

### Assignment 1 Solution

Due: Tuesday, June 20, 2017, upload before 11:30pm

1) (5 pts.) Graded by : Sneha Balasubramanian  
Housekeeping tasks

2) (20 pts.) Graded by : Sneha Balasubramanian  
Do Exercise 31 of Chapter 1.1 (page 15).

Solution:

**A)**  $P \wedge \neg P$

p	$\neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	F	F
F	T	F

**B)**  $p \vee \neg p$

p	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$
T	F	T
F	T	T

**C)**  $(p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow q$

p	q	$\neg q$	$(p \vee \neg q)$	$(p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow q$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	F
F	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	F

**D)**  $(p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$

p	q	$p \vee q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	F	F	T

**E)**  $(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$(\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$	$(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$
T	T	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

**F)**  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$

p	q	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$(q \rightarrow p)$	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

3) (25 pts.) Do Exercises 19, 21, and 23 of Chapter 1.2 (page 23).

Graded by : Ramya Vulimiri

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be the statements such that

$p$ : A is a knight     $q$ : B is a knight

Then,  $\neg p$ : A is a knave     $\neg q$ : B is a knave

**19)** A: At least one of us is a knave    B: Nothing

Let us first consider the possibility that A is a knight; this is the statement that  $p$  is true. If A is a knight, then he is telling the truth when he says at least one of them is a knave, so the statement  $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$  is true. The only possibility consistent with our assumption  $p$  is true is that  $\neg q$  is true. So one conclusion we can draw is that **A is a knight and B is a knave**.

If A is a knave ( $\neg p$  is true), then because everything a knave says is false, A's statement that at least one of them is a knave is false, which means that neither of them are knaves (the statement  $(p \wedge q)$  is true). This is not consistent with our assumption.

**21)** A:  $\neg p \vee q$     B: Nothing

Let us first consider the possibility that A is a knight; this is the statement that  $p$  is true. If A is a knight, then the statement  $(\neg p \vee q)$  is true. That leads to 3 possibilities: (i)  $\neg p$  is true, meaning A is a knave; inconsistent with assumption. (ii)  $q$  is true, meaning B is a knight. (iii)  $\neg p$  is true and  $q$  is true: inconsistent from reasoning in (i).

If A is a knave, he lies and  $\neg(\neg p \vee q)$  is true, implying  $(p \wedge \neg q)$  is true, which means A is a knight and B is a knave, again inconsistent with our assumption that A is a knave.

**From (ii), A is a knight and B is a knight.**

**23)** A:  $\neg p \wedge \neg q$     B: Nothing

Let us first consider the possibility that A is a knight; this is the statement that  $p$  is true. If A is a knight, then the statement  $(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$  is true, which means  $\neg p$  should be true. Inconsistent.

If A is a knave ( $\neg p$  is true), the negation of his statement is true,  $\neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$  is true, that is,  $(p \vee q)$  is true. Again we have 3 possibilities, (i)  $p$  is true: Inconsistent. (ii)  $q$  is true: A is a knave and B is a knight. (iii) Both  $p$  and  $q$  are true: Inconsistent as in (i).

**Hence, A is a knave and B is a knight.**

4) (25 pts.) Graded by Rashmi Soni

Do Exercises 50 and 51 of Chapter 1.3 (page 36).

Solution:

50)

**a)**  $(p \downarrow p)$

p	$p \downarrow p$
T	F
F	T

And,  $(\neg p)$

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Since, the truth values of the compound propositions  $(p \downarrow p)$  and  $(\neg p)$  agree for all possible combinations of the truth values of p, they are logically equivalent.

**b)**  $(p \downarrow q) \downarrow (p \downarrow q)$

p	q	$p \downarrow q$	$(p \downarrow q) \downarrow (p \downarrow q)$
T	T	F	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	T	F

And,  $(p \vee q)$

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Since, the truth values of the compound propositions  $((p \downarrow q) \downarrow (p \downarrow q))$  and  $(p \vee q)$  agree for all possible combinations of the truth values of p and q, they are logically equivalent.

**c)** The set  $\{\neg, \wedge\}$  is a functionally complete collection of logical operators. Similarly, the set  $(\neg, \vee)$  is a functionally complete collection because  $\wedge$  can be defined in terms of  $\vee$  as:

$$p \wedge q \equiv \neg (\neg p \vee \neg q)$$

From the results of parts (a), (b), and Exercise 49, both  $\neg$  and  $\vee$  can be represented by  $\downarrow$  because :

$$\neg p \equiv p \downarrow p$$

$$p \vee q \equiv (p \downarrow q) \downarrow (p \downarrow q)$$

Thus, we can conclude that the set  $\{\downarrow\}$  is a functionally complete collection of logical operators.

51)

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \downarrow p$	$(p \downarrow p) \downarrow q$	$((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q) \downarrow ((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q)$
T	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	F	T

Thus, the truth values of the compound propositions  $(p \rightarrow q)$  and  $((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q) \downarrow ((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q)$  agree for all possible combinations of the truth values of  $p$  and  $q$ , they are logically equivalent.

Also using logical equivalences, we know that  $(p \rightarrow q) \equiv (\neg p \vee q) \equiv ((p \downarrow p) \vee q) \equiv ((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q) \downarrow ((p \downarrow p) \downarrow q)$