CS 1155 Understanding and Constructing Proofs

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Midterm Examination 1

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1. Using truth tables, verify whether or not the following statements are tautologies:

(a)
$$\neg (p \oplus q) \leftrightarrow (p \leftrightarrow q)$$

(b)
$$(p \to q) \land \neg p \to \neg q$$

2. Is $p \to q \leftrightarrow p \land \neg q$ a contradiction?

If yes, prove your answer using a series of logical equivalences.

If no, prove your answer by giving a counterexample to the claim that it is a contradiction.

3. Consider the universe U of all students. Let P(x) denote "student x gets up early."

- (a) Express the proposition "Not all students get up early" using quantifiers and the predicate P.
- (b) Express the proposition "All students do not get up early" using quantifiers and the predicate P.
- (c) Let Q denote the proposition from part (a) and R denote the proposition from part (b). Does $Q \Rightarrow R$? Does $R \Rightarrow Q$? Argue why your answers are correct.
- 4. Let E(m, n) be the predicate $m \neq n$ for universes of discourse N, the natural numbers. Give the truth value of each of the following, with a counterexample for those that are false:
 - (a) $\forall n \exists m E(m, n) \rightarrow \exists m \forall n E(m, n)$
 - (b) $\neg \forall m \exists n E(m, n) \rightarrow \neg \exists n \forall m E(m, n)$
- 5. Recall from the homework that the notation $\exists !xP(x)$ denotes the proposition "There exists a unique x such that P(x) is true."

Give the truth values of the following statements, and a counterexample if the statement is false.

- (a) $\exists ! x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$
- (b) $\exists ! x \neg P(x) \rightarrow \neg \forall x P(x)$
- 6. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$. For each of the following expressions, indicate whether the type of the expression is set, proposition, assertion about propositions or ill-formed:
 - (a) $A \subseteq B$
 - (b) $A \cup B$
 - (c) $A \subset B \leftrightarrow A \subset B \land A \neq B$
 - (d) $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B \land A \neq B$
 - (e) $A \wedge B$

- 7. (a) Give an example of sets A and B that demonstrate that the relative complement is not commutative, i.e., $A \setminus B \neq B \setminus A$.
 - (b) Give an example of sets A and B for which the relative complement is commutative, i.e., $A \setminus B = B \setminus A$.
- 8. Suppose that A, B and C are sets such that $A \oplus C = B \oplus C$. Does this imply that A = B?
- 9. Prove that if A and B are sets, then $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B^c) = A$.