

14 Complete the following laws of Binary Theory

- (a) $\top =$
- (b) $\perp =$
- (c) $\neg a =$
- (d) $a \wedge b =$
- (e) $a \vee b =$
- (f) $a = b =$
- (g) $a \neq b =$
- (h) $a \Rightarrow b =$

by adding a right side using only the following symbols (in any quantity)

- (i) $\neg \wedge a b ()$
- (ii) $\neg \vee a b ()$
- (iii) $\neg \Rightarrow a b ()$
- (iv) $\neq \Rightarrow a b ()$
- (v) $\neg \text{ if then else } f a b ()$

That's $8 \times 5 = 40$ questions.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

Solutions

| § | (i) | (ii) | (iii) | (iv) | (v) |
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| (a) | $\neg(a \wedge \neg a)$ | $a \vee \neg a$ | $a \Rightarrow a$ | $a \Rightarrow a$ | if a then a else $\neg a$ fi |
| (b) | $a \wedge \neg a$ | $\neg(a \vee \neg a)$ | $\neg(a \Rightarrow a)$ | $a \neq a$ | if a then $\neg a$ else a fi |
| (c) | $\neg a$ | $\neg a$ | $\neg a$ | $a \Rightarrow (a \neq a)$ | $\neg a$ |
| (d) | $a \wedge b$ | $\neg(\neg a \vee \neg b)$ | $\neg(a \Rightarrow \neg b)$ | $(a \Rightarrow (a \neq b)) \Rightarrow (a \neq a)$ | if a then b else a fi |
| (e) | $\neg(\neg a \wedge \neg b)$ | $a \vee b$ | $\neg a \Rightarrow b$ | $(a \Rightarrow (a \neq a)) \Rightarrow b$ | if a then a else b fi |
| (f) | $\neg(a \wedge \neg b)$ $\wedge \neg(\neg a \wedge b)$ | $\neg(a \vee b)$ $\vee \neg(\neg a \vee b)$ | $\neg((a \Rightarrow b) \Rightarrow \neg(b \Rightarrow a))$ | $(a \neq b) \Rightarrow (a \neq a)$ | if a then b else $\neg b$ fi |
| (g) | $\neg(a \wedge b)$ $\wedge \neg(\neg a \wedge \neg b)$ | $\neg(a \vee \neg b)$ $\vee \neg(\neg a \vee b)$ | $(a \Rightarrow b) \Rightarrow \neg(b \Rightarrow a)$ | $a \neq b$ | if a then $\neg b$ else b fi |
| (h) | $\neg(a \wedge \neg b)$ | $\neg a \vee b$ | $a \Rightarrow b$ | $a \Rightarrow b$ | if a then b else $\neg a$ fi |

Note: using continuing operators, we can write (f)(iii) and (f)(iv) as $a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow a$.