

# Math 55 Worksheet 2

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## Instructions

- Introduce yourselves! Despite popular belief, math is in fact a team sport!
- Try to work out the problems as a group, but feel free to flag me down if you run into a logical wall.

## Logic Symbols and Propositional Equivalence

1. Let  $c$  = “It is cloudy,”  $r$  = “It is raining,”  $s$  = “It is sunny,”  $w$  = “The ground is wet”,  $n$  = “It is night”. Translate each of the following either into English or into formal logical statements, as appropriate.
  - (a)  $c \rightarrow \neg s$
  - (b)  $\neg s \rightarrow c \vee n$
  - (c)  $r \rightarrow w \wedge c$
  - (d) It is raining whenever the ground is wet.
  - (e) If it’s sunny, then it’s not raining.
  - (f) It only rains at night.
2. Without using truth tables, show that  $\neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$  and  $q \rightarrow (p \vee r)$  are logically equivalent.
3. (a) Find a compound proposition that has the following truth table:

p	q	r	??
T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F
T	F	T	F
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F
F	T	F	T
F	F	T	F
F	F	F	F

- (b) Explain how you could generalize your procedure to any number of variables and any truth table. This is what we mean when we say  $\neg, \wedge, \vee$  are a *complete* set of connectives.

## Predicates and Quantifiers

- Let  $S(x)$  be the statement “ $x$  is a student,”  $L(x)$  be “ $x$  lives in Germany”  $G(x)$  be “ $x$  speaks German.” Translate each of the following into English or into logic symbols as appropriate. The domain is the set of all people.
  - $\exists x(L(x) \wedge S(x))$
  - $\forall x(L(x) \wedge \neg S(x) \rightarrow G(x))$
  - $\exists x(S(x) \wedge L(x) \wedge \neg G(x))$
  - There is a German speaking student.
  - Not all speakers of German live in Germany.
  - The only German residents who don't speak German are students.
  - Some students live in Germany, but some don't.
- Determine whether each of the following pairs of sentences are equivalent. If so, explain why. If not, give an example of predicates and domains where they differ.
  - $\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)); \exists xP(x) \wedge \exists xQ(x)$
  - $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)); \forall xP(x) \wedge \forall xQ(x)$
  - $\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)); \exists xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xQ(x)$
- Determine the truth value of each of the following statements. The domain is the set of all real numbers
  - $\forall x\exists y(x > y)$
  - $\exists x\exists y(x \geq y \wedge y \geq x)$
  - $\forall x\exists y(x = y^2)$
  - $\forall x\forall y\exists z(x > y \rightarrow x > z > y)$
  - $\exists x\exists y(x + y = 1 \wedge x - y = 3)$
  - (hard)**  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x (|x - 3| < \delta \rightarrow |x^2 - 9| < \epsilon)$
- The symbol  $\exists!xP(x)$  stands for “there exists one and only one  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  is true” and is often pronounced “there is a unique  $x$ ...” Show that  $\exists!xP(x)$  can be rewritten using just regular quantifiers.

## Rules of Inference

- Take the following premises for granted:
  - The rebellion will fail if Palpatine is not defeated.
  - Palpatine can be defeated only if Luke joins the dark side or Darth Vader has a change of heart.
  - The rebellion did not fail.
  - Luke did not join the dark side.

Prove, citing the proper rules of inference, that Darth Vader had a change of heart.