

136 Let x and y be binary variables. Simplify

(a) $x := x=y. \quad x := x=y$

(b) $x := x\neq y. \quad y := x\neq y. \quad x := x\neq y$

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\S(a) & x:=x=y. \quad x:=x=y & \text{rewrite last assignment} \\
= & x:=x=y. \quad x' = (x=y) \wedge y'=y & \text{Substitution Law} \\
= & x'=((x=y)=y) \wedge y'=y & \text{Associative Law for binary } = \\
= & x'=(x=(y=y)) \wedge y'=y & \text{Reflexive and Identity laws for } = \\
= & x'=x \wedge y'=y & \\
= & \text{ok} &
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\S(b) & x:=x\neq y. \quad y:=x\neq y. \quad x:=x\neq y & \text{rewrite last assignment} \\
= & x:=x\neq y. \quad y:=x\neq y. \quad x' = (x\neq y) \wedge y'=y & \text{Substitution Law} \\
= & x:=x\neq y. \quad x'=(x\neq(x\neq y)) \wedge y'=(x\neq y) & \text{Substitution Law} \\
= & x'=((x\neq y)\neq((x\neq y)\neq y)) \wedge y'=((x\neq y)\neq y) & \text{Associativity and Symmetry of } \neq \\
= & x'((((x\neq x)\neq(y\neq y))\neq y) \wedge y'=(x\neq(y\neq y)) & \\
= & x'=((\perp\neq\perp)\neq y) \wedge y'=(x\neq\perp) & \\
= & x'=y \wedge y'=x &
\end{array}$$