

## Exercises from Section 1.6

4. What rule of inference is used in each of these arguments?
- Kangaroos live in Australia and are marsupials. Therefore, kangaroos are marsupials.
  - It is either hotter than 100 degrees today or the pollution is dangerous. It is less than 100 degrees outside today. Therefore, the pollution is dangerous.
  - Linda is an excellent swimmer. If Linda is an excellent swimmer, then she can work as a lifeguard. Therefore, Linda can work as a lifeguard.
  - Steve will work at a computer company this summer. Therefore, this summer Steve will work at a computer company or he will be a beach bum.
  - If I work all night on this homework, then I can answer all the exercises. If I answer all the exercises, I will understand the material. Therefore, if I work all night on this homework, then I will understand the material.
6. Use rules of inference to show that the hypotheses “If it does not rain or if it is not foggy, then the sailing race will be held and the lifesaving demonstration will go on,” “If the sailing race is held, then the trophy will be awarded,” and “The trophy was not awarded” imply the conclusion “It rained.”
16. For each of these arguments determine whether the argument is correct or incorrect and explain why.
- Everyone enrolled in the university has lived in a dormitory. Mia has never lived in a dormitory. Therefore, Mia is not enrolled in the university.
  - A convertible car is fun to drive. Isaac’s car is not a convertible. Therefore, Isaac’s car is not fun to drive.
  - Quincy likes all action movies. Quincy likes the movie *Eight Men Out*. Therefore, *Eight Men Out* is an action movie.
  - All lobstermen set at least a dozen traps. Hamilton is a lobsterman. Therefore, Hamilton sets at least a dozen traps.
24. Identify the error or errors in this argument that supposedly shows that if  $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  is true then  $\forall xP(x) \vee \forall xQ(x)$  is true.
- $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  Premise
  - $P(c) \vee Q(c)$  Universal instantiation from (1)
  - $P(c)$  Simplification from (2)
  - $\forall xP(x)$  Universal generalization from (3)
  - $Q(c)$  Simplification from (2)
  - $\forall xQ(x)$  Universal generalization from (5)
  - $\forall x(P(x) \vee \forall xQ(x))$  Conjunction from (4) and (6)
28. Use rules of inference to show that if  $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  and  $\forall x((\neg P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow R(x))$  are true, then  $\forall x(\neg R(x) \rightarrow P(x))$  is also true, where the domains of all quantifiers are the same.

### Exercises from Section 1.7

6. Use a direct proof to show that the product of two odd numbers is odd.
  
12. Prove or disprove that the product of a nonzero rational number and an irrational number is irrational.
  
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.
  
28. Prove that if  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $n$  is even if and only if  $7n + 4$  is even.

### Exercises from Section 1.8

6. Use a proof by cases to show that  $\min(a, \min(b, c)) = \min(\min(a, b), c)$  whenever  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers.
  
16. Prove or disprove that if  $a$  and  $b$  are rational numbers, then  $a^b$  is also rational.
  
28. Suppose that five ones and four zeros are arranged around a circle. Between any two equal bits you insert a 0 and between any two unequal bits you insert a 1 to produce nine new bits. Then you erase the nine original bits. Show that when you iterate this procedure, you can never get nine zeros. [*Hint:* Work backward, assuming that you did end up with nine zeros.]