



MTH207 – Discrete Mathematics
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Exam 1
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Answer Key

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Duration: 55 minutes

- Answer the questions in the space provided for each problem.
- If more space or scratch is needed, you may use the back pages.
- Only scientific calculators are permissible.
- The exam has 6 pages consisting of 12 exercises.

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1. Let n be a positive integer. Prove that if $7n+4$ is even then n is even.

Proof by contradiction

① We need to show $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

② That is to show if n is odd then $7n+4$ is odd

suppose n odd $\Rightarrow n = 2k+1$ ①

$$7n+4 = 7(2k+1)+4$$

$$= 14k + 11$$

$$= 14k + 10 + 1$$

$$= 2(7k+5) + 1$$

$$= 2Q + 1$$

odd ①

Done!

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2. Prove that $\sqrt{6}$ is irrational.

Proof by contradiction

① Suppose it is false

② That is, suppose $\sqrt{6}$ is rational

then $\sqrt{6} = \frac{m}{n}$ where m and $n \neq 0$ are integers and the ratio $\frac{m}{n}$ is in its simplest form.

$$\frac{1}{2} 6 = \frac{m^2}{n^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m^2 = 6n^2 \Rightarrow m^2 \text{ is divisible by } 6 \Rightarrow m \text{ is divisible by } 6$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 6k$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (6k)^2 = 6n^2$$

$$36k^2 = 6n^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} n^2 = 6k^2 \Rightarrow n^2 \text{ is divisible by } 6 \Rightarrow n \text{ is divisible by } 6$$

since both m and n are divisible by 6, the ratio $\frac{m}{n}$ is not in its simplest form \Rightarrow contradiction

Hence, $\sqrt{6}$ is irrational. $\frac{1}{2}$

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3. a. Show that the conditional statement $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$ is a tautology **WITHOUT** using truth table.

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

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

$$\neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg p \vee q$$

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b. Construct the truth table for the statement $(p \wedge q) \vee (p \rightarrow q)$.

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \rightarrow q)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	T	T

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c. If you know that the proposition $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ is false, what can you say about the truth value of the proposition $(p \wedge \neg r) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$?

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \text{ False} \Rightarrow [p \wedge q \text{ True } \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow r \text{ False } \frac{1}{2}]$$

p true $\frac{1}{2}$
 q true $\frac{1}{2}$

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$$\begin{aligned} (p \wedge \neg r) &\rightarrow (p \vee q) \\ (T \wedge \neg F) &\rightarrow (T \vee T) \quad \frac{1}{2} \\ (T \wedge T) &\rightarrow T \quad \frac{1}{2} \\ T &\rightarrow T \quad \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{True} &\quad \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

4. Show that $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$ and $\neg p \wedge \neg q$ are logically equivalent WITHOUT using truth table.

$$\begin{aligned} &\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)) \\ \equiv &\neg p \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q) \quad \textcircled{1} \\ \equiv &\neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q) \quad \textcircled{1} \\ \equiv &(\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \quad \textcircled{1} \\ \equiv &F \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \quad \textcircled{1} \\ \equiv &\neg p \wedge \neg q \end{aligned}$$

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5. Let $P(x,y)$ be the statement "x has sent y an email message", where the domain of x and y consists of all students in your class. Express each of these quantifications in English.

- a. $\exists x \exists y P(x,y)$ ③ There exists a student in your class who has sent an email message to another student in your class.
- b. $\exists y \forall x P(x,y)$ ③ There is a student in your class who has received an email message from all students in your class.

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6. Let $L(x,y)$ be the statement "x loves y", where the domain consists of all people in the world. Use quantifiers to express each of these statements.

- a. Everybody loves Tom. $\forall x L(x, \text{Tom})$

b. No one loves everybody.

$$\forall x \forall y \neg L(x,y) \quad \neg \exists x \forall y L(x,y)$$

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c. Everybody is loved by somebody.

$$\forall y \exists x L(x,y)$$

7. Consider the proposition: If I stay up late, then I will sleep until noon.

a. Write down its contrapositive.

③ If I will not sleep until noon, then I will not stay up late.

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b. Write down its converse.

③ If I will sleep until noon, then I stay up late.

6. Specify the necessary condition in the statement.

③ I will sleep until noon $\xrightarrow{\text{sufficient}}$ P $\xrightarrow{\text{necessary}}$ Q

8. Find the negations of the statements. (Don't use the phrase "it is not the case that ...")

a. Every student in this class likes swimming.

Some students in this class do not like swimming.

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b. Some students in this class do not understand methods of proof.

All students in this class understand methods of proof.

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9. Write each of these statements in the form "if p, then q" in English.

a. I go to the beach whenever it is a sunny summer day.

③ It is a sunny summer day, then I go to the beach.

b. You get promoted only if you have connections.

③ If you get promoted, then you have connections.

10. Use mathematical induction to prove that $n \leq 2^n$ for all positive integers.

$P(n): n \leq 2^n \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Basis step P(1): $1 \leq 2^1$ True

Inductive step

① Assume it is true for some k. That is, $P(k)$ is true $\Rightarrow k \leq 2^k$

① We need to show that it is true for k+1. That is $P(k+1): k+1 \leq 2^{k+1}$ is true?

$k \leq 2^k$

② $k+1 \leq 2^k + 1$ for $k \geq 1$ integer

② $k+1 \leq 2^k + 2^k$

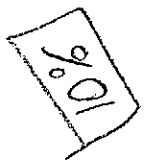
② $k+1 \leq 2^k \cdot 2$

② $k+1 \leq 2^{k+1}$

② True for k+1
 $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

Conclusion

① By M.I $P(n): n \leq 2^n$ is true for all positive integers n.



11. Use mathematical induction to prove that

$$P(n) : 1 + 4 + 4^2 + \dots + 4^n = \frac{4^{n+1} - 1}{3}$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where n is a non-negative integer.

Basis step: $P(0) : 1 = \frac{4-1}{3}$ ①

$$1 = \frac{3}{3}$$

$1=1$ ✓
 $P(0)$ is true

① Inductive step

① Suppose that it is true for some k
That is $P(k) : 1 + 4 + 4^2 + \dots + 4^k = \frac{4^{k+1} - 1}{3}$ is true

① We need to show that it is true for $k+1$

① That is $P(k+1) : 1 + 4 + 4^2 + \dots + 4^{k+1} = \frac{4^{k+2} - 1}{3}$ is true?

$$1 + 4 + 4^2 + \dots + 4^{k+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 1 + 4 + 4^2 + \dots + 4^k + 4^{k+1}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{4^{k+1} - 1 + 3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{4^{k+1}(1+3) - 1}{3} \\ &= \frac{4^{k+1} \cdot 4 - 1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{4^{k+2} - 1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

True for $k+1$ ✓
 $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ ✓

Conclusion ①
By M.I.
 $P(n)$ is true for all non-negative integers n .

12.a) Fill in the blanks with True or False. (Do not justify)

① True	$\{x\} \in \{\{x\}\}$	$\emptyset \in \{x\}$	False
① True	$\{2, \{2\}\} = \{2, 2, \{2\}\}$	$\{\emptyset\} \subset \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$	True
① True	$\{x\} \subseteq \{x\}$	$\{\{\emptyset\}\} \subset \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$	True
① True	$\emptyset \subseteq \{x\}$	$0 \in \emptyset$	False

b) Fill in the blanks the correct value

The Cardinality of $P(P(\emptyset)) = 2^{2^0} = 2^1 = 2$ ②

The Cardinality of $P(\{\emptyset, a, \{a\}\}) = 2^3 = 8$ ②

