

**MAT1830 - Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science**  
**Tutorial Sheet #3 Solutions**

1.  $\neg\forall xP(x) \equiv \exists x\neg P(x)$   
 $\neg\exists x\exists y\neg Q(x, y) \equiv \forall x\forall y\neg\neg Q(x, y) \equiv \forall x\forall yQ(x, y)$   
 $\neg(\exists xP(x) \vee \exists x\forall yQ(x, y)) \equiv \neg\exists xP(x) \wedge \neg\exists x\forall yQ(x, y) \equiv \forall x\neg P(x) \wedge \forall x\exists y\neg Q(x, y)$

2. Let  $P(n)$  be the statement “ $n^2 + 3n$  is even”.

*Base step.* When  $n = 1$ ,  $n^2 + 3n = 4$ . Obviously 4 is even. So  $P(1)$  is true.

*Induction step.* For some integer  $k \geq 1$ , assume that  $P(k)$  is true. That is, assume that  $k^2 + 3k$  is even. Now we need to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true. So we must show that  $(k+1)^2 + 3(k+1)$  is even. We have that

$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)^2 + 3(k+1) &= (k^2 + 2k + 1) + 3k + 3 \\ &= k^2 + 5k + 4 \\ &= (k^2 + 3k) + 2k + 4.\end{aligned}$$

Now  $(k^2 + 3k) + 2k + 4$  is even because  $k^2 + 3k$  is even by our assumption and  $2k$  and 4 are obviously even. Therefore  $(k+1)^2 + 3(k+1)$  is even and  $P(k+1)$  is true.

So we have proved by induction that  $n^2 + 3n$  is even for each integer  $n \geq 1$ .

3. (a) True. (There is a cupcake with pink icing but without green sprinkles.)  
False. (It is not true that all the cupcakes with green sprinkles have pink icing.)  
True. ( $\exists xI(x)$  is true because there is a cupcake with pink icing. So the statement is true.)
- (b) Yes, for example a tray with the following three cupcakes: pink icing with brown sprinkles, pink icing with green sprinkles, yellow icing with green sprinkles.
- (c) No, if  $\forall xI(x) \vee \forall xS(x)$  is true then every cupcake on the tray has pink icing or every cupcake on the tray has green sprinkles, and this means that  $\forall x(I(x) \vee S(x))$  would have to be true also.

4. Let  $P(n)$  be the statement " $1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ ".

*Base step.* The left hand side of  $P(1)$  is 1 and the right hand side of  $P(1)$  is  $\frac{1(2)(3)}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$ . So  $P(1)$  is true.

*Induction step.* For some integer  $k \geq 1$ , assume that  $P(k)$  is true. That is, assume that

$$1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$$

Now we need to prove that  $P(k+1)$  is true. So we must show that

$$1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (k+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2(k+1)+1)}{6}.$$

Working with the left hand side of this equation we see that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + (k+1)^2 &= (1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2) + (k+1)^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} \right) + (k+1)^2 \quad (\text{using our assumption}) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + \frac{6(k+1)^2}{6} \\ &= \frac{k+1}{6} (k(2k+1) + 6(k+1)) \\ &= \frac{k+1}{6} (2k^2 + 7k + 6) \\ &= \frac{k+1}{6} (2k+3)(k+2) \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

which is the right hand side we required. Thus  $P(k+1)$  is true.

So we have proved by induction that  $1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  for each integer  $n \geq 1$ .

5. Let  $c$  range over all cushions,  $s$  range over all sofas, and let  $M(c, s)$  mean that cushion  $c$  matches sofa  $s$ .

(a) Claim:  $\exists c \forall s M(c, s)$

Negation:  $\neg \exists c \forall s M(c, s) \equiv \forall c \exists s \neg M(c, s)$

For every cushion, you'd have to find a sofa which didn't match that cushion.

(b) Claim:  $\forall s \exists c M(c, s)$

Negation:  $\neg \forall s \exists c M(c, s) \equiv \exists s \forall c \neg M(c, s)$

You'd have to show there was one specific sofa which didn't match any cushion.