

CSE 321: Discrete Structures  
Assignment #1  
September 29, 2006  
Due: Friday, October 6

**Reading Assignment:** Read Sections 1.1-1.4 carefully (make sure that you understand the examples).

**Problems:**

1. Both editions: Section 1.1, exercise 10.
2. 6th edition: Section 1.1, exercise 20, parts (a), (c), (f), (g)  
5th edition: Section 1.1, exercise 18, parts (a), (c), (f), (g).
3. State in English the converse and contrapositive of each of the following implications:
  - (a) If  $a$  is pushed onto the stack before  $b$ , then  $b$  is popped before  $a$ .
  - (b) If the input is correct and the program terminates, then the output is correct. (Be sure to use De Morgan's Law to simplify the contrapositive.)
4. 6th edition: Section 1.1, exercise 60  
5th edition: Section 1.1, exercise 56.
5. The following two statements form the basis of the most important methods for automated theorem proving. Use truth tables to prove that they are tautologies.
  - (a) Resolution:  $((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee r)) \rightarrow (p \vee r)$
  - (b) Modus ponens:  $((p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q)$
6. Show that Modus ponens is a tautology without using a truth table. Show each step and indicate which logical equivalences you use.
7. Show that  $(p \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow r)$  and  $p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$  are logically equivalent.
8. Give the negation of each of the following statements:
  - All good students study hard.
  - No males give birth to their young.
  - No students in mathematics are unable to use a computer.
  - $\forall x \exists y x = y^2$
9. **Extra Credit:** You have two memory registers, each with the same number of bits. You have an operation,  $\text{XOR}(R1, R2)$ , which takes two registers,  $R1$  and  $R2$ , performs bitwise  $\oplus$  between them, and stores the result in  $R1$ . Show how you can swap the contents of the two registers using a sequence of XORs without temporary memory registers. Explain why this works.