

Mathematical Methods for Philosophy:
Problem Set 5

Due Date: This problem set is due November 19th, 2013 at the beginning of class.

Lab Problems:

- Chapter 11: Lab Problems 4, 7, 8, and 10.
- Chapter 12: Lab Problem 2, 5, and 6.

Exercise 1 *Represent the following argument in the language of predicate logic. Provide a derivation using only the basic introduction and elimination rules for the connectives, quantifiers, and equality symbol.*

- *Suzy has an older brother David.*
- *Suzy is well-adjusted.*
- *Every non-middle child is not well-adjusted.*
- **Conclusion:** *Suzy has a younger sibling.*

Hint: *You may need to add a premise defining what a “middle child” is. A person is said to be a middle child if and only if she has both an older and younger sibling.*

Exercise 2 *Represent the following argument in the language of predicate logic. Provide a derivation using only the basic introduction and elimination rules for the connectives, quantifiers, and equality symbol.*

- *Moby Dick is an excessively long and boring book.*
- *Moby Dick was written by Herman Melville, who is a great American author.*
- *Every great American author has written some book that is either not long or excessively boring.*
- **Conclusion:** *Herman Melville wrote some book other than Moby Dick.*