

**Lassonde Faculty of Engineering  
EECS**

**MATH1090. Problem Set No. 3**

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**Due:** Nov. 21, 2019, by 2:00pm; **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.

"**Required Method**" means that any other method will get a 0-grade.

It is all right to use the Cut Rule in each problem, unless specified otherwise!

Post's Theorem is **NOT** allowed in Problems 1–4.



1. Show that  $A \equiv B \equiv C \vdash A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$

**Required Method:** Use a **Hilbert style** proof and the Deduction Theorem.

2. Show that  $\vdash A \wedge B \equiv B \wedge A$



**Worth Remembering:** With the above proved and with the associativity of  $\wedge$  proved in the **MidTerm solutions**, we now can use without any fussing:

- In a chain of  $\wedge$  connectives we can insert brackets as we please, including not at all.
- In a chain of  $\wedge$  connectives we can commute the participating formulas as we please.

The proofs are exactly as those for  $\vee$ -chains and  $\equiv$ -chains.



3. For any formulas  $A, B$  and  $C$ , prove that

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

**Required Method:** Use a **Hilbert style** proof and the Deduction Theorem.

4. For any formulas  $A, B$  and  $C$ , prove **again** that

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

**Required Method:** Use a **Resolution** proof.

5. For any formula  $A$  prove **two things**:

$$\vdash (\forall \mathbf{x})A \rightarrow (\forall \mathbf{x})A \vee (\forall \mathbf{z})B$$

and

$$\vdash (\forall \mathbf{x})(\forall \mathbf{y})(\forall \mathbf{z})(A \rightarrow A)$$

6. Use an **Equational** Proof to show

$$\vdash (\exists \mathbf{x})(\exists \mathbf{y})A \equiv (\exists \mathbf{y})(\exists \mathbf{x})A$$

7. **Typo corrected. This should read:**

Prove  $\vdash (\forall \mathbf{x})(A \vee B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (\forall \mathbf{x})(A \rightarrow C) \wedge (\forall \mathbf{x})(B \rightarrow C)$ .