

Knowledge Check: Propositional Logic

TOTAL POINTS 3

1. Which propositional formula can be considered well-formed?

1 / 1 point

☒ $(\neg(p \rightarrow (q \wedge p)))$ ☐ $(\neg(\odot(q \vee p)))$ ☐ $(\neg(p \rightarrow (q = p)))$ ☐ $\vee pq$

✓ **Correct**

Correct! In this formula, p and q are atoms, so they are considered well-formed formulas. As a result, their conjunction is also well formed. Similarly, “ p implies the conjunction” is also well-formed, as the implication is a binary connective between two well-formed formulas. Finally, the negation of a well-formed formula is itself a well-formed formula.

2. Consider a propositional language where p means “Paola is happy”, q means “Paola paints a picture”, and r means “Renzo is happy”. Which expression formalizes the sentence “Paola is happy only if she paints a picture”?

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☐ $p \wedge q \rightarrow \neg r$ ☐ $p \rightarrow \neg q$ ☒ $\neg(p \wedge \neg q)$ ☐ $\neg p \vee \neg q$

✓ **Correct**

Correct! This option expresses the same meaning as the given sentence (which is essentially $p \rightarrow q$).

3. Assuming that the binding priority is \neg , \wedge , \vee , \rightarrow , how many distinct subformulas are there in “ $p \rightarrow (\neg p \vee (\neg \neg q \rightarrow (p \wedge q)))$ ”?

- ☐ 10
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☒ 9



Correct

Correct! Drawing out the parse tree of the formula can help to demonstrate that p , $\neg p$, q , $\neg q$, $\neg\neg q$, $(p \wedge q)$, $\neg\neg q \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$, $\neg p \vee (\neg\neg q \rightarrow (p \wedge q))$ and $p \rightarrow (\neg p \vee (\neg\neg q \rightarrow (p \wedge q)))$ are all subformulas.