

COL202: Discrete Mathematical Structures. I semester, 2022-23.  
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Tutorial Sheet 1: Logic and Proofs.  
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**Important:** The question marked with a ♠ is to be written on a sheet of paper and submitted to your TA within the first 10 minutes of the beginning of your tutorial session.

**Note:** Please read *all* of Chapter 3 of [1] before attempting this sheet. All questions in this sheet are from that book, question numbers and page indicated in brackets refer to the pdf linked on the course page.

**Problem 1 (Prob 1, pp 94)**

Give truth tables for the following compound propositions

1.  $(s \vee t) \wedge (\neg s \vee t) \wedge (s \vee \neg t)$
2.  $(s \Rightarrow t) \wedge (t \Rightarrow u)$
3.  $(s \vee t \vee u) \wedge (s \vee \neg t \vee u)$

**Problem 2 (Prob 8, pp 94)**

Use a truth table to show that  $(s \vee t) \wedge (u \vee v)$  is equivalent to  $(s \wedge u) \vee (s \wedge v) \vee (t \wedge u) \vee (t \wedge v)$ .

**Problem 3 (Prob 8, pp 107)**

Write the following statement as a logical expression: The product of odd integers is odd. You may assume that  $\text{odd} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$  is a predicate that maps odd integers to  $T$  and even integers to  $F$ .

**Problem 4 (Theorem 3.2, pp 100)**

Here is the statement of a theorem given in [1] written in slightly different terms.

**Theorem 1**

Suppose we have a domain  $D$  and two predicates  $P, Q : D \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ . Let  $A = \{x \in D : Q(x) \text{ is } T\}$ . Show that

1.  $\forall x \in A : P(x)$  is logically equivalent to  $\forall x \in D : Q(x) \Rightarrow P(x)$ .
2.  $\exists x \in A : P(x)$  is logically equivalent to  $\exists x \in D : Q(x) \wedge P(x)$ .

Write a proof for this. You may read the proof in the book and then write it in your own words.

**Problem 5 (Prob 10, pp 107)**

Rewrite the following statement without any negations. It is not the case that there exists an integer  $n$  such that  $n > 0$  and for all integers  $m > n$ , for every polynomial equation  $p(x) = 0$  of degree  $m$  there are no real numbers for solutions.

**Problem 6 (Prob 11, pp 107)**

Consider the following slight modification of Theorem 3.2. For each part below, either prove that it is true or give a counterexample. Let  $U_1$  be a universal set contained in another universal set  $U_2$ , i.e.,  $U_1 \subseteq U_2$ . Suppose that  $q(x)$  is a statement such that  $U_1 = \{x \in U_2 \mid q(x) \text{ is true}\}$ .

1.  $\forall x \in U_1 : p(x)$  is equivalent to  $\forall x \in U_2 : q(x) \wedge p(x)$ .
2.  $\exists x \in U_1 : p(x)$  is equivalent to  $\exists x \in U_2 : q(x) \Rightarrow p(x)$ .

**Problem 7 ♠**

Given two predicates  $P, Q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ , suppose we know that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : (n \geq 5) \Rightarrow P(n)$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : (n \geq 6) \Rightarrow Q(n)$  are true. Prove that  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} : P(n) \wedge Q(n)$ . Can we prove or disprove that  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} : P(n) \wedge \neg Q(n)$ ?

**Problem 8 ([1], Prob 7, pp 115)**

Prove using the contrapositive method that for all real numbers  $x$ , if  $x^2 - 2x \neq -1$  then  $x \neq 1$ .

**Problem 9 ([1], Prob 8, pp 115)**

Prove using the proof by contradiction method that for all real numbers  $x$ , if  $x^2 - 2x \neq -1$  then  $x \neq 1$ .

**Problem 10 ([1], Prob 15, pp 115)**

Given function  $f, g, h : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  Recall that  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  by definition if

$$\exists c \in \mathbb{R}_+ : \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : \forall n \geq n_0 f(n) \leq cg(n).$$

Prove that if  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = O(h(n))$  then  $f(n) = O(h(n))$ .

**References**

- [1] K. Bogart, S. Drysdale, C. Stein Discrete Math for Computer Science Students. 2005.