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*Solution*

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE QUESTION SHEET

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Problem	Out of	Grade
1	15	
2	10	
3	15	
4	10	
5	10	
TOTAL	60	

1. (15 points)

(a) (5 points) Prove using truth tables that :

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \equiv (p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)).$$

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

Since the biconditional  $[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r)] \leftrightarrow [p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)]$  is a tautology, it follows that the two propositions are logically equivalent:  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \equiv p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$

(b) (4 points) Prove without using truth tables that :

$$(\neg p \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)) \text{ is a Tautology.}$$

Method 1: To prove that an implication is a tautology, it is enough to show that the conclusion is true whenever the premise is true.

Assumption:  $\neg p$  is true

Therefore  $p$  is false

So  $p \rightarrow q$  is true, whatever is the truth value of  $q$

Thus:  $\neg p \Rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$

(or  $\neg p \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$  is a tautology)

Method 2: (Using logical equivalences)

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

- (c) (6 points) Prove **without using truth tables** that, given a fixed proposition  $Q$ , and a predicate  $P(x)$  on a universe of discourse  $U$  that consists of a finite number of elements  $U := \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ , that :

$$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q) \equiv (\exists x P(x)) \rightarrow Q$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x [P(x) \rightarrow Q] &\equiv [P(x_1) \rightarrow Q] \wedge [P(x_2) \rightarrow Q] \wedge \dots \wedge [P(x_n) \rightarrow Q] \\ &\equiv [\neg P(x_1) \vee Q] \wedge [\neg P(x_2) \vee Q] \wedge \dots \wedge [\neg P(x_n) \vee Q] \\ &\equiv [\neg P(x_1) \wedge \neg P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge \neg P(x_n)] \vee Q \\ &\equiv [\forall x \neg P(x)] \vee Q \\ &\equiv \neg[(\exists x P(x))] \vee Q \\ &\equiv [\exists x P(x)] \rightarrow Q \end{aligned}$$

2. (10 points) Let  $C(x, y)$  be the statement 'x and y have chatted over the Internet', where the domain for the variables x and y consists of all students in your class.

(a) (5 points) Use quantifiers to express the following statement :

"There are at least two students in your class who have not chatted with the same person in your class."

$$\exists x \exists y [(x \neq y) \wedge \forall z \neg (C(x, z) \wedge C(y, z))]$$

(b) (5 points) Write the following in English

$$\exists x \exists y (C(x, y) \wedge (\forall z (z \neq x \rightarrow \neg C(z, y))))$$

There is at least one student of your class who has chatted with one and only one other student in the class.

3. (15 points) Consider the function  $f(x) = \tan(x)$  from  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $g(x) = \exp(x)$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}_+ = (0, \infty)$ .

(a) (3 points) Study the function  $h := g \circ f$ . If properly defined, find the domain, the co-domain and the expression of  $h$ .

$$f: (-\pi/2, \pi/2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad x \mapsto f(x) = \tan x \quad g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty) \quad x \mapsto g(x) = \exp(x)$$

•  $h = g \circ f$  is properly defined since the codomain of  $f$  is a subset of the domain of  $g$ .

$$(-\pi/2, \pi/2) \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{g} (0, \infty)$$

$$\text{gof} \quad \text{gof}(x) = g[f(x)] = g[\tan x] = \exp(\tan x)$$

Domain of  $g \circ f$ :  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$

Codomain of  $g \circ f$ :  $(0, \infty)$

$$h(x) = g \circ f(x) = e^{\tan x}$$

(b) (5 points) Find the inverse image set  $h^{-1}(S)$  where  $S := [1/e, e]$ , with  $e = \exp(1)$ .

$$h^{-1}(S) = h^{-1}\left(\left[\frac{1}{e}, e\right]\right) = \left\{x \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2) \mid \frac{1}{e} \leq h(x) \leq e\right\}$$

But  $\frac{1}{e} \leq h(x) \leq e$  is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{e} \leq e^{\tan x} \leq e$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{e} \leq \tan x \leq \ln e \quad \text{by applying the increasing function } \ln$$

$$-1 \leq \tan x \leq 1$$

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$$\tan^{-1}(-1) \leq x \leq \tan^{-1}(1)$$

by applying the increasing function  $\tan^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$

$$-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Therefore:  $h^{-1}(S) = \left\{x \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2) \mid -\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}\right\}$

$$h^{-1}(S) = \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$$

- (c) (4 points) Is  $h$  invertible? If yes, say why and find the expression of the inverse function  $h^{-1}$ .

\*  $h(x) = e^{\tan x}$

We know that the function  $\tan x$  is strictly increasing on  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and defines a bijection from  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The function  $\exp x$  is also strictly increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$  and defines a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $(0, \infty)$ .

It follows that the composition  $h$  of these 2 functions is a bijection from  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  to  $(0, \infty)$ .

Therefore  $h$  is invertible.

\*  $h^{-1}(x) = y \iff \begin{cases} x = h(y) \\ x = e^{\tan y} \\ \tan y = \ln x \\ y = \tan^{-1}(\ln x) \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{or:} \\ h^{-1}(x) = (f \circ g)^{-1}(x) \\ = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}(x) \\ = \tan^{-1}(\ln(x)) \end{array} \right.$

Therefore:  $\boxed{h^{-1}(x) = \tan^{-1}(\ln x)}$

- (d) (3 points) Is  $f \circ g$  defined? If no, say why?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty) & & f: (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto \exp(x) & & x \mapsto \tan x \end{array}$$

The range of  $g$  is not a subset of the domain of  $f$ .

Therefore  $f \circ g$  is not defined.

4. (10 points) Solve the following :

(a) (4 points) Given two sets  $A, B$ , subsets of a universal set  $U$ ,

$$\chi_{A-B} = \chi_A(1 - \chi_B)$$

$$\forall x \in (A-B), (x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)$$

$$\text{so: } \left[ \chi_A(x) = 1 \right] \wedge \left[ \chi_B(x) = 0 \right]$$

$$\chi_A(x) [1 - \chi_B(x)] = 1 \cdot (1 - 0) = 1$$

$$\text{But, } \forall x \in (A-B), \chi_{A-B}(x) = 1$$

$$\text{So: } \forall x \in (A-B) \quad \chi_{A-B}(x) = \chi_A(x) [1 - \chi_B(x)]$$

$$\text{That is: } \boxed{\chi_{A-B} = \chi_A(1 - \chi_B)}$$

(Here, 1 denotes the constant function that assigns 1 to any  $x$ )

(b) (6 points) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Consider the sets  $\{A_n := (n, \infty) | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . For  $x \in (0, 3]$ , graph the function :

$$\boxed{f(x) = \chi_{A_0}(x) + \chi_{A_1}(x) + \chi_{A_2}(x)}$$

Is this function equal to  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  or  $\lceil x \rceil$  for  $x \in (0, 3]$ ? Justify your answer.

$$\begin{cases} A_0 = (0, \infty) \\ A_1 = (1, \infty) \\ A_2 = (2, \infty) \\ A_3 = (3, \infty) \end{cases}$$

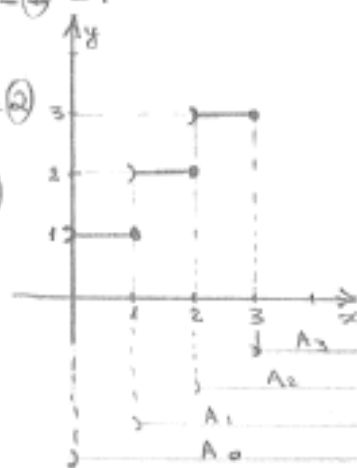
$$\text{Therefore: } \begin{cases} A_0 - A_1 = (0, 1] \\ A_1 - A_2 = (1, 2] \\ A_2 - A_3 = (2, 3] \end{cases} \quad \text{and: } A_3 \subset A_2 \subset A_1 \subset A_0$$

$$\forall x \in A_0 - A_1, \underline{0 < x \leq 1} \text{ and } f(x) = \chi_{A_0}(x) + \chi_{A_1}(x) + \chi_{A_2}(x) = 1 + 0 + 0 = \underline{1} = \lceil x \rceil$$

$$\forall x \in A_1 - A_2, \underline{1 < x \leq 2} \text{ and } f(x) = \chi_{A_0}(x) + \chi_{A_1}(x) + \chi_{A_2}(x) = 1 + 1 + 0 = \underline{2} = \lceil x \rceil$$

$$\forall x \in A_2 - A_3, \underline{2 < x \leq 3} \text{ and } f(x) = \chi_{A_0}(x) + \chi_{A_1}(x) + \chi_{A_2}(x) = 1 + 1 + 1 = \underline{3} = \lceil x \rceil$$

$$\text{Therefore: } \forall x \in (0, 3], \boxed{f(x) = \lceil x \rceil}$$



5. (10 points) Consider the relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$ , where  $A := \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , where

$$R := \{(x, y) \mid x \leq y\}.$$

(a) (4 points) Find the elements of  $R$  and, as well, its table representation.

$$R = \left\{ (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,3), (3,4), (4,4) \right\}$$

A \ A	1	2	3	4
1	x	x	x	x
2		x	x	x
3			x	x
4				x

(b) (6 points) Is  $R$  reflexive? Symmetric? Anti-symmetric? Transitive? Justify your answers.

\*  $R$  is reflexive since  $\forall x \in A \quad x \leq x \Leftrightarrow (x, x) \in R$   
(which is true for all real number)

\*  $R$  is not symmetric since for example:  
 $1 \leq 2$  but  $2 \not\leq 1$   
So:  $(1, 2) \in R$  and  $(2, 1) \notin R$

\*  $R$  is antisymmetric since:  
 $\forall x \in A, \forall y \in A, [(x, y) \in R \wedge (y, x) \in R] \Rightarrow x = y$   
(the premise is false whenever  $x \neq y$ )

\*  $R$  is transitive since:  
 $\forall x \forall y \forall z, \text{ if } (x, y) \in R \text{ and } (y, z) \in R$   
then  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$   
So  $x \leq z$   
that is:  $(x, z) \in R$