

Question 1: (10 marks)

1. Decide whether the following propositions is a tautology or a contradiction or a contingency?

$$[p \rightarrow q] \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \vee \neg r. \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

2. Without using truth tables, prove that the following conditional statement is a Contradiction:

$$\neg [p \rightarrow (q \vee r)] \wedge \neg p. \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

3. Without using truth tables, prove the following logical equivalence:

$$\neg p \rightarrow (p \wedge \neg q) \equiv p. \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

4. Determine the truth value of each of the following statements. (Justify your answer) (2 marks)

(a) $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}; (x^2 > 0)$.

(b) $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}; (x^2 = -3)$.

Question 2: (8 marks)

1. Let a and b be two integers such that $a \geq 2$. Use a proof by contradiction to show that $a \nmid b$ or $a \nmid (b+1)$. (3 marks)
2. Let a be an integer. Use a proof by contraposition to show that:
If $a^2 - 2a + 7$ is even, then a is odd. (3 marks)
3. Let x, y and z be three integers. Give a direct proof to show that :
If $x|y$ and $y|z$, then $x|z$. (2 marks)

Question 3: (7 marks)

1. Use mathematical induction to prove the following statement:

$$5 + 10 + 15 + \cdots + 5n = \frac{5n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \text{for each integer } n, \text{ with } n \geq 1. \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

2. Consider the sequence $\{u_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ defined as follows:
$$\begin{cases} u_0 = 0 \\ u_1 = 1 \\ u_{n+1} = 5u_n - 6u_{n-1}; \quad n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Use mathematical induction to prove the following statement:

$$u_n = 3^n - 2^n, \quad \text{for each integer } n, \text{ with } n \geq 0. \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

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1)

$$A = (p \rightarrow q \wedge (q \rightarrow \neg)) ; B = A \vee \neg \neg$$

P	q	$\neg$	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow \neg$	A	$\neg \neg$	B
T	T	T	T	T	T	F	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	F	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	F	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T

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Contingency.

2)

$$\neg(p \rightarrow (q \vee \neg)) \wedge \neg p \equiv \neg[\neg p \vee (q \vee \neg)] \wedge \neg p$$

$$\equiv \neg[p \wedge \neg(q \vee \neg)] \wedge \neg p$$

$$\equiv (p \wedge \neg p) \wedge \neg(q \vee \neg)$$

$$\equiv F \wedge \neg(q \vee \neg) \equiv F$$

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3)

$$\neg p \rightarrow (p \wedge \neg q) \equiv p \vee (p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\equiv p$$

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4) a) false $0^2 \neq 0$

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b) $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}; x^2 = -3$; false

because $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; x^2 \geq 0$

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Q2) (8)

1) let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a \geq 2$.

By contradiction we assume that $a|b$ and $a|(b+1)$

$$\Rightarrow b = q_1 a \text{ and } b+1 = q_2 a; \quad q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

(3) $\Rightarrow q_2 a - q_1 a = 1 \Rightarrow a(q_2 - q_1) = 1.$

$\Rightarrow q_2 - q_1 = \frac{1}{a} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ because $a \geq 2$,
a contradiction.

2) by contraposition, we prove that:

if a is even, then $a^2 - 2a + 7$ is odd.

(3) assume that a is even $\Rightarrow a = 2h; h \in \mathbb{Z}.$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 2a + 7 = 4h^2 - 4h + 7.$$

$$= 2(\underbrace{2h^2 - 2h + 3}_{\in \mathbb{Z}}) + 1 \Rightarrow a^2 - 2a + 7 \text{ is odd.}$$

3) let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$; assume that $x|y$ and $y|z$

$$\Rightarrow y = q_1 x \text{ and } z = q_2 y \quad q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\Rightarrow z = q_2 y = \underbrace{q_2 q_1}_{\in \mathbb{Z}} x$$

(2) $\Rightarrow x|z.$

Q3) (7)

1) $P(n): 5+10+15+\dots+5n = \frac{5n(n+1)}{2}, \forall n \geq 1.$

B.S. $P(1): L.H.S = 5$

$R.H.S = \frac{5 \times 1(1+1)}{2} = 5$

I.S. let $k \geq 1$, we prove that $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

Assume that $P(k)$ is true

$$5+10+\dots+5k = \frac{5k(k+1)}{2}$$

We prove that $P(k+1)$ is true

$$5+10+\dots+5(k+1) = \frac{5(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

$$5+10+\dots+5k+5(k+1) = \frac{5k(k+1)}{2} + 5(k+1)$$

$$= \frac{5k(k+1) + 5(k+1) \cdot 2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) \text{ is true.}$$

2)

$P(n): u_n = 3^n - 2^n, \forall n \geq 1.$

B.S. $P(0): u_0 = 3 - 2 = 1$ true

$P(1): u_1 = 3 - 2 = 1$ true

I.S. let $k \geq 1$, we assume that $P(0), P(1), \dots, P(k)$ are true

and we prove that $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$u_{k+1} = 3^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}??$$

$$u_{k+1} = 5u_k - 6u_{k-1},$$

$$P(k) \text{ true} \Rightarrow u_k = 3^k - 2^k.$$

$$P(k-1) \text{ true} \Rightarrow u_{k-1} = 3^{k-1} - 2^{k-1}.$$

$$u_{k+1} = 5 \times 3^k - 5 \times 2^k - 6 \times 3^{k-1} + 6 \times 2^{k-1}$$

$$= 5 \times 3^k - 2 \times 3^k - 5 \times 2^k + 3 \times 2^k$$

$$= 3^k(5-2) - 2^k(5-3) = 3 \times 3^k - 2 \times 2^k = 3^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) \text{ true.}$$