

Logic and Proofs

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Chapter 1

Propositional Logic

Definition 1.0.1

- Proof - A correct mathematical argument.
- Theorem - A proven mathematical statement.

1.1 Proposition

Definition 1.1.1: A Proposition

A declarative sentence that is either true or false, but not both. e.g.

- $1 + 1 = 2$ True
- $2 + 2 = 3$ False

Propositional variables / Statement variables are used to represent propositions, by convention one of these variables $p, q, r, s \dots$. The truth value of a position can be denoted by T if it is a **true proposition** and F if it is a **false proposition**.

Therefore, Let p be a proposition. The *negation of p* , denoted by $\neg p$ / \bar{p} , is the statement

"It is not the case that p "

The proposition $\neg p$ is read "not p ", therefore the truth value of the negation of p is the inverse of the truth value of p

Example 1.1.1

Question 1

Find the negation of the proposition
"Michael's PC runs Linux"
and express this in simple English.

Solution: "Michael's PC does not run Linux"

Example 1.1.2

Question 2

Find the negation of the proposition
"Vandana's smartphone has at least 32GB of memory"
and express this in simple English.

Solution: "Vandana's has less than 32GB of memory"

Definition 1.1.2: Truth Table

Displays the relationships between the truth values of propositions.

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Table 1.1: The truth table for the negation of a proposition

The negation of a proposition can also be considered the result of the operation of the *negation operator* on the proposition.

1.2 Logical Operators / Connectives

1.2.1 Conjunction

Definition 1.2.1: Conjunction

Let p and q be propositions. The *conjunction* of p and q , denoted by $p \wedge q$, is the proposition " p and q ". $p \wedge q$ is T when both p and q are T and is F otherwise

Table 1.2: The truth table of $p \wedge q$

p	q	$p \wedge q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

1.2.2 Disjunction

Definition 1.2.2: Disjunction

Let p and q be propositions. The *disjunction* of p and q , denoted by $p \vee q$, is the proposition, " p or q ". The *disjunction* $p \vee q$ is F when both p and q are F and T otherwise.

The use of the **connective** *or* in a disjunction corresponds to one of the two ways the word *or* is used in English. **Inclusive or** and **Exclusive or**, e.g.

"Students who have taken calculus or computer science can take this class"

"Students who have taken calculus or computer science, but not both can take this class"

Table 1.3: The truth table of $p \vee q$

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Respectively. Therefore taking the disjunction $p \vee q$ an **Exclusive or** disjunction will F when $q = T$ and $p = T$ or $q = F$ and $p = F$, and T only when $q = T$ and $p = F$ or $q = F$ and $p = T$

1.2.2.1 Exclusive or

Definition 1.2.3: Exclusive Or

Let p and q be propositions. The *exclusive or* of p and q , denoted by $p \oplus q$, is the proposition that is T when exactly one of p and q is T and is F otherwise.

Table 1.4: The truth table of $p \oplus q$

p	q	$p \oplus q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

1.2.3 Conditional Statement / Implication

Definition 1.2.4: Conditional Statement / Implication

Let p and q be propositions. The *conditional statement* $p \rightarrow q$ is the proposition "if p , then q ". $p \rightarrow q$ is F when p is T and q is F , and T otherwise. In this connective, p is called the *hypothesis* / *antecedent* / *premise* and q is called the *conclusion* / *consequence*.

Table 1.5: The truth table of $p \rightarrow q$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

$p \rightarrow q$ is called a conditional statement because, it asserts that q is T on the condition that p holds. $p \rightarrow q$ is T when p is F no matter the value of q .

Conditional statements can be expressed in various ways, some are listed below.

"if p , then q "

"if p , q "

" p is sufficient for q "

" q if p "

" q when p "

"a necessary condition for p is q "

" q unless $\neg p$ "

" p implies q "

" p only if q "

"a sufficient condition for q is p "

" q whenever p "

" q is necessary for p "

" q follows from p "

For the more confusing statements " p only if q " and " q unless $\neg p$ ", the explanation follows.

" p only if q " corresponds to "if p , then q ", because " p only if q " says that p cannot be T when q is not T , i.e. the statement is F when p is T but q is F . If p is F q maybe either F or T because the statement says nothing about the value of q .

" q unless $\neg p$ " expresses the same conditional statement as "if p , then q ", because " q unless $\neg p$ " means that if "if $\neg p$ " is F then q must be T , That is the statement " q unless $\neg p$ " is F when p is T but q is F , but T otherwise.

Or

q unless $\neg p$

q if $\neg \neg p$

q if p

\therefore if p then q

Example 1.2.1

Question 3

Let p be the statement "Maria learns discrete mathematics" and q be the statement "Maria will find a good job". Express the statement $p \rightarrow q$ as a statement in English.

Solution:

"Maria will find a good job, if she learns discrete mathematics"

"For Maria to get a good job, it is sufficient for her to learn discrete mathematics"

"Maria will find a good job unless she does not learn discrete mathematics"

We can form new conditional statements from a given conditional statement, lets say $p \rightarrow q$. These are

- **Converse** - $q \rightarrow p$
- **Contrapositive** - $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
- **Inverse** - $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

Definition 1.2.5: Equivalence

When two compound propositions always have the same truth value.

1.2.3.1 Contrapositive

Definition 1.2.6: Contrapositive

The *contrapositive* of the conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$ is the conditional statement $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

In this statement, the hypothesis , p , and conclusion , q , are reversed and negated. This results in an identical truth table, as the contrapositive is only F when $\neg p$ is F and $\neg q$ is T .

Note:-

A Conditional Statement ($p \rightarrow q$) is equivalent to it's **Contrapositive** ($\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$)

Table 1.6: The truth table of $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	T

1.2.3.2 Inverse

Definition 1.2.7: Inverse

The inverse of the conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$ is the conditional statement $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

In this statement, the hypothesis , p , and conclusion , q , are negated. This results in a truth table differing from the original conditional statement but equivalent to the statement's **converse**.

Note:-

A conditional statement's ($p \rightarrow q$) **Inverse** ($\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$) is equivalent to its **Converse** ($q \rightarrow p$)

Table 1.7: The truth table of $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

1.2.3.3 Converse

Definition 1.2.8: Converse

The converse of the conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$ is the conditional statement $q \rightarrow p$

In this statement, the hypothesis , p and conclusion, , q , are reversed. This results in a truth table equivalent to the conditional statement's inverse.

Note:-

A conditional statement's ($p \rightarrow q$) **Converse** ($q \rightarrow p$) is equivalent to its **Inverse** ($\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$)

Table 1.8: The truth table of $q \rightarrow p$

p	q	$q \rightarrow p$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	F
F	F	T

Example 1.2.2

Question 4

What are the contrapositive, converse, and inverse of the conditional statement "The home team wins whenever it is raining?"

Solution:

$p \rightarrow q$
 q whenever p
 q = Home team wins
 p = It is raining
 = If it is raining, the home team wins

- Contrapositive - If the home team loses, then it's not raining.
- Inverse - If its not raining then the home team loses.
- Converse - If the home team wins, then it is raining.

Example 1.2.3

Question 5

Find the converse, inverse and contrapositive of "Raining is a sufficient condition for my not going to town"

Solution:

If it is raining, then I will not go to town
 $p \rightarrow q$
 p = It is raining
 q = I will not go to town
 Converse
 $q \rightarrow p$
 If I am not going to town, then it is raining
 Contrapositive
 $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
 If I am going to town, then it is not raining
 Inverse
 $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$
 If it is not raining, then I am going to town

1.2.4 Biconditionals / Bi-implications

Another way to combine proposition that expresses they have the same truth value.

Definition 1.2.9: Biconditionals / Bi-implications

Let p and q be propositions. The *biconditional statement* $p \leftrightarrow q$ is the proposition " p if and only if q ". The biconditional statement $p \leftrightarrow q$ is T when p and q have the same truth values, and is F otherwise.

$p \leftrightarrow q$ breaks down to $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$, and can be expressed as below

" p is necessary and sufficient for q "

"if p then q , and conversely"

" p iff q "

Note:-

"iff" - If and only If

Table 1.9: The truth table of $p \leftrightarrow q$

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Example 1.2.4

Let p be the statement "You can take the flight" and let q be the statement "You buy a ticket".

Then $p \leftrightarrow q$ is the statement:

"You can take the flight if and only if you buy a ticket"

1.3 Compound Propositions

Question 6

Construct the truth table of the compound proposition

$$(p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$$

Solution:

p	q	$\neg q$	$p \vee \neg q$	$p \wedge q$	$(p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$
T	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	F	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	F	F

Question 7

Construct

$$p \vee q \rightarrow \neg r$$

Solution:

p	q	r	$\neg r$	$p \vee q$	$p \vee q \rightarrow \neg r$
T	T	T	F	T	F
T	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F
F	F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	T

1.3.1 Precedence of Logical Operators

Table 1.10: Precedence Table

Operator	Precedence
\neg	1
\wedge	2
\vee	3
\rightarrow	4
\leftrightarrow	5

Precedence shown from 1 to 5, with 1 having the highest precedence and 5 having the lowest precedence. Operators with higher precedence are evaluated before operators with lower precedence. Precedence can be overridden by using parentheses.

1.3.2 Logic and Bit Operations

A bit can be used to represent a truth value due to its *binary* nature. A variable representing a truth value can be called a *boolean variable*. Computer bit operations correspond to logical operations, with the operations *OR*, *AND*, and *XOR* corresponding to the connectives, \vee , \wedge , and \oplus respectively.

Table 1.11: Truth value to bit table

Truth value	Bit
T	1
F	0

Table 1.12: Bit operations table

x	y	$x \wedge y$	$x \vee y$	$x \oplus y$
1	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	0

Definition 1.3.1: Bit String

A sequence of zero or more bits. The *length* of this string is the number of bits in the string.

Example 1.3.1

101010011 is a bit string with a length of 9.

Extending bit operations to bit strings we can define *bitwise AND*, *bitwise OR*, and *bitwise XOR* of two strings of the same length. The new bit string created can be called the *AND*, *OR*, and *XOR* of the two strings respectively.

Example 1.3.2**Question 8**

Find the bitwise AND, OR, and XOR of the bit strings 01 1011 0110 and 11 0001 1101.

Solution:

AND

$$\begin{array}{r} 0110110110 \\ 1100011101 \\ \hline 0100010100 \end{array}$$

OR

$$\begin{array}{r} 0110110110 \\ 1100011101 \\ \hline 1110111111 \end{array}$$

XOR

$$\begin{array}{r} 0110110110 \\ 1100011101 \\ \hline 1010101011 \end{array}$$

Chapter 2

Applications of Propositional Logic

Statements in natural language are often imprecise and ambiguous, to make these statements more precise they can be represented with propositional logic.

2.0.1 Translating English Sentences

Example 2.0.1

Question 9

How can this English sentence be translated into a logical expression?
"You can access the Internet from campus only if you are a computer science major or you are not a freshman".

Solution:

Let p be "You can access the internet from campus"

Let q be "You are a computer science major"

Let r be "You are a freshman"

Therefore the sentence can be translated as

$$p \rightarrow (q \vee \neg r)$$

Example 2.0.2

Question 10

How can this English sentence be translated into a logical expression?
"You cannot ride the roller coaster if you are under 4 feet tall unless you are older than 16 years old."

Solution:

Let p be "You can ride the roller coaster"

Let q be "You are under 4 feet tall"

Let r "You are at least 16 years old"

Therefore the sentence can be translated as

$$(q \vee \neg r) \rightarrow \neg p$$

2.0.2 System Specifications

In system specifications, we can use propositional logic to express requirements given in natural language in precise and unambiguous specifications that can serve as the basis for system development.

Example 2.0.3

Question 11

Express the specification "The automated reply cannot be sent when the file system is full" using logical connectives

Solution:

Let p be "The automated reply can be sent"

Let q be "The file system is full"

Therefore the specification can be expressed as

$$q \rightarrow \neg p$$

System specifications should be consistent, and therefore should not contain contradictory requirements.

Question 12

Determine whether these system specifications are consistent:

“The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer or it is retransmitted.”

“The diagnostic message is not stored in the buffer.”

“If the diagnostic message is stored in the buffer, then it is retransmitted.”

Solution:

Let p be “The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer”

Let q be “The diagnostic message is retransmitted”

Therefore the specifications can be expressed as:

$$p \vee q$$

$$\neg p$$

$$p \rightarrow q$$

To have all these specifications be consistent, it must be possible for them to all be T at the same time. In this case making $p = T$ and $q = T$ will result in $\neg p$ being F , which would cause the only the first and second specifications to pass. But making $p = F$ and $q = T$ would result in all the specifications being T , as proven by the truth table below.

p	q	$p \vee q$	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow q$	$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$
T	T	T	F	T	F
T	F	T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	F

Question 13

Do the system specifications in the previous example remain consistent if the specification “The diagnostic message is not retransmitted” is added?

Solution: With the addition of the specification represented logically by $\neg q$ it would make it impossible for all the specifications to evaluate to T , therefore the specifications would be inconsistent.

2.0.3 Boolean Searches

Boolean searches are used to search for information in large collections, such as web page indexes and databases. These searches usually use the connectives *AND*, *OR*, and *NOT* / *AND NOT*.

2.0.4 Logic Puzzles

Puzzles that can be solved using logical reasoning.

Question 14

On an island with two types of people, knights and knaves, knights always tell the truth and knaves always lie. You encounter two people A and B . What are A and B if A says "B is a knight" and B says "The two of us are opposite types"?

Solution:

Let r be "A is a knight"

Let q be "B is a knight"

Let $\neg r$ be "A is a knave"

Let $\neg q$ be "B is a knave"

First we consider the case where $r = T$. In this case A is a knight making everything he says true meaning B is a knight too. But in B being a knight everything he says is also true but that cannot be as in this scenario both A and B are knights, making this scenario invalid.

Next we consider the case where $\neg r = T$. In this case A is a knave meaning he is lying about B being a knight. Following this we can conclude that B is also a knave and everything they also say is a lie, which is valid.

Next we consider the case where $q = T$. In this case B is a knight making everything he says true and thus A is a knave. But as A is a knave everything they say is false which calls B 's knighthood into question, rendering this scenario invalid.

Finally we consider the case where $\neg q = T$. This is case B is a knave making everything they say false. This allows us to conclude that A and B are not of opposite types, and since A is believed to be a knave further supports B being a knave, making this scenario valid.

Concluding we see in the scenario's we've gone through there are only two valid paths and both point to both A and B being knaves.

Question 15

A father tells his two children, a boy and a girl, to play in their backyard without getting dirty. However, while playing, both children get mud on their foreheads. When the children stop playing, the father says "At least one of you has a muddy forehead," and then asks the children to answer "Yes" or "No" to the question: "Do you know whether you have a muddy forehead?" The father asks this question twice. What will the children answer each time this question is asked, assuming that a child can see whether his or her sibling has a muddy forehead, but cannot see his or her own forehead? Assume that both children are honest and that the children answer each question simultaneously.

Solution:

Let q be "boy has muddy forehead"

Let r be "girl has muddy forehead"

The first time the question is asked both children answer "No" because as they can see each other's foreheads they can tell if the other has a muddy forehead but cannot tell if they do, the boy and girl know $r = T$ but not the value of q and $q = T$ but not the value of r .

The second time the question is asked taking account of the answer of either sibling for the first question and the condition that at least one of them has a muddy forehead the children can infer that since they can see mud on their sibling's forehead but they answered no but for statement the father made which can be put as $q \vee r$ to be true at least one of the propositions have to be true, resolving in them both answering "Yes".

2.0.5 Logic Circuits

A logic circuit receives input signals $p_1, p_2 \dots p_n$, each a bit, either 1 or 0, and produces output signals $s_1, s_2 \dots s_n$, each also a bit.

Complicated digital circuits can be constructed from three basic circuits, called **gates**. These are:

- Inverter / NOT gate - Takes an input bit p and produces $\neg p$ as output.
- OR gate - Takes two input signals p and q and produces the output signal $p \vee q$.
- AND gate - Takes two input signals p and q and produces the output signal $p \wedge q$.

Given a circuit built from these gates we can determine the output by tracing through the circuit.

2.1 Exercises

Translate the given statements into propositional logic

Question 16

You cannot edit a protected Wikipedia entry unless you are an administrator. Express your answer in terms of e : “You can edit a protected Wikipedia entry” and a : “You are an administrator.”

Solution:

$$e \rightarrow a$$

Question 17

You can see the movie only if you are over 18 years old or you have the permission of a parent. Express your answer in terms of m : “You can see the movie,” e : “You are over 18 years old,” and p : “You have the permission of a parent.”

Solution: $m \rightarrow (e \vee p)$

Question 18

You can graduate only if you have completed the requirements of your major and you do not owe money to the university and you do not have an overdue library book. Express your answer in terms of g : “You can graduate,” m : “You owe money to the university,” r : “You have completed the requirements of your major,” and b : “You have an overdue library book.”

Solution: $g \rightarrow (r \wedge \neg m \wedge \neg b)$

Question 19

To use the wireless network in the airport you must pay the daily fee unless you are a subscriber to the service. Express your answer in terms of w : “You can use the wireless network in the airport,” d : “You pay the daily fee,” and s : “You are a subscriber to the service.”

Solution: $w \rightarrow (d \vee s)$

Question 20

You can upgrade your operating system only if you have a 32-bit processor running at 1 GHz or faster, at least 1 GB RAM, and 16 GB free hard disk space, or a 64-bit processor running at 2 GHz or faster, at least 2 GB RAM, and at least 32 GB free hard disk space. Express your answer in terms of: “You can upgrade your operating system,” b32: “You have a 32-bit processor,” b64: “You have a 64-bit processor,” g1: “Your processor runs at 1 GHz or faster,” g2: “Your processor runs at 2 GHz or faster,” r1: “Your processor has at least 1 GB RAM,” r2: “Your processor has at least 2 GB RAM,” h16: “You have at least 16 GB free hard disk space,” and h32: “You have at least 32 GB free hard disk space.”

Solution: $u \rightarrow (b_{32} \wedge g_1 \wedge r_1 \wedge h_{16}) \vee (b_{64} \wedge g_2 \wedge r_2 \wedge h_{32})$

Question 21

Construct a truth table for the compound proposition below

$$(p \rightarrow q) \vee (\neg p \rightarrow r)$$

Solution:

p	q	r	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p \rightarrow r$	$(p \rightarrow q) \vee (\neg p \rightarrow r)$
T	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	T	T

Chapter 3

Logical Equivalences

Definition 3.0.1: Tautology

A proposition that is always T . e.g. $p \vee \neg p$

Definition 3.0.2: Contradiction

A proposition that is always F e.g. $p \wedge \neg p$

Definition 3.0.3: Contingency

A proposition that is neither a tautology or a contradiction. e.g.. p

Table 3.1: Demonstration

p	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F

Two compound propositions p and q are logically equivalent if $p \leftrightarrow q$, where q and p are compound propositions.

3.1 Equivalence Laws

3.1.1 Logical Equivalences Involving Conditional Statements

$$\begin{aligned}p \rightarrow q &\equiv \neg p \vee q \\p \rightarrow q &\equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p \\p \vee q &\equiv \neg p \rightarrow q \\p \wedge q &\equiv \neg (p \rightarrow \neg q) \\\neg (p \rightarrow q) &\equiv p \wedge \neg q \\(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) &\equiv p \rightarrow (q \wedge r) \\(p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r) &\equiv (p \vee q) \rightarrow r \\(p \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow r) &\equiv p \rightarrow (q \vee r) \\(p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r) &\equiv (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r\end{aligned}$$

3.1.2 Logical Equivalences Involving Biconditional Statements

$$\begin{aligned}p \leftrightarrow q &\equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p) \\p \leftrightarrow q &\equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q \\p \leftrightarrow q &\equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \\\neg (p \leftrightarrow q) &\equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q\end{aligned}$$

3.1.3 Identity Laws

$$\begin{aligned}p \wedge T &\equiv p \\p \vee F &\equiv p\end{aligned}$$

3.1.4 Domination Laws

$$\begin{aligned}p \vee T &\equiv T \\p \wedge F &\equiv F\end{aligned}$$

3.1.5 Double negation Law

$$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$$

3.1.6 Idempotent Laws

$$\begin{aligned}p \vee p &\equiv p \\p \wedge p &\equiv p\end{aligned}$$

3.1.7 Commutative Laws

$$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$$

$$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$$

3.1.8 Associative Laws

$$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$$

$$(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$$

3.1.9 Distributive Laws

$$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$$

$$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

3.1.10 De Morgan's Laws

$$\neg (p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$$

$$\neg (p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

3.1.11 Absorption Laws

$$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$$

$$p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$$

3.1.12 Negation Laws

$$p \vee \neg p \equiv T$$

$$p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$$

3.2 Exercises

Example 3.2.1

Question 22

Show that $\neg (p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$ is logically equivalent to $\neg p \wedge \neg q$

Solution:

$\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$	By the Second De Morgan's Law
$= \neg p \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q)$	By First De Morgan's Law
$= \neg p \wedge (\neg(\neg p) \vee \neg q)$	By Double Negation Law
$= \neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q)$	By Second Distributive Law
$= (\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	By Second Negation Law
$= F \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	By First Commutative Law
$= (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee F$	By Second Identity Law
$= \neg p \wedge \neg q$	

Question 23

Show that

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$$

is a tautology

Solution:

$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$	Conditional Disjunction Equivalence
$\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q)$	By the First De Morgan's law
$\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee q)$	By the First Associative law
$\equiv (\neg p \vee p) \vee (\neg q \vee q)$	By the First Commutative law
$\equiv (p \vee \neg p) \vee (q \vee \neg q)$	By the First Negation Law
$\equiv (p \vee \neg p) \vee T$	By the First Negation Law
$\equiv T \vee T$	By the First Domination Law
$\equiv T$	

Question 24

Use logical equivalences to prove that each of these conditional statements is a tautology

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p \quad (3.1)$$

$$\neg p \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \quad (3.2)$$

$$[\neg p \vee (p \vee q)] \rightarrow q \quad (3.3)$$

$$[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q \quad (3.4)$$

Solution:

1.

$$\begin{aligned} (p \wedge q) \rightarrow p &\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee p && \text{Conditional Disjunction Equivalence} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee p && \text{By the First De Morgan's Law} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee p) \vee \neg q && \text{By the First Associative Law} \\ &\equiv (p \vee \neg p) \vee \neg q && \text{By the First Commutative Law} \\ &\equiv T \vee \neg q && \text{By the First Negation Law} \\ &\equiv \neg q \vee T && \text{By the First Commutative Law} \\ &\equiv T && \text{By the First Domination Law} \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} \neg p \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) &\equiv \neg(\neg p) \vee (p \rightarrow q) && \text{Conditional Disjunction Equivalence} \\ &\equiv p \vee (p \rightarrow q) && \text{By the Double Negation law} \\ &\equiv p \vee (\neg p \vee q) && \text{Conditional Disjunction Equivalence} \\ &\equiv q \vee (\neg p \vee p) && \text{By the First Associative Law} \\ &\equiv q \vee (p \vee \neg p) && \text{By the First Commutative Law} \\ &\equiv q \vee T && \text{By the First Negation Law} \\ &\equiv T && \text{By the First Domination Law} \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned} [\neg p \vee (p \vee q)] \rightarrow q &\equiv \neg[\neg p \vee (p \vee q)] \vee q && \text{Conditional Disjunction Equivalence} \\ &\equiv [\neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg(p \vee q)] \vee q && \text{By the Second De Morgan's Law} \\ &\equiv [p \wedge \neg(p \vee q)] \vee q && \text{By the Double Negation Law} \\ &\equiv [p \wedge (\neg p \wedge \neg q)] \vee q && \text{By the Second De Morgan's Law} \\ &\equiv [\neg q \wedge (\neg p \wedge p)] \vee q && \text{By the Second Associative Law} \\ &\equiv [\neg q \wedge (p \wedge \neg p)] \vee q && \text{By the Second Commutative Law} \\ &\equiv [\neg q \wedge F] \vee q && \text{By the Second Negation Law} \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned}
[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q &\equiv [p \wedge (\neg p \vee q)] \rightarrow q && \text{Conditional Disjunction Equivalence} \\
&\equiv \neg[p \wedge (\neg p \vee q)] \vee q && \text{Conditional Disjunction Equivalence} \\
&\equiv [\neg p \vee \neg(\neg p \vee q)] \vee q && \text{By the First De Morgan's Law} \\
&\equiv [\neg p \vee (\neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg q)] \vee q && \text{By the Second De Morgan's Law} \\
&\equiv [\neg p \vee (p \wedge \neg q)] \vee q && \text{By the Double Negation Law} \\
&\equiv [(\neg p \vee p) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q)] \vee q && \text{By the First Distributive Law} \\
&\equiv (p \vee \neg p) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee q && \text{By the First Commutative Law} \\
&\equiv T \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee q && \text{By the First Negation Law} \\
&\equiv T \wedge (q \vee \neg q) \vee p && \text{By the First Associative Law and the First Commutative Law} \\
&\equiv T \wedge T \vee p && \text{By the First Negation Law} \\
&\equiv T \vee p && \text{By the First Identity Law} \\
&\equiv T && \text{By the First Domination Law}
\end{aligned}$$

Question 25

Prove the first Idempotent law

$$p \vee p \equiv p$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
p &\equiv p \vee F && \text{By Second Identity Law} \\
&\equiv p \vee (p \wedge \neg p) && \text{By Second Negation Law} \\
&\equiv (p \vee p) \wedge (p \vee \neg p) && \text{By First Distributive Law} \\
&\equiv (p \vee p) \wedge T && \text{By First Negation Law} \\
&\equiv p \vee p && \text{By First Identity Law}
\end{aligned}$$

Question 26

Prove the first Absorption Law

$$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
p &\equiv p \vee p && \text{By First Idempotent Law} \\
&\equiv p \vee (p \wedge T) && \text{By First Identity Law} \\
&\equiv p \vee (p \wedge (q \vee T)) && \text{By First Domination Law} \\
&\equiv p \vee ((p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge T)) && \text{By Second Distributive Law} \\
&\equiv p \vee ((p \wedge q) \vee p) && \text{By First Identity Law} \\
&\equiv p \vee p \vee (p \wedge q) && \text{By First Commutative Law} \\
&\equiv p \vee (p \wedge q) && \text{By First Idempotent Law}
\end{aligned}$$

Chapter 4

Predicates and Quantifiers

Predicate logic uses the following features:

- Variables
- Predicates
- Quantifiers

4.1 Propositional Function

Definition 4.1.1: Propositional Function

Generalization of propositions / A proposition containing variables

A propositional function is made up of three components:

- Variables
- Subject
- Predicate

Definition 4.1.2: Subject

The main variable in the function

Definition 4.1.3: Predicate

Describes the property or properties of a subject

Example 4.1.1

Question 27

x is friends with y

Solution: In this example the predicate is "is friends with", and the variables are x and y where x is the subject. This function can be denoted by:

$$Q(x, y)$$

Where Q is the predicate "is friends with".

Propositional function become propositions when their variables are each replaced by a value from the domain (\mathbb{U}) or bound by a quantifier.

The statement $P(x)$ is said to be the value of the propositional function P at x

Example 4.1.2

Question 28

Let $x + y = z$ be denoted by $R(x, y, z)$ and \mathbb{U} (for all three variables) be integers. Find the truth value of

$$R(2, -1, 5)$$

Solution:

$$R(2, -1, 5)$$

$$x = 2$$

$$y = -1$$

$$z = 5$$

$$2 + -1 \neq 5$$

$$\therefore R(2, -1, 5) = F$$

Example 4.1.3

Question 29

If $P(x)$ denotes $x \geq 0$, find this truth value

$$P(3) \rightarrow \neg P(-1)$$

Solution:

$$P(3) = 3 > 0$$

$$P(3) = T$$

$$P(-1) = -1 > 0$$

$$P(-1) = F$$

$$\therefore T \rightarrow \neg F$$

$$= T \rightarrow T$$

$$= T$$

Example 4.1.4

Question 30

Let $A(c, n)$ denote the statement “Computer c is connected to network n ,” where c is a variable representing a computer and n is a variable representing a network. Suppose that the computer MATH1 is connected to network CAMPUS2, but not to network CAMPUS1. What are the values of $A(\text{MATH1}, \text{CAMPUS1})$ and $A(\text{MATH1}, \text{CAMPUS2})$?

Solution:

$A(\text{MATH1}, \text{CAMPUS1})$ = Computer MATH1 is connected to network CAMPUS1

$$A(\text{MATH1}, \text{CAMPUS1}) = F$$

$A(\text{MATH1}, \text{CAMPUS2})$ = Computer MATH1 is connected to network CAMPUS2

$$A(\text{MATH1}, \text{CAMPUS2}) = T$$

4.1.1 Preconditions and Postconditions

Predicates are also used to establish the correctness of computer programs, i.e. Verifying that programs always produce the desired output when given a valid input.

Definition 4.1.4: Precondition

Statements that describe valid input for a computer program

Definition 4.1.5: Postcondition

Conditions the output of a computer program should satisfy when run.

Example 4.1.5

Question 31

Consider this program designed to swap the values of two variables x and y .

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1 temp := x;  
2 x := y;  
3 y := temp;
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Find predicates that we can use as the precondition and the postcondition to verify the correctness of this program. Then explain how to use them to verify that for all valid input the program does what is intended.

Solution:

Let $P(x, y)$ be the statement $x = a$ and $y = b$, where a and b are the values of x and y before the program is run.

Let $Q(x, y)$ be the statement $x = b$ and $y = a$

To verify this program we need to show that $P(x, y) \rightarrow Q(x, y)$ is a tautology.

We can prove this by following the program's execution. First we assume $P(x, y) = T$. In the first step of the program $\text{temp} := x$ assigns the value of x to temp , so at this point the state of the program is $x := a, \text{temp} := a, y := b$. In the second step of the program $x := y$ assigns the value of y to x , so the state is now $x := b, y := b, \text{temp} := a$. And the final step of the program $y := \text{temp}$ assigns the value of temp to y , so the final state is $x := b, y := a, \text{temp} := a$, making $Q(x, y) = T$

4.2 Quantifiers

Definition 4.2.1: Quantifiers

Used to express the meaning of English words such as "all", "some", "none", "there exists", "for one and only one", etc.

Definition 4.2.2: Domain of Discourse / Universe of Discourse / Domain

The range of all values a variable can take. Denoted as \mathbf{U} . Without a specified domain we cannot determine the truth value of a Propositional Function.

4.2.1 Universal Quantifier

Definition 4.2.3: Universal Quantifier

"For all": \forall

Meaning for every variable in the domain (\mathbb{U}), the propositional function is true.

Example 4.2.1

$$\forall x P(x)$$

Asserts $P(x)$ is true for every x in \mathbb{U}

So if $P(x) : x$ has stripes, and x is a zebra then $\forall x P(x)$ means "Every zebra has stripes" or "All zebras have stripes"

The Universal Quantifier is equivalent to the conjunction of the propositional function for all values in its specified domain. i.e. Where $P(x)$ is the statement $x > 0$ and \mathbb{U} is all positive real numbers

$$\forall x P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge P(x_3) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(x_n)$$

Example 4.2.2

1. If $P(x)$ denotes $x > 0$ and \mathbb{U} is the integers then, $\forall x P(x)$ is false.
2. If $P(x)$ denotes $x > 0$ and \mathbb{U} is the positive integers, then $\forall x P(x)$ is true

Example 4.2.3

Question 32

What is the truth value if $\forall x P(x)$, where $P(x)$ is the statement $x^2 < 10$ and the domain consists of the positive integers not exceeding 4.

Solution:

$$\forall x P(x) \equiv P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(4) &= (4)^2 < 10 \\ &= 16 < 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(4) &= F \\ \therefore \forall x P(x) &= F \end{aligned}$$

4.2.2 Existential Quantifier

Definition 4.2.4: Existential Quantifier

"There exists": \exists

Meaning for some variables in \mathbb{U} , the propositional function is true.

Example 4.2.4

$$\exists x P(x)$$

Asserts $P(x)$ is true for some x in \mathbb{U}

The Existential Quantifier is equivalent to the disjunction of the propositional function for all values in its specified domain. I.e. Where $P(x)$ is the statement $x > 5$ and \mathbb{U} is all positive real numbers

$$\exists x P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee P(x_3) \vee \dots P(x_n)$$

Example 4.2.5

1. If $P(x)$ denotes $x > 0$ and \mathbb{U} is the integers, then $\exists x P(x)$ is true. It is also true if \mathbb{U} is the positive integers
2. If $P(x)$ denotes $x < 0$ is the positive integers, then $\exists x P(x)$ is false

4.2.3 Uniqueness Quantifier

Definition 4.2.5: Uniqueness Quantifier

"There exists one and only one": $\exists!$

Example 4.2.6

$$\exists! P(x)$$

Asserts $P(x)$ is only true for one x in \mathbb{U}

4.2.4 Quantifiers with Restricted Domains

The notation for a restricted domain is in the form:

QUANTIFIER VARIABLE "CONDITION A VARIABLE MUST SATISFY"

Example 4.2.7

1. $\forall x < 0 (x^2 > 0)$
2. $\forall y \neq 0 (y^3 \neq 0)$
3. $\exists z > 0 (z^2 = 2)$

Means:

1. The square of all negative integers is positive, or $\forall x (x < 0 \rightarrow x^2 > 0)$
2. The cube of every nonzero number is nonzero, or $\forall y (y \neq 0 \rightarrow y^3 \neq 0)$
3. There is a positive square root of 2, or $\exists z (z > 0 \rightarrow z^2 = 2)$

Note:-

The restriction of a universal quantifier is the same as the universal quantification of a conditional statement, i.e. $\forall x < 0 (x^2 > 0)$ is just a way of expressing $\forall x (x < 0 \rightarrow x^2 > 0)$

4.2.5 Binding Variables

Definition 4.2.6: Binding

The process of assigning a value to a variable, through quantification or value assignment.

Definition 4.2.7: Bound Variable

A variable that has been assigned a value through quantification or value assignment.

Definition 4.2.8: Free Variable

A variable that has not been assigned a value through quantification or value assignment.

Definition 4.2.9: Scope of a Quantifier

The part of a statement that is affected by a quantifier.

Example 4.2.8

In the statement $\exists x (x + y = 1)$, x is bound by the existential quantifier $\exists x$ and y is free.

In the statement $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \vee \forall x R(x)$ all variables are bound. The scope of the first quantifier $\exists x$ is the expression $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$ and the scope of the second quantifier $\forall x$ is the expression $R(x)$.

4.2.6 Logical Equivalences Involving Quantifiers

Definition 4.2.10: Logically Equivalent

When two statements have the same truth value no matter which predicates are substituted into these statements and which the domain \mathbf{U} is used for the variables in these propositional functions. The notation $S \equiv T$ is used to indicate that two statements S and T that have predicates are logically equivalent.

4.2.7 Negating Quantifications

Consider $\forall x F(x)$, where $F(x)$ is " x has taken a course in Java " and \mathbf{U} is students in your class.

The negation of this follows

$$\neg \forall x F(x) \equiv \exists x \neg F(x)$$

By De Morgan's Law

$$\neg \exists x F(x) \equiv \forall x \neg F(x)$$

By De Morgan's Law

4.2.8 Translating from English to Logical Expressions

Example 4.2.9

Question 33

Express the statement "Every student in this class has studied calculus" using predicates and quantifiers

Solution:

Let \mathbf{U} be "students in this class"

Let $C(x)$ be " x has studied calculus"

$$\forall x C(x)$$

Or

Let \mathbf{U} be "all people"

Let $S(x)$ be " x is a student in this class" Let $C(x)$ be " x has studied calculus"

$$\forall x (S(x) \rightarrow C(x))$$

4.3 Nested Quantifiers

Definition 4.3.1: Nested Quantifier

A situation where one quantifier is within the scope of another.

$$\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0)$$

$(x + y = 0)$ can be made the propositional function $P(x, y)$ giving us

$$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$$

We can then make $\exists y P(x, y)$ another propositional function $Q(x, y)$ giving us

$$\forall x Q(x, y)$$

This statement can be written as For all x there exists some y where $x + y = 0$
 $\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$ where $\mathbb{U}_x = \{0, 2, 3\}$ and $\mathbb{U}_y = \{1, 3\}$ can be expressed as

$$P(0, 1) \wedge P(0, 3) \wedge P(2, 1) \wedge P(2, 3) \wedge P(3, 1) \wedge P(3, 3)$$

$\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$ using the same domains can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \exists y \forall x P(x, y) &\equiv \forall x P(x, 1) \vee \forall x P(x, 3) \\ \forall x [P(x, 1) \wedge P(x, 1) \wedge P(x, 1)] &\vee [P(x, 3) \wedge P(x, 3) \wedge P(x, 3)] \\ [P(0, 1) \wedge P(2, 1) \wedge P(3, 1)] &\vee [P(0, 3) \wedge P(2, 3) \wedge P(3, 3)] \end{aligned}$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned} \exists y \forall x P(x, y) &\equiv \forall x P(x, 1) \vee \forall x P(x, 3) \\ \exists y (P(0, y) \wedge P(2, y) \wedge P(3, y)) & \\ [P(0, 1) \wedge P(2, 1) \wedge P(3, 1)] &\vee [P(0, 3) \wedge P(2, 3) \wedge P(3, 3)] \end{aligned}$$

4.3.1 Order of Quantifiers

The order of quantifiers is important when all quantifiers are not of the same type, i.e. $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$ is not the same as $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$

4.3.2 Negating Nested Quantifiers

$$\neg \forall x \exists y P(x, y) \equiv \exists x \forall y \neg P(x, y)$$

By De Morgan's Law

4.3.3 Translating Mathematical Statements into Statements Involving Nested Quantifiers

Example 4.3.1

Question 34

Translate the statement "The sum of two positive integers is always positive" into a logical expression.

Solution:

$\mathbb{U}_{x,y}$: All integers

$$\forall x \forall y ((x > 0) \wedge (y > 0)) \rightarrow (x + y > 0))$$

Example 4.3.2

Question 35

Use quantifiers to express the definition of the limit of a real-valued function $f(x)$ of a real variable x at a point a in its domain.

Solution:

4.3.4 Translating from Nested Quantifiers into English

Example 4.3.3

Question 36

Translate this statement

$$\forall x (C(x) \vee \exists y (C(y) \wedge F(x, y)))$$

Into English where $C(x)$ is " x has a computer", $F(x, y)$ is " x and y are friends," and \mathbb{U} for both x and y consists of all students in your school.

Solution:

First we write the statement verbosely:

For all students in my school, x , x has a computer or There exists some student in my school, y , where x and y are friends.

This can be simplified to:

Every student in my school has a computer or has a friend who who has a computer.

Example 4.3.4

Question 37

Translate this statement

$$\exists x \forall y \forall z ((F(x, y) \wedge F(x, z) \wedge (y \neq z)) \rightarrow \neg F(y, z))$$

into English, where $F(x, y)$ x and y are friends and \mathbb{U} for x , y and z consists of all students in your school.

Solution:

There exists some student x , For all students y and z , If x and y are friends and x and z are friends and $y \neq z$, then y and z are not friends.

There is a student in my school who has no friends who are friends with each other.

4.3.5 Translating English sentences into Logical Expressions

Example 4.3.5

Question 38

Express the statement "If a person is female and is a parent, then this person is someone's mother" as a logical expression involving predicates, quantifiers with a domain consisting of all people, and logical connectives.

Solution:

$\mathbb{U}_{x,y}$: All people

$F(x)$: x is female

$P(x)$: x is a parent

$M(x, y)$: x is y 's mother

$$\forall x ((P(x) \wedge F(x)) \rightarrow \exists y M(x, y))$$

Example 4.3.6

Question 39

Express the statement "Everyone has exactly one best friend" as a logical expression involving predicates, quantifiers with a domain consisting of all people, and logical connectives.

Solution:

$\mathbb{U}_{x,y}$: All people

$B(x, y)$: x is y 's best friend

$\forall x \exists y (B(x, y) \wedge \forall z ((y \neq z) \rightarrow \neg B(x, z)))$
Or $\forall x \exists! y B(x, y)$

Example 4.3.7

Question 40

Use quantifiers to express the statement "There is a woman who has taken a flight on every airline in the world."

Solution:

\mathbb{U}_w : All women

\mathbb{U}_a : All airlines

\mathbb{U}_f : All flights

$F(w, f)$: w has taken f

$Q(f, a)$: f is a flight on a

$\exists w \forall a \exists f (F(w, f) \wedge Q(f, a))$

4.4 Exercises

Example 4.4.1

Question 41

Translate these statements into English, where $C(x)$ is " x is a comedian " and $F(x)$ is " x is funny " and the domain consists of all people.

1. $\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow F(x))$
2. $\forall x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$
3. $\exists x (C(x) \rightarrow F(x))$
4. $\exists x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$

Solution:

1. Everyone that is a comedian is funny.

2. All people are comedians and they are funny.
3. There exists some people, If they are comedians, then they are funny.
4. There exists some people that are comedians and are funny.

Example 4.4.2

Question 42

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

1. $\exists x (x^2 = 2)$
2. $\exists x (x^2 = -1)$
3. $\forall x (x^2 + 2 \geq 1)$
4. $\forall x (x^2 = x)$

Solution:

1. T
2. F
3. T
4. F

Example 4.4.3

Question 43

Let $R(x)$ be x is a rabbit

Let $H(x)$ be x hops

Let \mathbf{U} consists of all animals

1. $\forall x (R(x) \rightarrow H(x))$
2. $\forall x (R(x) \wedge H(x))$
3. $\exists x (R(x) \rightarrow H(x))$
4. $\exists x (R(x) \wedge H(x))$

Solution:

1. For all animals, if they are a rabbit then they hop.
2. All animals are rabbits and they hop.
3. There exists some animals, if they are a rabbit then they hop.
4. There exists some animals that are rabbits and hop.

Question 44

Let $C(x)$ be the statement " x has a cat," let $D(x)$ be the statement " x has a dog," and let $F(x)$ be the statement " x has a ferret." Express each of these statements in terms of $C(x)$, $D(x)$, $F(x)$, quantifiers, and logical connectives. Let the domain consist of all students in your class.

1. A student in your class has a cat, a dog, and a ferret.
2. All students in your class have a cat, a dog, or a ferret.
3. Some student in your class has a cat and a ferret, but not a dog.
4. No student in your class has a cat, a dog, and a ferret.
5. For each of the three animals, cats, dogs, and ferrets, there is a student in your class who has this animal as a pet.

Solution:

1. $\exists x (C(x) \wedge D(x) \wedge F(x))$
2. $\forall x (C(x) \wedge D(x) \wedge F(x))$
3. $\exists x (C(x) \wedge F(x) \wedge \neg D(x))$
4. $\neg \exists x (C(x) \wedge D(x) \wedge F(x))$
5. $(\exists x C(x)) \wedge (\exists x D(x)) \wedge (\exists x F(x))$

Question 45

Determine the truth value of each of these statements if the domain consists of all integers.

1. $\forall n (n + 1 > n)$
2. $\exists n (2n = 3n)$
3. $\exists n (n = -n)$
4. $\forall n (3n \leq 4n)$

Solution:

1. T . Because any 1+ any integer is greater than that integer.
2. T . $n = 0$, $2(0) = 3(0)$
3. T . $n = 0$, $0 = -0$, $0 = 0$
4. T . $n = 0$, $3(0) \leq 4(0)$

Question 46

Suppose that the domain of the propositional function $P(x)$ consists of the integers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Express these statements without using quantifiers, instead using only negations, disjunctions, and conjunctions.

1. $\exists x P(x)$
2. $\forall x P(x)$
3. $\neg \exists x P(x)$
4. $\neg \forall x P(x)$
5. $\forall x ((x \neq 3) \rightarrow P(x)) \vee \exists x \neg P(x)$

Solution:

1. $P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4) \vee P(5)$
2. $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4) \wedge P(5)$
3. $\forall x \neg P(x) \therefore \neg P(1) \wedge \neg P(2) \wedge \neg P(3) \wedge \neg P(4) \wedge \neg P(5)$
4. $\exists x \neg P(x) \therefore \neg P(1) \vee \neg P(2) \vee \neg P(3) \vee \neg P(4) \vee \neg P(5)$
5. $(P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(4) \wedge P(5)) \vee (\neg P(1) \vee \neg P(2) \vee \neg P(3) \vee \neg P(4) \vee \neg P(5))$

Question 47

Translate in two ways each of the statements into logical expressions using predicates, quantifiers, and logical connectives. First let the domain consist of the students in your class, and second let the domain consist of all people.

1. Everyone in your class has a cellular phone.
2. Somebody in your class has seen a foreign movie.
3. There is a person in your class who cannot swim.
4. All students in your class can solve quadratic equations.

Solution:

1.

\mathbf{U} = students in your class
 $C(x)$ be "x has a cellular phone"
 $\forall x C(x)$

\mathbf{U} = all people
 $S(x)$ be "x is a student in your class"
 $C(x)$ be "x has a cellular phone"
 $\forall x (S(x) \rightarrow C(x))$

2.

$\mathbf{U} =$ students in your class
 $F(x)$ be "x has seen a foreign movie"
 $\exists x F(x)$

$\mathbf{U} =$ all people
 $S(x)$ be "x is a student in your class"
 $F(x)$ be "x has seen a foreign movie"
 $\exists x (S(x) \rightarrow F(x))$

3.

$\mathbf{U} =$ students in your class
 $S(x)$ be "x can swim"
 $\exists x \neg S(x)$

$\mathbf{U} =$ all people
 $S(x)$ be "x is a student in your class"
 $W(x)$ be "x can swim"
 $\exists x (S(x) \rightarrow \neg W(x))$

4.

$\mathbf{U} =$ students in your class
 $Q(x)$ be "x can solve quadratic equations"
 $\forall x Q(x)$

$\mathbf{U} =$ all people
 $S(x)$ be "x is a student in your class"
 $Q(x)$ be "x can solve quadratic equations"
 $\forall x (S(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$

Question 48

Express each of these statements using quantifiers. Then form the negation of the statement so that no negation is to the left of a quantifier. Next, express the negation in simple English. (Do not simply use the phrase “It is not the case that.”)

1. There is a horse that can add.
2. Every koala can climb.
3. No monkey can speak French.
4. There exists a pig that can swim and catch fish.

Solution:

1.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{U} &= \text{all horses} \\ A(x) &\text{ be "x can add"} \\ &\exists x A(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\neg \exists x A(x) \equiv \forall x \neg A(x) \quad \text{By De Morgan's Law of Quantifiers}$$

All horses cannot add

2.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{U} &= \text{all koalas} \\ C(x) &\text{ be "x can climb"} \\ &\forall x C(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\neg \forall x C(x) \equiv \exists x \neg C(x) \quad \text{By De Morgan's Law for Quantifiers}$$

There exists a koala that cannot climb

3.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{U} &= \text{all monkeys} \\ F(x) &\text{ be "x can speak French"} \\ &\neg \exists x F(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\neg (\neg \exists x F(x)) \equiv \exists x F(x) \quad \text{By De Morgan's Law for Quantifiers}$$

All monkeys cannot speak French

4.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{U} &= \text{all pigs} \\ S(x) &\text{ be "x can swim"} \\ C(x) &\text{ be "x can catch fish"} \\ &\exists x (S(x) \wedge C(x))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\neg \exists x (S(x) \wedge C(x)) &\equiv \forall x \neg (S(x) \wedge C(x)) && \text{By De Morgan's Law for Quantifiers} \\ &\equiv \forall x (\neg S(x) \vee \neg C(x)) && \text{By the First De Morgan's Law}\end{aligned}$$

All pigs cannot swim or catch fish

Question 49

Assume that the universe for x is all people and the universe for y is the set of all movies. Write the English statement using the following predicates and any needed quantifiers:

$S(x, y)$: x saw y

$L(x, y)$: x liked y

$A(y)$: y won an award

$C(y)$: y is a comedy

1. No comedy won an award.
2. Lois saw Casablanca but did not like it.
3. Some people have seen every comedy.
4. No one liked every movie he has seen.
5. Ben has never seen a movie that won an award.

Solution:

1. $\neg \exists y (C(y) \wedge A(y))$
2. $S(\text{Lois}, \text{Casablanca}) \wedge \neg L(\text{Lois}, \text{Casablanca})$
3. $\exists x \forall y (C(y) \rightarrow S(x, y))$
4. $\forall x \exists y (S(x, y) \rightarrow \neg L(x, y))$
5. $\forall y (A(y) \rightarrow \neg S(\text{Ben}, y))$

Question 50

Express each of these statements using quantifiers. Then form the negation of the statement so that no negation is to the left of a quantifier. Next, express the negation in simple English. (Do not simply use the phrase "It is not the case that.")

1. Every Ashesi student has taken some math course
2. No one knows everyone

Solution:

1.

$\mathbb{U}_x =$ all Ashesi students

$\mathbb{U}_y =$ all math courses

$T(x, y)$ be "x has taken y"

$$\forall x \exists y T(x, y)$$

$$\neg \forall x \exists y T(x, y) \equiv \exists x \forall y \neg T(x, y)$$

By De Morgan's law for quantifiers

There exists an Ashesi student who has not taken any math courses

2.

$\mathbb{U}_{x,y} =$ all people

$K(x, y)$ be "x knows y"

$$\neg \exists x \forall y K(x, y)$$

$$\neg (\neg \exists x \forall y K(x, y)) \equiv \exists x \forall y K(x, y)$$

By De Morgan's Law for quantifiers

There exists someone who knows everyone

Chapter 5

Rules of Inference

Definition 5.0.1: Argument

A sequence of statements that end with a conclusion.

Definition 5.0.2: Valid Argument

An argument is valid if the conclusion follows logically from the preceding statements. An argument form is valid no matter which specific propositions are substituted into its propositional variables, and the conclusion is true if all the premises are true.

5.1 Valid Arguments in Propositional Logic

Given the statements.

"If you have a current password, then you can log onto the network."

"You have a current password"

Therefore,

"You can log onto the network"

We can express this argument as

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ p \\ \hline \therefore q \end{array}$$

Where p is "You have a current password" and q is "You can log onto the network"

5.2 Rules of Inference

5.2.1 Modus Ponens

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ p \rightarrow q \\ \hline \therefore q \end{array}$$

5.2.2 Modus Tollens

$$\begin{array}{l} \neg q \\ p \rightarrow q \\ \hline \therefore \neg p \end{array}$$

5.2.3 Hypothetical Syllogism

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ q \rightarrow r \\ \hline \therefore p \rightarrow r \end{array}$$

5.2.4 Disjunctive Syllogism

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ \neg p \\ \hline \therefore q \end{array}$$

5.2.5 Addition

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ \hline \therefore p \vee q \end{array}$$

5.2.6 Simplification

$$\begin{array}{l} p \wedge q \\ \hline \therefore p \end{array}$$

5.2.7 Conjunction

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ q \\ \hline \therefore p \wedge q \end{array}$$

5.2.8 Resolution

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ \neg p \vee r \\ \hline \therefore q \vee r \end{array}$$

5.3 Using Rules of Inference to Build Arguments

When there are many premises several rules of inference may be needed to derive a conclusion.

For example, given the premises "It is not sunny this afternoon and it is colder than yesterday", "We will go swimming only if it is sunny", "If we do not go swimming, then we will take a canoe trip", and "If we take a canoe trip, then we will be home by sunset" showing that these premises lead to the conclusion "We will be home by sunset", will require several applications of the rules of inference.

We solve this by first translating these premises into an argument form:

Let p be "It is sunny this afternoon"

Let q be "It is colder than yesterday"

Let r be "We will go swimming"

Let s be "We will take a canoe trip"

Let t be "We will be home by sunset"

$$\begin{array}{l} \neg p \wedge q \\ r \rightarrow p \\ \neg r \rightarrow s \\ s \rightarrow t \\ \hline \therefore t \end{array}$$

We then construct the argument using the rules of inference.

	Steps	Reasons
1	$\neg p \wedge q$	Premise 1
2	$r \rightarrow p$	Premise 2
3	$\neg r \rightarrow s$	Premise 3
4	$s \rightarrow t$	Premise 4
5	$\neg p$	By Simplification from 1
6	$\neg r$	By Modus Tollens from 2 and 5
7	s	By Modus Ponens from 3 and 6
8	t	By Modus Ponens from 4 and 7

5.4 Rules of Inference for Quantified Statements

5.4.1 Universal Instantiation

This rule states that $P(c)$ is T , given the premise that $\forall xP(x)$ is T and c is an arbitrary element in the domain.

$$\frac{\forall xP(x)}{\therefore P(c)}$$

5.4.2 Universal Generalization

This rule states that $\forall xP(x)$ is T , given the premise that $P(c)$ is T for all elements c in the domain.

$$\frac{P(c) \text{ for an arbitrary } c}{\therefore \forall xP(x)}$$

5.4.3 Existential Instantiation

This rule allows us to conclude that there exists an element c for which $P(c)$ is T if $\exists xP(x)$ is T . This c is not an arbitrary element, but one for which $P(c)$ is T .

$$\frac{\exists xP(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some element } c}$$

5.4.4 Existential Generalization

This rule is used to conclude that $\exists xP(x)$ is T when a particular element c is such that $P(c) = T$

$$\frac{P(c) \text{ for some element } c}{\therefore \exists xP(x)}$$

5.4.5 Universal Modus Ponens

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \\ P(a), \text{ where } a \text{ is a particular element in the domain} \end{array}}{\therefore Q(a)}$$

5.4.6 Universal Modus Tollens

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \\ \neg Q(a), \text{ where } a \text{ is a particular element in the domain} \end{array}}{\therefore \neg P(a)}$$

5.5 Exercises

Question 51

Show that the premises "If you send me an e-mail message, then I will finish writing the program," "If you do not send me an e-mail message, then I will go to sleep early," and "If I go to sleep early, then I will wake up feeling refreshed" lead to the conclusion "If I do not finish writing the program, then I will wake up feeling refreshed."

Solution:

p : You send me an email message
 q : I will finish writing the program
 r : I will go to sleep early
 s : I will wake up feeling refreshed

Question 52

For each of these arguments, explain which rules of inference are used for each step.

1. Each of the five room-mates, Melissa, Aaron, Ralph, Veneesha and Keeshawn, has taken a course in discrete mathematics. Every student who has taken a course in discrete mathematics can take a course in algorithms. Therefore, all five room-mates can take a course in algorithms next year.
2. All movies produced by John Sayles are wonderful. John Sayles produced a movie about coal miners. Therefore, there is a wonderful movie about coal miners.
3. There is someone in this class who has been to France. Everyone who goes to France visits the Louvre. Therefore, someone in this class has visited the Louvre.

Solution:

1.

\mathbf{U}_x : All students

$D(x)$: x has taken a course in discrete mathematics

$A(x)$: x can take a course in algorithms

$$\begin{array}{l} D(\text{Melissa}) \wedge D(\text{Aaron}) \wedge D(\text{Ralph}) \wedge D(\text{Veneesha}) \wedge D(\text{Keeshawn}) \\ \forall x (D(x) \rightarrow A(x)) \\ \hline \therefore A(\text{Melissa}) \wedge A(\text{Aaron}) \wedge A(\text{Ralph}) \wedge A(\text{Veneesha}) \wedge A(\text{Keeshawn}) \end{array}$$

	Steps	Reasons
1	$D(\text{Melissa}) \wedge D(\text{Aaron}) \wedge D(\text{Ralph}) \wedge D(\text{Veneesha}) \wedge D(\text{Keeshawn})$	Premise 1
2	$\forall x (D(x) \rightarrow A(x))$	Premise 2
3	$D(\text{Melissa})$	By Simplification on 1.
4	$D(\text{Aaron})$	By Simplification on 1.
5	$D(\text{Ralph})$	By Simplification on 1.
6	$D(\text{Veneesha})$	By Simplification on 1.
7	$D(\text{Keeshawn})$	By Simplification on 1.
8	$D(\text{Melissa}) \rightarrow A(\text{Melissa})$	Universal Instantiation on 2
9	$D(\text{Aaron}) \rightarrow A(\text{Aaron})$	Universal Instantiation on 2
10	$D(\text{Ralph}) \rightarrow A(\text{Ralph})$	Universal Instantiation on 2
11	$D(\text{Veneesha}) \rightarrow A(\text{Veneesha})$	Universal Instantiation on 2
12	$D(\text{Keeshawn}) \rightarrow A(\text{Keeshawn})$	Universal Instantiation on 2
13	$A(\text{Melissa})$	By Modus Ponens on 3 and 8
14	$A(\text{Aaron})$	By Modus Ponens on 4 and 9
15	$A(\text{Ralph})$	By Modus Ponens on 5 and 10
16	$A(\text{Veneesha})$	By Modus Ponens on 6 and 11
17	$A(\text{Keeshawn})$	By Modus Ponens on 7 and 12
18	$A(\text{Melissa}) \wedge A(\text{Aaron}) \wedge A(\text{Ralph}) \wedge A(\text{Veneesha}) \wedge A(\text{Keeshawn})$	By Conjunction on 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17

2.

\mathbf{U}_m : All movies

$P(m)$: m is produced by John Sayles

$W(m)$: m is wonderful

$C(m)$: m is about coal miners

$\forall m (P(m) \rightarrow W(m))$

$\exists m (P(m) \wedge C(m))$

$\exists m (W(m) \wedge C(m))$

$\forall m (P(m) \rightarrow W(m))$

$\exists m (P(m) \wedge C(m))$

$\therefore \exists m (W(m) \wedge C(m))$

	Steps	Reasons
1	$\forall m (P(m) \rightarrow W(m))$	Premise 1
2	$\exists m (P(m) \wedge C(m))$	Premise 2
3	$P(c) \wedge C(c)$	Existential Instantiation of 2
4	$P(c) \rightarrow W(c)$	Universal Instantiation of 1
5	$P(c)$	By Simplification of 3
6	$C(c)$	By Simplification of 3
7	$W(c)$	By Modus Ponens on 5 and 4
8	$W(c) \wedge C(c)$	By Conjunction on 7 and 6
9	$\exists m (W(m) \wedge C(m))$	Existential Generalization on 8

3.

\mathbb{U}_x : All people

$C(x)$: x is someone in this class

$F(x)$: x has visited France

$L(x)$: x has visited the Louvre

$\exists x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$

$\forall x (F(x) \rightarrow L(x))$

$\exists x (C(x) \wedge L(x))$

$\exists x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$

$\forall x (F(x) \rightarrow L(x))$

$\therefore \exists x (C(x) \wedge L(x))$

	Steps	Reasons
1	$\exists x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$	Premise 1
2	$\forall x (F(x) \rightarrow L(x))$	Premise 2
3	$C(c) \wedge F(c)$	Existential Instantiation of 1
4	$F(c) \rightarrow L(c)$	Universal Instantiation of 2
5	$C(c)$	By Simplification on 3
6	$F(c)$	By Simplification on 3
7	$L(c)$	By Modus Ponens on 6 and 4
8	$C(c) \wedge L(c)$	By Conjunction on 5 and 7
9	$\exists x (C(x) \wedge L(x))$	Existential Generalization on 8

Chapter 6

Proofs

Definition 6.0.1: Proof

A valid argument that establishes the truth of a statement.

Definition 6.0.2: Theorem

A statement that can be shown to be true, using:

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Less important theorems are sometimes called **propositions**.

Definition 6.0.3: Axiom / Postulate

A statement that is assumed to be true.

Definition 6.0.4: Lemma

A less important theorem that is helpful in proving a more important theorem.

Definition 6.0.5: Corollary

A result that follows directly from a theorem.

Definition 6.0.6: Conjecture

A statement that is being proposed as a theorem to be proved. Once a conjecture is proved, it becomes a theorem.

Theorems are usually stated in the form:

$$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

Where $P(x)$ is some condition and $Q(x)$ is the conclusion.

6.1 Set Definitions

6.1.1 Natural Numbers

All numbers starting from 1. Denoted by \mathbb{N}

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4 \dots\}$$

6.1.2 Whole Numbers

All natural numbers and 0. Denoted by \mathbb{W}

$$\mathbb{W} = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots\}$$

6.1.3 Rational Numbers

Numbers that can be written in the form $\frac{x}{y}$ where $y \neq 0$. Denoted by \mathbb{Q}

6.1.4 Real Numbers

All rational and irrational numbers. (All numbers on the number line). Denoted by \mathbb{R}

6.1.5 Irrational Numbers

Numbers that cannot be written in the form $\frac{x}{y}$ where $y \neq 0$. Denoted by $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$

6.1.6 Integers

All whole numbers and negative of all natural numbers. Denoted by \mathbb{Z}

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{-\infty, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \infty\}$$

6.2 Types of Proofs

6.2.1 Direct Proof

Given the statement:

$$p \rightarrow q$$

We assume p as true and by forming a sequence of known facts, definitions and other theorems, we show that q is true.

Example 6.2.1

Question 53

Give a direct proof of the theorem "If n is an odd integer, then n^2 is an odd integer."

Solution:

Assume n is odd

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k + 1$

$n^2 = 2t + 1$ for some integer t

$$n^2 = (2k + 1)^2$$

$$n^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$$n^2 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$$

Let $r = 2k^2 + 2k$

$$n^2 = 2r + 1$$

Because k is an integer, r is an integer

6.2.2 Indirect Proof

Any proof that is not a direct proof. This includes:

- Contraposition: i.e. $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
- Contradiction: Assume p and $\neg q$ and show that this leads to a contradiction.
- Vacuous Proof: Show that p is false, and thereby show that $p \rightarrow q$ is true.

Definition 6.2.1: Even / Odd integers & Rational Numbers

An integer n is even if there exists an integer k such that $n = 2k$ and n is odd if there exists an integer k such that $n = 2k + 1$.

An integer n is even if \exists integer k such that $n = 2k$.

An integer n is odd if \exists integer k such that $n = 2k + 1$.

A real number x is rational if \exists integers p, q with $q \neq 0$, such that $x = \frac{p}{q}$.

6.2.3 Proofs of Equivalence

To prove a theorem is a biconditional statement, that is $p \leftrightarrow q$, we must prove both $p \rightarrow q$ and $q \rightarrow p$ are both true.

Example 6.2.2

Question 54

Prove the theorem "If n is an integer, then n is odd if and only if n^2 is odd".

Proof: To prove $p \leftrightarrow q$ where p is " n is odd" and q is " n^2 is odd", we must prove $p \rightarrow q$ and $q \rightarrow p$ separately.

First I will use a direct proof to prove $p \rightarrow q$.

Assume that p is true.

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ n = 2k + 1$.

For n^2 to be odd

$$\exists t \in \mathbb{Z} \ n^2 = 2t + 1$$

$$n = 2k + 1$$

$$n^2 = (2k + 1)^2$$

$$= 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$$= 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$$

$$\text{Let } t = 2k^2 + 2k$$

$$= 2t + 1$$

Where t is an integer because it is made up of the sum of integers 2 and k .
Hence if n is odd then n^2 is odd.

Next I will use a proof by contraposition to prove $q \rightarrow p$.

The contraposition of $q \rightarrow p$ is $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$, i.e If n is even then, n^2 is even.

Assume that $\neg p$ is true.

Then $\exists f \in \mathbb{Z} \ n = 2f$.

For n^2 to be even

$$\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ n^2 = 2j$$

$$n = 2f$$

$$n^2 = 4f^2$$

$$= 2(2f^2)$$

$$\text{Let } j = 2f^2$$

$$= 2j$$

Where j is an integer because it is made up of the product of integers 2 and f^2 .
 \therefore if n is even then, n^2 is even.

Hence If n^2 is odd, then n is odd.

Hence if n is an integer, then n is odd if and only if n^2 is odd



6.3 Exercises

Note:-

Using a direct proof is difficult if the consequence is a function of the premise. In such cases, an indirect proof is used.

Question 55

Prove that the sum of two rational numbers is rational.

Proof: We will show with a direct proof that, if a and b are rational numbers, then $a + b$ is a rational number.

Assume that a and b are rational numbers.

Then there exist integers p, q, r , and s with $q \neq 0$ and $s \neq 0$ such that $a = \frac{p}{q}$ and $b = \frac{r}{s}$.

For $a + b$ to be rational

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= \frac{p}{q} + \frac{r}{s} \\ &= \frac{ps + qr}{qs} \end{aligned}$$

Let $t = qr + ps$ and $u = qs$

$$= \frac{t}{u}$$

Where $u \neq 0$ and t and u are integers. We can conclude t and u are integers because q, r, p, s are integers. And $u \neq 0$ because it is the product of two integers q and s which are both nonzero $\therefore a + b$ is rational Hence if a and b are rational numbers, then $a + b$ is a rational number. ☺

Question 56

Prove that if n is an integer and $3n + 2$ is odd then n is odd.

Proof: We will show with a contrapositive proof that, if n is an integer and $3n + 2$ is odd then n is odd.

Therefore let p be the statement " $3n + 2$ is odd" and q be the statement " n is odd". i.e. $p \rightarrow q$
Therefore the contrapositive will be

$$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$$

" If n is even then, $3n + 2$ is even "

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k$

$$\begin{aligned} 3n + 2 &= 3(2k) + 2 \\ &= 6k + 2 \\ &= 2(3k + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Let $t = 3k + 1$

$$= 2t$$

Since $3, k$ and 1 are integers t is an integer.

$\therefore 3k + 1$ is even

Hence if n is even then $3n + 2$ is even.



Question 57

Give a proof by contradiction of the theorem "If $3n + 2$ is odd, then n is odd"

Proof: Let p be " $3n + 2$ is odd" and q be " n is odd". To construct a proof by contradiction, we need to show that $p \wedge \neg q \equiv F$. i.e. $3n + 2$ is odd and n is even.

First we must assume both $\neg q$ and p are T

Because n is even $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} n = 2k$

$$\begin{aligned} 3n + 2 &= 3(2k) + 2 \\ &= 6k + 2 \\ &= 2(3k + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } t = 3k + 1$$

$$= 2t$$

Since 3, k and 1 are integers t is an integer.

Since $3n + 2$ can be written in the form $2t$ where t is an integer, $3n + 2$ is even.

We now have $3n + 2$ to be both even and odd ($p \wedge \neg p$). This is a contradiction.

\therefore If $3n + 2$ is odd, then n is odd.



Question 58

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

Proof: If a and b are even then $a + b$ is even

We assume that a and b are even

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} a = 2k$ and $\exists t \in \mathbb{Z} b = 2t$

For $a + b$ to be even

$$a + b = 2z$$

Where z is an integer

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= 2k + 2t \\ &= 2(k + t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } z = k + t$$

$$= 2z$$

Since z is the sum of two integers k and t , z is an integer

Hence if a and b are even then $a + b$ is even.



Question 59

Prove that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational by giving a proof by contradiction

Proof: Let p be " $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational".

We assume $\neg p$ is true, i.e. " $\sqrt{2}$ is rational".

Then there exists integers q and r , where $q \neq 0$ and r and q have no common factors, such that $\sqrt{2} = \frac{r}{q}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{2} &= \frac{r}{q} \\ 2 &= \frac{r^2}{q^2} \\ 2q^2 &= r^2\end{aligned}$$

By the definition of an even integer it follows that r^2 is even.

If r^2 is even then r must also be even.

Then $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z} r = 2c$.

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}2q^2 &= (2c)^2 \\ 2q^2 &= 4c^2 \\ q^2 &= 2c^2\end{aligned}$$

Giving us q^2 to be even by the definition of an even integer, therefore q must also be even.
Leaving us with

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{r}{q}$$

Where r and q are both even and divisible by 2.

The statement $\sqrt{2} = \frac{r}{q}$, where r and q have no common factors implies that 2 does not divide both r and q . This leaves us with the contradiction 2 divides r and p and 2 does not divide r and p , meaning $\neg p$ must be false. Therefore the statement p must be true.



Question 60

Prove that if n is an integer and n^2 is odd, then n is odd.

Proof: I will use a proof by contraposition.

The statement is in the form $p \rightarrow q$ where p is " n^2 is odd" and q is " n is odd".

$$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$$

If n is even, then n^2 is even.

Assume n is even.

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} n = 2k$ For n^2 to be even:

$$\begin{aligned}\exists t \in \mathbb{Z} n^2 &= 2t \\ 56\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &= 2k \\
 n^2 &= 4k^2 \\
 &= 2(4k^2) \\
 \text{Let } t &= 4k^2 \\
 &= 2t
 \end{aligned}$$

Since t is made up of integers 4 and k^2 t is an integer.
Hence If n is an integer and n^2 odd, then n is odd.



Question 61

Prove that if $m + n$ and $n + p$ are even integers, where m , n , and p are integers, then $m + p$ is even.

Proof: I will use a direct proof to prove that if $m + n$ and $n + p$ are even, then $m + p$ is even.
Assume $m + n$ and $n + p$ are even.
Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} m + n = 2k$.
Then $\exists z \in \mathbb{Z} n + p = 2z$.

For $m + p$ to be even

$$\exists v \in \mathbb{Z} m + p = 2v$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m + n &= 2k \\
 m &= 2k - n \\
 n + p &= 2z \\
 p &= 2z - n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m + p &= (2k - n) + (2z - n) \\
 &= 2k + 2z - 2 \\
 &= 2(k + z - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } v &= k + z - 1 \\
 &= 2v
 \end{aligned}$$

Since v is made up of integers k , z and -1 v is an integer.
Hence if $m + n$ and $n + p$ are even, then $m + p$ is even



Question 62

Show that if n is an integer and $n^3 + 5$ is odd, then n is even using

1. A proof by contraposition
2. A proof by contradiction

Proof: 1. The contraposition of the statement if $n^3 + 5$ is odd, then n is even, is If n is odd, then $n^3 + 5$ is even.

Assume n is odd.

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ n = 2k + 1$.

For $n^3 + 5$ to be even then

$$\exists z \in \mathbb{Z} \ n^3 + 5 = 2z$$

$$\begin{aligned} n^3 + 5 &= (2k + 1)^3 + 5 \\ &= 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 6 \\ &= 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } z &= 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 3 \\ &= 2z \end{aligned}$$

Since z is made up of integers z is an integer.

\therefore If n is odd, then $n^3 + 5$ is even

Hence if $n^3 + 5$ is odd, then n is even.

2. The contradiction of the conditional statement will be in the form $p \wedge \neg q$, i.e. $n^3 + 5$ is odd and n is odd.

Assume that both p and $\neg q$ are T .

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ n = 2k + 1$.

For $n^3 + 5$ to be odd

$$\exists v \in \mathbb{Z} \ n^3 + 5 = 2v + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} n^3 + 5 &= (2k + 1)^3 + 5 \\ &= 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 6 \\ &= 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } v &= 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 3 \\ &= 2v \end{aligned}$$

Since v is made up of the sum of products of integers v is an integer.

Since $n^3 + 5$ can be expressed in the form $\exists v \in \mathbb{Z} \ 2v$, this implies that $n^3 + 5$ is even. This contradicts with my assumption that $n^3 + 5$ is odd, $\therefore p \wedge \neg q$ is F .

Hence if $n^3 + 5$ is odd, then n is even.

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Question 63

Prove that if n is a positive integer, then n is odd if and only if $5n + 6$ is odd.

Proof: To prove this biconditional statement we have to express it in the form $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

First I will use a direct proof to prove $p \rightarrow q$, i.e. If n is odd, then $5n + 6$ is odd.

Assume n is odd.

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ n = 2k + 1$.

For $5n + 6$ to be odd

$$\exists z \in \mathbb{Z} \ 5n + 6 = 2z + 1$$

$$5n + 6 = 5(2k + 1) + 6$$

$$= 10k + 10 + 6$$

$$= 2(5k + 5) + 6$$

$$\text{Let } z = 5k + 5$$

$$= 2z + 1$$

Since z is made up of integers 5 and k , z is an integer.

Hence if n is odd, then $5n + 6$ is odd.

Next I will use a proof by contraposition to prove $q \rightarrow p$, i.e. If $5n + 6$ is odd, then n is odd.

The contraposition of this statement is $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$, i.e. If n is even, then $5n + 6$ is even.

Assume n to be even.

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ n = 2k$.

For $5n + 6$ to be even

$$\exists v \in \mathbb{Z} \ 5n + 6 = 2v$$

$$5n + 6 = 5(2k) + 6$$

$$= 10k + 6$$

$$= 2(5k + 3)$$

$$\text{Let } v = 5k + 3$$

$$= 2v$$

Since v is made up of integers 5, k , and 3 v is an integer.

\therefore If n is even, then $5n + 6$ is even.

Hence, If $5n + 6$ is odd, then n is odd.

Hence, if n is a positive integer, then n is odd if and only if $5n + 6$ is odd.



Question 64

Use a proof by contraposition to show that if $x + y \geq 2$, where x and y are real numbers then $x \geq 1$ or $y \geq 1$

Proof: The contraposition of the statement If $x + y \geq 2$, then $x \geq 1$ or $y \geq 1$, in the form $p \rightarrow q$, is $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$, i.e. If $x < 1$ and $y < 1$, then $x + y < 2$.

Assume $x < 1$ and $y < 1$ is T

$$(x < 1) + (y < 1) = x + y < 2$$

\therefore If $x < 1$ and $y < 1$, then $x + y < 2$

Hence if $x + y \geq 2$, then $x \geq 1$ or $y \geq 1$

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Question 65

Prove that if m and n are integers and mn is even, then m is even or n is even.

Proof: I will prove this using contraposition. The contraposition of the statement If mn is even, then m is even or n is even, in the form $p \rightarrow q$, is $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$, I.e. If m is odd and n is odd, then mn is odd.

Assume m is odd and n is odd is T .

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} (m = 2k + 1)$ and $\exists t \in \mathbb{Z} (n = 2t + 1)$

For mn to be odd

$$\exists v \in \mathbb{Z} (mn = 2v + 1)$$

$$mn = (2k + 1) \times (2t + 1)$$

$$= 4kt + 2k + 2t + 1$$

$$= 2(2kt + k + t) + 1$$

$$\text{Let } v = 2kt + k + t$$

$$= 2v + 1$$

Since v is the sum of products of integers 2, v , and 1, v is an integer

\therefore If m is odd and n is odd, then mn is odd.

Hence if mn is even, then m is even or n is even.

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