

CSC165, Winter 2015  
Assignment 1  
Sample Solutions

1. Let  $B(x)$  denotes “ $x$  plays this 2-person board game” and  $P(x, y)$  denotes “ $x$  has played this 2-person board with  $y$ ”, where the domain for variables  $x$  and  $y$  consists of all students in your class.

**Questions:**

- Express each of the following sentences in logical notation. Define all sets and predicate symbols that you use in the logical expressions.
- Write the negation of each of the sentences in English and in logical form. Simplifying the logical sentences so that only predicates are negated.

*Solution:* Let  $C$  denotes the set of all students in your class.

- (a) [4 Marks] If Carol and Dan play this 2-person board game, then they have played it with each other.

(**Hint:** note that  $P(x, y)$  only expresses that  $x$  has played with  $y$ ; this does **not** necessarily mean that  $y$  has played with  $x$ ).

$$B(\text{Carol}) \wedge B(\text{Dan}) \Rightarrow P(\text{Carol}, \text{Dan}) \wedge P(\text{Dan}, \text{Carol}).$$

**Negation:** Carol and Dan play this 2-person board game, but they have not played it with each other.

$$B(\text{Carol}) \wedge B(\text{Dan}) \wedge (\neg P(\text{Carol}, \text{Dan}) \vee \neg P(\text{Dan}, \text{Carol})).$$

- (b) [3 Marks] No one in the class has played this 2-person board game with Bob.

$$\forall x \in C, \neg P(x, \text{Bob}).$$

**Negation:** Someone in the class has played this 2-person board game with Bob.

$$\exists x \in C, P(x, \text{Bob}).$$

- (c) [3 Marks] Someone in your class does not play this 2-person board game.

$$\exists x \in C, \neg B(x).$$

**Negation:** All people in your class play this 2-person board game.

$$\forall x \in C, B(x).$$

- (d) [5 Marks] Everyone in your class who plays this 2-person board game has played the game with at least one other student in your class.

$$\forall x \in C, B(x) \Rightarrow (\exists y \in C, (x \neq y) \wedge P(x, y)).$$

**Negation:** Someone in your class plays this 2-person board game, but has not played it with other student in the class.

$$\exists x \in C, B(x) \wedge (\forall y \in C, (x = y) \vee \neg P(x, y)).$$

- (e) [4 Marks] A student in your class has played this 2-person board game with everyone in your class.

$$\exists x \in C, \forall y \in C, P(x, y).$$

**Negation:** No one in your class has played this 2-person board game with everyone in the class.

$$\forall x \in C, \exists y \in C, \neg P(x, y).$$

2. Let  $S$  denotes the set of all students in your class,  $C$  denotes the set of all countries, and  $T(x, y)$  denotes that  $x$  travels to country  $y$ .

Express each of the following statements by a simple English sentence.

Avoid symbols (e.g.  $x$ ) and predicates (e.g.  $T(x, y)$ ) in English sentences.

- (a) [1 Mark]  $\neg T(\text{Bob}, y)$ .

**Solution:** Bob does not travel to **the** country.

- (b) [1 Mark]  $\exists x \in S, T(x, \text{Denmark}) \wedge \forall x \in S, T(x, \text{France})$ .

**Solution:** Some students in your class travel to Denmark and all students in the class travel to France.

- (c) [1 Mark]  $\exists y \in C, T(\text{Mona}, y) \vee T(\text{Pete}, y)$ .

**Solution:** At least one of Mona or Pete travels to some country.

- (d) [2 Marks]  $\forall x \in S, \forall z \in S, \exists y \in C, (x \neq z) \Rightarrow \neg(T(x, y) \wedge T(z, y))$ .

**Solution:** For every two different students in your class, exists a country such that at most one of the two students travel to.

- (e) [2 Marks]  $\exists x \in S, \exists z \in S, \forall y \in C, (x \neq z) \wedge (T(x, y) \Leftrightarrow T(z, y))$ .

**Solution:** At least two different students in your class travel to the exact same countries.

- (f) [2 Marks]  $\forall x \in S, \forall z \in S, \exists y \in C, (T(x, y) \Leftrightarrow T(z, y))$ .

**Solution:** For every two students in your class, there exists a country that either they both travel to, or none of them travel to.

3. Give the contrapositive and converse of the following statements in English.

(Hint: it might be helpful if you first write these sentences in logical notation)

- (a) [2 Marks] If Socrates is a man and all men are mortal, then Socrates is mortal.

**Contrapositive:** If Socrates is not mortal, then he is not a man or exists a man who is not mortal.

**Converse:** If Socrates is mortal, then he is a man and all men are mortal.

- (b) [2 Marks] If it does not rain or it is not foggy, then the sailing race will be held and the lifesaving demonstration will go on.

**Contrapositive:** If the sailing race won't be held or the lifesaving demonstration won't go on, then it rains and it is foggy.

**Converse:** If the sailing race will be held and the lifesaving demonstration will go on, then it does not rain or it is not foggy.

- (c) [2 Marks] For me, playing hockey is sufficient for being sore the next day.

**Contrapositive:** If I am not sore the next day, then I didn't play hockey.

**Converse:** If I am sore the next day, then I played hockey.

4. Suppose  $T$  is a set of natural numbers, and we have the following statement about  $T$ .

**S<sub>1</sub>:** 2 is the only prime number that divides elements of  $T$ .

Which of the following statements imply **S<sub>1</sub>**? Which are implied by **S<sub>1</sub>**? For each case, give a brief justification.

- (a) [6 Marks] **S<sub>2</sub>:**  $T$  is the set of all natural numbers that satisfy the quadratic equation  $x^2+x+1=0$ .

**S<sub>2</sub>** implies **S<sub>1</sub>** because **S<sub>2</sub>** is an empty set because the implication is vacuously true. In other words, all elements in the empty set satisfy **S<sub>1</sub>**.

**S<sub>1</sub>** does not imply **S<sub>2</sub>** because there are non-empty sets that satisfy **S<sub>1</sub>**.

- (b) [6 Marks] **S<sub>3</sub>:**  $T = \{16, 8, 528\}$ .

**S<sub>1</sub>** and **S<sub>3</sub>** do not imply each other: 528 is dividable by 3 and 11, so whenever **S<sub>1</sub>** is True **S<sub>3</sub>** is False and whenever **S<sub>3</sub>** is True **S<sub>1</sub>** is False.

- (c) [6 Marks] **S<sub>4</sub>:** All elements of  $T$  are equal to  $2^n$ , where  $n$  is a natural number.

**S<sub>1</sub>** implies **S<sub>4</sub>**. If the only prime factor of elements in  $T$  is 2, then every element of  $T$  is a power of 2. However,  $2^0 = 1$  is not dividable by 2, so **S<sub>4</sub>** does not imply **S<sub>1</sub>**.

- (d) [6 Marks] **S<sub>5</sub>:** If  $i, j \in T$ , and  $i < j$ , then  $i$  divides  $j$ .

**S<sub>1</sub>** implies **S<sub>5</sub>**, since if **S<sub>1</sub>** is true, then smaller elements of  $T$  divide larger elements. However, **S<sub>5</sub>** doesn't imply **S<sub>1</sub>**, since  $\{3, 6, 12\}$  satisfies **S<sub>5</sub>** but not **S<sub>1</sub>**.

5. Prove that the following equivalences are tautology. Show your work in detail. You **may not** use truth tables or Venn diagrams in your proof, but you are allowed to use manipulation rules (presented in Section 2.17 of the course notes).

For each step, you **must** clearly state which rule you apply.

- (a) [6 Marks]  $((P \Rightarrow Q_1) \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q_2)) \Leftrightarrow (P \Rightarrow (Q_1 \wedge Q_2))$

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} (P \Rightarrow (Q_1 \wedge Q_2)) &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee (Q_1 \wedge Q_2)) && \text{implication} \\ &\Leftrightarrow ((\neg P \vee Q_1) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q_2)) && \text{distribute } \vee \text{ over } \wedge \\ &\Leftrightarrow ((P \Rightarrow Q_1) \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q_2)) && \text{implication} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) [16 Marks]  $((\exists x \in D, P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow R(y)) \Leftrightarrow (((\exists x \in D, P(x)) \Rightarrow R(y)) \wedge ((\exists x \in D, Q(x)) \Rightarrow R(y)))$

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}((\exists x \in D, P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow R(y)) &\Leftrightarrow (\neg(\exists x \in D, P(x) \vee Q(x)) \vee R(y)) && \text{implication} \\&\Leftrightarrow ((\forall x \in D, \neg(P(x) \vee Q(x))) \vee R(y)) && \text{quantifier negation} \\&\Leftrightarrow ((\forall x \in D, \neg P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x)) \vee R(y)) && \text{De Morgan's} \\&\Leftrightarrow (((\forall x \in D, \neg P(x)) \wedge (\forall x \in D, \neg Q(x))) \vee R(y)) && \text{quantifier distributive} \\&\Leftrightarrow (((\forall x \in D, \neg P(x)) \vee R(y)) \wedge ((\forall x \in D, \neg Q(x)) \vee R(y))) && \text{distribute } \vee \text{ over } \wedge \\&\Leftrightarrow (\neg(\forall x \in D, \neg P(x)) \Rightarrow R(y)) \wedge (\neg(\forall x \in D, \neg Q(x)) \Rightarrow R(y)) && \text{implication} \\&\Leftrightarrow ((\exists x \in D, P(x)) \Rightarrow R(y)) \wedge ((\exists x \in D, Q(x)) \Rightarrow R(y)) && \text{quantifier negation}\end{aligned}$$