

**Written Homework 1**

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1.1.5. Let  $P$  be the statement “Student X passed every assignment in Calculus I,” and let  $Q$  be the statement “Student X received a grade of C or better in Calculus I.”

- (a) What does it mean for  $P$  to be true? What does it mean for  $Q$  to be true?
  - (1) For  $P$  to be true, the student must have achieved a passing grade on every assignment they attempted (presumably a 60% or higher) in Calculus I.
  - (2) For  $Q$  to be true, the student must have had an average grade of C or higher in Calculus I.
- (b) Suppose that Student X passed every assignment in Calculus I and received a grade of B–, and that the instructor made the statement  $P \rightarrow Q$ . Would you say that the instructor lied or told the truth?
  - The Instructor told the truth because the student apparently achieved an assignment average (including tests and quizzes as assignments) greater than a C and the student (presumably) passed the class.
- (c) Suppose that Student X passed every assignment in Calculus I and received a grade of C–, and that the instructor made the statement  $P \rightarrow Q$ . Would you say that the instructor lied or told the truth?
  - In this scenario, the instructor could have lied or not based on the exact grades the student got. For example, if the student received a D or C– on enough assignments, they would have still passed every assignment ( $P$  is true) yet still received a grade worse than a C ( $\neg Q$ ). Alternatively, if the student received an F on any assignment, then  $P$  would be false and therefore  $Q$  could be either True or False while the statement  $P \rightarrow Q$  is True because the premise is false.
- (d) Now suppose that Student X did not pass two assignments in Calculus I and received a grade of D, and that the instructor made the statement  $P \rightarrow Q$ . Would you say that the instructor lied or told the truth?
  - In this scenario, the instructor told the truth as the premise ( $P$ ) is false.
- (e) How are Parts (5b), (5c), and (5d) related to the truth table for  $P \rightarrow Q$ ?
  - Part (5b) has both a True premise and conclusion and is therefore true. Part (5c) has two possibilities, the first of which has a True premise but a false conclusion resulting in a lie from the instructor while the second possibility has a false premise which results in a True statement from the instructor regardless of whether or not the conclusion is also True.

1.1.7. Following is a statement of a theorem which can be proven using the quadratic formula. For this theorem,  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers.

**Theorem** If  $f$  is a quadratic function of the form  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  and  $ac < 0$ , then the function  $f$  has two  $x$ -intercepts

Using **only** this theorem, what can be concluded about the functions given by the following formulas?

- (a)  $g(x) = -8x^2 + 5x - 2$ : Because  $-8 * -2 = 16 > 0$ , there are not two  $x$ -intercepts for this equation.
- (b)  $h(x) = -\frac{1}{3}x^2 + 3x$ : Because  $-\frac{1}{3} * 0 = 0 \not< 0$ , there are not two  $x$ -intercepts for this equation.
- (c)  $k(x) = 8x^2 - 5x - 7$ : Because  $8 * -7 = -56 < 0$ , there are two  $x$ -intercepts for this equation.
- (d)  $j(x) = -\frac{71}{99}x^2 + 210$ : Because  $-\frac{71}{99} * 210 \approx -150.61 < 0$  there are two  $x$ -intercepts for this equation
- (e)  $f(x) = -4x^2 - 3x + 7$ : Because  $-4 * 7 = -28 < 0$  there are two  $x$ -intercepts for this equation
- (f)  $F(x) = -x^4 + x^3 + 9$ : Because  $-1 * 9 = -9 < 0$  there are two  $x$ -intercepts for this equation

1.2.5a. Construct a know-show table and write a complete proof for the statement: If  $m$  is an even integer, then  $3m^2 + 2m + 3$  is an odd integer.

Step	Know	Reason P
m is even	Hypothesis	
P <sub>1</sub>	$m = 2k$ where $k$ is some integer	definition of integer
P <sub>2</sub>	$3m^2 + 2m + 3 = 3(2k)^2 + 2(2k) + 3$	substitution
P <sub>3</sub>	$3 * 4k^2 + 4k + 3$	algebra
P <sub>4</sub>	$12k^2 + 4k + 3$	algebra
P <sub>5</sub>	$12k^2 + 4k + 2 + 1$	algebra
P <sub>6</sub>	$2(6k^2 + 2k + 1) + 1$	algebra
Q <sub>2</sub>	$6k^2 + 2k + 1$ is an integer, $q$	closure properties of integers
Q <sub>1</sub>	there exists an odd integer $n = 2(q) + 1$	definition of odd integer
Q	$3m^2 + 2m + 3$ is odd	conclusion
Step	Show	Reason

**Theorem:** If  $m$  is an even integer, then  $3m^2 + 2m + 3$  is an odd integer which by definition is made up of  $2k + 1$  where  $k$  is some integer.

**Proof:** First we assume that  $m$  is an even integer and will prove that  $3m^2 + 2m + 3$  is an odd integer.

By the definition of an even integer from page 16 in the text, we can conclude that there exists some integer  $n$  such that  $m = 2n$ . From here, we can substitute  $2n$  for  $m$ :

$$3m^2 + 2m + 3 = 3(2n)^2 + 2(2n) + 3$$

Then, Using algebra, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3 * 4n^2 + 4n + 3 \\ &= 12n^2 + 4n + 3 \\ &= 12n^2 + 4n + 2 + 1 \\ &= 2(6n^2 + 2n + 1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since the integers are closed under addition, multiplication, and exponentiation, we can conclude that  $6n^2 + 2n + 1$  is also an integer. Hence  $3m^2 + 2m + 3$  has been written in the form of  $2k + 1$ , or the definition of an odd integer. Therefore if  $m$  is an even integer,  $3m^2 + 2m + 3$  must be an odd integer.

1.2.7. Are the following statements true or false? Justify your conclusions.

(a) If  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are integers, then  $ab + ac$  is an even integer.

– False. If  $a$  is odd and only one of the other integers is odd, then  $ab + ac$  is an odd integer

For example, let  $a = 3, b = 4$ , and  $c = 5$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} ab + ac &= 3 * 4 + 3 * 5 \\ &= 12 + 15 \\ &= 27 \end{aligned}$$

which is an odd number.

(b) If  $b$  and  $c$  are odd integers and  $a$  is an integer, then  $ab + ac$  is an even integer.

– True. Let  $a = k$ ,  $b = 2i + 1$  (where  $i$  is some integer), and  $c = 2j + 1$  (where  $j$  is some integer)

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} ab + ac &= k(2i + 1) + k(2j + 1) \\ &= (2ki + k) + (2kj + k) \\ &= 2ki + 2kj + 2k \\ &= 2(ki + kj + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since integers are closed under addition and multiplication,  $ki + kj + 1$  must be an integer, and since the definition of an even integer is  $2n$  where  $n$  is some integer, the Premis stated above must be true.