

# Logic and Proof, Chapter Exercises

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## 1 SECTION 1

### 1.1 Mark each statement true or false. Justify your answer.

- (a) *False.* A sentence need not be true in order to be classified a “statement”. We require only that it “can be clearly labeled” true *or* false.  
We should specify the conditions that constitute clarity, and who’s doing the labeling. We can condition truth and falsity on any number of assumptions—at best, explicit; at worst, implied—and the sentence’s author ordinarily assumes a reader with a mental model that mirrors their own, for better or worse.
- (b) *False.* In binary logic, a statement cannot be true and false at the same time. Its truth value may be as-yet unknown—it might be a conjecture—but it has to follow the rules of mathematical proof. That is, to be a statement, the rules must be able to label a sentence exclusively “true” or “false” under *some* set of specified conditions. Those conditions may change:  $x + 6 = 0$  is a statement, for certain values of  $x$ , but not for all.
- (c) *True.* The negation of a statement need only have the opposite truth value to the statement itself. So if  $p$  is true,  $\neg p$  is false, and  $\neg(\neg p)$  is true.
- (d) *False.* The negation of a statement is by definition the logical complement of the given proposition. Thus, we can see that either  $p$  can be false or  $\neg p$  can be false, but they cannot both be false at the same time.
- (e) *True.* In logic, “or” is inclusive by default, and we must specify that we mean “exclusive or” ( $\oplus$ ) (or its negation, the biconditional ( $\iff$ )) to denote  $(p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$ .

### 1.2 Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- (a) *False.* We refer to  $p$  as the antecedent (that which comes (“*ced-*”) before (“*ante-*”). In contrast,  $q$  is the consequent, or logical “result”. In other words,  $p$  is called the

sufficient condition, and  $q$  is called the necessary condition.

- (b) *True*. The implication applies only to worlds in which  $p$  is true. Since we have only binary truth, we cannot rule out “truth” in worlds not containing  $p$ . Hence, these cases are true, and the only false one in that in which  $p$  exists, but the necessary condition  $q$  does not.

$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

- (c) *False*. This formulation customarily evaluates to the same thing as “ $q$  whenever  $p$ ”, because  $p$  is a sufficient condition to “trigger” the requirement of  $q$ . In other words, whenever we have  $p$ , we must also have its necessary condition,  $q$ . But as the truth table in (b) illustrates, the statement is true when  $q$  is true but  $p$  is false, and so the reverse dependency does not hold. Thus, it’s incorrect to say that “if  $p$ , then  $q$ ” is equivalent to “ $p$  whenever  $q$ ”.
- (d) *True*. The negation of a conjunction is logically equivalent to the disjunction of the negations of its individual components.

$p$	$q$	$\neg(p \wedge q)$	$\iff$	$[(\neg p) \vee (\neg q)]$
T	T	F	T	F
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

- (e) *False*. The negation of  $p \Rightarrow q$  is not  $q \Rightarrow p$ .

$p$	$q$	$\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$	<del><math>\iff</math></del>	$q \Rightarrow p$
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	F	F	T

### 1.3 Write the negation of each statement.

- The  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix is not singular.
- The function  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  is unbounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are nonlinear.
- Six is not prime and seven is even.
- $x$  is in  $D$ , and  $f(x) \geq 5$ .
- $(a_n)$  is monotone and bounded, and  $(a_n)$  is divergent.
- $f$  is injective, but  $S$  is not finite and  $S$  is not denumerable.

### 1.4 Write the negation of each statement.

- $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 3$ .
- $R$  is not reflexive and not symmetric.

- (c) 4 and 9 are not relatively prime.  
 (d)  $x \notin A \vee x \in B$ .  
 (e)  $x < 7$  and  $f(x)$  is in  $C$ .  
 (f)  $(a_n)$  is convergent and  $(a_n)$  is unbounded or not monotone.  
 (g)  $f$  is continuous and  $A$  is open, but  $f^{-1}(A)$  is closed.

### 1.5 Identify the antecedent and the consequent in each statement.

- (a)
  - *Antecedent*:  $M$  is singular.
  - *Consequent*:  $M$  has a zero eigenvalue.
- (b)
  - *Antecedent*: Linearity.
  - *Consequent*: Continuity.
- (c)
  - *Antecedent*: A sequence is Cauchy.
  - *Consequent*: It is bounded.
- (d)
  - *Antecedent*:  $y > 5$ .
  - *Consequent*:  $x < 3$ .

### 1.6 Construct a truth table for each statement.

	$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow \neg q$
	T	T	F
(a)	T	F	T
	F	T	T
	F	F	T

  

	$p$	$q$	$p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)$	$\Rightarrow$	$q$
	T	T	T	T	T
(b)	T	F	F	T	F
	F	T	F	T	T
	F	F	F	T	F

  

	$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow (q \wedge \neg q)$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\neg p$
	T	T	F	T	F
(c)	T	F	F	T	F
	F	T	T	T	T
	F	F	T	T	T

### 1.7 Identify the antecedent and the consequent in each statement.

## 2 SECTION 2

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