

Required Problems

1. Using truth tables, prove both of DeMorgan's Laws for logical connectives.

(a) $\neg(P \wedge Q)$ is logically equivalent to $\neg P \vee \neg Q$

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$(P \wedge Q)$	$\neg(P \wedge Q)$	$\neg P \vee \neg Q$
T	T	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T	T

The last two columns, for $\neg(P \wedge Q)$ and $\neg P \vee \neg Q$ respectively, have the same truth values for all truth assignments of P and Q ; thus, they are logically equivalent.

(b) $\neg(P \vee Q)$ is logically equivalent to $\neg P \wedge \neg Q$

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$(P \vee Q)$	$\neg(P \vee Q)$	$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$
T	T	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	F	T	T

Once again, the last two columns, for $\neg(P \vee Q)$ and $\neg P \wedge \neg Q$ respectively, have the same truth values for all truth assignments of P and Q ; thus, they are logically equivalent.

2. Let x and y be integers. Prove that if x and y are even, then $x + y$ is even.

- \mathbb{Z} is the set of integers
- Def. of even: $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ is even iff $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2k$

To show: There exists an integer h such that $x + y = 2h$

Proof:

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ be even (by hypothesis)

$$\implies (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2k) \wedge (\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni y = 2j) \quad \text{(by def. of even)}$$

$$\implies x + y = 2k + 2j \quad \text{(summing)}$$

$$\implies x + y = 2(k + j) \quad \text{(by distributivity)}$$

$$k + j \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{(by closure)}$$

Let $h = k + j$ (defining an integer h)

$$\implies \exists h \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x + y = 2h \quad \text{(substituting for } j + k)$$

$$\implies x + y \text{ is even} \quad \text{(by def. of even)}$$

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3. Rewrite each of the following sentences to be symbolic sentences using logical connectives and quantifiers. If a quantifier's universe is included in the English sentence, be sure to include it in the symbolic sentence.

(a) If $x = 1$ or $x = -1$, then $|x| = 1$.

$$(x = 1 \vee x = -1) \implies |x| = 1$$

(b) B is invertible is a necessary and sufficient condition for $|B| \neq 0$.

$$\exists B^{-1} \iff |B| \neq 0$$

(c) $6 \geq n - 3$ only if $n > 8$ or $n = 9$.

$$\neg(n > 8 \vee n = 9) \implies \neg(6 \geq n - 3)$$

(d) Every nonzero real number is positive or negative.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists x \neq 0, (x > 0 \vee x < 0)$$

(e) S is compact iff S is closed and bounded.

$$(S \text{ is compact}) \iff (S \text{ is closed and bounded})$$

(f) Every integer is greater than some integer.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z} \exists x > y$$

4. Let A and B be sets. Prove that $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $A - B = \emptyset$.

- Statement using biconditional: $(A \subseteq B) \iff (A - B = \emptyset)$
- Def. of subset: $A \subseteq B \iff (x \in A \implies x \in B)$
- Def. of set difference: $A - B = \{x | x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$
- Theorem (T1): $(P \implies Q)$ is logically equivalent to $(\neg P) \vee Q$
- Theorem (T2): For all sets A , $\emptyset \subseteq A$
- Contrapositive of (\implies) : $A - B \neq \emptyset \implies A \not\subseteq B$

Proof by contraposition, to show: $A \not\subseteq B$.

Proof (\implies) :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } A - B \neq \emptyset & && \text{(by hypothesis)} \\ \implies \exists x \in A - B & && \text{(by def. of non-empty)} \\ \implies x \in A \wedge x \notin B & && \text{(by def. of set difference)} \\ \implies \neg(x \notin A \vee x \in B) & && \text{(by negation)} \\ \implies \neg(x \in A \implies \in B) & && \text{(by T1)} \\ \implies \neg(A \subseteq B) & && \text{(by def. of subset)} \\ \implies A \not\subseteq B & && \text{(by negation)} \end{aligned}$$

To show: $A \subseteq B$.

Proof (\Leftarrow):

Let $A - B = \emptyset$	(by hypothesis)
Case 1: $A = \emptyset$	(by hypothesis)
$\implies A \subseteq B$	(by T2)
Case 2: $A \neq \emptyset$	(by hypothesis)
$\implies \exists x \in A$	(by def. of non-empty)
$\implies x \notin A - B$	(by def. of empty)
$\implies \neg(x \in A \wedge x \notin B)$	(by def. of set difference)
$\implies x \notin A \vee x \in B$	(by negation)
$\implies (x \in A \implies x \in B)$	(by T1)
$\implies A \subseteq B$	(by def. of subset)

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5. In class, I defined the uniqueness existential quantifier so that $\exists!$ means “there exists a unique”. However, it can actually be defined using the symbols we already had, \wedge, \vee, \exists , etc. Write a symbolic sentence that is equivalent to $\exists! x \ni A(x)$ without using $!$.

The quantifier $\exists!$ states that there exists an element making $A(x)$ true, and if $A(x)$ is true for two values, those values must be the same. In other words,

$$\exists! x \ni A(x) \iff (\exists x \ni A(x)) \wedge (\forall y \wedge \forall z, A(y) \wedge A(z) \implies y = z)$$

6. Let $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$, $B = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$, and $C = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ and $D = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$. Find the following:

(a) $A \cup B$

$$A \cup B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

(b) $A - B$

$$A - B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$$

(c) $(A \cap C) \cap D$

$$(A \cap C) \cap D = \{1, 5, 7\}$$

(d) $A \cup (C \cap D)$

$$A \cup (C \cap D) = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$$

Optional Problems

7. Let x and y be integers. Prove the following propositions:

- (a) If x and y are even, then xy is even.

To show: there exists an integer h such that $xy = 2h$.

Proof:

Let x and y be even integers (by hypothesis)
 $\implies (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2k) \wedge (\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni y = 2j)$ (by def. of even)
 $\implies xy = (2j)(2k)$ (multiplying)
 $\implies xy = 2(2jk)$ (by associativity)
 $2jk \in \mathbb{Z}$ (by closure)
Let $h = 2jk$ (defining an integer h)
 $\implies xy = 2h$ (substituting for $2jk$)
 $\implies xy$ is even (by def. of even) ■

(b) **If x and y are odd, then $x + y$ is even.**

To show: there exists an integer h such that $x + y = 2h$

Proof:

Let x and y be odd integers (by hypothesis)
 $\implies (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2k + 1) \wedge (\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni y = 2j + 1)$ (by def. of odd)
 $\implies x + y = (2k + 1) + (2j + 1)$ (summing)
 $\implies x + y = 2k + 2j + 2$ (by associativity/commutativity)
 $\implies x + y = 2(k + j + 1)$ (by distributivity)
 $k + j + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ (by closure)
Let $h = k + j + 1$ (defining an integer h)
 $\implies x + y = 2h$ (substituting for $k + j + 1$)
 $\implies x + y$ is even (by def. of even) ■

(c) **If x is even and y is odd, then $x + y$ is odd.**

To show: there exists an integer h such that $x + y = 2h + 1$

Proof:

Let x be an even integer and let y be an odd integer (by hypothesis)
 $\implies (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2k) \wedge (\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni y = 2j + 1)$ (by def. of even and odd)
 $\implies x + y = 2k + 2j + 1$ (summing)
 $\implies x + y = 2(k + j) + 1$ (by distributivity)
 $k + j \in \mathbb{Z}$ (by closure)
Let $h = k + j$ (defining an integer h)
 $\implies x + y = 2h + 1$ (substituting for $k + j$)
 $\implies x + y$ is odd (by def. of odd) ■

8. Let x be an integer. Write a proof by contraposition to show that if x is even, then $x + 1$ is odd.

- Contrapositive: if $x + 1$ is not odd, then x is not even
- Theorem (T1): x is not even if and only if x is odd.

Proof by contraposition to show: x is not even

Proof:

Let x be an integer such that $x + 1$ is not odd (by hypothesis)
 $\implies x + 1$ is even (by T1)
 $\implies \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x + 1 = 2k$ (by def. of even)
 $\implies x = 2k - 1$ (subtracting 1 from both sides)
 $\implies x = 2k - 2 + 1$ (rearranging the r.h.s)
 $\implies x = 2(k - 1) + 1$ (by distributivity)
 $k - 1$ is an integer (by closure)
let $j = k - 1$ (defining an integer j)
 $\implies x = 2j + 1$ (substituting for $k - 1$)
 $\implies x$ is odd (by def. of odd)
 $\implies x$ is not even (by T1) ■

9. Suppose a and b are positive integers. Write a proof by contradiction to show that if ab is odd, the both a and b are odd.

- Theorem (T1): x is not even if and only if x is odd.

Proof by contradiction to show: if a or b is not odd, then ab is odd and not odd.

Proof:

Let $ab \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \ni ab$ is odd and a or b is not odd (towards a contradiction)
 $\implies a$ is even or b is even (by T1)
Case 1: a is even
 $\implies \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a = 2k$ (by def. of even)
 $\implies ab = (2k)b$ (substituting for a)
 $\implies ab = 2(kb)$ (by associativity)
 kb is an integer (by closure)
 $\implies ab$ is even (by def. of even)
 $\implies ab$ is not odd
Thus, a contradiction
Case 2: b is even
(similar to Case 1)
Case 3: both a and b are even
 $\implies ab$ is even (by proof in problem 10(a))
 $\implies ab$ is not odd (by T1)
Thus, a contradiction

Because every case produces the contradiction ab is odd and not odd, it must be the case that a and b are both odd. ■

10. Let A , B , C , and D be sets prove that if $C \subseteq A$ and $D \subseteq B$ and A and B are disjoint, then C and D are disjoint.

- Def. of disjoint: A and B are disjoint $\iff A \cap B = \emptyset$
- Contrapositive: C and D are not disjoint implies A and B are not disjoint

Proof by contraposition to show: A and B are not disjoint

Proof:

$\text{Let } C \subseteq A \text{ and } D \subseteq B \text{ such that } C \text{ and } D \text{ are not disjoint}$	(by hypothesis)
$\implies C \cap D \neq \emptyset$	(by def. of disjoint)
$\implies \exists x \in C \cap D$	(by def. of non-empty)
$\implies x \in C \wedge x \in D$	(by def. of \cap)
$\implies x \in A \wedge x \in B$	(by def. of subset)
$\implies x \in A \cap B$	(by def. of \cap)
$\implies A \cap B \neq \emptyset$	(by def. of non-empty)
$\implies A$ and B are not disjoint	(by def. of disjoint)

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11. Find the contrapositive and converse of each of the following statements:

- (a) **“If squares have four sides, then triangles have four sides.”**

This has the form: (squares have four sides) \implies (triangles have four sides).

- Contrapositive: “If triangles do not have four sides, then squares do not have four sides.”
- Converse: “If triangles have four sides, then squares have four sides.”

- (b) **“A sequence a is bounded whenever a is convergent.”**

This has the form: (a is convergent) \implies (a is bounded).

- Contrapositive: “If a is not bounded, then a is not convergent.”
- Converse: “If a is bounded, then a is convergent.”

- (c) **“The differentiability of a function f is sufficient for f to be continuous.**

This has the form: (f is differentiable) \implies (f is continuous)

- Contrapositive: “If f is not continuous, then f is not differentiable.”
- Converse: “If f is continuous, then f is differentiable.”