

# Problem Set 1

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## Exercise 1 Propositional Logic

### Part 1.1 Natural Deduction

Give a formal proof of validity for each of the following sequents. Check the website under Class Notes for a list of rules you may use and some suggested strategies. For these problems, you may only use the ND rules listed on the handout and no derived rules.

1.  $p \vdash q \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$
2.  $\neg(\neg p \vee q) \vdash p$
3.  $\neg p, p \vee q \vdash q$
4.  $p \wedge q, \neg(p \wedge r) \vdash \neg r$
5.  $p \rightarrow q, \neg q \wedge r, p \vee s \vdash s$
6.  $p \vee q \vdash r \rightarrow ((p \vee q) \wedge r)$
7. **EXTRA CREDIT**  $(a \vee b) \wedge \neg c, \neg c \rightarrow (d \wedge \neg a), b \rightarrow (a \vee e) \vdash e \vee f$

### Part 1.2 Truth Tables

Use truth tables to determine whether the following conclusions are semantically entailed from the set of premises.

1.  $(c \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (d \rightarrow e), e \models c \rightarrow e$
2.  $(j \vee m) \rightarrow \neg(j \wedge m), m \leftrightarrow (m \rightarrow j) \models m \rightarrow j$

Use truth tables to determine whether the following sets are truth-functionally consistent.

1.  $\{a \rightarrow b, b \rightarrow c, a \rightarrow c\}$
2.  $\{a, b, c\}$
3.  $\{(a \wedge b) \vee (c \rightarrow b), \neg a, \neg b\}$

## Exercise 2 First Order Logic

### Part 2.1 Translations into FOL

Translate the following sentences into predicate logic. Give the key for the variables and predicate letters that you choose (don't forget to specify a universe of discourse). If you think that more than one translation is suitable, give the alternatives and discuss their differences. Represent as much as possible of the structure relevant to quantificational arguments.

1. Every professor bores some of his or her students.
2. Some professors bore all professors.
3. All professors who fail all their students deserve to be fired.
4. An unpopular professor either fails or gives a low grade to each of his or her students.
5. Professors bore all and only those of their students they are bored by.
6. EXTRA CREDIT: Any student who doesn't listen to his or her professor doesn't understand that professor and bores that professor.

### Part 2.2 Translations from FOL

Use the following key to translate the following FOL sentences into fluent English. That is, the translations should be natural sounding. For example, use "every x" instead of "for all x".

UD: Positive Integers  
Dxy: the sum of x and y is odd  
Exy: the sum of x and y is even  
Lxy: x is larger than y  
Oxy: x times y is odd  
Sxy: x plus y is even  
Ex: x is even  
Ox: x is odd  
Px: x is prime  
Pxy: x times y is prime

1.  $\forall x(Ex \rightarrow \forall yExy)$
2.  $\neg\exists y(Py \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Lyx))$
3.  $\neg\exists x\exists y((Px \wedge Py) \wedge Pxy)$
4.  $\forall x\forall y(Sxy \rightarrow ((Ex \wedge Ey) \vee (Ox \wedge Oy)))$
5.  $\neg\forall x\exists yLxy \wedge \forall x\exists yLyx$

### Part 2.3 Natural Deduction

Prove the following using FOL ND. Your proofs may use the propositional logic rules, the equivalences provided in the handout on the website, the new FOL rules also provided on the web, and the appendix of this homework. Make sure each step is clearly labeled with the appropriate rule.

1.  $\exists xLxx \vdash \exists x\exists yLxy$
2.  $\forall x((Px \vee Qx) \rightarrow Rx), \forall x((Rx \vee Sx) \rightarrow Tx) \vdash \forall x(Px \rightarrow Tx)$
3.  $\exists x\forall yJxy, \exists y\exists z(Hzy \wedge \neg Py), \forall z\forall w((Jzw \wedge \neg Pw) \rightarrow Gz) \vdash \exists zGz$
4.  $\vdash (\forall x\forall yAxy \wedge \forall x(Axx \rightarrow Bi)) \rightarrow Bi$
5.  $\vdash \forall x\exists y(Ax \rightarrow By) \rightarrow (\forall xAx \rightarrow \exists yBy)$
6. **EXTRA CREDIT:**  $\forall y(My \rightarrow Ay), \exists x\exists y((Bx \wedge Mx) \wedge (Ry \wedge Syx)), \exists xAx \rightarrow \forall y\forall z(Syz \rightarrow Ay) \vdash \exists x(Rx \wedge Ax)$

### Exercise 3 Short Answer Questions

1. Explain the differences between syntax and semantics in terms of natural deduction and truth tables. When and why would you use each method? What are the benefits and disadvantages of these methods?
2. Briefly describe the concepts of soundness and completeness in your own words. Without going into too much detail, give a sketch of the proof of each property for propositional logic. How would these proofs be modified for first order logic? (**EXTRA CREDIT:** Looking ahead, will the higher order logics we will discuss later this semester also have either or both of these properties? Why or why not?)

# Appendix

## Laws of Quantifier Negation

**Law 1:**  $\neg(\forall x)\phi(x) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x)\neg\phi(x)$

**Law 2:**  $(\forall x)\phi(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg(\exists x)\neg\phi(x)$

**Law 3:**  $\neg(\forall x)\neg\phi(x) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x)\phi(x)$

**Law 4:**  $(\forall x)\neg\phi(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg(\exists x)\phi(x)$

## Laws of Quantifier In(De)pendence

**Law 5:**  $(\forall x)(\forall y)\varphi(x, y) \Leftrightarrow (\forall y)(\forall x)\varphi(x, y)$

**Law 6:**  $(\exists x)(\exists y)\varphi(x, y) \Leftrightarrow (\exists y)(\exists x)\varphi(x, y)$

**Law 7:**  $(\exists x)(\forall y)\varphi(x, y) \Rightarrow (\forall y)(\exists x)\varphi(x, y)$

## Laws of Quantifier Movement

**Law 9:**  $(\varphi \rightarrow (\forall x)\psi(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)(\varphi \rightarrow \psi(x))$  provided that  $x$  is not free in  $\varphi$

**Law 10:**  $(\varphi \rightarrow (\exists x)\psi(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x)(\varphi \rightarrow \psi(x))$  provided that  $x$  is not free in  $\varphi$

**Law 11:**  $(\forall x)\varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi \Leftrightarrow (\exists x)((\varphi)(x) \rightarrow \psi)$  provided that  $x$  is not free in  $\psi$

**Law 12:**  $(\exists x)\varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)((\varphi)(x) \rightarrow \psi)$  provided that  $x$  is not free in  $\psi$