

Problem Set 4  
Phil 1068 Elementary Logic  
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1. (10 marks) True or false?

Circle 'T' if the statement is true.

Circle 'F' if the statement is false.

For this question, you should assume that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are WFFs of MPL.

(a)  T In the statement "Henry is happy," "is happy" is the subject and "Henry" is the predicate.

(b)  T " $\exists x \exists y Rxy$ " is a WFF of MPL.

(c)  T You cannot use the truth-table method to determine whether WFFs of MPL are consistent.

(d)  F " $\exists x Fx \rightarrow \exists y Fy$ " is a valid MPL WFF.

(e)  T " $\exists x Fx \rightarrow \exists x Gx$ " is a valid MPL WFF.

(f)  F For any  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\psi/\phi$  is a WFF of MPL.

(g)  T For any  $\phi$ ,  $\psi/\psi$  is a WFF of MPL.

(h)  T " $\exists x(Fx \vee Gx)$ " entails " $\exists x Fx$ ".

(i)  T " $\exists x(Fx \& \exists x Gx)$ " entails " $\exists x(Fx \& Gx)$ ".

(j)  T The set of MPL formulas consisting of  $\exists x Fx$  and  $\sim \exists x Fx$  is consistent.

2. (10 marks)

For each of the following:

Circle "valid" if it is a valid sequent.

Circle "invalid" if it is an invalid sequent.

Otherwise, don't circle anything.

(a)  valid  $(\forall x Ex \& Sb) \vdash (Eb \& Sb)$

(b)  valid  $\forall x(Px \& Qx) \vdash (\forall x Px \& \forall x Qx)$

(c)  valid  $\exists x Px \& \exists x Qx \vdash \exists x(Px \& Qx)$

(d)  valid  $\exists x(Px \& Qx) \vdash (\exists x Px \& \exists x Qx)$

(e)  valid  $(\forall x Px \& \forall x Qx) \vdash \forall x(Px \& Qx)$

3. (15 marks)

Translate the following statements into MPL.

Preserve as much structure as possible.

Use the following translation scheme:

a: Alice

b: Betty

Fx: x is friendly

Gx: x is grateful

(a) "If someone is friendly, Alice is friendly."

$$(\exists x Fx \rightarrow Fa)$$

(b) "Someone friendly is not grateful, but everyone grateful is friendly."

$$(\exists x (Fx \& \sim Gx) \& \forall x (Gx \rightarrow Fx))$$

(c) "Alice is friendly unless Betty is not friendly."

$$(Fb \rightarrow Fa)$$

(d) "Someone is such that if they are friendly then Betty is grateful."

$$\exists x (Fx \rightarrow Gb)$$

(c) "Everyone is grateful unless nobody is grateful."

$$(\exists x b_x \rightarrow \forall x b_x)$$

4. (10 marks)

Give an MPL WFF that is logically equivalent to each of the following WFFs. Your answer must include an existential quantifier if the original WFF contains a universal quantifier, and vice versa.  
(MPL WFF  $\psi$  is logically equivalent to MPL WFF  $\phi$  if and only if  $\phi$  entails  $\psi$  and  $\psi$  entails  $\phi$ .)

(a)  $\exists x \neg(Fx \leftrightarrow Gx)$

$$\neg \forall x (Fx \leftrightarrow Gx)$$

(b)  $\neg \forall y (\neg Fx \rightarrow Gx)$

~~is not~~ a WFF.

5. (10 marks)

Is there an interpretation under which all the following MPL WFFs are true? If yes, then give one such interpretation. If not, explain why there is no such interpretation.

$$\forall x(Ax \& Bx) \rightarrow \neg Cx$$

$$\exists x(Bx \& Cx)$$

$$\exists x(\neg Cx \leftrightarrow Ax)$$

$Cx$

Domain: the set of all animals.

$Ax$ :  $x$  is a mammal.

$Bx$ :  $x$  is a vertebrate.

$Cx$ :  $x$  is a bird.

$a$ : a penguin in the Ocean Park.

6. (10 marks)

Is there a consistent WFF that is true under every interpretation? If so, give such a WFF. If not, explain why there is no such WFF.

$$( \forall x Fx \vee \neg \forall x Fx )$$

7. (10 marks)

Give an interpretation under which  $\exists x(Fx \vee \neg Gx)$  is false and  $\forall x(Gx \rightarrow Fx)$  is true

Impossible.

8. (15 marks)

All of the following sequents are derivable. Produce derivations of them.

(a)  $\forall x Fx, \forall x(Fx \rightarrow Gx) \vdash \forall x Gx$

1.  $\forall x Fx$ . A.

2.  $\forall x(Fx \rightarrow Gx)$  A.

1.  $Fa$  1. VE

2.  $(Fa \rightarrow Ga)$  2. VE

1. 2.  $Ga$  3, 4  $\rightarrow E$

1, 2.  $\forall x Gx$  5 VI.

(b)  $\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \neg Fx) \vdash \neg Ga$

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|--------|----|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.     | 1. | $Fa$                                | A.                  |
| 2.     | 2. | $\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \neg Fx)$ | A.                  |
| 3.     | 3. | $Ga$                                | A.                  |
| 2      | 4. | $(Ga \rightarrow \neg Fa)$          | 2 VE                |
| 2.3.   | 5  | $\neg Fa$                           | 3,4 $\rightarrow E$ |
| 1,2,3. | 6  | $(Fa \vee \neg Fa)$                 | 1,5 $\vee I$ .      |
| 1.2.   | 7  | $\neg Ga$                           | 3,6 $\neg I$ .      |

(c)  $\forall x(Fx \rightarrow Gx) \exists x Fx \vdash \exists x Gx$

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|------|----|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1    | 1  | $\forall x(Fx \rightarrow Gx)$ | A.                  |
| 2    | 2. | $\exists x Fx$                 | A.                  |
| 1    | 3  | $(Fa \rightarrow Ga)$          | 1. VE               |
| 4.   | 4  | $Fa$                           | A.                  |
| 1.4. | 5  | $Ga$                           | 3,4 $\rightarrow E$ |
| 1,4. | 6  | $\exists x Gx$                 | 5 $\exists I$ .     |
| 1,2  | 7. | $\exists x Gx$                 | 2,4,6 $\exists E$   |