

Propositional logic

Solution 1

(a)

false (as $(\text{true} \Rightarrow \text{false}) \Leftrightarrow \text{false}$)

(b)

true (as $(\text{false} \Rightarrow \text{false}) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$)

(c)

true (as $(\text{false} \Rightarrow \text{true}) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$)

(d)

true (as $(\text{false} \Rightarrow \text{false}) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$)

(Assuming that pigs can't fly . . .)

Solution 2

(a)

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow p$
t	t	t	t
t	f	f	t
f	t	f	t
f	f	f	t

(b)

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \Rightarrow (p \wedge q)$	$(\neg p \Rightarrow (p \wedge q)) \Leftrightarrow p$
t	t	t	f	t	t
t	f	f	f	t	t
f	t	f	t	f	t
f	f	f	t	f	t

(c)

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

Solution 3

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} p \Rightarrow \neg p \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg p & \quad [\Rightarrow] \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg p & \quad [\text{idempotence}] \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \neg p \Rightarrow p \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg \neg p \vee p & \quad [\Rightarrow] \\ \Leftrightarrow p \vee p & \quad [\neg \neg] \\ \Leftrightarrow p & \quad [\text{idempotence}] \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r) \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee (q \Rightarrow r) & \quad [\Rightarrow] \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q \vee r & \quad [\Rightarrow] \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q \vee r & \quad [\text{associativity}] \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \wedge q) \vee r & \quad [\text{De Morgan}] \\ \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q \Rightarrow r & \quad [\Rightarrow] \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} q \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r) \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg q \vee (p \Rightarrow r) & \quad [\Rightarrow] \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg q \vee \neg p \vee r & \quad [\Rightarrow] \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q \vee r & \quad [\text{associativity} \wedge \text{commutativity}] \\ \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee (q \Rightarrow r) & \quad [\Rightarrow] \\ \Leftrightarrow p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r) & \quad [\Rightarrow] \end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned} p \wedge q &\Leftrightarrow p \\ &\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q \Rightarrow p) \wedge (p \Rightarrow p \wedge q) & [\Leftrightarrow] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg(p \wedge q) \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \wedge q) & [\Rightarrow] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee \neg q \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \wedge q) & [\text{De Morgan}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee \neg p \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \wedge q) & [\text{associativity} \wedge \text{comm .}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee \text{true}) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \wedge q) & [\text{excluded middle}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{true} \wedge (\neg p \vee p \wedge q) & [\vee \wedge \text{true}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee p \wedge q & [\wedge \wedge \text{true}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee q) & [\text{distribution}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{true} \wedge (\neg p \vee q) & [\text{excluded middle}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q & [\wedge \wedge \text{true}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow p \Rightarrow q & [\Rightarrow] \end{aligned}$$

(f)

$$\begin{aligned} p \vee q &\Leftrightarrow p \\ &\Leftrightarrow (p \vee q \Rightarrow p) \wedge (p \Rightarrow p \vee q) & [\Leftrightarrow] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg(p \vee q) \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \vee q) & [\Rightarrow] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \wedge \neg q \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \vee q) & [\text{De Morgan}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee p) \wedge (\neg q \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \vee q) & [\text{distribution}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{true} \wedge (\neg q \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \vee q) & [\text{excluded middle}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \vee q) & [\wedge \wedge \text{true}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee p \vee q) & [\text{associativity}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee p) \wedge (\text{true} \vee q) & [\text{excluded middle}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee p) \wedge \text{true} & [\vee \wedge \text{true}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg q \vee p & [\wedge \wedge \text{true}] \\ &\Leftrightarrow q \Rightarrow p & [\Rightarrow] \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4

(a) $(p \text{ or } q) \Leftrightarrow ((\text{not } p \text{ or not } q) \text{ and } q)$ is not a tautology. You might illustrate this via a truth table or via a chain of equivalences, showing that the proposition is not equivalent to true. Alternatively, you might try and find a combination of values for which the proposition is false. (In this case, the proposition is false when p and q are both true.)

(b) $(p \text{ or } q) \Leftrightarrow ((\text{not } p \text{ and not } q) \text{ or } q)$ is not a tautology. In this case, the proposition is false when p is true and q is false.

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Solution 6

(a)

This is a true proposition: whatever the value of x , the expression $x^2 - x + 1$ denotes a natural number. If we choose y to be this natural number, we will find that p is true.

(b)

This is a false proposition. We cannot choose a large enough value for y such that p will hold for any value of x .

(c)

This is a false proposition. It is an implication whose antecedent part is true and whose consequent part is false.

(d)

This is a true proposition. It is an implication whose antecedent part is false and whose consequent part is true.

Solution 7

(a)

We must define a predicate p that is false for at least one value of x , and is true for at least one other value. A suitable solution would be $p \Leftrightarrow x \neq 1$.

(b)

With the above choice of p , we require only that q is sometimes false when p is true (for else the universal quantification would hold). A suitable solution would be $q \Leftrightarrow x \not\in 3$.

Solution 8

(a)

$$\forall x: N \bullet x \geq z$$

Equality

Solution 9

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} \exists x: N \bullet x = 1 \wedge x > y \vee x = 2 \wedge x > z \\ \Leftrightarrow \exists x: N \bullet x = 1 \wedge x > y \vee \exists x: N \bullet x = 2 \wedge x > z \\ \Leftrightarrow 1 \in N \wedge 1 > y \vee \exists x: N \bullet x = 2 \wedge x > z \\ \Leftrightarrow 1 \in N \wedge 1 > y \vee 2 \in N \wedge 2 > z \\ \Leftrightarrow 1 > y \vee 2 > z \end{aligned}$$

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Deductive proofs

Solution 13

$$\frac{\vdash p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q) \neg^{[1]}}{p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p \wedge q} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)}{p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q) \neg^{[1]}} \quad \frac{\frac{p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)}{p \Rightarrow q} \text{ [}\wedge\text{-elim}^{[1]}\text]} \quad \frac{p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)}{p} \text{ [}\Rightarrow\text{-elim]\text]}}{q} \text{ [}\wedge\text{-intro]\text]}}{p \wedge q} \text{ [}\Rightarrow\text{-intro}^{[1]}\text]}$$

Solution 14

In one direction:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{p \wedge q}}{p \wedge q} \text{ [derived]} \quad \frac{p \wedge q}{p \wedge q} \text{ [\Rightarrow elim from } 1 \wedge 2\text{]}}{\frac{\frac{p \neg^{[2]}}{q} \text{ [\wedge-elim}^{[3]}\text{]}}{\frac{p \Rightarrow q}{(p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow p) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow q)}} \text{ [\Rightarrow-intro}^{[2]}\text{]}}{\text{[\Rightarrow-intro}^{[1]}\text{]}}{(p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow p) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow q)}$$

and the other:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\neg p \wedge q \neg^{[2]}}{p \wedge q \Rightarrow p} \text{ [\Rightarrow-intro}^{[2]}\text{]} \quad \frac{\frac{\neg p \neg^{[3]}}{p \Rightarrow p \wedge q} \text{ [\Rightarrow-intro}^{[3]}\text{]} \quad \frac{\neg p \wedge q \neg^{[1]}}{p \Rightarrow p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow p} \text{ [\Leftrightarrow intro]}}{\text{[\Rightarrow-intro}^{[1]}\text{]}}{(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow (p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow p)}$$

We can then combine these two proofs with \Leftrightarrow intro.

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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\neg(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q \neg^{[1]}}{\neg p \neg^{[2]}} \text{ [\Rightarrow-intro}^{[1]}\text{]} \quad \frac{\frac{\neg p \neg^{[2]}}{q} \text{ [\Rightarrow elim]}}{\frac{\neg \neg q \neg^{[1]}}{\text{false}}} \text{ [false intro]}}{\frac{\neg \neg p}{\neg p}} \text{ [false-elim}^{[2]}\text{]}}{(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p} \text{ [\Rightarrow-intro}^{[1]}\text{]}$$

Solution 16

In one direction:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash p \neg^{[1]} \quad \vdash r}{p \wedge r} [\wedge \text{ intro}] \quad \vdash p \neg^{[1]} \quad \vdash q}{\vdash p \wedge q \vee p \wedge r} [\vee \text{ intro}]}{\vdash p \wedge q}{\vdash q}{\vdash p \wedge q \vee p \wedge r} [\vee \text{ intro}]}{\vdash p \wedge (q \vee r) \neg^{[1]}}{\vdash p \wedge (q \vee r)} [\Rightarrow\text{-intro}^{[1]}] \quad \vdash q \vee r \neg^{[1]} \\
 \frac{\vdash p \wedge (q \vee r)}{\vdash p \wedge (q \vee r) \Rightarrow p \wedge q \vee p \wedge r} [\vee\text{-elim}^{[2]}]$$

In the other:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash p}{p} [\wedge \text{ elim}] \quad \vdash q \vee r}{\vdash q \vee r} [\vee \text{ intro}]}{\vdash p \wedge (q \vee r)} [\wedge \text{ intro}]}{\vdash p \wedge (q \vee r) \neg^{[3]}}{\vdash p \wedge (q \vee r)} [\Rightarrow\text{-intro}^{[3]}] \quad \vdash case1 \vee case2 \neg^{[3]} \\
 \frac{\vdash case1 \vee case2 \neg^{[3]}}{\vdash p \wedge (q \vee r)} [\vee\text{-elim}^{[4]}]$$

Solution 17

In one direction:

$$\frac{\vdash p \vee q \wedge r \neg^{[3]} \quad \vdash (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)}{\vdash p \vee q \wedge r \Rightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)} [\Rightarrow\text{-intro}^{[3]}] \quad [\vee \text{ elim } \wedge \wedge \text{ intro}]$$

and the other:

$$\frac{\Gamma(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)^{\neg[1]} \quad \Gamma p \vee q \wedge r^{\neg[2]}}{(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r) \Rightarrow p \vee q \wedge r} [\Rightarrow\text{-intro}^{[1]}]$$

Solution 18

In one direction:

$$\frac{\Gamma p \Rightarrow q^{\neg[1]} \quad \neg p \vee q}{(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow \neg p \vee q} [\Rightarrow\text{-intro}^{[1]}]$$

and the other:

$$\frac{\Gamma \neg p \vee q^{\neg[3]} \quad \frac{\Gamma p^{\neg[4]} \quad \Gamma q^{\neg[3]}}{p \Rightarrow q} [\Rightarrow\text{-intro}^{[4]}]}{\neg p \vee q \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow q)} [\Rightarrow\text{-intro}^{[3]}]$$

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