

MTH-684 Logic  
Assignment (2): Propositional Logic

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## 2-3

**Note:** I've only managed to edit part (a).

**a.**

*Proof.*

Let  $A$  be a truth assignment function and  $[[.]]^A$  be its corresponding interpretation function under which  $(\Gamma_1 \models \phi) = (\Gamma_2 \models \psi) = \top$ .

We now want to show that  $(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \models \phi \wedge \psi) = \top$  under the same interpretation function  $[[.]]^A$ .

So suppose that all formulas in  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$  interpret to  $\top$  under  $[[.]]^A$ .

Because all formulas in  $\Gamma_1$  are  $\top$  and  $\Gamma_1 \models \phi$ , we have  $\phi = \top$ .

And because all formulas in  $\Gamma_2$  are  $\top$  and  $\Gamma_2 \models \psi$ , we have  $\psi = \top$ .

Finally, from the definition of logical conjunction:  $\phi \wedge \psi = \top \iff \phi = \psi = \top$ , we conclude that  $\phi \wedge \psi = \top$ .

□

**b.**

*Proof.*

Let  $T_4 = T_1 \cup T_2 \cup T_3$ .

Suppose all WFFs in  $T_4$  are true, then all WFFs in  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ , and  $T_3$  are true.

From  $T_1 \models \phi$ , we conclude that  $\phi \vee \psi$  is true. We have 3 cases:

1.  $\phi = \top$  and  $\psi = \perp$ :

In this case, all WFFs in  $T_2 \cup \{\phi\}$  are true.

From  $T_2 \cup \{\phi\} \models \zeta$ , we conclude that  $\zeta$  is true.

2.  $\phi = \perp$  and  $\psi = \top$ :

In this case, all WFFs in  $T_3 \cup \{\psi\}$  are true.

From  $T_3 \cup \{\psi\} \models \zeta$ , we conclude that  $\zeta$  is true.

3.  $\phi = \top$  and  $\psi = \top$ :

Using either case 1 or 2, it is clear that  $\zeta$  is true.

Therefore, we conclude that  $T_4 = T_1 \cup T_2 \cup T_3 \models \zeta$ .

□

**c.**

*Proof.*

We want to show that  $T_1 \models (\phi \implies \psi)$  is true, so we assume  $T_1$  and attempt to show that  $\phi \implies \psi$  holds.

Next, to show that  $\phi \implies \psi$ , we assume  $\phi$  and attempt to show that  $\psi$  holds.

Putting our assumptions together:  $T_1$  and  $\phi$  are true. Therefore, all WFFs in  $T_1 \cup \{\phi\}$  are true.

From  $T_1 \cup \{\phi\} \models \psi$ , we conclude that  $\psi$  is true.

Therefore,  $T_1 \models (\phi \implies \psi)$  as desired.

□

**d.**

*Proof.* (By Contradiction)

Suppose  $T_1 \cup T_2$  is true.

For the sake of contradiction, suppose that  $\phi$  is true.

From  $T_1 \cup \{\phi\} \models \psi$ , we conclude that  $\psi$  is true.

From  $T_2 \cup \{\phi\} \models \neg\psi$ , we conclude that  $\neg\psi$  is true.

But then we have:  $\psi \wedge \neg\psi$  is true. This is a contradiction.

Therefore, we must conclude that:  $T_1 \cup T_2 \models \neg\phi$ .

□