KFUPM, Math 232 (T142): Introduction to Sets and Structures

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Exercise 1:

Let *P* and *Q* be statements. Which of the following implies that $P \lor Q$ is false? (a) $(\sim P) \lor (\sim Q)$ is false. (b) $(\sim P) \lor Q$ is true. (c) $(\sim P) \land (\sim Q)$ is true. (d) $Q \Rightarrow P$ is true. (e) $P \land Q$ is false.

Exercise 2:

For statements *P* and *Q*, show that $(P \land (P \Rightarrow Q)) \Rightarrow Q$ is a tautology. Then state $(P \land (P \Rightarrow Q)) \Rightarrow Q$ in words. (This is an important logical argument form, called modus ponens.)

Exercise 3

For statements *P*, *Q* and *R*, show that $((P \Rightarrow Q) \land (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow R)$ is a tautology. Then state this compound statement in words. (This is another important logical argument form, called syllogism.)

Exercise 4:

Let *R* and *S* be compound statements involving the same component statements. If *R* is a tautology and *S* is a contradiction, then what can be said of the following? (a) $R \lor S$ (b) $R \land S$ (c) $R \Rightarrow S$ (d) $S \Rightarrow R$.

Exercise 5:

Using algebraic properties of logical equivalence;

(a) For statements P, Q and R, show that

$$((P \land Q) \Rightarrow R) \equiv ((P \land (\sim R)) \Rightarrow (\sim Q)).$$

(b) For statements P, Q and R, show that

$$((P \land Q) \Rightarrow R) \equiv ((Q \land (\sim R)) \Rightarrow (\sim P)).$$

Exercise 6:

Assign propositional variables to come up with the general argument, and then show that the argument is valid. What rules of inference are used?

Argument:

If I drink coffee, then I will get a lot of work done. If I don't drink coffee, then I am sleepy. If I am sleepy, then I am grumpy. Therefore if I don't get a lot of work done, then I am grumpy.

Exercise 7:

An island contains two types of people, knights and knaves. Knights always tell the truth, and knaves always lie. You go to the island, and two people approach you.

Person A says: B is a knight.

Person B says: A and I are of opposite type.

What type are A and B?