
Homework #2: Logic

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I. Propositional Logic

1. Construct truth tables for each of the following:
 - a. $p \wedge (p \vee q)$
 - b. $\neg p \wedge (p \vee (q \Rightarrow p))$
 - c. $(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow (\neg p \vee q)$
2. Which of the above sentences are:
 - i. valid?
 - ii. satisfiable?
 - iii. contingent?
 - iv. inconsistent?Briefly explain why.
3. Explain, using truth tables, why the following sentences have the same meaning:
 - $p \Rightarrow q$
 - $\neg(p \wedge \neg q)$

II. Predicate Logic

4. Which occurrences of the variables x and y are free and which are bound in each of the following? Briefly explain why.
NOTE: Recall that a variable may be both bound and free in the same sentence.
 - a. $(\exists y : N \bullet y > 2) \wedge (\forall x : N \bullet x + 1 > x)$
 - b. $x = 2 * y$
 - c. $(\exists y : N \bullet y > 2) \wedge (\forall x : N \bullet x > y)$
 - d. $\forall x : N \bullet ((\exists y : N \bullet y > x) \wedge x = 2 * y)$
5. Translate the following sentences into predicate logic, using the translation key provided.
NOTE: You may only use the standard universal and existential quantifiers (\forall and \exists). Do *not* use the unique existential quantifier ($\exists!$).

E : the set of elephants
 A : the set of animals
 $G(x)$: x is green
 $E(x)$: x is an elephant
 $N(x, y)$: the name of x is y

- a. Some elephants are green.
- b. All elephants are green.
- c. If an animal is green, it is an elephant.
- d. No green animal is an elephant.

- e. There is *exactly one* green elephant, and his name is James.
6. Translate the following sentences into predicate logic, using the translation key provided.
- NOTE 1: You may assume the existence of $=$ over elements of all sets.
- NOTE 2: You may only use the standard universal and existential quantifiers (\forall and \exists). Do *not* use the unique existential quantifier ($\exists!$).

S : the set of students
 T : the set of topics, which has *logic* and *models* as elements
 $MSE(s)$: s is an MSE student
 $Likes(s, t)$: student s likes topic t

- a. Some MSE students like logic.
- b. MSE students like logic.
- c. MSE students like only logic.
- d. No MSE student likes logic.
- e. If an MSE student likes logic then he/she likes Models.
- f. Exactly one MSE student likes Models
7. In this class we will be creating various models of an infusion pump. An infusion pump is a device used in hospitals to feed fluids intravenously to patients through one of several “infusion lines.” Each line is a physical tube connected to a patient.
- Consider the following excerpt from a description of a typical pump provided to us by the Food and Drug Administration:
- A. An infusion line may become pinched causing the flow to be blocked. This will be recognized by the pump as an occlusion and will cause the pump to alarm.
- i. The mitigation is to straighten the line and re-start the pump.
- ii. Caregiver may silence the alarm during the procedure.
- B. The infusion line may become plugged. The pump will recognize an occlusion and alarm.
- i. The mitigation is to clear the infusion lines and re-start the pump.
- ii. Caregiver may silence the alarm during the procedure.
- C. Electrical failure may occur causing the pump to switch to battery operation.
- i. Pump will switch over to battery power and notify the caregiver visually.
- ii. Switch may not occur if the battery is not properly charged.

Questions:

- a. Define some sets and predicates appropriate to this domain (similar to the elephant problem above).
- b. Using the sets and predicates you defined express the following statements in predicate logic:
- i.. An alarm will sound whenever the line is “pinched” or “plugged.”
- ii.. If there is an electrical failure the battery power will be on unless the battery is not properly charged.
- c. Does your collection of predicates allow you to say “The alarm will continue to sound until the care giver turns it off.” Why or why not?