p15: 11-(a) Show, using Proposition 1.14 and 1.17, that the statement form  $((\neg(p \lor (\neg q))) \to (q \to r))$  is logically equivalent to each of the following.

(a) 
$$((\neg(q \to p)) \to ((\neg q) \lor r))$$

..... Recall that:

**Proposition 1.14**: If  $\mathscr{B}_1$  is a statement form arising from the statement form  $\mathscr{A}$  by substituting the statement form  $\mathscr{B}$  for one or more occurrences of the statement form  $\mathscr{A}$  in  $\mathscr{A}_1$ , and if  $\mathscr{B}$  is logically equivalent to  $\mathscr{A}_1$ , then  $\mathscr{B}_1$  is logically equivalent to  $\mathscr{A}_1$ .

**Proposition 1.17 (De Morgan's Laws)**: Let  $\mathscr{A}_1, \mathscr{A}_2, \cdots \mathscr{A}_n$  be any statement forms. Then:

- 1.  $(\bigvee_{i=1}^n (\neg \mathscr{A}_i))$  is logically equivalent to  $(\neg (\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \mathscr{A}_i))$ .
- 2.  $(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n (\neg \mathscr{A}_i))$  is logically equivalent to  $(\neg(\bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathscr{A}_i))$ .

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## Your answer:

Let

$$\varphi = ((\neg (p \lor (\neg q))) \to (q \to r))$$
 and  $\chi = ((\neg (q \to p)) \to ((\neg q) \lor r)).$ 

It suffices to show that if  $\neg(p \lor (\neg q))$  is logically equivalent to  $(\neg(q \to p))$ , and  $(q \to r)$  is logically equivalent to  $(\neg q) \lor r$ , then  $\varphi$  is logically equivalent to  $\chi$  according to **Prop. 1.14**.

But it is easy to check, say, using truth table, that

$$\neg (p \lor (\neg q)) \leftrightarrow (\neg (q \to p)) \quad \text{and} \quad (q \to r) \leftrightarrow (\neg q) \lor r)$$

are tautologies, which means that  $(\neg(p \lor (\neg q)))$  and  $(\neg(q \to p))$ ,  $(q \to r)$  and  $(\neg q) \lor r)$  are logically equivalent, respectively.