

Midterm Exam Key (Version W)

A.1. ... there is a truth assignment relative to which both A_1, \dots, A_n are true and B is false.

A.2. ... there is a truth assignment relative to which A is true, and another truth assignment relative to which A is false.

B.1. $L \rightarrow \neg D$

B.2. $L \& (M \rightarrow I)$

B.3. $\neg L \& \neg R$

C.1.

1	(1) $R \rightarrow \neg(P \rightarrow Q)$	A
2	(2) $\neg(\neg Q \vee \neg R)$	A
3	(3) $\neg R$	A
3	(4) $\neg Q \vee \neg R$	3 vI
2,3	(5) $(\neg Q \vee \neg R) \& \neg(\neg Q \vee \neg R)$	4,2 &I
2	(6) $\neg \neg R$	3,5 RAA
2	(7) R	6 DN
1,2	(8) $\neg(P \rightarrow Q)$	1,7 MPP
9	(9) Q	A
10	(10) P	A
9	(11) $P \rightarrow Q$	10,9 CP
1,2,9	(12) $(P \rightarrow Q) \& \neg(P \rightarrow Q)$	11,8 &I
1,2	(13) $\neg Q$	9,12 RAA
1,2	(14) $\neg Q \vee \neg R$	13 vI
1,2	(15) $(\neg Q \vee \neg R) \& \neg(\neg Q \vee \neg R)$	14,2 &I
1	(16) $\neg \neg(\neg Q \vee \neg R)$	2,15 RAA
1	(17) $\neg Q \vee \neg R$	16 DN

C.2.

1	(1) $(P \rightarrow Q) \& (\neg P \rightarrow Q)$	A
1	(2) $P \rightarrow Q$	1 &E
1	(3) $\neg P \rightarrow Q$	1 &E
4	(4) $\neg Q$	A
1,4	(5) $\neg P$	2,4 MTT
1,4	(6) Q	3,5 MPP
1,4	(7) $Q \& \neg Q$	6,4 &I
1	(8) $\neg \neg Q$	4,7 RAA
1	(9) Q	8 DN
-	(10) $((P \rightarrow Q) \& (\neg P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow Q$	1,9 CP

D.1. It is invalid. Consider the truth assignment:

$$v(P) = T, v(Q) = F, v(R) = F, v(S) = T$$

This truth assignment makes the premise true and the conclusion false.

D.2. False. For example, let A be the sentence “ P ” and let B be the sentence “ $Q \& \neg Q$ ”. Then “ $P \rightarrow (Q \& \neg Q)$ ” is contingent although “ $Q \& \neg Q$ ” is not contingent.

D.3. The sentence “ $\neg(P \& Q) \& \neg(\neg P \& \neg Q)$ ” is equivalent to “ $\neg(P \leftrightarrow Q)$ ”.

E.1. True. The argument with Line 1 as premise and Line n as conclusion is valid because Line 1 is an inconsistency. (There is no case where Line 1 is true, hence whenever Line 1 is true, so is Line n .) By the completeness of the propositional calculus, it follows that there is a correctly written proof of this form.