

MTH 3105: Discrete Mathematics

Take Home Assignment I

1.

(a) Prove that there is no positive integer solutions for:

$$4a^3 + 2b^3 = c^3$$

(5 Marks)

(b) Define $F_0 = 0$, $F_1 = 1$, $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Prove that for any $n \geq 0$ we have:

(5 Marks)

$$F_n \leq \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}$$

2.

(a) Determine whether or not the following arguments are valid:

a.
$$\frac{\neg p \rightarrow q, \neg q}{p}$$

(4 Marks)

b.
$$\frac{\neg p \rightarrow \neg q}{p \rightarrow q}$$

(4 Marks)

(b) If the tuple (a, b, c) satisfy the following conditions:

- a, b and c are consecutive odd integers.
- a, b and c are all primes.

Then we call it a super prime tuple. Prove that $(3, 5, 7)$ is the only super prime tuple.

(4 Marks)

3.

(a) Prove that $\sqrt{6}$ is irrational.

(4 Marks)

(b) A detective has interviewed five witnesses to a crime. From their stories, the detective has concluded that:

- If both Tom and Jesse are lying, then Leo is telling the truth.
- If Tom or Hackson is lying, then Jesse is also lying.
- If Tom is telling the truth, then John is lying.
- John is a well-respected teacher so he never lies.
- Either Leo or Hackson is lying.

What conclusion can you make? There may be more than one liar. Show your steps.

(6 Marks)

4.

(a) Prove that if p is prime and $p|ab$, then $p|a$ or $p|b$.

(4 Marks)

(b) Let X be the set $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x + 3 \text{ is a multiple of } 7\}$.

Let Y be the set $\{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid y - 4 \text{ is a multiple of } 7\}$.

Prove that $X = Y$.

(4 Marks)

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This assignment is due 1 week from the 1st (SE) and 2nd (CS) of October, 2018.