

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).

7. Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < 100\}$, $B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : |x| \geq 20\}$, and $C = \{y \in \mathbb{N} : y \text{ is prime}\}$. Find $A \cap B$, $B^c \cap C$, $B \cup C$, and $(A \cup B)^c$.