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Midterm 1, Version 3
CSC165H1S

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Please read the following guidelines carefully!

• Please write your name on both the front and back of this exam.

• This examination has 4 questions. There are a total of 8 pages, DOUBLE-SIDED.

• Answer questions clearly and completely, with justifications unless explicitly asked not to.

• Unless stated otherwise, your formulas can use only the propositional connectives and quantifiers we have seen in class, arithmetic operators (like +, ×, and exponentiation), comparison operators (like = and >), and the divisibility and Prime predicates. You may not define your own sets or predicates unless asked to do so.

• All formulas must have negations applied directly to propositional variables or predicates (e.g., ¬Prime(n)). You do not need to show your work for computing negations.

• In your proofs, you may always use definitions of predicates. You may not use any external facts about rates of growth, divisibility, primes, or greatest common divisor unless you prove them, or they are given to you in the question.

• You may not use induction for your proofs on this midterm.

Take a deep breath.
This is your chance to show us
How much you’ve learned.
We WANT to give you the credit
That you’ve earned.
A number does not define you.

Good luck!
1. [6 marks] Statements in logic.

(a) [3 marks] Write the truth table for the following formula. No rough work is required.

\[(p \iff q) \land \neg r \Rightarrow r\]

**Hint:** use vacuous truth to quickly find some rows where the formula is true.

**Solution**

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(b) [3 marks] Consider the pair of statements:

\[(1) \quad (\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)) \land (\exists m \in \mathbb{N}, Q(m)) \quad (2) \quad \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n) \land Q(n)\]

Define the predicates $P$ and $Q$ with domain $\mathbb{N}$ so that one of these statements is true and the other one false. Note that you’re only defining the predicates *once*: the two statements must use the same definitions for $P$ and $Q$.

Also, briefly explain which statement is true and which one is false, and why; no formal proofs necessary.

**Solution**

Let $P(n)$ be the predicate “$n = 0$” and $Q(n)$ be the predicate “$n = 1$”.

The first statement becomes $(\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n = 0) \land (\exists m \in \mathbb{N}, m = 1)$, which is true: there is a natural number that is equal to 0, and a natural number that is equal to 1.

The second statement becomes $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n = 0 \land n = 1$, which is false: there is no number that is equal to both 0 and 1 at the same time!
2. [7 marks] Translating statements.

Let \( x \in \mathbb{N} \). We say that \( x \) is a twin prime if and only if both \( x \) and \( x + 2 \) are prime. For example, 5 is a twin prime, because both 5 and 7 are prime. Note that 7 is not a twin prime, since 9 is not prime.

Express each of the following statements using predicate logic. No justification is required.

Note: please review the instructions on the midterm’s front page for our expectations in this question. In particular, you may not define any helper predicates or sets.

(a) [3 marks] For every twin prime \( p \), \( 2p + 1 \) is also a twin prime.

\[
\forall p \in \mathbb{N}, \ Prime(p) \land Prime(p + 2) \Rightarrow Prime(2p + 1) \land Prime(2p + 3).
\]

(b) [4 marks] There are infinitely many numbers that are not a twin prime.

Hint: it may be easier to first express “\( n \) is not a twin prime.”

\[
\forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \ \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \ n > n_0 \land (\neg Prime(n) \lor \neg Prime(n + 2)).
\]
3. [6 marks] Proofs (inequalities). Consider the following statement: “There exists a real number $x$ such that $x$ is less than 3 and for every real number $y$, $x + y^2 > 25$.”

(a) [1 mark] Translate the above statement into predicate logic.

Solution

$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \ x < 3 \land (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \ x + y^2 > 25)$

(b) [1 mark] Write the negation of this statement, fully-simplified so that all negation symbols are applied directly to predicates. You can simplify $\neg(a > b)$ to $a \leq b$ and $\neg(a < b)$ to $a \geq b$.

Solution

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \ x \geq 3 \lor (\exists y \in \mathbb{R}, \ x + y^2 \leq 25)$

(c) [4 marks] Disprove the original statement by proving its negation. In your proof, any chains of calculations must follow a top-down order; don’t start with the inequality you’re trying to prove!

Hint: use the fact that $\neg p \lor q$ is equivalent to $p \Rightarrow q$ to rewrite the negation into an implication.

Write any rough work or intuition in the Discussion box, and write your formal proof in the Proof box. Your rough work/intuition will only be graded if your proof is not completely correct.

Solution

Using the hint, we rewrite the negation from part (b) as

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \ x < 3 \Rightarrow (\exists y \in \mathbb{R}, \ x + y^2 \leq 25)$

We’ll prove this statement.

Proof. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and assume that $x < 3$. Let $y = 0$. We want to prove that $x + y^2 \leq 25$. Since $y = 0$, we know that $x + y^2 = x$. So then $x + y^2 < 3$ (by our assumption), and so $x + y^2 \leq 25$. $\square$
4. [5 marks] **Proofs (number theory).** Consider the following statement: “For all two integers \( x \) and \( y \), if \( x \) and \( y \) are both divisible by 3, then \( x^2 + 2y^2 \) is divisible by 3.”

(a) [1 mark] Translate the above statement into predicate logic.

**Solution**

\[
\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, \ 3 \mid x \land 3 \mid y \Rightarrow 3 \mid x^2 + 2y^2
\]

(b) [4 marks] Prove the above statement using the definition of divisibility:

\[ x \mid y : \ \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, \ y = kx \]

Do not use any external facts about divisibility.

Write any rough work or intuition in the **Discussion** box, and write your formal proof in the **Proof** box. Your rough work/intuition will only be looked at if your proof is not completely correct.

**Solution**

Proof. Let \( x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \). Assume that \( x \) and \( y \) are divisible by 3, i.e., that there exist \( k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \) such that \( x = 3k_1 \) and \( y = 3k_2 \). We want to prove that there exists \( k_3 \in \mathbb{Z} \) such that \( x^2 + 2y^2 = 3k_3 \).

Let \( k_3 = 3k_1^2 + 6k_2^2 \).

Then we can calculate, starting with \( x^2 + 2y^2 \):

\[
x^2 + 2y^2 = (3k_1)^2 + 2(3k_2)^2 \\
= 9k_1^2 + 18k_2^2 \\
= 3(3k_1^2 + 6k_2^2) \\
= 3k_3
\]

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