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## TUTORIAL 1

### BIDM 313 • Discrete Mathematics

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### **Questions & Instructions:**

#### 1. Proofs

Using the applicable methods, prove the below statements

- If  $(3n)^2$  is even then  $n$  is even
- $x \times y$  is odd if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are odd
- If  $x$  and  $y$  are even numbers then, 4 divides  $(x - y)^2$

#### 2. Mathematical Induction

Use mathematical induction to prove that

- $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
- $n^3 + 2n$  is divisible by 3
- $3^n > n^2$  for all  $n > 2$
- $n! > 2^n$  for all  $n \geq 4$

### 3. Quantifiers

- a. Let  $Q(x, y, z)$  denote the statement  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ . What is the truth value of the value of  $Q(3, 4, 5)$ ? What is the truth value of  $Q(2, 2, 3)$ ? How many values of  $(x, y, z)$  make the predicate true?
- b. Let  $P(x)$  be the predicate " $x$  must take a discrete mathematics course" and  $Q(x)$  be the predicate " $x$  is a computer science student". The universe of discourse for both  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  is all LUCT students.
  - i. Express the statement "Every computer science student must take a discrete mathematics course".
  - ii. Express the statement "Everybody must take a discrete mathematics course or be a computer science student".
- c. What is the truth value of  $\forall x \forall y ((x < y) \rightarrow (x^2 < y^2))$ ? Consider that the domain of discourse for  $x$  and  $y$  are elements of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

### 4. Conditional Propositions and Logic Equivalence

- a. Proposition  $p$  : Thabo is smart  
 Proposition  $q$  : Thabo is honest  
 Construct the following
  - i. Thabo is not smart but is honest
  - ii. Either Thabo is smart, or she is not smart but honest
  - iii. If Thabo is smart, then she is not honest
- b. Using a truth table show that the following is a tautology  
 $((t \rightarrow w) \wedge \sim w) \rightarrow \sim w$
- c. Prove the following
  - i.  $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$
  - ii.  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q) \equiv T$