

# CSE 390Z: Mathematics for Computation Workshop

## Week 3 Workshop Solutions

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### Conceptual Review

(a) What are the inference rules?

**Solution:**

Introduce  $\vee$ :  $\frac{A}{\therefore A \vee B, B \vee A}$

Eliminate  $\vee$ :  $\frac{A \vee B ; \neg A}{\therefore B}$

Introduce  $\wedge$ :  $\frac{A ; B}{\therefore A \wedge B}$

Eliminate  $\wedge$ :  $\frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A, B}$

Direct Proof:  $\frac{A \Rightarrow B}{\therefore A \rightarrow B}$

Modus Ponens:  $\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$

Intro  $\exists$ :  $\frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$

Eliminate  $\exists$ :  $\frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for a fresh } c}$

Intro  $\forall$ :  $\frac{P(a); a \text{ is arbitrary}}{\therefore \forall x P(x)}$

Eliminate  $\forall$ :  $\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a); a \text{ is arbitrary}}$

(b) Given  $A \wedge B$ , prove  $A \vee B$

Given  $P \rightarrow R, R \rightarrow S$ , prove  $P \rightarrow S$ .

**Solution:**

1.  $A \wedge B$  (Given)
2.  $A$  (Elim  $\wedge$ : 1.)
3.  $A \vee B$  (Intro  $\vee$ : 2.)

1.  $P \rightarrow R$  (Given)
2.  $R \rightarrow S$  (Given)
  - 3.1  $P$  (Assumption)
  - 3.2  $R$  (Modus Ponens: 3.1, 1)
  - 3.3  $S$  (Modus Ponens: 3.2, 2)
3.  $P \rightarrow S$  (Direct Proof Rule; 3.1-3.3)

(c) How do you prove a "for all" statement? E.g. prove  $\forall x P(x)$

**Solution:**

Show that for any **arbitrary**  $a$  in the domain,  $P(a)$  holds.

(d) How do you prove a "there exists" statement? E.g. prove  $\exists xP(x)$

**Solution:**

Show that for some specific  $a$  in the domain,  $P(a)$  holds.

### 1. Tricky Translations

Translate the following English sentences to predicate logic. The domain is integers, and you may use  $=$ ,  $\neq$ , and  $>$  as predicates. Assume the predicates Prime, Composite, and Even have been defined appropriately.

(a) 2 is prime.

**Solution:**

Prime(2)

(b) Every positive integer is prime or composite, but not both.

**Solution:**

$\forall x ((x > 0) \rightarrow (\text{Prime}(x) \oplus \text{Composite}(x)))$

OR

$\forall x ((x > 0) \rightarrow [(\text{Prime}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Composite}(x)) \vee (\neg \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Composite}(x))])$

(c) There is exactly one even prime.

**Solution:**

$\exists x ((\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \forall y [(\text{Even}(y) \wedge \text{Prime}(y)) \rightarrow (y = x)])$

OR

$\exists x ((\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \forall y [(y \neq x) \rightarrow \neg(\text{Even}(y) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))])$

(d) 2 is the only even prime.

**Solution:**

$\forall x ((x = 2) \leftrightarrow \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Even}(x))$

### 2. Formal Proofs: Modus Ponens

(a) Prove that given  $p \rightarrow q$ ,  $\neg s \rightarrow \neg q$ , and  $p$ , we can conclude  $s$ .

**Solution:**

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. $p \rightarrow q$           | (Given)             |
| 2. $\neg s \rightarrow \neg q$ | (Given)             |
| 3. $p$                         | (Given)             |
| 4. $q$                         | (Modus Ponens; 1,3) |
| 5. $q \rightarrow s$           | (Contrapositive; 2) |
| 6. $s$                         | (Modus Ponens; 5,4) |

(b) Prove that given  $\neg(p \vee q) \rightarrow s$ ,  $\neg p$ , and  $\neg s$ , we can conclude  $q$ .

**Solution:**

1.  $\neg(p \vee q) \rightarrow s$  (Given)
2.  $\neg p$  (Given)
3.  $\neg s$  (Given)
4.  $\neg s \rightarrow \neg\neg(p \vee q)$  (Contrapositive; 1)
5.  $\neg s \rightarrow (p \vee q)$  (Double Negation; 4)
6.  $p \vee q$  (Modus Ponens; 3,5)
7.  $q$  (Elim  $\vee$ ; 6,2)

### 3. Formal Proofs: Direct Proof Rule

(a) Prove that given  $p \rightarrow q$ , we can conclude  $(p \wedge r) \rightarrow q$

**Solution:**

1.  $p \rightarrow q$  (Given)
- 2.1  $p \wedge r$  (Assumption)
- 2.2  $p$  (Elim  $\wedge$ ; 2.1)
- 2.3  $q$  (Modus Ponens; 2.2, 1.)
2.  $(p \wedge r) \rightarrow q$  (Direct proof rule; 2.1-2.3)

(b) Prove that given  $p \vee q$ ,  $q \rightarrow r$ , and  $r \rightarrow s$ , we can conclude  $\neg p \rightarrow s$ .

**Solution:**

1.  $p \vee q$  (Given)
2.  $q \rightarrow r$  (Given)
3.  $r \rightarrow s$  (Given)
- 4.1  $\neg p$  (Assumption)
- 4.2  $q$  (Elim  $\vee$ ; 1, 4.1)
- 4.3  $r$  (Modus Ponens; 4.2, 2)
- 4.4  $s$  (Modus Ponens; 4.3, 3)
4.  $\neg p \rightarrow s$  (Direct proof rule; 4.1-4.4)

### 4. Predicate Logic Formal Proof

(a) Prove that  $\forall xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xP(x)$ . You may assume that the domain is nonempty.

**Solution:**

- 1.1.  $\forall xP(x)$  (Assumption)
- 1.2.  $P(a)$  (Elim  $\forall$ : 1.1)
- 1.3.  $\exists xP(x)$  (Intro  $\exists$ : 1.2)
1.  $\forall xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xP(x)$  (Direct Proof Rule, from 1.1-1.3)

(b) Given  $\forall x(T(x) \rightarrow M(x))$  and  $\exists x(T(x))$ , prove that  $\exists x(M(x))$ .

### Solution:

1.  $\forall x(T(x) \rightarrow M(x))$  (Given)
2.  $\exists x(T(x))$  (Given)  
Let  $r$  be the object that satisfies  $T(r)$
3.  $T(r)$  ( $\exists$  elimination, from 2)
4.  $T(r) \rightarrow M(r)$  ( $\forall$  elimination, from 1)
5.  $M(r)$  (Modus ponens, from 3 and 4)
6.  $\exists x(M(x))$  ( $\exists$  introduction, from 5)

(c) Given  $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ , prove that  $(\exists xP(x)) \rightarrow (\exists yQ(y))$ .

### Solution:

1.  $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$  (Given)
  - 2.1.  $\exists x(P(x))$  (Assumption)  
Let  $r$  be the object that satisfies  $P(r)$
  - 2.2.  $P(r)$  ( $\exists$  elimination, from 2.1)
  - 2.3.  $P(r) \rightarrow Q(r)$  ( $\forall$  elimination, from 1)
  - 2.4.  $Q(r)$  (Modus Ponens, from 2.2 and 2.3)
  - 2.5.  $\exists y(Q(y))$  ( $\exists$  introduction, from 2.4)
2.  $(\exists xP(x)) \rightarrow (\exists yQ(y))$  (Direct Proof Rule, from 2.1-2.5)

## 5. Predicate Logic Formal Proof: Oddly Even

Write a formal proof to show: If  $n, m$  are odd, then  $n + m$  is even.

Let the predicates  $\text{Odd}(x)$  and  $\text{Even}(x)$  be defined as follows where the domain of discourse is integers:

$$\text{Odd}(x) := \exists y (x = 2y + 1)$$

$$\text{Even}(x) := \exists y (x = 2y)$$

## Solution:

1. Let  $x$  be an arbitrary integer.
2. Let  $y$  be an arbitrary integer.
  - 3.1.  $\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)$  [Assumption]
  - 3.2.  $\text{Odd}(x)$  [Elim  $\wedge$ : 3.1]
  - 3.3.  $\exists k (x = 2k + 1)$  [Definition of Odd, 3.2]
  - 3.4.  $x = 2k + 1$  [Elim  $\exists$ : 3.3]
  - 3.5.  $\text{Odd}(y)$  [Elim  $\wedge$ : 3.1]
  - 3.6.  $\exists k (y = 2k + 1)$  [Definition of Odd, 3.5]
  - 3.7.  $y = 2j + 1$  [Elim  $\exists$ : 3.7]
  - 3.8.  $x + y = 2k + 1 + 2j + 1$  [Algebra: 3.4, 3.7]
  - 3.9.  $x + y = 2(k + j + 1)$  [Algebra: 3.8]
  - 3.10.  $\exists r (x + y = 2r)$  [Intro  $\exists$ : 3.9]
  - 3.11.  $\text{Even}(x + y)$  [Definition of Even, 3.10]
3.  $\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x + y)$  [Direct Proof Rule]
4.  $\forall m (\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(m) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x + m))$  [Intro  $\forall$ : 2,3]
5.  $\forall n \forall m (\text{Odd}(n) \wedge \text{Odd}(m) \rightarrow \text{Even}(n + m))$  [Intro  $\forall$ : 1,4]

## 6. More Formal Proofs: Predicate Logic!

Given  $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$  and  $\forall y (\neg Q(y) \vee R(y))$ , prove  $\exists x (P(x) \vee R(x))$ . You may assume that the domain is not empty.

### Solution:

1.  $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$  [Given]
2.  $\forall y (\neg Q(y) \vee R(y))$  [Given]
3.  $P(a) \vee Q(a)$  [Elim  $\forall$ : 1]
4.  $\neg Q(a) \vee R(a)$  [Elim  $\forall$ : 2]
5.  $Q(a) \rightarrow R(a)$  [Law of Implication: 4]
6.  $\neg\neg P(a) \vee Q(a)$  [Double Negation: 3]
7.  $\neg P(a) \rightarrow Q(a)$  [Law of Implication: 5]
  - 8.1.  $\neg P(a)$  [Assumption]
  - 8.2.  $Q(a)$  [Modus Ponens: 8.1, 7]
  - 8.3.  $R(a)$  [Modus Ponens: 8.2, 5]
8.  $\neg P(a) \rightarrow R(a)$  [Direct Proof]
9.  $\neg\neg P(a) \vee R(a)$  [Law of Implication: 8]
10.  $P(a) \vee R(a)$  [Double Negation: 9]
11.  $\exists x (P(x) \vee R(x))$  [Intro  $\exists$ : 10]

## 7. More Predicate Translation!

(a) Translate the following sentence into predicate logic:

"Every element in the array A appears at least twice"

Assume the length of the array is a positive even number  $n$ , and assume the domain of discourse is valid integer indexes of A, i.e.  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ . You should use array notation to refer to an element of the array (i.e.  $A[i]$  is the  $i$ -th element of the array A), and may use  $=$ . You should not use any other predicates you create yourself.

**Solution:**

$$\forall i \exists j (i \neq j \wedge A[i] = A[j])$$

(b) Now translate the following modified sentence into predicate logic:

"Every element in the array A appears exactly twice"

**Hint:** You should be able to use what you wrote for part (a), with some additions.

**Solution:**

The difference here is that we need to add an additional restriction so that any index that is not  $i$  or  $j$  does not have the same value as  $A[i]$  and  $A[j]$ .

$$\forall i \exists j (i \neq j \wedge A[i] = A[j] \wedge \forall k ((k \neq i \wedge k \neq j) \rightarrow A[k] \neq A[i]))$$

## 8. More Formal Proofs: Propositional Logic!

Use a formal proof to show that for any propositions  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , the following holds.

$$a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow (c \rightarrow ((a \wedge b) \wedge c)))$$

**Solution:**

Left as an exercise. General idea is to introduce several assumptions, followed by several intro  $\wedge$  steps, followed by several applications of the Direct Proof Rule.