

# SOLUTIONS

Math 310  
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## FIRST MIDTERM EXAM

**General Instructions:** Read the statement of each problem carefully. If you want full credit on a problem then you must show your work. If you only write the answer then you will *not* receive full credit.

Be sure to ask questions if anything is unclear. This exam has 8 questions and is worth 100 points. You will have 50 minutes to take this exam.

- (8 points) 1. Write the converse and the contrapositive of the sentence

*If dogs can fly, then chickens have lips.*

Label each one.

Converse: If chickens have lips, then dogs can fly.

Contrapositive: If chickens do not have lips,  
then dogs cannot fly.

(8 points) 2. Are the statements  $(A \Rightarrow \sim B)$  and  $(\sim A \vee \sim B)$  logically equivalent? Why or why not?

A	B	$\sim A$	$\sim B$	$A \Rightarrow \sim B$	$\sim A \vee \sim B$
T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T

The columns for  $A \Rightarrow \sim B$  and  $\sim A \vee \sim B$  are identical. So the statements are logically equivalent.

(10 points) 3. Express the statement  $\exists x, \sim P(x)$  using  $\forall$  instead of  $\exists$ .

$$\sim \forall x, P(x).$$

(8 points) 4. Prove that the product of an even integer and an odd integer is even.

Let  $k = 2n$ , <sup>be even</sup> and  $l = 2m + 1$  be odd.

Then  $k \cdot l = 2n(2m + 1) = 2 \cdot (2mn + n)$   
is even.

(10 points) 5. Prove that the integer 5 does not have a rational square root.

Suppose to the contrary that 5 does have a rational square root  $m/n$  in lowest terms. Then  
 $5 = (m/n)^2$  so  $5 = m^2/n^2$  or  $5n^2 = m^2$ .

Now 5 divides the left side so 5 divides the right side. Since 5 is prime, 5 divides  $m$ . So  
 $m = 5k$ , some positive integer  $k$ . Thus  
 $5n^2 = (5k)^2 = 25k^2$  so  $n^2 = 5k^2$ . We see that  
5 divides the right side so 5 divides the left  
side. Since 5 is prime, 5 divides  $n$ .

We conclude that 5 divides  $m$  and 5  
divides  $n$ . So  $m/n$  is not in lowest terms.  
Contradiction. Hence 5 does not have a rational square root.

(8 points) 6. Use mathematical induction to prove that

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

for any positive integer  $n$ .

a)  $P(n)$  is  $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

b)  $P(1)$  is  $1 = \frac{1 \cdot (1+1)}{2}$  which is true.

c) Assume  $P(n)$ :

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Add  $(n+1)$  to both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 + \dots + n + (n+1) &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n+1 \\ &= \frac{n^2 + n + 2n + 2}{2} = \frac{n^2 + 3n + 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

This is  $P(n+1)$ . Induction complete.

(8 points) 7. Give a truth table for the statement  $(A \wedge \sim B) \Rightarrow (\sim A \vee B)$ .

A	B	$\sim A$	$\sim B$	$A \wedge \sim B$	$\sim A \vee B$	$(A \wedge \sim B) \Rightarrow (\sim A \vee B)$
T	T	F	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T	T

(8 points) 8. Use any method to prove the pigeon-hole principle.

Suppose not. Then we place  $n+1$  letters in  $n$  mailboxes and no box contains two letters.

Thus the total number of letters is at most

$$\underbrace{1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + 1}_{n \text{ times}}$$

Hence the total number of letters is at most  $n$ .  
Contradiction. So some box contains two letters.

(8 points) 9. Let  $S$  and  $T$  be sets. Prove that

$$(S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S) = (S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T).$$

Let  $x \in (S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S)$ , so  $x \in S \setminus T$  or  $x \in T \setminus S$ .  
Thus either  $x$  is in  $S$  but not  $T$  or  $x$  is in  $T$  but not  $S$ . We conclude that  $x$  is in  $S$  or  $T$ , but  $x$  is not in both  $S$  and  $T$ . So  $x \in (S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T)$ .

Conversely, let  $x \in (S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T)$ . So  $x$  is in  $S$  or  $T$  but not in both  $S$  and  $T$ . Hence either  $x \in S \setminus T$  or  $x \in T \setminus S$ . We conclude that  $x \in (S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S)$ .

Putting together the two inclusions gives

$$(S \setminus T) \cup (T \setminus S) = (S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T).$$

(9 points) 10. Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $T = \{3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$ ,  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 9\}$ . Calculate

(a)  $(S \cap T) \cup U$

(b)  $(S \cap U) \cup T$

(c)  $(S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T)$

(a)  $S \cap T = \{3, 4, 5\}$ .  $(S \cap T) \cup U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9\}$ .

(b)  $S \cap U = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

$(S \cap U) \cup T = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$ .

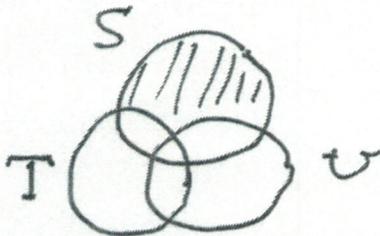
(c)  $S \cup T = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$

$S \cap T = \{3, 4, 5\}$

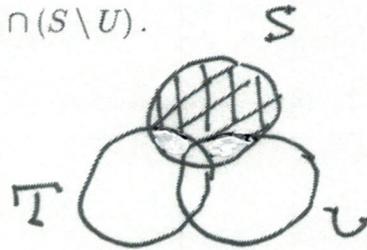
$(S \cup T) \setminus (S \cap T) = \{1, 2, 7, 8, 9\}$

(8 points) 11. Let  $S$ ,  $T$ , and  $U$  be sets. Draw two Venn diagrams to illustrate the identity.

$$S \setminus (T \cup U) = (S \setminus T) \cap (S \setminus U).$$



$S \setminus (T \cup U)$



$(S \setminus T) \cap (S \setminus U)$

(7 points) 12. Give an explicit description of the power set of  $A = \{1, 2, a, b\}$ .

$\left\{ \{1\}, \{2\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, a\}, \{1, b\}, \right.$   
 $\{2, a\}, \{2, b\}, \{a, b\}, \{1, 2, a\}, \{1, 2, b\}, \{2, a, b\},$   
 $\left. \{1, a, b\}, \{1, 2, a, b\}, \emptyset \right\}$