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1)  $p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee q;$

Therefore, the first clause is true. Now the validity of the argument depends on the validity of r only.

$$r \rightarrow s;$$

No other information about s is given, we cannot infer the validity of r from this argument.

$$(\neg r \rightarrow q) = r \wedge q;$$

Since we know q is true, this argument does not imply the validity of r.

$$p \vee r;$$

Since we know p is true, this argument does not imply the validity of r as well.

Hence the validity of r is undecidable from the premises given.

The validity of the argument  $(p \vee q) \wedge r$  is undecidable.

2)

a) Prove that  $S \cup T \subseteq U$

Suppose  $x \in S \cup T$ , then:

x is divisible by both 2 and 3.

Since  $\text{lcm}(2,3) = 6$ ,

x is divisible by 6

Therefore  $x \in U$

Prove that  $U \subseteq S \cup T$

Suppose  $y \in U$ , then

y is divisible by 6

Since  $6 = \text{lcm}(2,3)$ ,

y is divisible by both 2 and 3.

Therefore  $x \in S \cup T$

b) The proposition  $\neg(\forall x \in U, \exists y \in T, x \cdot y \notin S)$  is true

It is equivalent to  $(\forall x \in U, \forall y \in T, x \cdot y \in S)$

Suppose  $x \in U, y \in T$ , then

x is divisible by 6, y is divisible by 3

Since x is divisible by 6, x must be divisible by 2.

$x \cdot y$  must be divisible by 2

Therefore for all x in U, for all y in T,  $x \cdot y$  belongs to S ( $\forall x \in U, \forall y \in T, x \cdot y \in S$ ).

$\therefore \neg(\forall x \in U, \exists y \in T, x \cdot y \notin S)$  is true

3)

a) From  $a_n = 7a_{n-1} - 12a_{n-2}$ , we have the characteristics equation:

$$s^2 - 7s + 12 = 0$$

Solving the equation, we have

$$s_1 = 3, s_2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \alpha s_1^n + \beta s_2^n$$

$$a_0 = 2, a_1 = 3$$

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Solving for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we have  $\alpha = 5, \beta = -3$

$$\therefore a_n = 5 \times 3^n - 3 \times 4^n$$

b) It is easily verifiable that  $D_2 = (2 - 1)(D_1 + D_0) = n! \sum_{k=0}^2 \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} = 1$

$$\therefore D_n = n! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

holds for  $n = 2$ . Suppose that

$$D_{p-2} = (p-2)! \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \text{ and } D_{p-1} = (p-1)! \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

holds for some integer  $p$

$$D_p = (p-1)(D_{p-1} + D_{p-2})$$

$$D_p = (p-1) \left( (p-1)! \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} + (p-2)! \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \right)$$

$$D_p = (p-1) \times (p-1)! \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} + (p-1)! \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

$$D_p = (p-1) \times (p-1)! \left( \frac{(-1)^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} \right) + p! \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

$$D_p = (p-1) \times (-1)^{p-1} + p! \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

$$D_p = (-1)^p + p(-1)^{p-1} + p! \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

$$D_p = p! \left( \frac{(-1)^p}{p!} + \frac{(-1)^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} \right) + p! \sum_{k=0}^{p-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

$$D_p = p! \sum_{k=0}^p \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

Therefore, since  $D_0 = 1, D_1 = 0$

$$D_p = p! \sum_{k=0}^p \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

holds for all  $n \geq 2$ .

4)

a)

i) Is  $R$  reflexive? No. A counterexample can be given:

$$1 \not\equiv 1^3 - 1 \pmod{3}$$

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ii) Is R symmetric? No. A counterexample can be given:

$$0 \equiv 2^3 - 2 \pmod{3}$$

However,

$$2 \not\equiv 0^3 - 0 \pmod{3}$$

iii) Is R transitive? No. A counterexample can be given:

$$0 \equiv 2^3 - 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$2 \equiv 8^3 - 8 \pmod{3}$$

However,

$$0 \not\equiv 8^3 - 8 \pmod{3}$$

b)

i) The cardinality of the set T of all functions  $f: S \rightarrow S$  is

$$|T| = n^n$$

ii) The cardinality of the set U is equal to the number of permutations for n symbols:

$$|U| = A_n^n = n!$$

5)

a)

i) X has a Euler path since it has exactly 2 vertices with odd degree.

Y has a Euler path by the same reasoning.

ii) Neither X nor Y have a Euler circuit since they have odd degree vertices.

iii) X and Y both have Hamilton circuit (starting from the vertex in the center of each hexagon. Go to any other vertex that it is linked to. Go around the hexagon in such a way that the 3<sup>rd</sup> vertex of the path is not connected to the center. Finally, go back to the center vertex).

b) No. X and Y have different numbers of edges.

--End of Answers--

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