

## Exercises for Module 1: Proofs

1. Prove De Morgan's Laws for propositions:  $\neg(P \wedge Q) = \neg P \vee \neg Q$  and  $\neg(P \vee Q) = \neg P \wedge \neg Q$  (Hint: use truth tables).

2. If  $a|b$  and  $a, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  (positive integers), then  $a \leq b$ .

3. If  $a|b$  and  $a|c$ , then  $a|(xb + yc)$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

4. Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $n$  does not divide the product  $ab$ , then  $n$  does not divide  $a$  and  $n$  does not divide  $b$ .

5. Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $3|(2^{2n} - 1)$ .

6. Prove the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, that every integer  $n \geq 2$  has a unique prime factorization (i.e. prove that the prime factorization from the last proof is unique).