

True/False [1 pt each] For each of the following statements, decide whether it is true or false. Put T or F on the answer sheet.

1. Let $A = \{\text{red square, red octagon, blue triangle, yellow hexagon, blue hexagon}\}$. Let $P(x, y)$ be the propositional function " x has the same number of sides as y " and let $Q(x, y)$ be the propositional function " x and y have the same color."

$$\forall x \in A \exists y \in A (\sim P(x, y) \wedge Q(x, y)) \vee (P(x, y) \wedge \sim Q(x, y))$$

Answer. True. For every element of A , there is another element that either has the same number of sides and a different color, or the same color and a different number of sides. You can go through the elements of A to check: red square has red octagon, red octagon has red square, blue triangle has blue hexagon, yellow hexagon has blue hexagon, and blue hexagon has blue triangle.

2. For any propositions P , Q , and R , the compound propositions $P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)$ and $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$ are logically equivalent. (*Hint: make a truth table.*)

Answer. This is false, as a truth table will show. If P , Q , and R are all false, then $Q \Rightarrow R$ is true and so $P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)$ has the form $F \Rightarrow F$ which is true. However, $(P \Rightarrow Q)$ is true, so the implication $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$ has the form $T \Rightarrow F$ which is false.

3. There are $(7)(6)(5)(4) = 840$ different injective function $f : \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G\}$.

Answer. True. We construct such an f by listing 4 distinct elements of A, B, C, D, E, F, G for the values of $f(1), f(2), f(3), f(4)$. Since there are 7 possible choices for $f(1)$, 6 for $f(2)$, 5 for $f(3)$, and 4 for $f(4)$, we have a total of $(7)(6)(5)(4) = 840$ possibilities.

4. If A, B, C are subsets of some universal set U , then $A - (B - C) = (A - B) - C$. (*Hint: draw a Venn diagram or try an example.*)

Answer. False. For an example, let $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$, and $C = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$. Then $(B - C) = \{5, 7\}$ and $A - (B - C) = \{2, 3, 4\}$. On the other hand, $A - B = \{2, 3\}$ and $(A - B) - C = \{3\}$.

5. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function and $A \subseteq X$ then $f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$.

Answer. False. Let $f : \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{r, g, b, y\}$ be given by

$$1 \mapsto r$$

$$2 \mapsto r$$

$$3 \mapsto b$$

$$4 \mapsto g$$

Let $A = \{1, 3\}$. Then $f(A) = \{r, b\}$ and $f^{-1}(f(A)) = f^{-1}(\{r, b\}) = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

6. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an injective function and $A \subseteq X$ then $f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$.

Answer. True.

For any function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and any set $A \subseteq X$, we have $A \subset f^{-1}(f(A))$. To prove it, let $a \in A$. Then $f(a) \in f(A)$. Since $f(a) \in f(A)$ we have $a \in f^{-1}(f(A))$.

Now, suppose f is injective. To show that $f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq A$, let $a \in f^{-1}(f(A))$. This means that $f(a) \in f(A)$. Therefore, there exists an element $a' \in A$ with $f(a') = f(a)$. Since f is injective, $a' = a$ and we've shown $a \in A$.

7. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \cdots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$.

Answer. True. We use induction. For the base step, notice that when $n = 1$, the statement $2 = 2^2 - 2$ is true.

For the inductive step, suppose that $2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \cdots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$. Adding 2^{n+1} to both sides yields $2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \cdots + 2^n + 2^{n+1} = 2^{n+1} - 2 + 2^{n+1} = 2(2^{n+1}) - 2 = 2^{n+2} - 2$, completing the inductive step.

Short answer [3 points]

8. Choose one of the true/false problems above and explain why it is true or false. Write your answer clearly and carefully. Neatness counts.