

7 Prove each of the following laws of Binary Theory using the proof format given in Subsection 1.0.1, and any laws listed in Section 11.3. Do not use the Completion Rule.

- (a) **if a then a else $\neg a$ fi**
- (b) **if b then c else $\neg c$ fi = if c then b else $\neg b$ fi**
- (c) **if $b \wedge c$ then P else Q fi = if b then if c then P else Q fi else Q fi**
- (d) **if $b \vee c$ then P else Q fi = if b then P else if c then P else Q fi fi**
- (e) **if b then P else if b then Q else R fi fi = if b then P else R fi**
- (f) **if if b then c else d fi then P else Q fi**
= if b then if c then P else Q fi else if d then P else Q fi fi
- (g) **if b then if c then P else R fi else if c then Q else R fi fi**
= if c then if b then P else Q fi else R fi
- (h) **if b then if c then P else R fi else if d then Q else R fi fi**
= if if b then c else d fi then if b then P else Q fi else R fi

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \S(a) \quad & \mathbf{if\ } a \mathbf{ then\ } a \mathbf{ else\ } \neg a \mathbf{ fi} && \text{one-case} \\ & = a = a && \text{reflexive} \\ & = \top \end{aligned}$$

Here is another solution.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{if\ } a \mathbf{ then\ } a \mathbf{ else\ } \neg a \mathbf{ fi} && \text{case analysis} \\ & = a \wedge a \vee \neg a \wedge \neg a && \text{idempotence twice} \\ & = a \vee \neg a && \text{excluded middle} \\ & = \top \end{aligned}$$

Here is another solution.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{if\ } a \mathbf{ then\ } a \mathbf{ else\ } \neg a \mathbf{ fi} && \text{context} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } a \mathbf{ then\ } \top \mathbf{ else\ } \neg \perp \mathbf{ fi} && \text{binary law} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } a \mathbf{ then\ } \top \mathbf{ else\ } \top \mathbf{ fi} && \text{generic case idempotent law} \\ & = \top \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \S(b) \quad & \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } c \mathbf{ else\ } \neg c \mathbf{ fi} && \text{case analysis} \\ & = b \wedge c \vee \neg b \wedge \neg c && \text{symmetry twice} \\ & = c \wedge b \vee \neg c \wedge \neg b && \text{case analysis} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } c \mathbf{ then\ } b \mathbf{ else\ } \neg b \mathbf{ fi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \S(c) \quad & \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ if\ } c \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ } Q \mathbf{ fi\ else\ } Q \mathbf{ fi} && \text{case analysis, twice} \\ & = \underline{b \wedge (c \wedge P \vee \neg c \wedge Q)} \vee \neg b \wedge Q && \text{distribution} \\ & = b \wedge c \wedge P \vee b \wedge \neg c \wedge Q \vee \neg b \wedge Q && \text{distribution} \\ & = b \wedge c \wedge P \vee (b \wedge \neg c \vee \neg b) \wedge Q && \text{symmetry} \\ & = b \wedge c \wedge P \vee (\neg b \vee b \wedge \neg c) \wedge Q && \text{distribution} \\ & = b \wedge c \wedge P \vee (\neg b \vee b) \wedge (\neg b \vee \neg c) \wedge Q && \text{excluded middle, duality} \\ & = b \wedge c \wedge P \vee \top \wedge \neg(b \wedge c) \wedge Q && \text{identity} \\ & = b \wedge c \wedge P \vee \neg(b \wedge c) \wedge Q && \text{case analysis} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } b \wedge c \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ } Q \mathbf{ fi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \S(d) \quad & \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ if\ } c \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ } Q \mathbf{ fi\ fi} && \text{case analysis twice} \\ & = b \wedge P \vee \neg b \wedge (c \wedge P \vee \neg c \wedge Q) && \text{distribute} \\ & = \underline{b \wedge P \vee \neg b \wedge c \wedge P} \vee \neg b \wedge \neg c \wedge Q && \text{factor (undistribute)} \\ & = (b \vee \neg b \wedge c) \wedge P \vee \neg b \wedge \neg c \wedge Q && \text{distribute, duality} \\ & = (b \vee \neg b) \wedge (b \vee c) \wedge P \vee \neg(b \vee c) \wedge Q && \text{excluded middle and identity} \\ & = (b \vee c) \wedge P \vee \neg(b \vee c) \wedge Q && \text{case analysis} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } b \vee c \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ } Q \mathbf{ fi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \S(e) \quad & \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } Q \mathbf{ else\ } R \mathbf{ fi\ fi} && \text{context} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ if\ } \perp \mathbf{ then\ } Q \mathbf{ else\ } R \mathbf{ fi\ fi} && \text{case base} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ } R \mathbf{ fi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \S(f) \quad & \mathbf{if\ if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } c \mathbf{ else\ } d \mathbf{ fi\ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ } Q \mathbf{ fi} && \text{case analysis} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } c \mathbf{ else\ } d \mathbf{ fi} \wedge P \vee \neg \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } c \mathbf{ else\ } d \mathbf{ fi} \wedge Q && \text{distribute} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } c \wedge P \mathbf{ else\ } d \wedge P \mathbf{ fi} \vee \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } \neg c \wedge Q \mathbf{ else\ } \neg d \wedge Q \mathbf{ fi} && \text{distribute} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ } c \wedge P \vee \neg c \wedge Q \mathbf{ else\ } d \wedge P \vee \neg d \wedge Q \mathbf{ fi} && \text{case analysis} \\ & = \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{ then\ if\ } c \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ } Q \mathbf{ fi\ else\ if\ } d \mathbf{ then\ } P \mathbf{ else\ } Q \mathbf{ fi\ fi} \end{aligned}$$

$\S(g)$ **if b then if c then P else R fi else if c then Q else R fi fi** case idempotent
 = **if c then if b then if c then P else R fi else if c then Q else R fi**
 else if b then if c then P else R fi else if c then Q else R fi fi fi context
 = **if c then if b then if \top then P else R fi else if \top then Q else R fi**
 else if b then if \perp then P else R fi else if \perp then Q else R fi fi fi case base
 = **if c then if b then P else Q fi else if b then R else R fi fi** case idempotent
 = **if c then if b then P else Q fi else R fi**

$\S(h)$ **if if b then c else d fi then if b then P else Q fi else R fi** case analysis law
 = **if b then c else d fi \wedge if b then P else Q fi \vee \neg if b then c else d fi \wedge R**
 four case distributive laws
 = **if b then $c \wedge P \vee \neg c \wedge R$ else $d \wedge Q \vee \neg d \wedge R$ fi** case analysis law twice
 = **if b then if c then P else R fi else if d then Q else R fi fi**