

MATHEMATICAL LOGIC - MATH 300
TAKE HOME EXAM 1

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Due: Friday, March 8, 12:00 pm

YOUR NAME: _____



It is necessary to show **all** your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. **You are not supposed to consult external sources** (besides our textbook and slides and your notes) and **you are not supposed to either provide help to or get help from anyone** inside or outside our class.

1. Use Boole's method of equational reasoning to establish the validity of the following argument:

$$A'(B' \cup C') = 0$$

$$CD' = 0$$

$$DE = 0$$

$$\therefore A'E = 0$$

2. Use Carroll's tree method to show the validity of the following argument:

$$ABF = 0$$

$$ACD = 0$$

$$B'D'E' = 0$$

$$C'DE' = 0$$

$$D'E'F' = 0$$

$$\therefore AE' = 0$$

3. Determine whether the following argument is valid

$$\begin{aligned} P &\rightarrow Q \\ (Q \vee R) \wedge \neg(Q \wedge R) \\ \therefore \neg Q &\rightarrow (\neg P \wedge R) \end{aligned}$$

4. In this problem, we are going to use the following notation:

N “needs to sleep 12 hours”
 L “is the life of a party”
 S “is a skier”
 J “likes junk food”
 T “likes TV soap operas”
 M “rides a motorcycle”.

Convert the statements in the following argument into propositional formulas and, then, determine whether the argument is valid, if the universe of discourse is the set of all people:

Those who do not need 12 hours sleep are the life of a party.
Those who need 12 hours sleep are not skiers nor do they like junk food.
Anyone who is not a skier likes TV soap operas.
A person who is the life of a party does not like TV soap operas nor ride a motorcycle.
Skiers do not like junk food.
 \therefore Everyone likes TV soap operas and rides a motorcycle.

5. An Application of Compactness

König's Infinity Lemma: If a tree contains infinitely many vertices, each having finitely many children, then it has at least one infinite path.

Use carefully the Compactness Theorem to prove König's Lemma.

(**Hint:** Introduce for every vertex v in the tree a propositional variable P_v . The intuition is that P_v will be assigned the truth value 1 if and only if v is in the infinite path whose existence is asserted in the conclusion of the statement.)