

**Kerry Ojakian's CSI 30 Class**  
**Class Assignment #1**

1. Which of the following statements are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions?

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| (a) Do not cheat!                  | (d) Bronx Community College. |
| (b) When is class over?            |                              |
| (c) There is a roach in this room. | (e) Honey never rots.        |

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2. Which of the following statements are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions?

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| (a) $x + y = 4$ | (c) $6 - 8 > 0$ |
| (b) $3 + 1 = 4$ | (d) $x = 9$     |

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3. Which of the following statements are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions?

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| (a) All integers are positive.   | (c) A negative integer is less than a positive integers. |
| (b) All numbers are interesting. | (d) There is a largest integer.                          |
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4. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the propositions:

$P$ : Vic lives in California

$Q$ : Vic likes beer

Express each of these propositions as an English sentence.

(a)  $\neg P$

(c)  $Q \leftrightarrow P$

(b)  $P \rightarrow Q$

(d)  $P \vee \neg Q$

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5. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the propositions:

$B$ : I am a student at BCC.

$M$ : I live in Manhattan.

Express each of these propositions as an English sentence and state whether it is true or false *for you*.

(a)  $B$

(c)  $B \vee M$

(b)  $B \wedge M$

(d)  $\neg B \vee M$

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6. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the propositions:

$P$ : I am a student at BCC.

$Q$ : I am a student at CUNY.

Express each of these propositions as an English sentence and state whether it is true or false *for anyone saying it (not just you)*.

(a)  $P \wedge Q$

(c)  $Q \rightarrow P$

(b)  $P \rightarrow Q$

(d)  $P \vee \neg P$

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7. Let  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  be the following propositions

$P$ : You do all the homework.

$Q$ : You attend every class.

$R$ : You get an A in this class.

Write these propositions using  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$ , along with the logical connectives.

- (a) You do all the homework, but you do not attend every class.
- (b) You get an A in the class, attend every class, and do all the homework.
- (c) If you do all the homework, and attend every class, then you will get an A in this class.

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8. Determine whether each of these conditional statements is true or false.

- (a) If  $1 + 1 = 2$ , then Trump is president of the USA.
- (c) If  $1 + 1 < 5$ , then  $2 + 2 = 5$ .
- (b) If  $1 + 1 = 3$ , then Rihanna is president
- (d) If  $1 + 1$  is negative, then  $2 + 2 = 5$ .

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9. How many rows appear in a truth table for each of these compound propositions?

- (a)  $X \vee \neg X$
- (c)  $(P \vee \neg Q) \leftrightarrow ((P \wedge Q) \rightarrow \neg P)$
- (b)  $A \rightarrow (A \wedge \neg B)$
- (d)  $(A \vee B) \rightarrow (A \vee B \wedge \neg C)$

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10. Construct a truth table for the following proposition:  $X \vee \neg X$

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11. Construct a truth table for the following proposition:  $\neg A \wedge B$

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12. Construct a truth table for the following proposition:  $\neg A \rightarrow (A \vee \neg B)$

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13. Show that the following proposition is a tautology (using a truth table):

$$A \leftrightarrow B \equiv (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A)$$

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14. Show that the following proposition is a tautology (just giving an argument in English without using a truth table):  $A \rightarrow (A \vee B)$
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15. Show that the following proposition is a contradiction (just giving an argument in English without using a truth table):  $P \leftrightarrow \neg P$
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16. Find an example of a conditional statement in propositional logic which is a tautology.
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17. Show that the following 2 propositions are **not** logically equivalent:  $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow C$  and  $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$
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18. Consider the following proposition:  $A \vee B \wedge C$ . Make 2 different choices of placing parentheses, so that you get 2 propositions which are **not** logically equivalent.
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19. We know that  $\neg\neg P$  is equivalent to  $P$ . More generally, if we build up a proposition using only the letter  $P$  and the negation symbol, which of these propositions are equivalent to  $P$ ?

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20. Use De Morgan's laws to find the negation of each of the following statements.

- (a) Jose is smart and rich.
- (b) Mary takes the subway to BCC or walks to BCC

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21. Use De Morgan's laws to find the negation of each of the following statements.

- (a)  $A \vee \neg B$
- (b) Mary takes the subway to BCC or walks to BCC

22. Use Python (showing your code) to determine if the propositional logic statement

$$\neg(A \wedge B) \vee (\neg C \wedge D)$$

is true or false under the various assignments to propositional variables.

(a)  $A = T, B = F, C = T, D = F$

(b)  $A = F, B = T, C = F, D = F$

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23. Use Python (showing your code) to find two different assignments to the variables that make the following the propositional logic statement true:

$$((\neg X \wedge Y \wedge \neg Z) \vee (X \wedge \neg Y)) \wedge (Y \vee Z)$$

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24. Are these system specifications consistent? (from Rosen 8th ed)

- Whenever the system software is being upgraded, users cannot access the file system.
- If users can access the file system, then they can save new files.
- If users cannot save new files, then the system software is not being upgraded.

25. Are these system specifications consistent? (from Rosen 8th ed)

- The system is in multiuser state if and only if it is operating normally.
- If the system is operating normally, the kernel is functioning.
- The kernel is not functioning or the system is in interrupt mode.
- If the system is not in multiuser state, then it is in interrupt mode.
- The system is not in interrupt mode.

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26. Construct a circuit that produces the output  $x \vee (\neg y \wedge z)$  from input bits  $x, y$ , and  $z$  (only 3 standard gate types allowed: AND, OR, NOT).

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27. Construct a circuit that produces the output  $(\neg a) \rightarrow (b \wedge c)$  from input bits  $a, b$ , and  $c$  (only 3 standard gate types allowed: AND, OR, NOT).

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