

**Assignment 1**  
**Given Date: 06-02-2022**  
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**Question 1 (Logic)**

1. For each of the following **implications**, write the negation and contraposition. If the statement is in English, write your response in English as well.

- (a) If it is raining then I will bring my umbrella. (5 points)

**Answer:** Lets consider,  $p$  and  $q$  are propositions where  $p = \text{"it is raining"}$  and  $q = \text{"I will my umbrella"}$

$p \rightarrow q$  also implies  $(\neg p \vee q)$ . Thus, Negation of  $p \rightarrow q$  or  $\neg(\neg p \rightarrow q)$  also implies  $p \wedge \neg q$

**Negation:** "It is not the case that if it is raining then I will bring my umbrella."  
Alternatively negation also be "it is raining and I will not bring umbrella".

**Contrapositive:** If I will not bring my umbrella, then it is not raining.

- (b) If I water my plants then they will grow. (5 points)

**Answer:** Lets consider,  $p$  and  $q$  are propositions where  $p = \text{"I water my plants"}$  and  $q = \text{"they will grow"}$

**Negation:** "It is not the case that if I water my plants then they will grow."  
Alternatively negation also be "I water my plants and they will not grow".

**Contrapositive:** If my plants will not grow, then I don't water them.

- (c)  $(\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r$  (5 points)

**Answer:** **Negation** of  $(\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r$

$$= \neg((\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r)$$

$$= \neg(\neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee r)$$

$$= \neg\neg(\neg p \vee q) \wedge \neg r, \text{ using de-morgan's law}$$

$$= (\neg p \vee q) \wedge \neg r$$

**Contrapositive:**  $\neg r \rightarrow \neg(\neg p \vee q)$  After simplification,  $\neg r \rightarrow (p \wedge \neg q)$

2. Using a truth table, show that the following statements are equivalent.  
 $(p \wedge \neg q) \implies \neg(p \rightarrow q)$  (5 points)

p	q	$\neg q$	$p \wedge \neg q$
T	T	F	F
T	F	T	T
F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F

Table 1: Truth table for  $p \wedge \neg q$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$
T	T	T	F
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F

Table 2: Truth table for  $\neg(p \rightarrow q)$

Two propositions are equivalent if they have same truth values. Thus, Table 1 and 2 show that propositions  $p \wedge \neg q$  and  $\neg(p \rightarrow q)$  are equivalent.

3. Show using equivalences that the following statements are equivalent.

(a)  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) == p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$  (5 points)

**Answer:**  $(p \rightarrow q) \equiv \neg p \vee q$  (from definition)

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &\equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r) \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee (q \wedge r)), \text{ using Distributive Law} \\ &\equiv p \rightarrow (q \wedge r), \text{ by definition} \\ &\equiv RHS \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q) == T(true)$  (5 points)

**Answer:**  $(p \rightarrow q) \equiv \neg p \vee q$  (from definition)

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &\equiv (p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q) \\ &\equiv (\neg(p \wedge q)) \vee (p \vee q) \\ &\equiv \neg r \vee r, \text{ where } r = (p \wedge q) \\ &\equiv T(true), \text{ using Negation Law} \\ &\equiv RHS \end{aligned}$$

## Question 2 (Quantifiers and Predicate Logic)

1. Translate the following from English to predicate logic

- (a) For every positive real number  $x$ , there is some real number  $y$  that is the square root of  $x$  (optional: extend this statement to show that there are two distinct square roots of  $x$ ) (5 points)

**Answer:**  $A(x) = "x > 0 \text{ (} x \text{ is a positive real number)}"$

For the second part, we have to define 2-place predicate,  $B(x,y)$ : " $y^2 = x$  ( $x$  has  $y$  as a square root)"

The predicate logic will be  $\forall x (A(x) \rightarrow \exists y B(x,y))$

**optional part**  $\forall x [A(x) \rightarrow [(\exists y)(\exists z) \rightarrow (x \neq y) \wedge B(x,y) \wedge B(x,z)]]$

- (b) There is a real number that is its own square root (5 points)

**Answer:**  $C(x) = "x \text{ is a real number}"$

For the second part, we use the same 2-place predicate,  $B(x,y)$ : " $y^2 = x$  ( $x$  has  $y$  as a square root)"

The predicate logic will be  $\exists x (C(x) \rightarrow B(x,x))$

- (c) For any two distinct real numbers there is a third real number with a value between the first two. (5 points)

**Answer:** using the same predicate,  $C(x) = "x \text{ is a real number}"$

The predicate logic will be  $\forall x,y [(x < y) \wedge C(x) \wedge C(y) \rightarrow \exists z (x < z < y) \wedge C(z)]$

### Question 3 (Proofs)

1. Use a direct proof to show that the sum of two even integers is even. (5 points)

**Answer:** Assume that  $x$  &  $y$  are two even integers. This means  $x = 2k$  for some integer  $k$  and  $y = 2n$  for some integer.

Adding those two equations,  $x+y = 2k + 2n = 2(k+n)$ , where  $k+n$  is an integer (because sum of integers is an integer).

This means  $(x+y)$  is even.

2. Prove the following by contradiction:

If  $x$  is an irrational number, then  $-x$  is an irrational number

(Recall that a rational number is any number that can be written as a fraction with integers in the numerator and denominator. If this cannot be done, it is irrational.) (5 points)

**Answer:** To start a proof by contradiction, we assume that this proposition is false; which means  $\exists x$  is an irrational number for which  $-x$  is a rational number.

Since, 0 is a rational number and rational numbers are closed under subtraction thus  $0 - (-x)$  is also a rational number, i.e.,  $x$  is a rational number which contradicts our assumption. Therefore the proposition is not false.

**Alternative Proof** To start a proof by contradiction, we assume that this proposition is false; which means  $\exists x$  is an irrational number for which  $-x$  is a rational number.

Since,  $-x$  is a rational number, it can be written as  $\frac{p}{q}$  where,  $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  $q \neq 0$ . Thus,  $x$  can be written as  $-\frac{p}{q}$ , where  $-p$  and  $q$  both are integers (since  $p$  and  $q$  are integers). This implies  $x$  is a rational number which contradicts our assumption. Therefore, if  $x$  is an irrational number, then  $-x$  is an irrational number.

3. Use an existence proof to show that the cubed root of  $x$  is can be equal to the square root of  $x$ . (5 points)

**Answer:** Here we have to find an explicit value  $c$  for which cubed root of  $c$  is can be equal to the square root of  $c$ .

1 is such a number since, cubed root and square root of 1 are both 1.

## Question 4 (Sets)

1. For the following problems, use these sets:

$$A = \{ n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n \leq 14 \}$$

$$B = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$$

- (a)  $A \cap B$  (5 points)

**Answer:**  $A \cap B = \{ x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \}$

Here,  $A \cap B = A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$ , since A is a proper subset of B.

- (b)  $A - B$  (5 points)

**Answer:**  $A - B = \{ x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B \}$  Here,  $A - B = \emptyset$ , since A is a proper subset of B.

- (c)  $(A \cap B) \cup B$  (5 points)

$$= (A \cap B) \cup B$$

$$= (A \cup B) \cap (B \cup B), \text{ using Distributive law}$$

$$= (A \cup B) \cap B, \text{ using Idempotent law}$$

$$= B \cap B, \text{ since A is a proper subset of B}$$

$$= B = \{ n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n \leq 14 \}$$

2. Let  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = x + 2$ . Domain of  $f(x)$  is all real numbers. Domain of  $g(x)$  is also all real numbers.

(a) What is  $f \circ g$ ? Simplify the function as much as possible. (5 points)

**Answer:**  $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x+2) = (x+2)^2 = x^2 + 4x + 4$

(b) What are the inverses of these two functions. If the inverse does not exist, explain why. (5 points)

**Answer:** **The function  $f$  can't be invertible** because it is not one to one. We can understand this with a simple example, a value  $y = 4$  from the domain of  $f^{-1}$  (if it exists) can possibly be mapped to two different values  $-2$  and  $+2$  which violates the function definition.

While, The function  $g$  is invertible because it is a one-to-one correspondence. The inverse function  $g^{-1}$  reverses the correspondence so  **$g^{-1}(y) = y - 2$** .

### Question 5 (Matrices)

1. What is the cardinality of the set of all prime factors of 120? (5 points)

**Answer:**  $120 = 2^3 \times 3 \times 5$  and Hence the prime factors are the set  $S=\{2,3,5\}$  Thus **the cardinality of the set of all prime factors of 120 = 3.**

2. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . What is  $MN^TN$ ? (10 points)

**Answer:**  $N^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$MN^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$MN^TN = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 17 & 14 \\ -8 & -17 & -14 \end{bmatrix}$$