1 Propositional Practice

Note 1

Convert the following English sentences into propositional logic and the following propositions into English. State whether or not each statement is true with brief justification.

(a) There is a real number which is not rational.

(b) All integers are natural numbers or are negative, but not both.

(c) If a natural number is divisible by 6, it is divisible by 2 or it is divisible by 3.

(d) $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z})\,(x \in \mathbb{Q})$

(e) $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z})\,(((2 \mid x) \vee (3 \mid x)) \implies (6 \mid x))$

(f) $(\forall x \in \mathbb{N})\,((x > 7) \implies ((\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N})\,(a + b = x)))$

2 Truth Tables

Note 1

Determine whether the following equivalences hold, by writing out truth tables. Clearly state whether or not each pair is equivalent.

(a) $P \wedge (Q \vee P) \equiv P \wedge Q$

(b) $(P \lor Q) \land R \equiv (P \land R) \lor (Q \land R)$

(c) $(P \land Q) \lor R \equiv (P \lor R) \land (Q \lor R)$

3 Implication

Which of the following implications are always true, regardless of P? Give a counterexample for each false assertion (i.e. come up with a statement $P(x,y)$ that would make the implication false).

(a) $\forall x \forall y P(x,y) \implies \forall y \forall x P(x,y)$.

(b) $\forall x \exists y P(x,y) \implies \exists y \forall x P(x,y)$.

(c) $\exists x \forall y P(x,y) \implies \forall y \exists x P(x,y)$.