

**Exercise 1.** For each of the following English arguments, express the argument in terms of **propositional logic** and determine whether the argument is valid or invalid.

**Recommended solution format:** 1) Show the variables you will use to represent statements; 2) fill a table with the truth values of the parts of the propositional logic statements up to and including the stated conclusion; 3) add a clear answer of whether or not the stated conclusion is valid.

- (a) If it is sunny and you have finished your homework, you always go for a run. Yesterday, you did not run. I conclude that you did not finish your homework. (Is that a valid conclusion?)

**Solution:** Your proof here □

- (b) Every time you drink coffee after 5 PM, you lose sleep; When you lose sleep, you forget things; You forgot your wallet at home, so I can conclude for sure that yesterday you had a coffee after 5 PM. (Is that a valid conclusion?)

**Solution:** Your proof here □

**Exercise 2.** Determine whether each of the following is true or false. If an example or counterexample are sufficient, use that, if not, you must provide a general proof.

**Recommended solution format:** 1) indicate *true* or *false*; 2) add any required proof in concise form (math or a couple of statements).

(a) Every odd number has an even divisor

**Solution:** Your proof here ☐

(b) The multiplication of two even numbers is even

**Solution:** Your proof here ☐

(c) The multiplication of two odd numbers is odd

**Solution:** Your proof here ☐

(d) There is an even prime number

**Solution:** Your proof here ☐

**Exercise 3.** The **pigeonhole principle** is the following somewhat intuitive observation:

If you have  $n$  pigeons in  $k$  pigeonholes and if  $n > k$ ,  
then there is at least one pigeonhole that contains more than one pigeon.

Even though this observation seems obvious, it's a good idea to prove it. Prove the pigeonhole principle using a proof by contradiction.

**Recommended solution format:** 1) indicate clearly each of the steps for going from a statement to its contradiction; 2) conclude with what it means to have arrived at that contradiction. Note: a few sentences are more than enough.

**Solution:** Your proof here

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**Exercise 4.** Use Induction to prove the next statements.

**Recommended solution format:** 1) Label each of the steps; 2) indicate clearly each of the mathematical manipulations taken to complete each step; 3) If needed, add small comments to clarify the meaning of each step.

(a) Prove that  $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

**Solution:** Your proof here

this is a nice way to align  
equations, in case  
you need to

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

**Solution:** Your proof here

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## References

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