Math 211 Discrete Mathematics

PROBLEM SET #1

Due Thursday, February 2, 2023 @ 11:59 pm Submit as single pdf file to Canvas

Remember to review the Guidelines for Problem Sets on the course webpage.

1. Two doors are guarded by two men, one of whom always lies and one of whom always tells the truth; however, you do not know which man is which. One of the doors leads to freedom and one to captivity.

Determine a single question that, if asked of one of the guards, would reveal the door to freedom with certainty.

- 2. Let h="John is healthy", w="John is wealthy" and s="John is wise." For each of the following, use the symbols \sim , \wedge , \vee and the letters as defined, to represent the statement.
 - (a) John is healthy and wealthy but not wise.
 - (b) John is not wealthy but he is healthy and wise.
 - (c) John is neither healthy, wealthy, nor wise.
 - (d) John is neither wealthy nor wise, but he is healthy.
 - (e) John is wealthy, but he is not both healthy and wise.
- 3. Find the truth tables for the two possible interpretations of $p \land q \lor r$ and determine whether or not they are the same. Discuss what this means about order of operations and the importance of parentheses.

Can you come up with another example where lack of parentheses changes the meaning?

- 4. Geoff Poshingten is out at a fancy pizza joint, and decides to order a calzone. When the waiter asks what he would like in it, he replies, "I want either peperoncini or shallots. Also, if I have shallots, then I must also include queso cotija. Oh, and if I have peperoncini or queso contija then I must also have rutabaga."
 - (a) Translate Geoff's order into logical symbols.
 - (b) What, if anything, can the waiter conclude about the ingredients in Geoff's desired calzone?

References for problems: 2. Epp, Discrete Mathematics with Applications, 4th edition, Exercise 2.1.8; 3. Rachelle DeCoste; 4. Levin, Discrete Mathematics, An Open Introduction, 3rd edition Exercise 3.1.5

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