Subject 24-241 (Logic I). Homework due in LEC #5.

1. Use the method of truth tables to classify each of the following sentences as either valid, contradictory, or indeterminate:

 $\begin{array}{l} (a) \ ((P \rightarrow Q) \lor (Q \rightarrow R)) \\ (b) \ ((P \leftrightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow (P \leftrightarrow \neg Q)) \\ (c) \ ((P \leftrightarrow (Q \leftrightarrow R)) \leftrightarrow ((P \leftrightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow R)) \\ (d) \ ((P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)) \leftrightarrow ((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow R)) \end{array}$ 

2. Use the method of truth tables to check whether the following arguments are valid:

(a) 
$$(\neg A \rightarrow \neg (B \rightarrow C))$$
  
 $\neg B$   
 $\therefore A$   
(b)  $((A \lor B) \rightarrow (C \lor D))$   
 $\neg (A \rightarrow C)$   
 $\therefore (B \rightarrow D)$ 

- 3. Show that a disjunction is inconsistent if and only if both its disjuncts are inconsistent.
- 4. Show, by giving an example, that it's not always the case that a disjunction is valid if and only if both disjuncts are valid.
- 5. Show that a sentence is contradictory if and only if it implies every sentence.
- 6. Give an example of a five-element inconsistent set of SC sentences of which every fourelement subset is consistent.