

# Solutions

Total: 75 pts

Exam 1  
Chapter 1

Answer the following questions. You must show your work to receive full credit. Indicate your final answer with a box.

1. (5 points) Create the truth table for implication; i.e.  $p \rightarrow q$ .

$P$	$q$	$P \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

2. Consider the statement "If it is not raining or I have my umbrella, then I am not wet." Let

$p$ : "It is raining,"  $q$ : "I have my umbrella," and  $r$ : "I am wet."

- (a) (5 points) Write the above statement using symbolic logic.
- (b) (5 points) Suppose that  $r$  is true; i.e. I am wet. What compound statement involving  $p$  and  $q$  must be true? (You can use either symbolic logic or you can write out the statement in words.) Hint: Use the contrapositive.

$$(a) \quad (\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow (\neg r)$$

$$(b) \quad r \rightarrow \neg(\neg p \vee q)$$
$$r \rightarrow \boxed{p \wedge \neg q}$$

It is raining and I don't have my umbrella.

3. (10 points) Consider the following statements:

$p$  = "It is snowing today."

$q$  = "It is warmer than yesterday."

$r$  = "We will go skiing."

$s$  = "We will go to the mall."

Prove the following using a two-line proof (a proof table).

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \neg p \wedge q \\ r \rightarrow p \\ \neg r \rightarrow s \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow s$$

Statements	Reasons
1. $\neg p \wedge q$	given
2. $r \rightarrow p$	given
3. $\neg r \rightarrow s$	given
4. $\neg p$	simplification, 1
5. $\neg r$	modus tollens, 4, 2
6. $s$	modus ponens, 5, 3

4. The domain for this problem is some unspecified collection of numbers. Consider the predicate

$$P(x, y) = \text{"}x \text{ is greater than } y\text{"}$$

(a) (4 points) Translate the following statement into predicate logic.

Every number has a number that is greater than it.

(b) (3 points) Negate your expression from part (a), and simplify it so that no quantifier or connective lies within the scope of a negation.

(c) (3 points) Translate your expression from part (b) into understandable English. Don't use variables in your English translation.

$$(a) (\forall y)(\exists x)P(x, y)$$

$$(b) (\exists y)(\forall x)\neg P(x, y)$$

(c) There is a number such that no number is greater than it.

5. Recall that an integer  $a$  is even if there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $a = 2k$ . Let  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  be even integers.

(a) (3 points) Write  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  in terms of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , respectively.

(b) (3 points) Write the product  $n_1n_2$  in terms of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ . Simplify your answer.

(c) (1 point) Is  $n_1n_2$  even or odd?

$$(a) \quad n_1 = 2k_1, \quad n_2 = 2k_2$$

$$(b) \quad n_1n_2 = (2k_1)(2k_2) = 4k_1k_2$$

(c) Even since  $4k_1k_2 = 2(2k_1k_2)$  and  $2k_1k_2$  is an integer.

6. (3 points) What is the difference between an axiom and a theorem?

An axiom is an assumption ~~that~~ that is made; whereas a theorem is something that is proved from the axioms and definitions.

7. (10 points) Recall that for two integers  $x$  and  $y$ , we write  $x|y$  whenever there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $y = kx$ . Prove the following statement using a direct proof:

Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be integers. If  $a|b$ , then  $a|(b \cdot c)$ .

Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be integers such that

$a|b$ . Then  $b = ka$  for some integer  $k$ .

Thus  $bc = (ka)c = (kc) \cdot a$

and hence  $a|bc$  since  $kc$  is an integer.

8. (10 points) Recall that an integer  $a$  is odd if there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $a = 2k + 1$ . Also recall the definition of even on problem 6. Prove the following statement by contraposition:

Let  $x$  be an integer. If  $x^2 + x + 1$  is even, then  $x$  is odd.

Let  $x$  be an even integer.

Then  $x = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ .

Therefore

$$x^2 + x + 1 = (2k)^2 + 2k + 1 = 4k^2 + 2k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + k) + 1$$

is odd since  $2k^2 + k$  is an integer.

9. (10 points) Recall that an angle is obtuse whenever it is greater than  $90^\circ$ . Use

**Theorem 1** *The sum of the measures of the angles of any triangle (in Euclidean geometry) is equal to  $180^\circ$ .*

to give a proof by contradiction to the following statement:

A triangle cannot have more than one obtuse angle.

Let  $\triangle ABC$  be a triangle and suppose  $\triangle$  has two angles  $\angle A$  and  $\angle B$  ~~each~~ which are obtuse.

Then  $\angle A, \angle B > 90^\circ$ .

Therefore

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C > 90 + 90 + 0 = 180,$$

Contradicting Theorem 1.

**Extra Credit 1.** (5 points) Recall the axiomatic system of the four-point geometry.

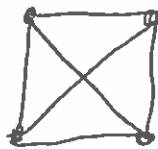
*Undefined terms:* point, line, is on

*Axioms:*

1. For every pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$ , there is a unique line  $l$  such that  $x$  is on  $l$  and  $y$  is on  $l$ .
2. Given a line  $l$  and a point  $x$  that is not on  $l$ , there is a unique line  $m$  such that  $x$  is on  $m$  and no point on  $l$  is also on  $m$ .
3. There are exactly four points.
4. It is impossible for three points to be on the same line.

**Definition 4.** A line  $l$  passes through  $x$  if  $x$  is on  $l$ .

How many distinct lines are there in the four-point geometry? **Hint:** Draw a model if it is helpful.



6 distinct lines

**Extra Credit 2.** (5 points) Let  $a$  be a logical statement. Is  $a \rightarrow \neg a$  a contradiction?

$a$	$\neg a$	$a \rightarrow \neg a$
T	F	F
F	T	T

No!