

Please show **all** your work! Answers without supporting work will not be given credit. Write answers in spaces provided. You have 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete this exam.

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1. (10 pts.) Determine if  $P \Leftrightarrow Q$  and  $\sim P \Leftrightarrow \sim Q$  are logically equivalent. Use a truth table or other means to explain your conclusion.

P	Q	$\sim P$	$\sim Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$Q \Rightarrow P$	$Q \Leftrightarrow P$	$\sim P \Rightarrow \sim Q$	$\sim Q \Rightarrow \sim P$	$\sim P \Leftrightarrow \sim Q$
T	T	F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T

Because the columns for  $Q \Leftrightarrow P$  and  $\sim P \Leftrightarrow \sim Q$  are ~~equal~~ identical, the statements are logically equivalent.

2. (10 pts.) Determine if  $P \Rightarrow Q$  and  $P \vee \sim Q$  are logically equivalent. Use a truth table or other means to explain your conclusion.

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\sim Q$	$P \vee \sim Q$
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

Because the columns for  $P \Rightarrow Q$  and  $P \vee \sim Q$  differ, the statements are not logically equivalent.

3. (15 pts.) Write the contrapositive, converse, and negation of the following statement:

If  $x$  is a real number, then  $x > 0$  or  $x \leq 0$ .

Contrapositive:

If  $x \leq 0$  and  $x > 0$ , then  $x$  is not a real number.

or ( If  $x \neq 0$  and  $x \neq 0$ , then  $x$  is not a real number.)

Converse:

If  $x > 0$  or  $x \leq 0$ , then  $x$  is a real number.

Negation:

$x$  is a real number,  $x > 0$ , and  $x \leq 0$ .

4. (5 pts.) Suppose we have the following statements:

**A** = I believe everything I read.

**B** = All fish have eyelids.

Express the statement: "If I do not believe some of what I read, then some fish do not have eyelids," using the letter **A** and **B** and the connectives  $\vee, \wedge, \sim, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$ .

If  $\neg A$ , then  $\neg B$

$\neg A \Rightarrow \neg B$

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5. (5 pts.) Suppose we have the following statements.

P = All politicians are honest.

Q = I don't have two brain cells to rub together..

R = The pie is in the sky.

Translate the following statement into English:  $\sim P \Leftrightarrow (R \Rightarrow \sim Q)$ .

There exists a dishonest politician if and only if the pie in the sky implies that I have two brain cells to rub together.

6. (10 pts.) Prove that if  $\sqrt{x} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

*Proof.*

If  $\sqrt{x} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then there exist  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0$

such that  $\sqrt{x} = \frac{p}{q}$ . Squaring both

sides gives  $x = \frac{p^2}{q^2}$ . Because

$p^2, q^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $q^2 \neq 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  by definition.

□

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7. (15 pts.) Prove that if  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $x^2 + x$  is even. Do this by cases. (You may prove using some other method for partial credit.)

*Proof.*

First suppose  $x = 2k$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } x^2 + x &= (2k)^2 + 2k \\ &= 4k^2 + 2k \\ &= 2(2k^2 + k).\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x^2 + x$  is even.

Now suppose  $x = 2k+1$  is odd.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } x^2 + x &= (2k+1)^2 + (2k+1) \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 2k + 1 \\ &= 4k^2 + 6k + 2 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 3k + 1).\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x^2 + x$  is even.

□

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8. (15 pts.) Prove by induction that the sum of the first  $n$  odd integers is  $n^2$ . That is, show the following:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1) = n^2$$

Proof.

We proceed by induction. Clearly

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 2i-1 = 2(1)-1 = 1 = 1^2.$$

Now assume that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k 2i-1 = k^2.$$

Adding the next odd number  $2k+1$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned} 2k+1 + \sum_{i=1}^k 2i-1 &= k^2 + (2k+1) \\ [2(k+1)-1] + \sum_{i=1}^k 2i-1 &= k^2 + 2k+1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} 2i-1 &= (k+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Completing the proof.

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9. (15 pts.) Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

Proof.

Suppose not. Then there exist  $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $q \neq 0$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  have no common divisors, and  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$ . Squaring gives:

$$2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2};$$

So,

$$2q^2 = p^2$$

Therefore,  $p^2$  is even implying  $p$  is even.

Hence  $p = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$2q^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2,$$

So

$$q^2 = 2k^2$$

implying  $q$  is even.

This contradicts

the fact that  $p$  and  $q$  had no common divisors.  $\square$

The End.