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# ECE590 HW1

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# 1 Assignment 1

Proof Goal:

$$\forall P, Q \in \mathbb{N}, (P \Rightarrow Q) \iff (\neg P \vee Q)$$

Steps:

1.  $\forall P, Q \in \mathbb{N}, (P \Rightarrow Q) \iff (\neg P \vee Q)$

Pick any  $P$  and  $Q$ ,

1.1  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (\neg P \vee Q)$

Assume  $P \Rightarrow Q$  and

1.1.1  $\neg P \vee Q$

By contradiction, assume  $\neg(\neg P \vee Q)$

1.1.2  $\neg\neg P \wedge \neg Q$

From 1.1.1 by de Morgan's law

1.1.2.1  $P$

From 1.1.2 by and elimination and double negation elimination

1.1.2.2  $Q$

From 1.1 and 1.1.2.1 by implication

1.1.2.3 False by case on  $\neg\neg P \wedge \neg Q$

1.2  $(\neg P \vee Q) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q)$

Assume  $\neg P \vee Q$  and

1.2.1  $\neg P \vee P$

1.2.2  $\neg Q \vee Q$

1.2.3

case  $P$

1.2.3.1  $Q$

From  $\neg P \vee Q$

1.2.3.2  $P \Rightarrow Q$

From  $P, Q$

case  $\neg P$

case  $\neg Q$

1.2.3.3  $P \Rightarrow Q$

case  $Q$

1.2.3.4  $P \Rightarrow Q$

1.2.4  $(\neg P \vee Q) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q)$  From 1.2.1 to 1.2.3

1.3  $\forall P, Q \in \mathbb{N}, (P \Rightarrow Q) \iff (\neg P \vee Q)$

From 1.1 to 1.2

# 2 Assignment 2

Proof

$f(n)$  is the statement for

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{i=0}^n i^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$$

Base case  $f(1)$  :

$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot 1^2(1+1)^2 = \frac{2^2}{4} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

Induction step: Assume  $f(n)$  for all  $n > 1$

Proof of  $f(n+1)$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 + (n+1)^3 &= \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2 + (n+1)^3 \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2}{4}[n^2 + 4(n+1)] \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2(n+2)^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

So we prove

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{i=0}^n i^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$$

### 3 Assignment 3

There is something wrong with the induction step. It is not valid when  $k$  is 1. When  $k$  is 1, consider the set of  $k+1$ , which is 2 horses. There is no overlap between the first  $k$  horses and last  $k$  horses. So the first  $k$  horses and last  $k$  horses may have different colors. So the  $k+1$  horses may fail to have the same color.

## References