

CPSC 121 Quiz 2
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[9] 1. Translate each of the following English propositions into predicate logic. Assume that P is the set of well-known painters, C is a set of countries, S is the set of all current UBC students, $Likes(x, y)$ is a predicate that is true if student x likes paintings by painter y , and $EatsAt(x, y)$ is a predicate that is true if student x eats at restaurant selling food typical of country y . Assume that a student only eats at a restaurant if he/she enjoys the food cooked there, and only buys paintings he/she likes.

[3] a. One student bought a painting by Picasso immediately after eating at McDonald's (note: hamburgers are american food).

Solution : $\exists s \in S Likes(s, Picasso) \wedge EatsAt(s, USA)$

[3] b. Only students who like paintings by Salvador Dali will eat in Greek restaurants.

Solution : $\forall s \in S EatsAt(s, Greece) \rightarrow Likes(s, Dali)$

[3] c. Students who dislike both Monet and French food do not like Renoir either.

Solution : $\forall s \in S \sim Likes(s, Monet) \wedge \sim EatsAt(s, France) \rightarrow \sim Likes(s, Renoir)$

[5] 2. Using a direct proof, show that if an integer a divides an integer b , and that b divides an integer c , then a divides c .

Solution : Consider unspecified integers a , b and c . Assume that a divides b , and that b divides c . Since a divides b , we know that $b = ax$ for some integer x . Since b divides c , we know that $c = by$ for some integer y . Hence

$$c = by = (ax)y = a(xy)$$

and since xy as a product of two integers is also an integer, this means that a divides c .

[6] 3. Let A be a set. Explain how you would prove a statement of the form $\forall x \in A, \exists y \in A, \forall z \in A, P(x, y, z) \rightarrow Q(x, y, z)$ using a direct proof. That is, describe the outline of the proof (you obviously can not provide details since I have not told you anything about A , P and Q).

Solution : You would write the proof as follows:

Consider an unspecified element x or A

Choose y to be (something that might depend on x)

Consider an unspecified element z of A

Assume $P(x, y, z)$ is true

Then somehow prove that $Q(x, y, z)$ holds.

Telling us how to choose y and prove that $Q(x, y, z)$ holds would require knowing what $P(x, y, z)$ and $Q(x, y, z)$ stand for, and what A is.