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1. [8 marks] Short answers questions.

- (a) [2 marks] Let S_1 be the set of all prime numbers, and $S_2 = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \mid 30\}$. Write down all the elements of $S_2 \setminus S_1$.

Solution

$$S_2 \setminus S_1 = \{1, 6, 10, 15, 30\}$$

Note: the definition of prime requires that the number be > 1 , and so 1 is *not* a prime number.

- (b) [3 marks] Write down a truth table for the following expression in propositional logic. Rough work (e.g., intermediate columns of the truth table) is **not** required, but can be included if you want.

$$(\neg p \Leftrightarrow q) \Rightarrow r$$

Solution

p	q	r	$(\neg p \Leftrightarrow q) \Rightarrow r$
False	False	False	True
False	False	True	True
False	True	False	False
False	True	True	True
True	False	False	False
True	False	True	True
True	True	False	True
True	True	True	True

- (c) [3 marks] Consider the following statement (assume predicates P and Q have already been defined):

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, P(x) \Rightarrow (\exists y \in \mathbb{N}, Q(x, y))$$

Suppose we want to **prove** this statement. Write the complete *proof header* for a proof; you may write statements like “Let $x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ ” without filling in the blank. The last statement of your proof header should be “We will prove that...” where you clearly state what’s left to prove, in the same style as the lectures or the Course Notes.

You do not need to include any other work (but clearly mark any rough work you happen to use).

Solution

Let $x \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume that $P(x)$ is true. Let $y = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$. We will prove that $Q(x, y)$ is True.

2. [7 marks] **Translations.** Let P be the set of all pets, and suppose we define the following predicates:

- $Cat(x)$: “ x is a cat”, where $x \in P$
- $Cute(x)$: “ x is cute”, where $x \in P$
- $Loves(x, y)$: “ x loves y ”, where $x, y \in P$ (note that $Loves(x, y)$ does *not* mean the same thing as $Loves(y, x)$)

Translate each of the following statements into predicate logic. No explanation is necessary. Do not define any of your own predicates or sets. You may use the $=$ and \neq symbols to compare whether two pets are the same.

(a) [1 mark] Every cat loves itself.

Solution

$$\forall x \in P, Cat(x) \Rightarrow Loves(x, x)$$

(b) [2 marks] Every cat loves at least one pet that is cute.

Solution

$$\forall x \in P, Cat(x) \Rightarrow (\exists y \in P, Cute(y) \wedge Loves(x, y))$$

(c) [2 marks] If at least one cat is cute, then every cat is cute.

Solution

$$(\exists x \in P, Cat(x) \wedge Cute(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall y \in P, Cat(y) \Rightarrow Cute(y))$$

(d) [2 marks] For every two distinct (i.e., not equal) pets, if the two pets love each other, then exactly one of them is a cat.

Solution

$$\forall x, y \in P, x \neq y \wedge Loves(x, y) \wedge Loves(y, x) \Rightarrow (\neg Cat(x) \Leftrightarrow Cat(y))$$

Or,

$$\forall x, y \in P, x \neq y \wedge Loves(x, y) \wedge Loves(y, x) \Rightarrow (Cat(x) \wedge \neg Cat(y)) \vee (\neg Cat(x) \wedge Cat(y))$$

3. [6 marks] **A proof about numbers.** Consider the following statement: “For some natural number n greater than 1, every positive real number x satisfies the equation $\lfloor nx \rfloor = n \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor$.”

- (a) [2 marks] Translate the above statement into predicate logic. You may use \mathbb{R}^+ to represent the set of all positive real numbers.

Solution

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 1 \wedge (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \lfloor nx \rfloor = n \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor)$$

- (b) [4 marks] Prove or disprove the above statement. If you choose to disprove the statement, you must start by writing its negation. We have left you space for rough work here and on the next page, but write your formal proof in the box below.

Solution

This statement is false, so we'll prove its negation: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \leq 1 \vee (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \lfloor nx \rfloor \neq n \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor)$.

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We'll divide up our proof into two cases.

Case 1: Assume $n \leq 1$. In this case, the first part of the OR is true.

Case 2: Assume $n > 1$. We'll prove the second part of the OR.

Let $x = \frac{1}{n}$. Then $\lfloor nx \rfloor = \lfloor n \cdot 1/n \rfloor = \lfloor 1 \rfloor = 1$. But since $n > 1$, we know that $0 < x < 1$, and so $\lfloor x \rfloor = 0$. This means that $n \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor = 0$. So then $\lfloor nx \rfloor \neq n \cdot \lfloor x \rfloor$. \square

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4. [5 marks] **Divisibility.** Prove the following statement.

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}, b \mid a \wedge b \mid (a + 2) \Rightarrow b = 1 \vee b = 2$$

Clearly state where you use any definition from class in your proof. We have left you space for rough work here and on the next page, but write your formal proof in the box below.

Solution

Proof. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume that $b \mid a$ and $b \mid (a + 2)$, i.e. (by the definition of divisibility), that there exist $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = k_1 b$ and $a + 2 = k_2 b$.

We'll first prove that $b \mid 2$. Let $k_3 = k_2 - k_1$, so that subtracting the two equations from our assumptions gives:

$$\begin{aligned}(a + 2) - a &= k_2 b - k_1 b \\ 2 &= (k_2 - k_1)b \\ 2 &= k_3 b\end{aligned}$$

So then $b \mid 2$. Since $b \in \mathbb{N}$, and the only positive divisors of 2 are 1 and 2, we know that $b = 1$ or $b = 2$.*

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*Indeed, we could replace 2 with any prime number to generalize this proof.

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