

Logic Tutorial 2

1. An Exercise taken from Year 1 Logic – with my thanks to Prof. Ian Hodkinson

Consider a set of objects labelled A, B, C, ... placed on a 3*3 grid, and the following atomic formulas talking about the objects:

[x next-to y] means (that is, it is true if) x and y are adjacent (horizontally or vertically, but not diagonally);

[x sees y] means x and y are in the same row or the same column;

[x left-of y] means x is in a column to the left of the column of y;

[x above y] means x is in a row above the row of y.

(a) For the placements shown in figure below, which of the following evaluate to true, and why?

- i. $[A \text{ sees } B] \leftrightarrow [B \text{ sees } C]$
- ii. $[B \text{ next-to } D] \vee [B \text{ next-to } E]$
- iii. $\neg ([A \text{ left-of } F] \wedge [F \text{ above } A])$
- iv. $\neg ([E \text{ left-of } D] \rightarrow \neg [D \text{ next-to } C]) \rightarrow \neg [A \text{ sees } E]$
- v. $([E \text{ sees } D] \vee [F \text{ sees } E]) \rightarrow \neg ([B \text{ above } E] \leftrightarrow [B \text{ next-to } C])$

A		D
C	F	B
	E	

(b) Place the 6 objects A, ... , F on the grid so that all the formulas above are true.

2. For each of the following determine if it is a tautology, inconsistency or contingency by drawing the truth table.

a. $P \wedge (P \vee Q)$

d. $(P \wedge (Q \vee P)) \leftrightarrow P$

b. $(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)$

e. $(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\neg P \vee Q)$

c. $Q \wedge \neg P \wedge (P \vee (Q \rightarrow P))$

f. $((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (R \rightarrow S) \wedge (P \vee R)) \rightarrow (Q \vee S)$