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- 1 Determine whether  $((p \vee q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow r$  is a tautology. [2 marks]

Solution:

It is not a tautology. Consider the following row in the truth table:

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

- 2 Let  $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{0, 1, 4\}$  and  $C = \{-4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Which of the following are true? Justify your answer.

- (i)  $\forall x \in C (x \in A \leftrightarrow (x^2 \in B))$ . [2 marks]  
 (ii)  $\forall x \in C (\forall y \in B xy \in B) \rightarrow (x^2 = x)$ . [2 marks]  
 (iii)  $\exists x \in A \forall y \in A (x \neq 0) \wedge (xy \in B)$ . [2 marks]  
 (iv)  $\sim (\forall x \in A \exists y \in A (x \neq 0) \wedge (xy \in B))$ . [2 marks]

Solution:

- (i) *Case*  $x = -4, -3, 3, 4$ :  $x \in A$  is false and  $x^2 \in B$  is false, so  $x \in A \leftrightarrow x^2 \in B$  is true.  
*Case*  $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ :  $x \in A$  is true and  $x^2 \in B$  is true, so  $x \in A \leftrightarrow x^2 \in B$  is true.  
 Therefore (i) is **true**.
- (ii) *Case*  $x = 0, 1$ :  $\forall y \in B xy \in B$  is true and  $x^2 = x$  is true, so  $(\forall y \in B xy \in B) \rightarrow x^2 = x$  is true.  
*Case*  $x = -4, -3, -2, -1, 2, 3, 4$ :  $\forall y \in B xy \in B$  is false (counterexample:  $y = 4$ ),  
 so  $(\forall y \in B xy \in B) \rightarrow x^2 = x$  is true.  
 Therefore (ii) is **true**.
- (iii) *Case*  $x = -2$ : counterexample  $y = 2$   
*Case*  $x = -1$ : counterexample  $y = 2$   
*Case*  $x = 0$ :  $x \neq 0$  is false  
*Case*  $x = 1$ : counterexample  $y = 2$   
*Case*  $x = 2$ : counterexample  $y = -1$   
 Thus,  $\forall y \in A (x \neq 0) \wedge (xy \in B)$  is false for every  $x$  in  $A$ , so (iii) is **false**.
- (iv)  $\sim (\forall x \in A \exists y \in A (x \neq 0) \wedge (xy \in B)) \equiv \exists x \in A \forall y \in A (x = 0) \vee (xy \notin B)$  is **true**  
 (example:  $x = 0$ )

**3** Consider the claim:

“For any integers  $m$  and  $n$ , if  $m + n$  is even, then either both  $m$  and  $n$  are even or both are odd.”

- (i) State the claim symbolically, using predicates  $Even(x)$  and  $Odd(y)$ . [2 marks]

The following is a proof:

“We prove by contradiction. Suppose one of them is odd and the other is even. Without loss of generality, we may assume  $m$  is even and  $n$  is odd. Then,  $m = 2h$  and  $n = 2k + 1$  for some integers  $h$  and  $k$ , so  $m + n = 2(h + k) + 1$ . Since  $h + k$  is an integer,  $m + n$  is therefore odd, so we get a contradiction.”

- (ii) Let  $p$  be the claim in (i). Why does the proof for  $p$  start by assuming that one integer is odd and the other is even? [2 marks]
- (iii) Point out one example of universal instantiation in this proof. [1 mark]
- (iv) Point out one example of modus ponens in this proof. [1 mark]
- (v) Explain what is meant by “Without loss of generality” in this proof. [1 mark]

**Solution:**

$$(i) \forall m \in \mathbf{Z} \forall n \in \mathbf{Z} Even(m + n) \rightarrow (Even(m) \wedge Even(n)) \vee (Odd(m) \wedge Odd(n))$$

- (ii) Let  $p$  be the claim in (i). Then  $\sim p$  is

$$\exists m \in \mathbf{Z} \exists n \in \mathbf{Z} Even(m + n) \wedge \sim ((Even(m) \wedge Even(n)) \vee (Odd(m) \wedge Odd(n)))$$

$$\text{where } \sim ((Even(m) \wedge Even(n)) \vee (Odd(m) \wedge Odd(n)))$$

$$\equiv (Odd(m) \vee Odd(n)) \wedge (Even(m) \vee Even(n))$$

$$\equiv ((Odd(m) \wedge (Even(m) \vee Even(n))) \vee (Odd(n) \wedge (Even(m) \vee Even(n))))$$

$$\equiv (Odd(m) \wedge Even(n)) \vee (Odd(n) \wedge Even(m))$$

- (iii) Many possibilities; example:  $\forall x \in \mathbf{Z} Even(x) \rightarrow \exists h \in \mathbf{Z} x = 2h$   
 $m \in \mathbf{Z}$

$$\text{U.I. } Even(m) \rightarrow \exists h \in \mathbf{Z} m = 2h$$

- (iv) Many possibilities; example:  $Even(m) \rightarrow \exists h \in \mathbf{Z} m = 2h$   
 $Even(m)$

$$\text{M.P. } \exists h \in \mathbf{Z} m = 2h$$

- (v) There are two cases to consider: (a)  $m$  is odd and  $n$  is even; (b)  $n$  is odd and  $m$  is even.  
The proof for one case is the same as the proof for the other case,  
except for switching the roles of  $m$  and  $n$ .

**4** Two sequences  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are said to **span** a space  $S$  over field  $F$  if and only if

“every sequence  $\alpha$  in  $S$  can be expressed as  $\alpha = b\beta + c\gamma$  for some  $b$  and  $c$  in  $F$ ”.

- (i) State the condition (in “...”) symbolically. [1 mark]

A student writes: “ $\psi$  and  $\eta$  span  $S$  because  $\omega \in S$ ,  $0 \in F$  and  $\omega = 0\psi + 0\eta$ .”

(Note:  $\omega \in S$ ,  $0 \in F$  and  $\omega = 0\psi + 0\eta$  are all correct.)

- (ii) Explain why this argument might be wrong. [1 mark]
- (iii) Explain why this argument might be correct. [1 mark]

**Solution:**

$$(i) \forall \alpha \in S \exists b \in F \exists c \in F \alpha = b\beta + c\gamma$$

- (ii) If  $S \neq \{w\}$ , then the student must also check cases where  $\alpha \in S$  and  $\alpha \neq w$ .

- (iii) If  $S = \{w\}$ , then the student is correct.