

Homework 5

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Abstract

In this homework, 2 methods were used to proof these equivalences

- (1) Using Contradiction .
- (2) Using Truth Table .

1 Implication elimination : $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$

Proof 1 We have the definition that $\alpha \equiv \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \models \beta$ and $\beta \models \alpha$
Prove by contradiction.

First, we proof $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \models (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$

Assume that $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \not\models (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$

Then it means that there is a set of value v s.t.

$$(1) \quad (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)^v = 1$$

$$(2) \quad (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)^v = 0$$

From (2) we can know that $\alpha^v = 1 \quad \beta^v = 0$

But from (1) we can know that if $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)^v = 1$ and $\alpha^v = 1$, then we must have $\beta^v = 1$

Contradiction!

Then we know that $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \models (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$ is correct

Second, we proof $(\neg\alpha \vee \beta) \models (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)$

Assume that $(\neg\alpha \vee \beta) \not\models (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)$

Then it means that there is a set of value v s.t.

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From (2) we can know that $\alpha^v = 1 \quad \beta^v = 0$

But from (1) we can know that if $(\neg\alpha \vee \beta)^v = 1$ and $\alpha^v = 1$, then we must have $\beta^v = 1$

Contradiction!

Then we know that $(\neg\alpha \vee \beta) \models (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)$ is correct

Above all, we know that $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$

2 Biconditional elimination : $(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$

Proof 2 We have the definition that $\alpha \equiv \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \models \beta$ and $\beta \models \alpha$
Prove by contradiction.

First, we proof $(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \models ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$

Assume that $(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \not\models ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$

Then it means that there is a set of value v s.t.

$$(1) \quad (\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta)^v = 1$$

$$(2) \quad ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))^v = 0$$

From (2) we can know that $\alpha^v = 1 \quad \beta^v = 0$ or $\alpha^v = 0 \quad \beta^v = 1$

But from (1) we can know that if $(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta)^v = 1$, then we must have $\alpha^v = \beta^v$

Contradiction!

Then we know that $(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \models ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$ is correct

Second, we proof that $((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) \models (\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta)$

Assume that $((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) \not\models (\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta)$

Then it means that there is a set of value v s.t.

$$(1) \quad ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))^v = 1$$

$$(2) \quad (\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta)^v = 0$$

From (2) we can know that $\alpha^v = 1 \quad \beta^v = 0$ or $\alpha^v = 0 \quad \beta^v = 1$

But from (1) we can know that if $((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))^v = 1$, then we must have $\alpha^v = \beta^v$

Contradiction!

Then we know that $((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) \models (\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta)$ is correct

Above all, we know that $(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$

3 De Morgan : $\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$

Proof 3 Using Truth table

α	β	$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta)$	$(\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0

Table 1: Truth table 1

4 De Morgan : $\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta)$

Proof 4 Using Truth table

α	β	$\neg(\alpha \vee \beta)$	$(\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta)$
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0

Table 2: Truth table 2

5 Distributivity of \wedge over \vee : $(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma))$

α	β	γ	$(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma))$	$((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma))$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

Table 3: Truth table 3

6 Distributivity of \vee over \wedge : $(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma))$

α	β	γ	$(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma))$	$((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma))$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

Table 4: Truth table 4