

MATH 300. INTRODUCTION TO
MATHEMATICAL REASONING.
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MIDTERM 1

1. (25 points) Prove the equivalence

$$(P \vee Q) \wedge (R \vee S) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge S) \vee (Q \wedge R) \vee (Q \wedge S)$$

without using True tables.

$$(P \vee Q) \wedge (R \vee S) \Leftrightarrow ((P \vee Q) \wedge R) \vee ((P \vee Q) \wedge S) \quad \text{Distr. for } \wedge$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ((P \wedge R) \vee (Q \wedge R)) \vee ((P \wedge S) \vee (Q \wedge S)) \quad \text{Distr. for } \vee$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge S) \vee (Q \wedge R) \vee (Q \wedge S) \quad \text{Comm. and Associative for } \vee.$$

2. (25 points) Transform to the convenient form (negations can be only on variables)

$$\sim (\sim (P \vee \sim (S \wedge \sim R)) \wedge (P \vee \sim S)).$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee \sim (S \wedge \sim R)) \vee \sim (P \vee \sim S) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{de Morgan,} \\ \text{double negation} \end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee \sim S \vee R) \vee (\sim P \wedge S) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{de Morgan} \\ \text{double negation} \\ \text{association} \end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee \sim S \vee R \vee (\sim P \wedge S)) \quad \text{absorption}$$

$$\rightarrow \Leftrightarrow \sim S \vee R \vee (P \vee \sim S) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R \vee (\sim S \vee P)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R \vee \sim S \vee P.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim S \vee S \vee R \vee P \Leftrightarrow \textcircled{T}$$

~~absorption~~

~~associative~~

associativity

$$\begin{array}{l} (\sim S \vee S) \equiv \textcircled{T} \\ \textcircled{T} \vee P \equiv \textcircled{T} \end{array}$$

We could see it earlier!

$$\underbrace{(P \vee \sim S)}_q \vee S \vee \underbrace{\sim (P \vee \sim S)}_{\sim q}$$

$$q \vee \sim q \equiv \textcircled{T}$$

3. (25 points) a) The propositional function $f(P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4)$ is True iff exactly 2 variables are True. Construct its True table and represent it by a formula using conjunctions, disjunctions, negations.
 b) Using only disjunctions and negations.

P_1	P_2	P_3	P_4	f
T	T	T	T	F
T	T	T	F	F
T	T	F	T	F
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	F
T	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	F
F	T	T	F	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	T	F
F	F	F	F	F

16 lines

$$\binom{4}{2} = 6 \text{ lines with } f = T$$

$$f = T$$

$$f(P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4) \Leftrightarrow (P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \sim P_3 \wedge \sim P_4) \vee (P_1 \wedge \sim P_2 \wedge P_3 \wedge \sim P_4) \vee \\ \vee (P_1 \wedge \sim P_2 \wedge \sim P_3 \wedge P_4) \vee (\sim P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge P_3 \wedge \sim P_4) \vee \\ \vee (\sim P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \sim P_3 \wedge P_4) \vee (\sim P_1 \wedge \sim P_2 \wedge P_3 \wedge P_4).$$

b) We use ~~De~~ $A \wedge B \stackrel{+}{=} \sim(\sim A \vee \sim B)$

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow \Leftrightarrow & \sim(\sim P_1 \wedge \sim P_2 \wedge P_3 \wedge P_4) \vee \sim(\sim P_1 \vee P_2 \vee \sim P_3 \vee P_4) \vee \\ & \vee \sim(\sim P_1 \vee P_2 \vee P_3 \vee \sim P_4) \vee \sim(P_1 \vee \sim P_2 \vee \sim P_3 \vee P_4) \\ & \vee \sim(P_1 \vee \sim P_2 \vee P_3 \vee \sim P_4) \vee \sim(P_1 \vee P_2 \vee \sim P_3 \vee \sim P_4). \end{aligned}$$

5. (25 points) Prove that the product of 2 natural numbers is odd iff they both are odd.

$$P - m = 2k + 1 \wedge n = 2l + 1$$

$$Q - mn = 2s + 1$$

$$P \Leftrightarrow Q$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) P \Rightarrow Q \quad & mn = (2k+1)(2l+1) = \\ & = 2(2kl + k + l) + 1 \\ & = 2s + 1 \Rightarrow Q \\ & s = 2kl + k + l \end{aligned}$$

2. $Q \Rightarrow P$. By contradiction:

$\sim P \Rightarrow \sim Q$. $\sim P$ - "at least one of m, n is even."

$\sim P$ - Let m - is even: $m = 2u$.

Then $mn = 2(un)$ - even - contradiction $\sim P$

6. (25 points) Prove that the set of prime numbers is infinite.

By a reduction to Contradiction:

Suppose that there just a finite number of prime numbers:

$$p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_k$$

and let $N = \cancel{p_1 p_2 \dots p_k} p_1 p_2 \dots p_k + 1$.

Then - N can't be prime since
 $\Rightarrow n > p_k$ (biggest prime number)
 - N can't be composite since

$$\forall i \quad p_i | N-1 = p_1 \dots p_k$$

and consequent numbers $(N-1, N)$ can't have joint factors $\neq 1$. (Either for all p_i remainder of N is 1.
 Contradiction

7. (25 points) Prove by 2 ways (by direct proof and by the contraposition that

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 < 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 < x < 2. \quad P \Leftrightarrow Q$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x-2)(x-1)$$

$$P \Leftrightarrow (x-2)(x-1) < 0$$

Proof. $P \Rightarrow Q$

$$(x-2)(x-1) < 0 \Rightarrow ((x-2) > 0 \wedge (x-1) < 0) \vee$$

$$\vee ((x-2) < 0 \wedge (x-1) > 0) \Leftrightarrow (x > 2 \wedge x < 1)$$

$$\vee (x < 2 \wedge x > 1) \Leftrightarrow (F) \vee 1 < x < 2 \Leftrightarrow Q$$

$$Q \Rightarrow P$$

$$1 < x < 2 \Leftrightarrow x > 1 \wedge x < 2 \Leftrightarrow (x-1) > 0 \wedge (x-2) < 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)(x-2) < 0 \Leftrightarrow P.$$

 $P \Rightarrow Q$. By contradiction: $\neg Q = x \leq 1 \vee x \geq 2$

$$2 \text{ cases: } \text{if } x \geq 2 \Rightarrow (x-1 \geq 1 > 0) \wedge (x-2 \geq 0) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(x-1) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \neg P$$

$$x \leq 1 \Rightarrow ((x-1) \leq 0 \wedge (x-2) \leq -1 < 0) \Rightarrow (x-2)(x-1) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \neg P.$$

$Q \Rightarrow P$, By contradiction: $\sim P \Rightarrow \sim Q$

$$\sim P \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x-2)(x-1) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ((x-2) \geq 0 \wedge (x-1) \geq 0) \vee ((x-2) \leq 0 \wedge (x-1) \leq 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x \geq 2 \wedge x \geq 1) \vee (x \leq 2 \wedge x \leq 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cancel{(x \geq 2)} \vee x \geq 2 \vee x \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \sim P.$$

8. (25 points) Prove that n is even iff $8 \mid n^2 - 2n$.

$$P \Leftrightarrow Q; P - n \text{ even}; Q - 8 \mid n^2 - 2n$$

$$P \Rightarrow Q \quad n^2 - 2n = n(n-2) \Rightarrow n, n-2 - \text{consecutive even numbers.}$$

$$\exists r \quad n = 2r, n-2 = 2r-2 = 2(r-1)$$

$$\text{F.T.D. } r \cdot (r-1) \text{ is even} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{one of } n, n-2 \text{ is multiple of 4.} \Rightarrow 8 \mid n^2 - 2n.$$

$$Q \Rightarrow P \quad \text{Contradiction}$$

$$\sim P \Rightarrow \sim Q$$

$$\sim P$$

$$Q \Rightarrow P, \text{ By contraposition: } \sim P \Rightarrow \sim Q$$

$$\sim P: n - \text{odd} \Leftrightarrow n = 2k+1 \Rightarrow n-2 = 2k-1 \Rightarrow n(n-2) = (2k+1)(2k-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 2n \text{ is odd} \Rightarrow \sim Q.$$