

Assignment 1 \*1910

**#1. (10 marks) Which of the following are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions?**

**(a)  $(2 + 2 = 4)$**  is a proposition because the truth value can be either true or false and is typically a declarative sentence; thus, in this case the proposition is true because  $2 + 2$  does equal 4.

**(b) ( Thursday is a day of the week )** is a proposition because the truth value can be either true or false and in this case the proposition is true because in fact Thursday is a day of the week.

**(c)  $[(x)^{1/2} + 5 = 10]$**  is not a proposition because the value of  $x$  is not known; therefore, since the value of  $x$  is not known,  $x$  would be considered as a 'free variable' which means that the statement's truth value cannot be determined.

**(d) ( If pigs fly, then I can fly )** is a proposition because the statement is either true or false even though the statement seems absurd; however, in this case the statement is false because pigs can't fly ( $x$ ); therefore, it will be impossible for you ( $y$ ) to fly.

**(e) ( All students have finished all the textbook activities )** is a proposition because the statement has a true and false value, even though the value is a matter of opinion. In this case, the proposition is true because perhaps all students have finished all the textbooks activities.

**(f) ( Would you like some chocolate? )** is not a proposition because the statement is a question.

**(g) ( House prices will fall this year )** is a proposition because the statement has a truth value and can be either true or false, although nobody knows which. In this case, the proposition is true because house prices usually rise higher every year.

**#2. (10 marks) Let  $p$  be the proposition "She was a tennis player", let  $q$  be the proposition "She practiced every day" and let  $r$  be "She won many tennis tournaments". Translate the following into propositional expressions:**

**(a)**  $p \wedge q$

**(b)**  $r \leftrightarrow q$

**(c)**  $r \wedge \neg q$

(d)  $r \rightarrow q$

(e)  $(p \wedge \neg q) \wedge r$

**#3. (10 marks) How many rows appear in the truth table for each of the following compound propositions?**

(a) 4 ( $2^2 = 4$ )

(b) 16 ( $2^4 = 16$ )

(c) 8 ( $2^3 = 8$ )

**#4. (10 marks) Construct truth tables for each of the following compound propositions:**

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

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

(b)  $(p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee r)$

p	q	r	$\neg q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$(\neg q \vee r)$	$(p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee r)$
T	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	T	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	F	F	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	F	T	F

**#5. (10 marks) Using the laws of propositional logic, show that the following are logically equivalent:**

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

$(\neg p \vee q) \vee (\neg p \vee r)$	Conditional identities
$(\neg p \vee (q \vee \neg p)) \vee r$	Associative law
$(\neg p \vee (\neg p \vee q)) \vee r$	Commutative law
$(\neg p \vee \neg p) \vee (q \vee r)$	Associative law
$\neg p \vee (q \vee r)$	Idempotent law
$p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$	Conditional identities

**(b)**  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \equiv T$

$\neg(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \vee q)$	Conditional identities
$(\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (\neg p \vee q)$	De Morgan's Law
$\neg p \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee q$	Associative law
$(\neg p \vee \neg p) \vee (\neg q \vee q)$	Associative law
$\neg p \vee T$	Idempotent law
$T$	Domination law

**#6. (10 marks) The domain for the variable x is the set of all positive integers. The predicates P and Q are defined as follows:**

**P(x): x is odd**

**Q(x): x is divisible by 4**

**Indicate whether each quantified statement is true or false and explain:**

**(a)**  $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  is false because when one were to translate this statement into English, at least there is an x value that is odd and divisible by 4, therefore there isn't an x value that is odd and divisible by 4 (ex, 7, 3, 13, 21 etc.).

**(b)**  $\exists x (\neg P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$  is true because if one were to translate this statement to English, at least there is an x value that is not odd (even) and not divisible by 4, therefore there exists an x value that would make this statement true (ex, 6).

**(c)**  $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x))$  is true because this statement means that all for all x values, if x is an odd number then x is not divisible by 4, (ex, 7, 41, 9 etc.).

**#7. (10 marks) Which of the following are propositions? Explain why.**

(a)  $\forall x P(x)$  is a proposition because there are no free variables, and only the universal quantifier is bounded by  $x$ , which therefore means that the statement's truth value can be determined.

(b)  $\forall x P(x) \vee Q(x)$  is not a proposition because a free variable exists and can take on any value in the domain, the universal quantifier is bounded with  $x$  and  $P(x)$ , however  $Q(x)$  is still remaining.

(c)  $\exists x P(x) \vee Q(x)$  is not a proposition because a free variable exists and can take on any value in the domain, the existential quantifier is bounded with  $x$  and  $P(x)$ , however  $Q(x)$  is still remaining.

(d)  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$  is a proposition because there are no free variables due to the fact that the universal quantifier and the existential quantifier are both bounded by  $x$  and  $y$ , which therefore means that the statement's truth value can be determined.

**#8. (10 marks) Express the following in predicate logic using predicates, quantifiers and logical operators. State the domain of values and the predicates.**

(a) Everybody plays Super Mario.

**$x$  is the domain of all people**

**$M(x)$ :  $x$  plays Super Mario**

$$\forall x M(x)$$

(b) Someone finished all the levels of the game.

**$x$  is the domain of all players**

**$y$  is the domain of levels**

**$G(x, y)$  :  $x$  finished  $y$  Levels**

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

(c) At least two players passed level 5.

**x is the domain of all players passed**

**y is the domain of players passed**

**P(x) : player x passed level 5**

$$\exists x \exists y (P(x) \wedge P(y) \wedge (x \neq y))$$

**(d)** There is exactly one level that all players cannot pass.

**x is the domain of levels**

**y is the domain of all players**

**L(x, y): x level that y player pass**

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

**#9. (10 marks) Use De Morgan's law for quantified statements and the laws of propositional logic to show the following equivalences**

**(a)**  $\neg \forall x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x)) \equiv \exists x (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x))$

$$\exists x \neg (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x)) \quad \text{De Morgan's Law of Quantified Statements}$$

$$\exists x (\neg P(x) \vee \neg \neg Q(x)) \quad \text{De Morgan's law}$$

$$\exists x (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x)) \quad \text{Double Negation law}$$

**(b)**  $\neg \forall x (\neg P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x (\neg P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$

$$\exists x \neg (\neg P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \quad \text{De Morgan's Law of Quantified Statements}$$

$$\exists x \neg (\neg \neg P(x) \vee Q(x)) \quad \text{Conditional identities}$$

$$\exists x \neg (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \quad \text{Double Negation law}$$

$$\exists x (\neg P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x)) \quad \text{De Morgan's law}$$

**(c)**  $\neg \exists x (\neg P(x) \vee (Q(x) \wedge \neg R(x))) \equiv \forall x (P(x) \wedge (\neg Q(x) \vee R(x)))$

$$\forall x \neg (\neg P(x) \vee (Q(x) \wedge \neg R(x))) \quad \text{De Morgan's Law of Quantified Statements}$$

$$\forall x (\neg \neg P(x) \wedge \neg (Q(x) \wedge \neg R(x))) \quad \text{De Morgan's law}$$

$$\forall x (P(x) \wedge (\neg Q(x) \vee \neg \neg R(x))) \quad \text{De Morgan's law and Double Negation law}$$

$$\forall x (P(x) \wedge (\neg Q(x) \vee R(x))) \quad \text{Double Negation law}$$

**#10. (10 marks)** The domain for the variables  $x$  and  $y$  are the set of musicians in an orchestra. The predicates  $S$ ,  $B$ , and  $P$  are defined as:

$S(x)$ :  $x$  plays a string instrument

$B(x)$ :  $x$  plays a brass instrument

$P(x, y)$ :  $x$  practices more than  $y$

Give a quantified expression that is equivalent to the following English statements:

**(a)** Someone in the orchestra plays a string instrument and a brass instrument.

$$\exists x ( S(x) \wedge B(x) )$$

**(b)** There is a brass player who practices more than all the string players.

$$\exists x [ B(x) \wedge \forall y (S(y) \rightarrow P(x, y)) ]$$

**(c)** All the string players practice more than all the brass players.

$$\forall x \forall y [ S(x) \wedge B(y) \rightarrow P(x, y) ]$$

**(d)** Exactly one person practices more than Sam.

$$\exists x \forall y [ P(x, \text{sam}) \wedge (P(y, \text{sam}) \rightarrow (y = x)) ]$$

**(e)** Sam practices more than anyone else in the orchestra.

$$\forall x [ P(\text{sam}, x) \wedge \neg P(\text{sam}, \text{sam}) ]$$