

Some useful latex for you to use:

- For sets use the command we defined in the latex source

$$\{1, 2, 3\}, \{\emptyset, \{4, 5, 6\}\}, \left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\alpha}{1 + \beta}\right\}$$

it will format the braces nicely.

- Sometimes it is nice to write  $\ell$  instead of  $l$  because it looks nice in formulas.
- For logic, latex defines the symbols we need:

$$\sim P \quad P \vee Q \quad P \wedge Q \quad P \implies Q \quad P \iff Q$$

Unfortunately, we use  $\sim$  for negation and not the default negation symbol  $\neg$ , so it is useful to redefine things in the header of your document (a bit like how we define the set command.)

- For a proof we can (and probably should) use the proof environment. It automatically puts the word “proof” at the start and the little square at the end:

*Proof.* This is my proof. It is just missing a few details, but I’ll put in an equation

$$a + b = c$$

just because I can. □

Sometimes we want to give the proof a title, and the proof environment helps us do that too. Here is a classic false-proof that  $2 = 1$ .

*Not-quite-a-proof that two equals one.* Let  $x, y$  be non-zero real numbers so that  $x = y$ . Then, multiplying by  $x$  gives us

$x^2 = xy$	now subtract $y^2$
$x^2 - y^2 = xy - y^2$	now factor
$(x - y)(x + y) = y(x - y)$	divide by common factor of $(x - y)$
$x + y = y$	since $x = y$
$2y = y$	now divide by $y$
$2 = 1$	

□

- For the truth tables you can use the following:

$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	$A_4$	$A_5$	$A_6$
$a_{11}$	$a_{12}$	$a_{13}$	$a_{14}$	$a_{15}$	$a_{16}$
$a_{21}$	$a_{22}$	$a_{23}$	$a_{24}$	$a_{25}$	$a_{26}$
$a_{31}$	$a_{32}$	$a_{33}$	$a_{34}$	$a_{35}$	$a_{36}$
$a_{41}$	$a_{42}$	$a_{43}$	$a_{44}$	$a_{45}$	$a_{46}$

- Remember to check the spelling of your submission.
- Also remember that you should not include your scratchwork unless a question specifically asks for it.
- Finally, please try to make your work look nice and neat and use 12pt font — think about the reader!

Please do not include the above text in your homework solution — we have just included it here to help you write your homework.

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## Solutions to homework 1:

### 1. Your solution to question 1.

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , Prove that if  $3 \mid n + 1$  then  $3 \nmid n^2 + 5n + 5$ .

- Assume for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $3 \mid n + 1$
- Then  $(n + 1) = 3\ell$  for  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $n^2 + 5n + 5 = (n + 1)^2 + 3(n + 1) + 1 = (3\ell)^2 + 3(3\ell) + 1$
- By fact,  $(3\ell)^2 + (3\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}$  so  $n^2 + 5n + 5 = 3(3\ell^2 + \ell) + 1$
- This shows that  $3 \nmid n^2 + 5n + 5$

□

### 2. Your solution to question 2.

*Proof.* Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that if  $5a + 11$  is odd then  $9a + 3$  is odd.

- Let's assume that  $5a + 11$  is odd, then we can see that  $5a + 11 = 2\ell + 1$  for  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $9a + 3 = 10a - a + 3 = 2(2\ell - 10) - a + 3 = 2(2\ell - 8) - a - 1$ .
- As  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we know that  $a$  is either an odd number or even number by fact.
- Let's consider the case when  $a$  is an odd number.  $a = 2k + 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $9a + 3 = 2(2\ell - 8) - (2k + 1) = 2 * (2\ell - 2k - 10)$ . And as  $\ell, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  we know that  $2\ell - 2k - 10$  is also an Integer.
- However, in this case  $5a + 11 = 10k + 16 = 2(5k + 8)$  becomes an even number.
- So, let's consider the case when  $a = 2q$ ,  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- In this case,  $5a + 11 = 10q + 11 = 2(5q + 5) + 1$ . Thus satisfies that  $5a + 11$  is an odd number due to the fact that  $5q + 5 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- And,  $9a + 3 = 2(2\ell - 8) - 2q - 1 = 2(2\ell - q - 9) + 1$  shows us that  $9a + 3$  is odd as  $2\ell - q - 9 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Therefore, we can conclude that when  $5a + 11$  is odd then  $9a + 3$  is odd.

□

3. Your solution to question 3.

*Proof.* If  $-1 < x < 2$ , then  $x^2 - x - 2 < 0$ .

- Assume that  $-1 < x < 2$ .
- We change the expression  $x^2 - x - 2$  to  $(x - 2)(x + 1)$ .
- For some  $x \in (-1, 2)$ , we know that  $(x - 2) < 0$  and  $(x + 1) > 0$ .
- This shows that  $(x - 2)(x + 1) < 0$  because we know that for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $ab < 0$  then  $a < 0, b > 0$  or  $a > 0, b < 0$ .
- Therefore, we can conclude that if  $-1 < x < 2$  then  $x^2 - x - 2 < 0$

□

4. Your solution to question 4.

*Proof.* Let  $a, b, c, d$  be integers. Suppose that  $a, c, b + d$  are all odd numbers. Prove  $ab + cd$  is odd.

- Let's assume that  $a, b, c, d$  be integers and  $a, c, b + d$  are all odd numbers.
- Then we can see that  $a = 2\ell + 1, c = 2k + 1, b + d = 2m + 1$  for  $\ell, k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- When  $b + d$  is odd, we can express  $b + d$  as a sum of an even number and an odd number.
- For instance, let's consider the case when  $b$  is even and  $d$  is odd.
- Then we can express these as  $b = 2n$  and  $d = 2p + 1$  for  $n, p \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- We can see that  $ab + cd = (2\ell + 1)(2n) + (2k + 1)(2p + 1) = 2(2n\ell + n + 2kp + k + p) + 1$
- As we know that  $n, \ell, k, p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $2n\ell + n + 2kp + k + p \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Therefore, from the form  $ab + cd = 2(2n\ell + n + 2kp + k + p) + 1$  we can conclude that  $ab + cd$  is odd.

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5. Your solution to question 5.

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be real numbers. Show that

$$xy \leq \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$$

- Let's assume that  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - xy = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 2xy + y^2) = \frac{1}{2}(x - y)^2$
- We know for some  $n \in \mathbb{R}$  that  $n^2 \geq 0$ .
- As  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  we also can find out that  $(x - y) \in \mathbb{R}$  making  $(x - y)^2 \geq 0$ .
- If  $(x - y)^2 \geq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{2}(x - y)^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - xy \geq 0$ .
- Therefore, we can conclude that  $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \geq xy$ .

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6. Your solution to question 6.

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be real numbers. Suppose that  $x < y$  and  $y^2 < x^2$ . Show that  $x + y < 0$ .

- Let's assume that  $x < y$  and  $y^2 < x^2$  for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- $x < y$  shows that  $x - y < 0$ . And  $y^2 < x^2$  shows that  $x^2 - y^2 > 0$ .
- $x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y)$  and as we know that  $x - y < 0$  then in order to satisfy  $x^2 - y^2 > 0$ ,  $x + y < 0$  has to be satisfied.
- This is due to the fact that for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $a > 0$  then  $b > 0$ , and if  $a < 0$  then  $b < 0$  to make  $ab > 0$ .
- Therefore,  $x + y < 0$  when  $x < y$  and  $y^2 < x^2$ .

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7. Your solution to question 7.

*Proof.* For an integer  $n$ , prove that if  $5 \mid (n + 7)$ , then  $5 \mid (n^2 + 1)$ .

- Let's assume that for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $5 \mid (n + 7)$ .
- Then,  $n + 7 = 5\ell$  for some  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $n^2 + 1 = (5\ell - 7)^2 + 1 = 5(5\ell^2) - 5(14\ell) + 50 = 5(5\ell^2 - 14\ell + 10)$ .
- We know that as  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $5\ell^2 - 14\ell + 10 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Then,  $n^2 + 1 = 5(5\ell^2 - 14\ell + 10)$  shows that  $5 \mid (n^2 + 1)$ .
- Therefore, we can conclude that if  $5 \mid (n + 7)$ , then  $5 \mid (n^2 + 1)$ .

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8. Your solution to question 8.

*Proof.* Let  $n, a, b, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $n > 0$ . Prove that if  $n \mid a$  and  $n \mid b$  then  $n \mid (ax + by)$ .

- Let  $n \mid a$  and  $n \mid b$  for  $n, a, b, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n > 0$ .
- Then  $a = nl$ ,  $b = nk$  for  $l, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $ax = anl$ ,  $by = nky$  we know that  $ax + by = n(al + ky)$ .
- We can see that  $al + ky \in \mathbb{Z}$ , because  $a, l, k, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Therefore,  $ax + by = n(al + ky)$  shows that  $n \mid ax + by$ , when  $n > 0$ .

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