EECS 70 Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory Spring 2014 Anant Sahai Discussion 2A

- 1. Use truth tables to show that $\neg(A \lor B) \equiv \neg A \land \neg B$ and $\neg(A \land B) \equiv \neg A \lor \neg B$. These two equivalences are known as DeMorgan's Law.
- 2. Which of the following statements are true? Let Q(n) be the statement "n is divisible by 2." \mathbb{N} denotes the set of natural numbers.
 - (a) $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, Q(k) \land Q(k+1)$.
 - (b) $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, Q(k) \Longrightarrow Q(k^2)$.
 - (c) $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, \neg(\exists y \in \mathbb{N}, y < x)$.
- 3. Write the following statements using the notation covered in class. Use \mathbb{N} to denote the set of natural numbers and \mathbb{Z} to denote the set of integers. Also write P(n) for the statement "n is odd".
 - (a) For all natural numbers n, 2n is even.
 - (b) For all natural numbers n, n is odd if n^2 is odd.
 - (c) There are no integer solutions to the equation $x^2 y^2 = 10$.
- 4. You are on an island inhabited by two types of people: the Liars and the Truthtellers. Liars always lie, and Truthtellers always tell the truth. In all other respects, the two types are indistinguishable. You meet a very attractive local and ask him/her on a date. The local responds, "I will go on a date with you if and only if I am a Truthteller." Is this good news?
- 5. Prove that if you put n + 1 apples into n boxes, any way you like, then at least one box must contain 2 apples. This is known as the *pigeon hole principle*.
- 6. Prove that the length of hypotenuse of a right triangle is strictly greater than the sum of the two remaining sides.
 - (a) Write down the definition of a right triangle and the claim to be proven in mathematical notaion.
 - (b) Prove the statement by contradiction.
 - (c) Prove the statement directly.