

## Exercises

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1. Which of these sentences are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions?
  - a) Boston is the capital of Massachusetts.
  - b) Miami is the capital of Florida.
  - c)  $2 + 3 = 5$ .
  - d)  $5 + 7 = 10$ .
  - e)  $x + 2 = 11$ .
  - f) Answer this question...
2. Which of these are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions?
  - a) Do not pass go.
  - b) What time is it?
  - c) There are no black flies in Maine.
  - d)  $4 + x = 5$ .
  - e) The moon is made of green cheese.
  - f)  $2^n \geq 100$ .
3. What is the negation of each of these propositions?
  - a) Linda is younger than Sanjay.
  - b) Mei makes more money than Isabella.
  - c) Moshe is taller than Monica.
  - d) Abby is richer than Ricardo.

38. Construct a truth table for each of these compound propositions.

a)  $(p \vee q) \vee r$

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

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

d)  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r$

e)  $(p \vee q) \wedge \neg r$

f)  $(p \wedge q) \vee \neg r$

39. Construct a truth table for each of these compound propositions.

a)  $p \rightarrow (\neg q \vee r)$

b)  $\neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$

c)  $(p \rightarrow q) \vee (\neg p \rightarrow r)$

d)  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow r)$

e)  $(p \rightarrow q) \vee (\neg q \rightarrow r)$

f)  $(\neg p \rightarrow \neg q) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$

11. Let  $P(x)$  be the statement " $x = x^2$ ." If the domain consists of the integers, what are these truth values?

- a)  $P(0)$                       b)  $P(1)$                       c)  $P(2)$   
d)  $P(-1)$                       e)  $\exists x P(x)$                       f)  $\forall x P(x)$

12. Let  $Q(x)$  be the statement " $x + 1 > 2x$ ." If the domain consists of all integers, what are these truth values?

- a)  $Q(0)$                       b)  $Q(-1)$                       c)  $Q(1)$   
d)  $\exists x Q(x)$                       e)  $\forall x Q(x)$                       f)  $\exists x \neg Q(x)$   
g)  $\forall x \neg Q(x)$

is in lowest terms. Obtain an equation involving integers by multiplying by  $b^3$ . Then look at whether  $a$  and  $b$  are each odd or even. |

28. Prove that if  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $n$  is even if and only if  $7n + 4$  is even.
29. Prove that if  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $n$  is odd if and only if  $5n + 6$  is odd.
30. Prove that  $m^2 = n^2$  if and only if  $m = n$  or  $m = -n$ .
31. Prove or disprove that if  $m$  and  $n$  are integers such that  $mn = 1$ , then either  $m = 1$  and  $n = 1$ , or else  $m = -1$  and  $n = -1$ .
32. Show that these three statements are equivalent, where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers: (i)  $a$  is less than  $b$ , (ii) the average of  $a$  and  $b$  is greater than  $a$ , and (iii) the average of  $a$  and  $b$  is less than  $b$ .

14. Prove that if  $x$  is rational and  $x \neq 0$ , then  $1/x$  is rational.
15. Prove that if  $x$  is an irrational number and  $x > 0$ , then  $\sqrt{x}$  is also irrational.
16. Prove that if  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are integers and  $x + y + z$  is odd, then at least one of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  is odd.
17. Use a proof by contraposition to show that if  $x + y \geq 2$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers, then  $x \geq 1$  or  $y \geq 1$ .
18. Prove that if  $m$  and  $n$  are integers and  $mn$  is even, then  $m$  is even or  $n$  is even.
19. Show that if  $n$  is an integer and  $n^3 + 5$  is odd, then  $n$  is even using
  - a) a proof by contraposition.
  - b) a proof by contradiction.
20. Prove that if  $n$  is an integer and  $3n + 2$  is even, then  $n$  is even using
  - a) a proof by contraposition.
  - b) a proof by contradiction.
21. Prove that