

## Section 2

### 1. Negation and DeMorgan's Law

- Use truth tables to show that  $\neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$  and  $\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$ . These two equivalences are known as DeMorgan's Law.
- Use a truth table to show that the negation of  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is  $P \wedge \neg Q$ , in another words,  $\neg(P \Rightarrow Q)$  is logically equivalent to  $P \wedge \neg Q$ . What is the negation of  $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ ?
- Consider the false statement "For each  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $x^2 \geq x$ " (consider  $0 < x < 1$ ). What is the negation of this statement? Is it "For each  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $x^2 < x$ "? Why not? Let  $P(x)$  be the proposition " $x^2 \geq x$ " with  $x$  taken from the universe of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then our original statement is succinctly written as  $\forall x.P(x)$ . How do we negate this with DeMorgan's Law?

### 2. Suppose we're considering the domain of just 2 numbers $S = \{0, 1\}$ . Try to re-state the following propositions without using any quantifiers. For example, $\forall x.P(x)$ can be re-formulated as $P(0) \wedge P(1)$ .

- $\exists x.P(x)$
- $\neg \exists x.P(x)$
- $\forall x.\exists y.P(x, y)$
- $\exists x.P(x) \vee (\forall y.Q(x, y))$
- $\neg(\forall x.\exists y.P(x) \Rightarrow Q(y))$

### 3. Rewrite the following statements in propositional logic. (Use $\mathbb{N}$ to denote the set of natural numbers and $\mathbb{Z}^+$ to denote the set of positive integers.)

- For all natural numbers  $n$ ,  $n$  is odd if  $n^2$  is odd.
- For all natural numbers  $n$ ,  $n^2 - n + 3$  is odd.
- There are no positive integer solutions to the equation  $x^2 - y^2 = 10$ .

### 4. Let $x_0 = 1$ and $x_1, x_2, x_3 > 0$ . Prove by contrapositive that, if $x_3 > 8$ , then $\exists i \in \{0, 1, 2\}, \frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i} > 2$ .

### 5. Prove that $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}$ , $x$ is divisible by 3 if and only if the sum of the digits of $x$ is divisible by 3.

### 6. Here is an extract from Lewis Carroll's treatise *Symbolic Logic* of 1896:

- No one, who is going to a party, ever fails to brush his or her hair.
- No one looks fascinating, if he or she is untidy.
- Opium-eaters have no self-command.
- Everyone who has brushed his or her hair looks fascinating.
- No one wears kid gloves, unless he or she is going to a party.
- A person is always untidy if he or she has no self-command.

- Write each of the above six sentences as a quantified proposition over the universe of all people. You should use the following symbols for the various elementary propositions:  $P(x)$  for " $x$  goes to a party",  $B(x)$  for " $x$  has brushed his or her hair",  $F(x)$  for " $x$  looks fascinating",  $U(x)$  for " $x$  is untidy",  $O(x)$  for " $x$  is an opium-eater",  $N(x)$  for " $x$  has no self-command", and  $K(x)$  for " $x$  wears kid gloves".
- Now rewrite each proposition equivalently using the *contrapositive*.
- You now have twelve propositions in total. What can you conclude from them about a person who wears kid gloves? Explain clearly the implications you used to arrive at your conclusion.