

HW 01: Propositional Logic (v1.1)

This is an ungraded homework. Solve the following problems; we'll discuss answers early in class on August 31. **[v1.1: Typo fixes in bold red]**

1. Throw away as many parentheses from the following proposition as possible:

$$\neg(p \wedge ((\neg q) \rightarrow r)) \vee (s \wedge t \wedge v) \quad [\text{Right paren added before } \vee]$$

$$\neg(p \wedge (\neg q \rightarrow r)) \vee s \wedge t \wedge v$$

2. Fill in the missing rule names in the proof below. Use the rules that we used in Class 01 (Mon, Aug 24).

$$\begin{array}{ll} \neg(p \rightarrow q) & \\ \text{iff } \neg(\neg p \vee q) & \text{Defn } \rightarrow \\ \text{iff } \neg\neg p \wedge \neg q & \text{DeMorgan's law } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ \text{iff } p \wedge \neg q & \text{Double negation } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$$

3. Repeat Problem 2 on the following proof. (Some of the lines might need two rules.) Note that the proof shows that the first line is a tautology.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \neg(p \wedge q) \rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q & \\ \text{iff } \neg\neg(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q) & \text{Defn } \rightarrow \\ \text{iff } p \wedge q \vee \neg p \vee \neg q & \text{Double negation/Pierce's law } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ \text{iff } (p \vee \neg p) \wedge (q \vee \neg p) \vee \neg q & \text{Distribute } \vee \text{ over } \wedge \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ & [\neg \text{ added before last } q] \\ q \vee \neg p \vee \neg q & \text{Excluded middle, identity } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ T \vee \neg p & \vee \text{ associative, excluded middle } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ T & \text{Dominance } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$$

4. Write a formal proof that shows that $p \rightarrow p \vee q$ (sometimes called the “ \vee introduction” rule) is a tautology.

$$\begin{array}{ll} p \rightarrow p \vee q & \\ \neg p \vee p \vee q & \text{Defn } \rightarrow \\ T \vee q & \text{Ex. middle} \\ T & \text{Dom.} \end{array}$$

5. Write a formal proof that $\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \text{ iff } (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p)$. [Hint: Use Problem 2.]

$$\begin{array}{ll} \neg(p \leftrightarrow q) & \\ \text{iff } \neg((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)) & \text{Defn } \leftrightarrow \\ \text{iff } \neg(p \rightarrow q) \vee \neg(q \rightarrow p) & \text{DeMorgan's law} \\ \text{iff } (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p) & \text{Problem 2, twice} \end{array}$$

6. Write a formal proof that shows that $p \rightarrow q \rightarrow p \wedge q$ (the “ \wedge **introduction**” rule) is a tautology. [**The \wedge elimination rules are $p \wedge q \rightarrow p$ and $p \wedge q \rightarrow q$.**]

$$\begin{aligned} & p \rightarrow q \rightarrow p \wedge q \\ \text{iff } & \neg p \vee (q \rightarrow p \wedge q) && \text{Defn } \rightarrow \\ \text{iff } & \neg p \vee (\neg q \vee p \wedge q) && \text{Defn } \rightarrow \\ \text{iff } & \neg p \vee ((\neg q \vee p) \wedge (\neg q \vee q)) && \text{Distribute } \wedge \text{ over } \vee \\ \text{iff } & \neg p \vee ((\neg q \vee p) \wedge T) && \text{Excl. middle} \\ \text{iff } & \neg p \vee (\neg q \vee p) && \text{Identity} \\ \text{iff } & (\neg p \vee p) \vee \neg q && \vee \text{ assoc.} \\ \text{iff } & T \vee \neg q && \text{Excl. middle} \\ \text{iff } & T && \text{Domination} \end{aligned}$$