

**Problem 27**

Find the sets  $A$  and  $B$  if  $A \setminus B = \{1, 5, 7, 8\}$ ,  $B \setminus A = \{2, 10\}$  and  $A \cap B = \{3, 6, 9\}$

**Problem 28**

Prove one of DeMorgan's laws:  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ . (The bar means complement.)

**Problem 29**

Determine if  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function if

- (a)  $f(n) = \pm n$
- (b)  $f(n) = \sqrt{n^2 + 1}$
- (c)  $f(n) = 1/(n^2 - 4)$

**Problem 30**

Determine whether each of these functions is a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . If not, state whether they are injections or surjections at least.

- (a)  $f(x) = 2x + 1$
- (b)  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$
- (c)  $f(x) = x^3$
- (d)  $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)/(x^2 + 2)$

**Problem 31**

If  $f$  and  $f \circ g$  are one-to-one, does it follow that  $g$  is one-to-one? If  $f$  and  $f \circ g$  are onto, does it follow that  $g$  is onto?

**Problem 32**

For each of the following sequences  $\{a_n\}$ , find a recurrence relation satisfied by the sequence.

- (a)  $a_n = 2n + 3$
- (b)  $a_n = n^2$
- (c)  $a_n = n + (-1)^n$
- (d)  $a_n = 5^n$
- (e)  $a_n = n!$

**Problem 33**

Use induction to prove that  $2 \mid (n^2 + n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Problem 34**

Use induction to show that

$$1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \cdots + n(n+1) = n(n+1)(n+2)/3$$

**Problem 35**

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement that  $n! < n^n$ , where  $n$  is an integer greater than 1.

- (a) What is the statement  $P(2)$ ?
- (b) What is the inductive hypothesis?
- (c) What do you need to prove in the inductive step?

**Problem 36**

Use strong induction to show that if you can run one mile or two miles, and if you can always run two more miles once you have run a specified number of miles, then you can run any number of miles.

**Problem 37**

Let's say I want to use strong induction to prove that I can produce any whole dollar figure greater than 3 using just two dollar bills and five dollar bills. What is my inductive hypothesis and what might I use for my base case(s)?

**Problem 38**

Prove that any set with an uncountable subset is uncountable.

**Problem 39**

Prove that if  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty finite sets then  $|A \times B| = |A| \times |B|$ .

**Problem 40**

Give partitions of  $\mathbb{R}$  having one block, two blocks, three blocks, and infinitely many blocks.

**Problem 41**

State Russell's paradox and its significance to computer science. How do we resolve the paradox?