

MATH 1090.03D

Fall 2000

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Due: Sep. 27, 2000—►At the beginning of class◄

Problem Set No. 1—On Chapter 2 of “GS”.



**NOTE. Whenever needed, BE-operator precedences must be as given in class.**  
In particular, all associativities are **right**.



(0) Suppose that, for some given formula  $A$ , you want to find out whether or not  $\neg A \vee A$  is a tautology, and you are going to use a truth table. Suppose that  $A$  has 11 Boolean variables. How many rows will your truth table have? **Why?**

(1) In each **row** below compare all formulas for pairwise **tautological equivalence**:

$$((p \vee q) \vee r), \quad (p \vee (q \vee r))$$

$$((p \wedge q) \wedge r), \quad (p \wedge (q \wedge r))$$

$$(((p \equiv q) \equiv r) \equiv p'), \quad (p \equiv (q \equiv (r \equiv p'))), \quad ((p \equiv (q \equiv r)) \equiv p'), \quad (p \equiv ((q \equiv r) \equiv p'))$$

(2) (Meta)prove that a formula  $A$  is a tautology iff  $\neg A$  is unsatisfiable (a contradiction).

**NOTE.** Recall that “iff” means that there are two directions to do.

(3) (Meta)prove that for *any* two formulas  $P$  and  $Q$ ,  $\models (((P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow P) \Rightarrow P)$ .

(4) Express the following Boolean expression  $A(p, q, r)$ —given by a truth table—in **each of**:

(i) *Conjunctive Normal Form*, and

(ii) *Disjunctive Normal Form*.

**NOTE.** You may use “engineering notation”, if you wish.

$p$	$q$	$r$	$A(p, q, r)$
$t$	$t$	$t$	$f$
$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$
$t$	$f$	$t$	$f$
$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$
$f$	$t$	$t$	$f$
$f$	$t$	$f$	$t$
$f$	$f$	$t$	$t$
$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$

(5) (Meta)prove that for any formulas  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ ,

$$A, B, C \models D \text{ iff } \models A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C \Rightarrow D$$