

# Solutions to First Assignment

## Section 1.1

28. a) Converse: If I stay home, then it will snow tonight. Contrapositive: If I do not stay at home, then it will not snow tonight. Inverse: If it does not snow tonight, then I will not stay home.  
 b) Converse: Whenever I go to the beach, it is a sunny summer day. Contrapositive: Whenever I do not go to the beach, it is not a sunny summer day. Inverse: Whenever it is not a sunny day, I do not go to the beach.  
 c) Converse: If I sleep until noon, then I stayed up late. Contrapositive: If I do not sleep until noon, then I did not stay up late. Inverse: If I don't stay up late, then I don't sleep until noon.

32. To construct the truth table for a compound proposition, we work from the inside out. In each case, we will show the intermediate steps. In part (d), for example, we first construct the truth tables for  $p \wedge q$  and for  $p \vee q$  and combine them to get the truth table for  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$ . For parts (a) and (b) we have the following table (column three for part (a), column four for part (b)).

$p$	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow \neg p$	$p \leftrightarrow \neg p$
T	F	F	F
F	T	T	F

For parts (c) and (d) we have the following table.

$p$	$q$	$p \vee q$	$p \wedge q$	$p \oplus (p \vee q)$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$
T	T	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	T

For part (e) we have the following table.

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$q \rightarrow \neg p$	$p \leftrightarrow q$	$(q \rightarrow \neg p) \leftrightarrow (p \leftrightarrow q)$
T	T	F	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	T

### Section 1.3

10. We construct a truth table for each conditional statement and note that the relevant column contains only T's. For part (a) we have the following table.

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$p \vee q$	$\neg p \wedge (p \vee q)$	$[\neg p \wedge (p \vee q)] \rightarrow q$
T	T	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	T

For part (b) we have the following table. We omit the columns showing  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $q \rightarrow r$  so that the table will fit on the page.

$p$	$q$	$r$	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	$q \rightarrow r$	$[(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	F
F	F	F	T	T	T

For part (c) we have the following table.

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	$[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

16. The first of these propositions is true if and only if  $p$  and  $q$  have the same truth value. The second is true if and only if either  $p$  and  $q$  are both true, or  $p$  and  $q$  are both false. Clearly these two conditions are saying the same thing.

## Assignment 2

### Section 2.2

22. First we show that every element of the left-hand side must be in the right-hand side as well. If  $x \in A \cap (B \cap C)$ , then  $x$  must be in  $A$  and also in  $B \cap C$ . Hence  $x$  must be in  $A$  and also in  $B$  and in  $C$ . Since  $x$  is in both  $A$  and  $B$ , we conclude that  $x \in A \cap B$ . This, together with the fact that  $x \in C$  tells us that  $x \in (A \cap B) \cap C$ , as desired. The argument in the other direction (if  $x \in (A \cap B) \cap C$  then  $x$  must be in  $A \cap (B \cap C)$ ) is nearly identical.

24. First suppose  $x$  is in the left-hand side. Then  $x$  must be in  $A$  but in neither  $B$  nor  $C$ . Thus  $x \in A - C$ , but  $x \notin B - C$ , so  $x$  is in the right-hand side. Next suppose that  $x$  is in the right-hand side. Thus  $x$  must be in  $A - C$  and not in  $B - C$ . The first of these implies that  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ . But now it must also be the case that  $x \notin B$ , since otherwise we would have  $x \in B - C$ . Thus we have shown that  $x$  is in  $A$  but in neither  $B$  nor  $C$ , which implies that  $x$  is in the left-hand side.

30. a) We cannot conclude that  $A = B$ . For instance, if  $A$  and  $B$  are both subsets of  $C$ , then this equation will always hold, and  $A$  need not equal  $B$ .

b) We cannot conclude that  $A = B$ ; let  $C = \emptyset$ , for example.

c) By putting the two conditions together, we *can* now conclude that  $A = B$ . By symmetry, it suffices to prove that  $A \subseteq B$ . Suppose that  $x \in A$ . There are two cases. If  $x \in C$ , then  $x \in A \cap C = B \cap C$ , which forces  $x \in B$ . On the other hand, if  $x \notin C$ , then because  $x \in A \cup C = B \cup C$ , we must have  $x \in B$ .

48. We note that these sets are increasing, that is,  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots$ . Therefore, the union of any collection of these sets is just the one with the largest subscript, and the intersection is just the one with the smallest subscript.

a)  $A_n = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, \dots, n\}$       b)  $A_1 = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1\}$

