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Problem 1. [5pts] Construct a truth table for the compound proposition $(p \leftrightarrow q) \oplus (\neg p \leftrightarrow \neg r)$.

Solution: (only the left three columns and right-most column are required)

p	q	r	$p \leftrightarrow q$	$\neg p \leftrightarrow \neg r$	$(p \leftrightarrow q) \oplus (\neg p \leftrightarrow \neg r)$
T	T	T	T	T	F
T	T	F	T	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	F	F	F
F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T
F	F	F	T	T	F

Problem 2. [5pts] Construct a truth table for the compound propositions $((p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow s)$.

Solution: (only the left four columns and right-most column are required)

p	q	r	s	$(q \rightarrow r)$	$(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r))$	$(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow s$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	T	F	T	T	F
T	T	F	T	F	F	T
T	T	F	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	T	F
T	F	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	F
F	T	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	F

Problem 3. [10pts] On the island of Flopi, there are three types of people: Knights, Knaves, and Floppers. All inhabitants know which type the others are, but they are otherwise indistinguishable. Knights always tell the truth. Knaves always lie. Floppers always choose to lie or tell the truth by doing the opposite of the previous speaker (i.e. if someone just spoke a lie, the flopper will tell the truth; if someone just spoke a truth, the flopper will lie). While on your vacation, you come across three inhabitants, A , B , and C . They say the following, in order:

A says, “We are all knights.”
 B says, “ C is a knight.”
 C says, “ A is a knave.”
 A says, “ C lied.”

Determine all possibilities of A , B , and C being Knights, Knaves, or Floppers (not all need to be distinct).

Solution: We will use a method of elimination to determine which possibilities remain.

Since A first says “We are all knights.” and C says “ A is a knave,” it is impossible that both A and C are telling the truth. If A told the truth, then C lied, and C is not a knight. Thus, A lied and must be a Knave or a Flopper.

Case 1: A is a Knave. Then C tells the truth, so C is not a Knave.

Case 1.a: If C is a Knight, then B tells the truth and A lies in the last statement (consistent with A being a Knave). Thus, B is not a Knave, but could be a Knight or a Flopper (since A lied before B 's statement). This leads to the following possible assignments:

A : Knave, B : Knight, C : Knight
 A : Knave, B : Flopper, C : Knight

Case 1.b: If C is a Flopper, then B lies so B is not a Knight or a Flopper (since A lied in the first statement). So B is a Knave. This leads to the following possible assignments:

A : Knave, B : Knave, C : Flopper

Case 2: A is a Flopper. Then C lies, so C is not a Knight. Also note that A tells the truth in the last statement, as a Flopper should. Since C is not a Knight, B lied, so B is not a Knight or a Flopper (since A lied in the first statement). Thus B is a Knave. If C was a Flopper, then C would tell the truth, but C lied. Thus, C is a Knave. This leads to the following possible assignments:

A : Flopper, B : Knave, C : Knave

Therefore, the full list of possibilities is:

A : Knave, B : Knight, C : Knight
 A : Knave, B : Flopper, C : Knight
 A : Knave, B : Knave, C : Flopper
 A : Flopper, B : Knave, C : Knave

Problem 4. [5pts] Show that $[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q$ is a tautology using truth tables.

Solution:

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	$(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

Problem 5. [10pts] Prove¹ that $(p \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow r)$ and $p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$ are logically equivalent (without using this equivalence from the tables).

	$(p \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow r)$	$\equiv (\neg p \vee q) \vee (p \rightarrow r)$	Logical equivalence using conditionals
		$\equiv (\neg p \vee q) \vee (\neg p \vee r)$	Logical equivalence using conditionals
<i>Solution:</i>		$\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg p) \vee (q \vee r)$	Associative and Commutative Laws
		$\equiv \neg p \vee (q \vee r)$	Idempotent law
		$\equiv p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$	Logical equivalence using conditionals.

¹“Prove” means do not use truth tables!

Problem 6. [5pts] Find an assignment of the variables p, q, r such that the proposition

$$(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (p \vee q) \wedge (q \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p) \wedge (r \vee p)$$

is satisfied. For a bonus 5 points, prove that this assignment is *unique*. (Hint: Prove an equivalence between this proposition and the proposition $(p \leftrightarrow X) \wedge (q \leftrightarrow Y) \wedge (r \leftrightarrow Z)$ where (X, Y, Z) is your assignment.)

There are a few ways to do this problem.

Solution: Let $p, q,$ and r all be true. Then, $p \vee \neg q$ is true, $p \vee q$ is true, $q \vee r$ is true, $q \vee \neg r$ is true, $r \vee \neg p$ is true, and $r \vee p$ is true. Since these statements are true, the AND of all of them is true.

Solution: We will reduce this compound proposition into its simplest form using logical equivalences.

$$\begin{aligned} & (p \vee \neg q) \wedge (p \vee q) \wedge (q \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p) \wedge (r \vee p) \\ \equiv & (p \vee (\neg q \wedge q)) \wedge (q \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p) \wedge (r \vee p) && \text{Distributive law} \\ \equiv & (p \vee (\neg q \wedge q)) \wedge (q \vee (r \wedge \neg r)) \wedge (r \vee \neg p) \wedge (r \vee p) && \text{Distributive law} \\ \equiv & (p \vee (\neg q \wedge q)) \wedge (q \vee (r \wedge \neg r)) \wedge (r \vee (\neg p \wedge p)) && \text{Distributive law} \\ \equiv & (p \vee \mathbf{F}) \wedge (q \vee (r \wedge \neg r)) \wedge (r \vee (\neg p \wedge p)) && \text{Negation law} \\ \equiv & (p \vee \mathbf{F}) \wedge (q \vee \mathbf{F}) \wedge (r \vee (\neg p \wedge p)) && \text{Negation law} \\ \equiv & (p \vee \mathbf{F}) \wedge (q \vee \mathbf{F}) \wedge (r \vee \mathbf{F}) && \text{Negation law} \\ \equiv & p \wedge (q \vee \mathbf{F}) \wedge (r \vee \mathbf{F}) && \text{Identity law} \\ \equiv & p \wedge q \wedge (r \vee \mathbf{F}) && \text{Identity law} \\ \equiv & p \wedge q \wedge r && \text{Identity law} \end{aligned}$$

Since the proposition is true if and only if $p \wedge q \wedge r$ is true, it is satisfied only by the assignment $p = q = r = \mathbf{T}$.