

NYU Computer Science Bridge HW2

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Question 5:

a) Solve the following questions from the Discrete Math zyBook:

1. Exercise 1.12.2, sections b, e

b.

$$\frac{p \rightarrow (q \wedge r) \quad \neg q}{\therefore \neg p}$$

1. $\neg q$ Hypothesis
2. $\neg q \vee \neg r$ Addition, 1
3. $\neg(q \wedge r)$ De Morgan, 2
4. $p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$ Hypothesis
5. $\neg p$ Modus tollens, 3 4

e.

$$\frac{p \vee q \quad \neg p \vee r \quad \neg q}{\therefore r}$$

1. $p \vee q$ Hypothesis
2. $\neg p \vee r$ Hypothesis
3. $q \vee r$ Resolution, 1 2
4. $\neg q$ Hypothesis
5. r Disjunctive Syllogism, 3 4

Exercise 1.12.3, section c

$$\frac{p \vee q \quad \neg p}{\therefore q}$$

1. $p \vee q$ Hypothesis
2. $\neg(\neg p) \vee q$ Double Negation
3. $\neg p \rightarrow q$ Conditional Identity, 2
4. $\neg p$ Hypothesis
5. q Modus Ponens, 3 4

Exercise 1.12.5, section c

I will buy a new car and a new house only if I get a job.
 I am not going to get a job.

 \therefore I will not buy a new car.

c: I will buy a new car
 h: I will buy a new house
 j: I get a job

$$\frac{(c \wedge h) \rightarrow j \quad \neg j}{\therefore \neg c}$$

Argument is not valid. When both hypotheses are true the conclusion is false: $c = \text{True}$, h and $j = \text{False}$

Exercise 1.12.5, section d

I will buy a new car and a new house only if I get a job.
 I am not going to get a job.
 I will buy a new house.

 \therefore I will not buy a new car.

c: I will buy a new car
 h: I will buy a new house
 j: I get a job

$$\frac{j \rightarrow (c \wedge h) \quad \neg j \quad h}{\therefore \neg c}$$

The argument is valid

1. $(c \wedge h) \rightarrow j$ Hypothesis
2. $\neg(c \wedge h) \vee j$ Conditional Identity
3. $j \vee \neg(c \wedge h)$ Commutative law, 2
4. $\neg j$ Hypothesis
5. $\neg(c \wedge h)$ Disjunctive Syllogism, 3 4
6. $\neg c \vee \neg h$ De Morgans, 5
7. $\neg h \vee \neg c$ Commutative
8. h Hypothesis
9. $\neg \neg h$ Double Negation
10. $\neg c$ Disjunctive Syllogism, 7 9

b)

Exercise 1.13.3, section b

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x)) \\ \exists x \neg Q(x) \end{array}}{\therefore \exists x \neg P(x)}$$

	P	Q
a	F	T
b	F	F

When $x = a$ $\exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$ is true and when $x = b$ $\exists x \neg Q(x)$ is also true, but $\exists x P(x)$ is false proving it is not valid

Exercise 1.13.5, section d

Every student who missed class got a detention.
 Penelope is a student in the class.
 Penelope did not miss class.

 \therefore Penelope did not get a detention

$M(x)$: x missed class
 $D(x)$: x got a detention

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \forall x(M(x) \rightarrow D(x)) \\ \text{Penelope is a student in the class} \\ \neg M(\text{Penelope}) \end{array}}{\therefore \neg D(\text{Penelope})}$$

The argument is invalid. If $M(\text{Penelope})$ is false and $D(\text{Penelope})$ is true, then the hypothesis are true and conclusion is false.

Exercise 1.13.5, section e

Every student who missed class or got a detention did not get an A.
 Penelope is a student in the class.
 Penelope got an A.

 \therefore Penelope did not get a detention

$M(x)$: x missed class
 $A(x)$: x got an A
 $D(x)$: x got a detention

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \forall x(M(x) \vee D(x)) \rightarrow A(x) \\
 \text{Penelope is a student in the class} \\
 A(\text{Penelope}) \\
 \hline
 \therefore \neg D(\text{Penelope})
 \end{array}$$

1.	Penelope is a student in the class	Hypothesis
2.	$\forall x(M(x) \vee D(x)) \rightarrow \neg A(x)$	Hypothesis
3.	$M(\text{Penelope}) \vee D(\text{Penelope}) \rightarrow \neg A(\text{Penelope})$	Universal Instantiation
4.	$A(\text{Penelope})$	Hypothesis
5.	$\neg(\neg A(\text{Penelope}))$	Double negation, 4
6.	$\neg(M(\text{Penelope}) \vee D(\text{Penelope}))$	Modus Tollens, 3 5
7.	$\neg M(\text{Penelope}) \wedge \neg D(\text{Penelope})$	De Morgan
8.	$\neg D(\text{Penelope}) \wedge \neg M(\text{Penelope})$	commutative
9.	$\neg D(\text{Penelope})$	simplification

Question 6:

Exercise 2.4.1, section d

The product of two odd integers is an odd integer.

Proof. Let x, y be an odd integer

□

Exercise 2.4.3, section b

If x is a real number and $x \leq 3$, then $12 - 7x + x^2 \geq 0$.

Proof. Let x be a real number $\wedge x \leq 3$

□

Question 7:

Exercise 2.5.1 section d

For every integer n, if $n^2 - 2n + 7$ is even, then n is odd

Proof. Let $t, u \in \mathbb{R}$ where $t = xy$ and $u = zw$. So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 4xyzw &= 2 \cdot 2tu \\
 &\leq 2 \cdot (t^2 + u^2) \\
 &= 2 \cdot ((xy)^2 + (zw)^2) && \text{(substituting variables)} \\
 &= 2 \cdot (x^2y^2 + z^2w^2) \\
 &= 2x^2y^2 + 2z^2w^2 \\
 &\leq ((x^2)^2 + (y^2)^2) + ((z^2)^2 + (w^2)^2) \\
 &= x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + w^4
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 2.5.4 section a

For every pair of real numbers x and y , if $x^3 + xy^2 \leq x^2y + y^3$ then $x \leq y$

Exercise 2.5.4 section b

For every pair of real numbers x and y , if $x + y > 20$

Exercise 2.5.5 section c

For every non-zero real number x , if x is irrational then $1/x$ is irrational

Question 8:

Exercise 2.6.6 sections c

The average of three real numbers is greater than or equal to at least one of the numbers.

Exercise 2.6.6 sections d

There is no smallest integer

Question 9:

Exercise 2.7.2 section b

If integers x and y have the same parity, then $x + y$ is even. The parity of a number tells whether the number is odd or even. If x and y have the same parity, they are either both even or both odd.