



Mathematics-11
Exercise - 2.5

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Convert the following theorems to logical form and prove them by constructing truth tables:

Q.1 $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$ (BWP 2021, FSD 2022)

Solution: The corresponding logical form is : $(p \wedge q) =: p \vee : q$

p	q	$: p$	$: q$	$p \wedge q$	$: p \vee : q$	$: (p \wedge q)$
T	T	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T	T

Last two columns show that : $(p \wedge q) =: p \vee : q$ and hence $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$

Q.2 $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$

Solution: The corresponding logical form is $(p \vee q) \vee r = p \vee (q \vee r)$

p	q	r	$p \vee q$	$q \vee r$	$(p \vee q) \vee r$	$p \vee (q \vee r)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	F	F

Last two columns show that $(p \vee q) \vee r = p \vee (q \vee r)$ and hence

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$$

Q.3 $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

Solution: The corresponding logical form is $(p \wedge q) \wedge r = p \wedge (q \wedge r)$

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

Last two columns show that $(p \wedge q) \wedge r = p \wedge (q \wedge r)$ and hence

$$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$$

Q.4 $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

(MTN 2022)

Solution: The corresponding logical form is

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

p	q	r	$p \vee q$	$p \vee r$	$q \wedge r$	$p \vee (q \wedge r)$	$(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	F	F	F
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

Last two columns show that $p \vee (q \wedge r) = (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ and hence

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$