Quiz Questions: Proofs

- 1. Suppose you are examining a conjecture of the form $\exists x \ P(x)$. To show that the conjecture is false, you need to show which of the following?
 - A. There is a value x that makes P(x) false.
 - B. P(x) is false for all possible values of x.
 - C. P(x) is true for at least one value of x.
 - D. P(x) is true for all possible values of x.
- 2. Suppose you are examining a conjecture of the form $\forall x \ (P(x) \to Q(x))$. If you are looking for a counterexample, you need to find a value x such that:
 - A. P(x) and Q(x) are true.
 - B. P(x) and Q(x) are false.
 - C. Q(x) is true and P(x) is false.
 - D. P(x) is true and Q(x) is false.
- 3. Suppose you wanted to prove that the square of every even positive integer ends in 0, 4, or 6. Which type of proof would be the easiest to use?
 - A. Proof by contraposition.
 - B. Direct proof.
 - C. Proof by cases.
- 4. Suppose you are examining a conjecture of the form $\forall x \ (P(x) \land Q(x))$. To show that the conjecture is false, you MUST show which of the following?
 - A. There is a value x_1 such that $P(x_1)$ is false and a value x_2 such that $Q(x_2)$ is false.
 - B. There is a value x such that either P(x) is false or Q(x) is false.
 - C. For every choice of x, P(x) and Q(x) are both false.
 - D. For every choice of x, either P(x) is false or Q(x) is false.
- 5. Suppose you want to prove this theorem by cases: "If n is an odd integer, then n^4 ends in the digit 1 or 5." What cases would you use?
 - A. *n* ends in the digit 1 or 5.
 - B. *n* ends in one of the digits 2, 4, 6, 8, 0, or *n* ends in one of the digits 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.
 - C. *n* is positive, 0, or negative.
 - D. *n* ends in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9
- 6. A proof that $p \rightarrow q$ is true based on the fact that q is true, is known as
 - A. Direct proof
 - B. Contrapositive proofs
 - C. Trivial proof
 - D. Proof by cases
- 7. For proving "if x and y are integers and their sum is even, then their difference is also even", What would be the cases?

- A. Case 1: x odd and y even. Case 2: x even and y odd
- B. Case 1: $x \ge 0$ and y < 0. Case 2: x < 0 and $y \ge 0$
- C. Case 1: x and y even. Case 2: x and y odd
- D. Case 1: x + y even. Case 2: x + y odd
- 8. Which of the arguments are correct?
 - A. All CS students have a laptop. Joe doesn't have one, so he's not a student.
 - B. Electric cars are fast. Bob's car is not Electric. So, his car is not fast.
 - C. Ali likes action movies. He likes the movie Spy, so Spy is an action movie.
 - D. Hunters set a dozen traps. Bob is hunter. So he sets a dozen traps