

Problem 1

- (a) Show that the existential quantifier distributes over disjunction. In other words, show that $\exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$ is equivalent to $\exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$.
- (b) Is $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$ equivalent to $\forall xP(x) \vee \forall xQ(x)$? Explain. (Hint: Try assigning meanings to $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$).

Solution

Problem 2

- (a) Show that $(\forall x \in A, P(x)) \wedge (\forall x \in B, P(x))$ is equivalent to $\forall x \in (A \cup B), P(x)$.
- (b) Show that $\exists x \in A, P(x) \vee \exists x \in B, P(x)$ is equivalent to $\exists x \in (A \cup B), P(x)$.
- (c) Is $\exists x \in A, P(x) \wedge \exists x \in B, P(x)$ equivalent to $\exists x \in (A \cap B), P(x)$? Explain your answer.

Solution

Problem 3

Show that the statements $A \subseteq B$ and $A \setminus B = \emptyset$ are equivalent by writing each in logical symbols and then showing that the resulting formulas are equivalent.

Solution

Problem 4

Let $T(x, y)$ mean “ x is a teacher of y .” What do the following statements mean? Under what circumstances would each one be true? Are any of them equivalent to each other?

- (a) $\exists!yT(x, y)$.
- (b) $\exists x\exists!yT(x, y)$.
- (c) $\exists!x\exists yT(x, y)$.
- (d) $\exists y\exists!xT(x, y)$.
- (e) $\exists!x\exists!yT(x, y)$.
- (f) $\exists x\exists y[T(x, y) \wedge \neg\exists u\exists v(T(u, v) \wedge (u \neq x \vee v \neq y))]$.

Solution