

Course 4190.101.001
Discrete Mathematics
Homework 1: Logic and Proofs

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Most of the questions here are selected from the textbook and these questions should only be used for your homework assignment. Your documents should be submitted as a **single pdf** file named “hw1_STUDENT-ID.pdf”. For example, hw1_2017-00000.pdf. Email your pdf file to snu.dm001@gmail.com with title as “HW1, STUDENT-ID, name”.

1. Let p and q be the propositions “Swimming at the New Jersey shore is allowed” and “Sharks have been spotted near the shore,” respectively. Express each of these compound propositions as an English sentence.

a) $p \wedge q$

b) $p \rightarrow \neg q$

c) $\neg q \rightarrow p$

d) $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

e) $p \leftrightarrow \neg q$

f) $\neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q)$

2. Let p and q be the propositions

p : It is below freezing.

q : It is snowing.

Write these propositions using p and q and logical connectives (including negations).

a) It is below freezing but not snowing

b) If it is below freezing, it is also snowing.

c) Either it is below freezing or it is snowing, but it is not snowing if it is below freezing.

d) That it is below freezing is necessary and sufficient for it to be snowing.

3. State the converse, contrapositive, and inverse of each of these conditional statements.

12. Express the negation of these propositions using quantifiers, and then express the negation in English.
- Some drivers do not obey the speed limit.
 - There is someone in this class who does not have a good attitude.
13. Find a common domain for the variable x, y, z , and w for which the statement $\forall x \forall y \forall z \exists w ((w \neq x) \wedge (w \neq y) \wedge (w \neq z))$ is true and another common domain for these variables for which it is false.
14. Translate these specifications into English where $F(p)$ is "Printer p is out of service," $B(p)$ is "Printer p is busy," $L(j)$ is "Print job j is lost," and $Q(j)$ is "Print job j is queued."
- $\exists p (F(p) \wedge B(p)) \rightarrow \exists j L(j)$
 - $\forall p B(p) \rightarrow \exists j Q(j)$
 - $\exists j (Q(j) \wedge L(j)) \rightarrow \exists p F(p)$
 - $(\forall p B(p) \wedge \forall j Q(j)) \rightarrow \exists j L(j)$
15. Use quantifiers and logical connectives to express the fact that a quadratic polynomial with real number coefficients has at most two real roots.
16. Identify the error or errors in this argument that supposedly shows that if $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$ is true that $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$ is true.
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| 1. $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$ | Premise |
| 2. $P(c) \vee Q(c)$ | Universal instantiation from (1) |
| 3. $P(c)$ | Simplification from (2) |
| 4. $\forall x (P(x))$ | Universal generalization from (3) |
| 5. $Q(c)$ | Simplification from (2) |
| 6. $\forall x (Q(x))$ | Universal generalization from (5) |
| 7. $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$ | Conjunction from (4) and (6) |
17. Use rules of inference to show that if $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow (Q(x) \wedge S(x)))$ and $\forall x (P(x) \wedge R(x))$ are true, then $\forall x (R(x) \wedge S(x))$ is true.
18. Show that if n is an integer and $n^3 + 5$ is odd, then n is even using
- a proof by contraposition.
 - a proof by contradiction.
19. Prove that $\sqrt[3]{2}$ is irrational.
20. Prove or disprove that you can use dominoes to tile a 5×5 checkerboard with three corners removed.

One domino = $\square \blacksquare$