

**Directions:** The following exam consists of 34 questions, for a total of 100 points and 0 bonus points. Read each question carefully (note: answers may break onto the next page). This exam tests your knowledge over the material from Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 of *Symbolic Logic: Syntax, Semantics, and Proof*, lectures, videos, handouts, and discussion. You may write on the test itself, but place final answers on the “answer sheet” provided. *For each question, choose one and only one (the best) answer (unless the question states otherwise).*

### 0.1 Definitions, Concepts, and Basic Mechanics

1. (2 points) What is a decision procedure?
  - A. It is the actual decision a human being makes with respect to whether an argument has a particular logical property, e.g. judging an argument to be valid or invalid.
  - B. It is a step-by-step procedure used by logicians to translate a sentence from a natural language (e.g. English) into a formal language (e.g. propositional logic).
  - C. It is a psychological procedure whereby people made decisions about whether an argument is good or bad.
  - D. A mechanical method that determines (in a finite number of steps) whether a proposition, set of propositions, or argument has a certain logical property.
  
2. (2 points) An set of wffs  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  semantically entails  $Q$  if and only if what? That is,  $A, B, C, D \models Q$  if and only if what?
  - A. there is **no** interpretation such that each of the members (wffs) of  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  are true and  $Q$  is false.
  - B. there is **an** interpretation such that each of the members (wffs) of  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  are true and  $Q$  is false.
  - C. there is **at least two** interpretations such that each of the members (wffs) of  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  are true and  $Q$  is false.
  - D. there is **no** interpretation such that each of the members (wffs) of  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  are false and  $Q$  is true.
  - E. some of the members (wffs) of  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  are true and  $Q$  is false.
  
3. (2 points) What advantage does the truth table and truth tree tests have over the imagination test for validity?
  - A. The truth table/tree tests are mechanical (decision procedures)
  - B. the truth table/tree tests are poetic; they take into account the spirit of human nature
  - C. If an argument is deductively valid in English, then the truth table/tree method will always correctly determine whether it is (in fact) valid in the language of propositional logic (PL).
  - D. If an argument is persuasive in English, then the table/tree methods will tell us whether we ought to be persuaded by them.
  
4. (2 points) What is one advantage of truth trees over truth tables?
  - A. trees provide the user a more graphical way of seeing the truth or falsity of an argument, specifically by showing whether an argument is true or false under every interpretation
  - B. In contrast to truth tables where the complexity of the table is a function of the number of propositional letters (more letters, more rows required), the complexity of a truth tree is not a function of the number of propositional letters.
  - C. Tree trees are capable of showing more arguments to be valid (invalid) than truth tables.
  - D. In contrast to truth tables, truth trees are capable of representing (translating) more arguments into the language of propositional logic.

5. (2 points) Suppose that a set of wffs is inconsistent, what would its truth tree show?
- A. Open, therefore consistent
  - B. Open, therefore inconsistent
  - C. Closed, therefore inconsistent
  - D. Closed, therefore consistent
6. (2 points) How many truth tree tests are required to determine whether a wff is a contingency?

## 0.2 Construction and decomposition

7. (2 points) Suppose we were to test the following argument to determine whether or not it is deductively valid:  $P \vee R, \neg P \rightarrow Q \vdash \neg M$ . The first step of using the truth-tree test is to setup the tree into what is called the “stack”. Which one of the following formulas would **NOT** be in the initial stack:
- A.  $P \vee R$
  - B.  $\neg P \rightarrow Q$
  - C.  $\neg\neg M$
  - D.  $\neg M$
8. (2 points) Suppose we were to test the following argument to determine whether or not it is deductively valid:  $P \rightarrow Q, \neg(P \vee Q) \vdash P \wedge S$ . The first step of using the truth-tree test is to setup the tree into what is called the “stack”. Which one of the following formulas would **NOT** be in the initial stack:
- A.  $P \rightarrow Q$
  - B.  $\neg(P \vee Q)$
  - C.  $\neg(P \wedge S)$
  - D.  $P \wedge S$

## 0.3 Determining the truth of wffs

**Directions:** Determine the truth value (T or F):

9. (2 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{I}(P) = T$ , what is  $v(\neg P)$ ?
10. (2 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{I}(P) = T$ , what is  $v(\neg\neg P)$ ?
11. (2 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{I}(P) = F$  and  $\mathcal{I}(Q) = F$ , what is  $v(P \rightarrow \neg Q)$ ?
12. (2 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{I}(P) = F$  and  $\mathcal{I}(Q) = F$ , what is  $v(\neg P \wedge Q)$ ?
13. (2 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{I}(P) = F$  and  $\mathcal{I}(Q) = T$ , what is  $v(P \leftrightarrow \neg Q)$ ?
14. (2 points)  $\mathcal{I}(P) = T$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(R) = F$ , and  $\mathcal{I}(Q) = F$ , determine the truth value of  $(P \rightarrow \neg Q) \wedge R$
15. (2 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{I}(P) = T$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(Q) = F$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(R) = F$ , what is  $v(P \vee \neg Q) \wedge \neg R$ ?
16. (2 points) What is the truth value of  $P \rightarrow P$ ?
17. (2 points) What is the truth value of  $\neg P \wedge P$ ?

## 0.4 Truth-tree decomposition rules

**Directions:** Write the abbreviation (e.g.  $\wedge D$ ) for the that should be used on the following wffs:

18. (2 points)  $P \wedge Q$
19. (2 points)  $P \vee Q$
20. (2 points)  $P \rightarrow Q$
21. (2 points)  $P \leftrightarrow Q$
22. (2 points)  $\neg R \wedge R$
23. (2 points)  $\neg(R \vee R)$
24. (2 points)  $\neg(R \wedge R)$
25. (2 points)  $\neg(R \vee R)$
26. (2 points)  $\neg A \rightarrow B$
27. (2 points)  $\neg(\neg R \leftrightarrow R)$
28. (2 points)  $\neg P \vee \neg Q?$
29. (2 points)  $\neg R \leftrightarrow \neg R?$
30. (2 points)  $\neg(A \wedge \neg B)?$

## 0.5 Truth table and tree Construction

31. (10 points) On the answer sheet, construct a **truth table** for the following proposition and determine whether it is a contingency, tautology, or contradiction:  $\neg(P \wedge Q) \leftrightarrow P$ . To receive full credit, you must (i) construct the entire truth table, (ii) label whether it is a contingency, tautology, or contradiction, and (iii) clearly explain why the table shows the wff in question has the property you say it does.
32. (10 points) On the answer sheet, construct a **truth tree** for the following set of wffs and determine whether the set is consistent or inconsistent:  $P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q \rightarrow R, S \wedge \neg M$ . To receive full credit, you must (i) construct the entire truth tree, (ii) label whether it is a consistent or inconsistent, and (iii) either demonstrate that the tree is consistent by recovering an interpretation (e.g.  $\mathcal{I}(P) = T, \mathcal{I}(Q) = F$ ) from the tree *or* clearly explaining why the tree shows the set to be inconsistent.
33. (10 points) On the answer sheet, construct either a **truth table** or a **truth tree** for the following set of wffs:  $\neg(P \vee Q), \neg(P \rightarrow Q)$ . To receive full credit, you must (i) construct the entire truth table/tree, (ii) label whether it is a consistent or inconsistent, and (iii) if the set of wffs is consistent, write out the interpretation or identify the row (e.g.  $\mathcal{I}(P) = T, \mathcal{I}(Q) = F$ ) demonstrating consistency.
34. (10 points) On the answer sheet, construct either a **truth table** or a **truth tree** for the following argument:  $(P \vee S) \rightarrow \neg(Q \vee R) \models (\neg P \vee Z)$ . To receive full credit, you must (i) construct the entire truth table or tree, (ii) label whether it is a valid or invalid (that is, entailment of non-entailment), and (iii) if the argument is invalid, identify the row or write out the interpretation (e.g.  $\mathcal{I}(P) = T, \mathcal{I}(Q) = F$ ) demonstrating invalidity.

**Congratulations!**

- turn in your answer sheet at the front of the classroom,
- check to see if your homework has been graded,
- feel free to leave. Class is complete.
- answers to the exam will be posted to CANVAS.

$P \wedge Q$ $P$ $\wedge D$ $Q$ $\wedge D$	$P \leftarrow P \vee Q \rightarrow Q$ $\vee D$
$\neg(P \vee Q)$ $\neg(P)$ $\neg \vee D$ $\neg(Q)$ $\neg \vee D$	$\neg(P) \leftarrow \neg(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow \neg(Q)$ $\neg \wedge D$
$\neg(P \rightarrow Q)$ $P$ $\neg \rightarrow D$ $\neg(Q)$ $\neg \rightarrow D$	$P \leftarrow P \leftrightarrow Q \rightarrow \neg(P)$ $\leftrightarrow D$ $Q$ $\neg(Q)$ $\leftrightarrow D$
$\neg\neg(P)$ $P$ $\neg\neg D$	$P \leftarrow \neg(P \leftrightarrow Q) \rightarrow \neg(P)$ $\neg \leftrightarrow D$ $\neg(Q)$ $Q$ $\neg \leftrightarrow D$
	$\neg(P) \leftarrow (P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow Q$ $\rightarrow D$

Table 1: Truth tree decomposition rules for **PL**

$P$	$\neg P$
$T$	$F$
$F$	$T$

Table 2: Truth Table: Negation

$P$	$R$	$P \wedge R$	$P \vee R$	$P \rightarrow R$	$P \leftrightarrow R$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$

Table 3: Truth Table: Conjunction, Disjunction, Conditional, and Biconditional

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