COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIPOS Part IB – 2017 – Paper 6

6 Logic and Proof (LCP)

(a) Draw ordered binary decision diagrams (BDDs) for each of the following formulas, thereby identifying which of them are logically equivalent.

$$P \to (Q \to R)$$
$$P \to (R \to Q)$$
$$(\neg Q \lor R) \lor \neg P$$

(b) A mysterious propositional connective, \odot , has the following right-side sequent calculus rule, $(\odot r)$:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A \odot B}$$

Present the corresponding left-side sequent calculus rule, $(\odot l)$, along with the truth table for \odot . [6 marks]

(c) For the following formula, either exhibit a formal proof (using the sequent calculus, augmented with the $(\odot r)$ rule above) or exhibit a falsifying interpretation:

$$\Rightarrow \exists x (P(x) \odot Q(x)), \, (\forall x \, P(x)) \land (\forall x \, Q(x))$$

[6 marks]

[8 marks]