

Question 1: (12 marks)

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

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

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

$$(r \vee \neg q) \vee (p \rightarrow q). \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

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

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

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

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

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

(a) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (x^2 - 4x + 4 \geq 0)$.

(b) $\exists x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}; (2^x < x!)$.

Question 2: (13 marks)

1. Use a proof by contradiction to show that $\frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{3}$ is irrational. (Hint use the fact that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational). (2 marks)

2. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Use a direct proof to show that: if n is odd then $8|(n^2 - 1)$. (2 marks)

3. Let n be an integer. Show that: n^3 is odd if and only if n is odd. (2 marks)

4. Use mathematical induction to show that $5n^2 - 3n$ is even for every nonnegative integer n . (3 marks)

5. Consider the sequence $\{u_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ defined as follows:
$$\begin{cases} u_0 = 2 \\ u_1 = 6 \\ u_{n+1} = 2u_n + 3u_{n-1}; \quad n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Use mathematical induction to prove the following statement:

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

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P	q	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$	$p \leftrightarrow q$	$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q)$	A	$\neg A$	$A \rightarrow B$	$\neg(A \rightarrow B)$	B
T	T	F	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
T	T	F	F	T	F	T	F	F	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	F	T	T	F	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F	F

a contradiction.

2)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (\neg \vee \neg) \vee (p \rightarrow q) &\equiv (\neg \vee \neg) \vee (\neg p \vee q) \\
 &\equiv (\neg \vee \neg) \vee (\neg p \vee q) \\
 &\equiv (\neg \vee \neg) \vee \neg \equiv \neg.
 \end{aligned}$$

3)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow \neg q) &\equiv p \wedge (p \rightarrow (q \wedge \neg q)) \\
 &\equiv p \wedge (p \rightarrow F) \\
 &\equiv p \wedge (\neg p \vee F) \\
 &\equiv p \wedge \neg p \equiv F.
 \end{aligned}$$

4)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \neg &\equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee \neg \\
 &\equiv (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee \neg \equiv (\neg p \vee \neg) \vee (\neg q \vee \neg) \\
 &\equiv (\neg(\neg \neg) \vee p) \vee (\neg q \vee \neg) \\
 &\equiv (\neg \rightarrow p) \vee (q \rightarrow \neg).
 \end{aligned}$$

5) True.

a) $x^2 - 4x + 4 = (x - 2)^2 \geq 0$. 1

b) True $n=4$: $2^4 = 16 < 4! = 24$.

12) (13)

1) By contradiction, we suppose that $\frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{3} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{3} = \frac{a}{b}; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}; b \neq 0.$$

(2) $\Rightarrow \sqrt{2}-2 = \frac{3a}{b}$
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{3a+2b}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ contradiction
 $b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0.$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}.$$

2) we assume that n is odd $\Rightarrow n = 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 1 = 4k^2 + 4k$$

$$= 4(k^2 + k)$$

$$= 4(k(k+1)) ; k(k+1) \text{ is even}$$

$$= 8t \Rightarrow 8 | (n^2 - 1).$$

3). if n^3 is odd, then n is odd.

By contraposition, we show that: if n is even, then n^3 is even.

(1) we assume that n is even, $\Rightarrow n = 2k; k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 $\Rightarrow n^3 = (2k)^3 = 2(4k^3)$
 $\Rightarrow n^3 \text{ is even. } \in \mathbb{Z}.$

• if n is odd, then n^3 is odd.

(1) we assume that n is odd $\Rightarrow n = 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 $\Rightarrow n^3 = (2k+1)^3 = 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 1$
 $= 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k) + 1$
 $\Rightarrow n^3 \text{ is odd. } \in \mathbb{Z}.$

4) $P(n): (5n^2 - 3n)$ is even; $\forall n \geq 0$.

B.S: $P(0): 5 \times 0 - 3 \times 0 = 0$ is even.

I.S: let $k \geq 0$, we prove that $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$.

we assume that $P(k)$ is true $5k^2 - 3k$ is even.
 $\Rightarrow 5k^2 - 3k = 2a; a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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

$5(k+1)^2 - 3(k+1)$ is even.

$$\begin{aligned} 5(k+1)^2 - 3(k+1) &= 5(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 3(k+1) \\ &= 5k^2 + 10k + 5 - 3k - 3 \\ &= 5k^2 - 3k + 2 + 10k \\ &= 2a + 10k + 2 \\ &= 2(a + 5k + 1) \end{aligned}$$

(3)

$\Rightarrow 5(k+1)^2 - 3(k+1)$ is even

$\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true

$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq 0; P(n)$ is true.

5) $P(n): u_n = 2 \times 3^n; \forall n \geq 0$.

(4) B.S: $P(0): u_0 = 2 \times 3^0 = 2$ True.
 $P(1): u_1 = 2 \times 3^1 = 6$ 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.

$P(k+1): u_{k+1} = 2 \times 3^{k+1}$.

$$u_{k+1} = 2u_k + 3u_{k-1}$$

$P(k)$ true $\Rightarrow u_k = 2 \times 3^k$

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

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

$$= 4 \times 3^k + 2 \times 3^k = 2 \times 3^k (2 + 1)$$

$$= 2 \times 3^{k+1}$$

$\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true

$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq 0; P(n)$ is true