

Lassonde Faculty of Engineering  
EECS

MATH1090. Problem Set No. 2

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**Due: Oct. 23, 2018, by 3:00pm; in the course  
assignment box.**



**Administrative Stuff.** It is worth remembering (from the course outline):

The homework must be each individual's own work. While consultations with the instructor, tutor, and among students, are part of the learning process and are encouraged, nevertheless, *at the end of all this consultation each student* will have to produce an individual report rather than a copy (full or partial) of somebody else's report.

The concept of "late assignments" does not exist in this course.



A brief but full justification of each proof step is required!

**Do all the following problems; (5 Points Each).**



**Important Notes; Read First!**

"Show that —or prove that—  $\Gamma \vdash A$ " means "write a  $\Gamma$ -proof that establishes  $A$ ". The proof can be Equational or Hilbert-style. Equational is rather easier in Boolean Logic. But it is your choice, unless a problem explicitly asks for a particular proof style.

You may *NOT* use **any of these tools** in this Problem Set: **Deduction Theorem, Resolution, Post's Theorem, Cut Rule**. *Any solutions that use these tools will be discarded (grade 0).*

Recall that notation such as  $\mathbf{p}$  is for **metavariables** or **syntactic variables** that stand for *any* Boolean variable of our alphabet  $\mathcal{V}$  (that is, any of  $p, q, r''_{123}$ , etc.). In particular, just as in algebra  $x$  and  $y$  may hold the same value, similarly here  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  might stand for the same variable, say  $r$ . So, if we intend them to *stand for different variables* we will indicate this by simply saying "*where  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  are different*".



1. Let  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  be different, and let  $\mathbf{q}$  be fresh for  $C$ .

Prove by *induction on formulas*  $C$  (NOT by induction on their complexity; no credit will be given for such proof) that the result of the substitution  $C[\mathbf{p} := \mathbf{q}][\mathbf{q} := \mathbf{A}]$  is the same as that of the substitution  $C[\mathbf{p} := \mathbf{A}]$ .

2. Show that  $A \equiv C \vdash A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$
3. Show that  $\vdash A \equiv B \equiv A \equiv \perp \equiv B \equiv \perp$
4. Show that  $\vdash A \vee B \equiv (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$
5. Suppose you are given for some formulae  $A$  and  $B$  and set  $\Gamma$  that  $\vdash A$  and  $\Gamma \vdash B$ . Show that  $\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \rightarrow A \wedge B$ .
6. For any formulas  $A$  and  $B$  show that  $A \wedge \neg A \vdash B$
7. Prove that  $A, B \vdash A \equiv B$ .
8. For any formulas  $A, B$  and  $C$ , prove that

$$\vdash A \rightarrow B \rightarrow \left( (C \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (C \rightarrow B) \right)$$

9. For any formula  $A$ , prove that  $\perp \vdash A$ .



Only an equational proof is acceptable in exercise #9 (0 points for a Hilbert-style proof).

