

MATH 280 Discrete Mathematical Structures Assignment #3

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The point values for each question is given within []. The total number of points for this assignment is 34.

Most of these problems have a single number for an answer. For full credit (or partial credit if your answer is incorrect), show how you obtained your result.

- [4] 1. Given the truth values p **true** (or 1), q **false** (or 0), and r **true** (or 1), what is the truth value of each of the following statements?

- (a) $p \wedge (q \vee r)$
- (b) $(p \wedge q) \vee r$
- (c) $\neg(p \vee q) \wedge r$
- (d) $\neg p \vee (\neg q \wedge r)$

- [8] 2. Complete the following truth tables. Show intermediate results in extra columns. Note any tautologies or contradictions.

p	q	$p \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q)$
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

p	q	r	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow [(p \vee r) \rightarrow (q \vee r)]$
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

p	q	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

p	q	$p \wedge q \leftrightarrow \neg q \vee \neg p$
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

- [5] 3. Consider the truth table for a new logical operator, \diamond :

P	Q	$P \diamond Q$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

Prove that \diamond is sufficient to represent *any* logical statement. To do this, you must show how to achieve \neg , \wedge , \vee , \rightarrow , and \leftrightarrow using only \diamond . (Hint: Once you have shown how you can use \diamond to implement a standard logical operator, you can use that standard operator to derive other standard operators.)

- [3] 4. In a certain country every inhabitant is either a truth teller (who always tells the truth) or a liar (who always lies). Traveling in this country you meet two of the inhabitants, Pat and Mel. Pat says, "If I am a truth teller, then Mel is a truth teller."

- (a) Is Pat a truth teller or a liar?
- (b) Is Mel a truth teller or a liar?

Provide mathematical justification for your answers.

[3] 5. Justify each step in the proof sequence of $P \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \Rightarrow [Q \rightarrow (P \wedge R)]$

1. P
2. $Q \rightarrow R$
3. Q
4. R
5. $P \wedge R$

[3] 6. Justify each step in the proof sequence of $\neg A \wedge B \wedge [B \rightarrow (A \vee C)] \Rightarrow C$

1. $\neg A$
2. B
3. $B \rightarrow (A \vee C)$
4. $A \vee C$
5. $\neg(\neg A) \vee C$
6. $\neg A \rightarrow C$
7. C

[4] 7. Use propositional logic (not a truth table) to prove the validity of $\neg A \wedge (A \vee B) \Rightarrow B$

[4] 8. Use propositional logic (not a truth table) to prove the validity of $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge [P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)] \Rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)$