

Homework 4.

1. Prove the following theorem. You may use of any the rules of inference that we have learned.

$$// \quad (P \rightarrow Q) \vee (Q \rightarrow P)$$

2. Write out a full truth table following sentence. Highlight in some way (e.g., draw a circle around) the column under the major operator of the sentence.

$$\neg(P \vee R) \ \& \ (\neg Q \rightarrow (P \ \& \ R))$$

3. Determine whether the following arguments are valid. If an argument isn't valid, give a truth-assignment that witnesses this fact.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) (1) } & (P \rightarrow Q) \vee (Q \rightarrow R) \\ \text{(2) } & \neg R \rightarrow \neg(P \ \& \ Q) \quad / \quad Q \rightarrow \neg P \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) (1) } & (P \vee Q) \rightarrow (R \vee S) \\ \text{(2) } & P \leftrightarrow \neg(R \ \& \ S) \\ \text{(3) } & Q \leftrightarrow \neg(P \ \& \ R) \quad / \quad (S \ \& \ P) \rightarrow \neg(P \vee R) \end{aligned}$$

4. Determine whether each of the following sentences is consistent. If a sentence is consistent, give an assignment of truth values to its elementary sentences relative to which the sentence is true.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } & (P \vee \neg Q) \rightarrow (P \leftrightarrow (Q \ \& \ R)) \\ \text{(b) } & (\neg P \vee (\neg Q \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow ((P \ \& \ R) \rightarrow \neg Q) \end{aligned}$$

5. For each of the following pairs of sentences, determine whether the first sentence implies the second. If the implication fails to hold, give a truth-assignment that witnesses this fact.

(a) $(P \& Q) \leftrightarrow (Q \& R)$ $P \leftrightarrow Q$

(b) $P \leftrightarrow (Q \vee R)$ $\neg P \rightarrow (Q \leftrightarrow R)$

6. Show that for any sentences ϕ, ψ , the sentence $\neg(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ is logically equivalent to the sentence $\phi \& \neg\psi$.
7. Is logical implication symmetric? That is, if ϕ implies ψ then does ψ imply ϕ ? Justify your answer.
8. Translate the following into sentence logic form. Choose a (distinct) capital letter for each elementary component sentence, and clearly designate your choices. (You might have to paraphrase.)
- (a) Alice goes to law school only if she is admitted to Yale or Harvard.
 - (b) Unless we reduce the incidence of child abuse, future crime rates will increase.
 - (c) Plasma televisions are a technological marvel, but they are expensive.
 - (d) A necessary condition for a successful business venture is good planning.
 - (e) Ozone depletion in the atmosphere is a sufficient condition for increased cancer rates.
9. Is the sentence connective "It was true that ..." truth-functional? Justify your answer.

10. Suppose that the sentence connective \circ has the truth table given below.

P	Q	$P \circ Q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Do “ \circ ” and “ $-$ ” form a truth-functionally complete set of connectives? Justify your answer.