Homework 1

The assignment is due at the beginning of class on February 11, 2013.

Problem 1 (15 points) You have seen how to generate compound statements using the four connectives \neg, \lor, \land and \Rightarrow . This problem addresses the question whether all four connectives are necessary.

- Use a truth table to show that $A \Rightarrow B$ is equivalent to $\neg(A \land \neg B)$.
- Show that $A \lor B$ can be written using only the connectives \neg and \land .

Thus the two connectives \neg and \land suffice to generate all compound statements. It is possible to further reduce to only one connective, albeit a different one: Let us define the new connective NOR by setting

A NOR
$$B \iff \neg (A \lor B)$$
.

• Show that the four compound statements $\neg A$, $A \lor B$, $A \land B$ and $A \Rightarrow B$ can be written using only the NOR-connective.

Problem 2 (10 points) Negate¹ the following statement: "All dogs have three legs, or there is a cat with two tails."

Problem 3 (15 points) In each case, give an example, or explain why such an example cannot exist:

- Is there a predicate A(x, y) such that the statement $\forall x \exists y : A(x, y)$ is true, while the statement $\exists y \forall x : A(x, y)$ is false?
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Problem 4 (10 points) A clothing store advertises: "For every customer we have a rack of clothes that fit."

- Write the statement above using quantifier(s) and predicate(s).
- Negate the sentence using quantifier(s) and predicate(s).
- Write the negation¹ in the form of an English sentence.

¹Don't just write *"It is not true that ..."*



Figure 1: Homework Layout