

Problems are mostly (but not all) from Chapter 2 of the 3rd edition of the text. Problems coming from the textbook have their problem number listed below.

If you are not using the 3rd edition, be careful — question numbers may not agree.

1. **(2.4)** Consider the open sentence  $P(x) : x(x - 1) = 6$  over the domain  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a) For what values of  $x$  is  $P(x)$  a true statement?

**Solution:**  $x \in \{-2, 3\}$

(b) For what values of  $x$  is  $P(x)$  a false statement?

**Solution:**  $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{-2, 3\}$

2. **(2.14)** State the negation of each of the following statements.

(a) At least two of my library books are overdue.

**Solution:** Fewer than two of my library books are overdue.

(c) No one expected that to happen.

**Solution:** Someone expected that to happen.

(e) It's surprising that there were two students who received the same exam score.

**Solution:** It's not surprising that there were two students who received the same exam score.

3. **(2.18)** Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and let

$$P(A) : A \cap \{2, 4, 6\} = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad Q(A) : A \neq \emptyset$$

be open sentences over the domain  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ .

(a) Determine all  $A \in \mathcal{P}(S)$  for which  $P(A) \wedge Q(A)$  is true.

**Solution:**  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\{1, 3, 5\}) - \emptyset$ . Can also be written as

$$A \in \{\{1\}, \{3\}, \{5\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 5\}, \{3, 5\}, \{1, 3, 5\}\}$$

(b) Determine all  $A \in \mathcal{P}(S)$  for which  $P(A) \vee (\sim Q(A))$  is true.

**Solution:**  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\{1, 3, 5\})$

4. **(2.23)** Suppose that  $\{S_1, S_2\}$  is a partition of the set  $S$  and  $x \in S$ . Which of the following are true? (Multiple are possible)

(a) If we know that  $x \notin S_1$ , then  $x$  must belong to  $S_2$ . **True.**

(b) It's possible that  $x \notin S_1$  and  $x \notin S_2$ . **False.**

(c)  $x \notin S_1$  or  $x \notin S_2$ . **True.**

(d)  $x \in S_1$  or  $x \in S_2$ . **True.**

(e) It's possible that  $x \in S_1$  and  $x \in S_2$ . **False.**

5. **(2.34)** Each of the following describes an implication. Write the implication in the form 'if, then.'

(a) Any point on the straight line with equation  $2y + x - 3 = 0$  whose  $x$ -coordinate is an integer also has an integer for its  $y$ -coordinate.

**Solution:** If  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is such that  $2y + x - 3 = 0$  and  $x$  is an integer, then  $y$  is an integer.

OR If  $x$  is an integer and  $y$  is a real number such that  $2y + x - 3 = 0$ , then  $y$  is an integer.

(b) The square of any odd integer is odd.

**Solution:** If  $n$  is an odd integer, then  $n^2$  is odd.

(c) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Whenever  $3n + 7$  is even,  $n$  is odd.

**Solution:** If  $n$  is an integer such that  $3n + 7$  is even, then  $n$  is odd.

6. **(2.42)** Determine all values of  $n$  in the domain  $S = \{2, 3, 4\}$  for which the following is a true statement: The integer  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  is odd if and only if the integer  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  is even.

**Solution:** In order for the statement to hold true, either  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  is odd and  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  is even, or  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  is even and  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  is odd.  $\frac{1 \cdot 2}{2} = 1$ ,  $\frac{2 \cdot 3}{2} = 3$ ,  $\frac{3 \cdot 4}{2} = 6$ ,  $\frac{4 \cdot 5}{2} = 10$ . So the statement is true for  $n = 3$ , and false for  $n = 2, 4$ .

7. **(2.54)** For statements  $P$  and  $Q$ , show that  $((\sim Q) \implies (P \wedge (\sim P)))$  and  $Q$  are logically equivalent.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} ((\sim Q) \implies (P \wedge (\sim P))) &\equiv (\sim(\sim Q) \vee (P \wedge (\sim P))) \\ &\equiv Q \vee (P \wedge (\sim P)) \\ &\equiv Q \end{aligned}$$

the last step is because  $P \wedge (\sim P)$  is a contradiction.

8. **(2.60)** Consider the implication: If  $x$  and  $y$  are even, then  $xy$  is even.

(c) State the implication as a disjunction. (In particular, without the use of the word 'and' or the symbol  $\wedge$ .)

**Solution:** Let's convert the statement into propositional logic.

$$\begin{aligned} ((x \text{ is even}) \wedge (y \text{ is even})) &\implies (xy \text{ is even}) \\ &\equiv \sim((x \text{ is even}) \wedge (y \text{ is even})) \vee (xy \text{ is even}) \\ &\equiv (x \text{ is not even}) \vee (y \text{ is not even}) \vee (xy \text{ is even}) \end{aligned}$$

9. **(2.75)** Consider the quantified statement

For every  $s \in S$  and every  $t \in T$ ,  $st - 2$  is prime.

where the domain of the variables  $s$  and  $t$  is  $S = T = \{3, 5, 11\}$ .

(a) Express this quantified statement in symbols.

**Solution:**  $\forall s \in S, \forall t \in T, st - 2$  is prime.<sup>1</sup>

(b) Is the quantified statement in (a) true or false? Explain.

**Solution:** It is false, because the statement is not true for all pairs  $(s, t)$ . If we take  $s = t = 11$ , we get  $st - 2 = 119 = 7 \cdot 17$ .

(c) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (a) in symbols.

**Solution:**  $\exists s \in S, \exists t \in T, st - 2$  is not prime

10. **(2.86)** Given the implication  $(Q \vee R) \implies (\sim P)$  is false and  $Q$  is false, determine the truth values of  $R$  and  $P$ .

**Solution:**  $R$  and  $P$  are both true, here is an argument for why. The negation of the implication,  $(Q \vee R) \wedge \sim(\sim P)$ , is true. Therefore,  $\sim(\sim P) \equiv P$  is true, and  $Q \vee R$  is true. Since  $Q$  is false,  $R$  is therefore true.

11. Consider the open sentence  $P(a, b) : |a - b| < 2$  where the domain of  $a$  is  $A = \{2, 5, 8\}$  and the domain of  $b$  is  $B = \{3, 4, 7\}$ .

(a) State the quantified statement  $\forall a \in A, \exists b \in B, P(a, b)$  in words.

**Solution:** For each  $a$  in the set  $A$ , there exists some  $b$  in the set  $B$  such that  $|a - b| < 2$ .

(b) Prove that the quantified statement  $\forall a \in A, \exists b \in B, P(a, b)$  is true.

**Solution:** We must check that for each  $a$ , there is a  $b$  such that  $|a - b| < 2$ . When  $a = 2$ , let  $b = 3$ . When  $a = 5$ , let  $b = 4$ . And when  $a = 8$ , let  $b = 7$ .

(c) Prove that the quantified statement  $\exists b \in B, \forall a \in A, P(a, b)$  is false.

**Solution:** We can prove that the negation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sim(\exists b \in B, \forall a \in A, P(a, b)) \\ & \equiv \forall b \in B, \exists a \in A, (\sim P(a, b)) \end{aligned}$$

is true. We must show that for each  $b$ , there is an  $a$  such that  $|a - b| \geq 2$ . When  $b = 3$ ,  $a = 5$  (or  $a = 8$ ). When  $b = 4$ ,  $a = 2$  (or  $a = 8$ ). And when  $b = 7$ ,  $a = 2$  (or  $a = 5$ ).

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<sup>1</sup>If you want to know how to say that a natural number is prime, here is one way to say it:

$$\sim(\exists a \in \mathbb{N}, \exists b \in \mathbb{N}, (a > 1) \wedge (b > 1) \wedge (ab = n))$$