

**Question 1:** (10 marks)

- Decide whether the following propositions is a tautology or a contradiction or a contingency?  
 $(p \rightarrow \neg q) \rightarrow (r \wedge \neg p)$ . (3 marks)
- Without using truth tables, prove that the following conditional statement is a Tautology:  
 $[(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p] \rightarrow q$ . (3 marks)
- Without using truth tables, prove the following logical equivalence:  
 $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r \equiv (\neg r \rightarrow p) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ . (3 marks)
- Determine the truth value of each of the following statements. (Justify your answer) (1 mark)
  - $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (x^2 < x^4)$ .
  - $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}; (x^2 + 1 = 0)$ .

**Question 2:** (10 marks)

- Use a proof by contradiction to show that  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-5}{3}$  is irrational. (Hint use the fact that  $\sqrt{5}$  is irrational). (2 marks)
- Let  $x, y$  and  $z$  be three real numbers. Use a proof by contraposition to show that:  
if  $(2x - 4y + 5z = 8)$  then,  $(x \leq 5$  or  $y \geq 3$  or  $z \leq 2)$ . (2 marks)
- Use mathematical induction to prove the following statement:  
 $8 + 20 + 32 + \dots + (12n - 4) = 6n^2 + 2n$ , for each integer  $n$ , with  $n \geq 1$ . (3 marks)
- Consider the sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  defined as follows:
$$\begin{cases} u_1 = 3 \\ u_2 = 6 \\ u_{n+1} = 2u_n - u_{n-1} + 2; \quad n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$
Use mathematical induction to prove the following statement:  
 $u_n = n^2 + 2$ , for each integer  $n$ , with  $n \geq 1$ . (3 marks)

**Question 3:** (5 marks)

- Consider the set  $A := \{1, 2, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2, \emptyset\}, \{1, \{1\}\}, \{2, \{2\}\}, \emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ .  
Determine whether each of the following four statements is true or false.  
(Justify your answer). (2 marks)
  - $S_1: \{1, 2, \emptyset\} \subseteq A$ .
  - $S_2: \{1, \{1\}\} \subseteq A$ .
  - $S_3: \{1, \{\emptyset\}\} \subseteq A$ .
  - $S_4: A \cap \{1, 2, \emptyset, \{\{1\}, \{2\}\}\} = \{1, 2\}$ .
- Consider the following three sets  $C := \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $D := \{2, 3\}$ , and  
 $E := \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (4, 4), (2, 3)\}$ . Find the following sets: (3 marks)
  - $(C \cap D) \times C$ . (ii)  $E \setminus (C \times D)$ . (iii)  $\{\emptyset\} \times E$ .

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P	q	r	$\neg q$	$P \rightarrow \neg q$	$\neg P$	$r \wedge \neg P$	$(P \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (r \wedge \neg P)$
T	T	T	F	F	F	F	T
T	T	F	F	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	T	F	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	F	F

Contingency.

2)

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

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

$$\equiv (q \wedge \neg P) \rightarrow q$$

$$\equiv (\neg q \vee P) \vee q \equiv (\neg q \vee q) \vee P$$

$$\equiv T \vee P \equiv T$$

3)

$$(P \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r \equiv (\neg P \vee q) \rightarrow r$$

$$\equiv (\neg P \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$$

$$\equiv (\neg r \rightarrow P) \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \quad \text{3}$$

4)

a)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{R}; n^2 < n^4$  false.

$$n=2; 2^2=4 < 2^4=16$$

$$n=1/2; (1/2)^2=1/4 < (1/2)^4=1/16$$

0,5

b)

$\exists n \in \mathbb{R}; n^2 + 1 = 0$  false; for all  $n \in \mathbb{R}, n^2 + 1 \geq 1 \neq 0$ .

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1) by contradiction, we assume that  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-5}{3}$  is rational

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{5}-5}{3} = \frac{a}{b}; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}; b \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}-5 = \frac{3a}{b} = \frac{a-3b}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5} = \frac{3a+5b}{b} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \begin{array}{l} x=3a+5b \in \mathbb{Z} \\ y=b \in \mathbb{Z}^* \end{array}$$

2)

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}$  is rational  
contradiction

$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{5}-5}{3}$  is irrational.

2) By contraposition, we ~~assume~~ <sup>prove</sup> that

if  $x > 5$  and  $y < 3$  and  $z > 2$ , then  $2x - 4y + 5z \neq 8$

we assume that  $x > 5$  and  $y < 3$  and  $z > 2$

$$\Rightarrow 2x > 10 \text{ and } -4y > 12 \text{ and } 5z > 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 4y + 5z > \frac{10+12+10}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 4y + 5z \neq 8$$

2)

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3)  $P(n): 8 + 20 + 32 + \dots + (12n - 4) = 6n^2 + 2n.$

B.S:  $P(1): 8 = 6 + 2$  True.

I.S: Let  $k \geq 1$ . We assume that  $P(k)$  is true and we prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

$P(k): 8 + 20 + \dots + (12k - 4) = 6k^2 + 2k.$

$P(k+1): 8 + 20 + \dots + (12k + 8) = 6(k+1)^2 + 2(k+1).$

$$\begin{aligned} 8 + 20 + \dots + (12k - 4) + (12k + 8) &= 6k^2 + 2k + 12k + 8 \\ &= 6(k^2 + 2k + 1) + 2k + 2 \\ &= 6(k+1)^2 + 2(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

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

$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq 1, P(n)$  is true.

4)

3)  $P(n): u_n = n^2 + 2.$

B.S:  $P(1): u_1 = 1 + 2 = 3$  True.

$P(2): u_2 = 4 + 2 = 6$  True.

I.S: Let  $k \geq 2$ , we assume that  $P(1), P(2), \dots, P(k)$  are true and we prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true.

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

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

$P(k)$  true  $\Rightarrow u_k = k^2 + 2.$

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

$u_{k+1} = 2k^2 + 4 - k^2 + 2k - 3 + 2$

$= k^2 + 2k + 3 = k^2 + 2k + 1 + 2$

$= (k+1)^2 + 2$

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

$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq 1; P(n)$  is true.

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1)

a) True:  $1 \in A, 2 \in A, \emptyset \in A$  (0,1)

b) True:  $1 \in A, \{1\} \in A$  (0,1)

c) True:  $\{\emptyset\} \in A, 1 \in A$  (0,1)

d) false  $A \cap = \{1, 2, \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}\}$   
 $= \{1, 2, \emptyset\}$  (0,1)

2)

(i)  $C \cap D = \{2, 3\}$

$(C \cap D) \times C = \{(2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), (3,4)\}$  (1)

(ii)

$C \times D = \{(1,2), (1,3), (2,2), (2,3), (3,2), (3,3), (4,2), (4,3)\}$

$E \setminus (C \times D) = \{(1,4), (2,4), (4,4)\}$  (1)

(iii)  $\{\emptyset\} \times E = \{(\emptyset, (1,2)), (\emptyset, (1,4)), (\emptyset, (2,2)), (\emptyset, (2,4)), (\emptyset, (4,4)), (\emptyset, (2,3))\}$  (1)

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