

MAT 1348 - Winter 2013
- Solutions to HW#1 -

① Propositions:

h : "It is a holiday."

s : "There is lots of snow on the ground."

m : "You are able to go skiing on Mont Tremblant."

w : "You have lots to study."

c : "It is cold."

Compound propositions:

(a) $c \rightarrow s$

(b) $(m \wedge \neg w) \rightarrow h$

(c) $\neg m \leftrightarrow (\neg c \vee \neg s)$

(d) $(s \wedge \neg w) \rightarrow m$

(e) $(h \wedge s) \rightarrow (\neg w \rightarrow m)$

② (a) $A \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
 $B \equiv (\neg p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$ Alternatively: $B \equiv \neg p$

(b) $A \equiv (\neg \neg p \wedge \neg \neg q) \vee (\neg \neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
 $\equiv \neg(\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee \neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee \neg(p \vee q)$

$B \equiv (\neg p \wedge \neg \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
 $\equiv \neg(p \vee \neg q) \vee \neg(p \vee q)$

(c) Given the equivalences in (b), we have that

$A \equiv \neg(\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee \neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee \neg(p \vee q)$
 $\equiv \neg(p \rightarrow \neg q) \vee (\neg(p \rightarrow q) \vee \neg(\neg p \rightarrow q))$
 $\equiv (p \rightarrow \neg q) \rightarrow ((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg p \rightarrow q))$

$B \equiv \neg(p \vee \neg q) \vee \neg(p \vee q)$
 $\equiv \neg(q \rightarrow p) \vee \neg(\neg p \rightarrow q)$
 $\equiv (q \rightarrow p) \rightarrow \neg(\neg p \rightarrow q)$

Note, solutions for any part of this problem are not unique.

3) First we write the truth table:

P	Q	R	$\neg Q \vee R$	$\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \vee R)$	$Q \leftrightarrow R$	$P \vee (Q \leftrightarrow R)$	(i)	$\neg P \leftrightarrow Q$	(ii)	$\neg P \vee \neg(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge R$	$\neg(P \vee Q)$	(iii)	lines
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	F	T	F	F	T	(1)
T	T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F	F	F	F	T	(2)
T	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	F	T	F	F	(3)
T	F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	F	T	F	F	(4)
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	T	(5)
F	T	F	F	F	F	F	F	T	T	F	F	T	(6)
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	F	T	F	T	(7)
F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	F	T	F	T	(8)

(a) Proposition (i) is a tautology.
Propositions (ii) and (iii) are contingencies.

(b) Propositions (ii) and (iii) are false when

p	q	r	(ii)	(iii)	line
T	F	T	F	F	(3)
F	T	T	F	F	(5)

(c) Propositions (ii) and (iii) are logically equivalent.

(d) Yes, the set of propositions is consistent since for the assignment of truth values for p, q and r in lines 1, 2, 4, 6-8, all three propositions (i), (ii) and (iii) are true.

④ In the following, assume that

p: "A is a knight,"
q: "B is a knight,"

(a)

p	q	A says: $\neg q \rightarrow F$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	F

A says: $\neg q \rightarrow F$ (F = false)

We conclude that A and B are of the same type: both knights or both knaves.

(b)

p	q	A says: $p \oplus \neg q$	B says: $q \rightarrow \neg p$	line
T	T	T	F	(1)
T	F	F	T	(2)
F	T	F	T	(3)
F	F	T	T	(4)

A says: $p \oplus \neg q$
B says: $q \rightarrow \neg p$

Proposition p and what A says have the same truth value in lines (1) and (3).

Proposition q and what B says have the same truth value in the line (3).

∴ The solution is in the common line (3):
A is a knave and B is a knight.

