

Name: Solutions

**Directions:** Solve the following problems. Give supporting work/justification where appropriate.

1. [6 parts, 4 points each] First, express the following statements using the standard logical operators  $\vee, \wedge, \sim, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$  and given open sentences. Second, state whether the statement is true or false (write the entire word); no justification necessary.

$$P_1 : 2 + 3 = 8$$

$$R(x) : x \text{ is prime}$$

$$P_2 : \text{red is a color}$$

$$S(x) : x \text{ is odd}$$

$$Q(X) : X \text{ is an infinite set}$$

(a) Red is a color and  $2 + 3 = 8$ .

$$\boxed{P_2 \wedge P_1}$$

FALSE

(d) The integer 5 is odd if and only if  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an infinite set.

$$\boxed{S(5) \Leftrightarrow Q(\mathbb{Z})}$$

TRUE  $\Leftrightarrow$  TRUE so TRUE

(b)  $2 + 3 \neq 8$ .

$$\boxed{\sim P_1}$$

TRUE

(e) For 23 to be prime, it is sufficient that 8 is odd.

$$\boxed{S(8) \Rightarrow R(23)}$$

FALSE  $\Rightarrow$  TRUE so TRUE

(c) If 3 is not odd, then red is not a color.

$$\boxed{\sim S(3) \Rightarrow \sim P_2}$$

FALSE  $\Rightarrow$  FALSE, so TRUE

(f) Either 21 is prime or 9 is odd, but not both.

$$\boxed{\sim (R(21) \Leftrightarrow S(9))}$$

$\sim (\text{FALSE} \Leftrightarrow \text{TRUE})$

$\sim (\text{FALSE})$

TRUE Also ok:  
 $(R(21) \vee S(9)) \wedge (\sim R(21) \vee \sim S(9))$   
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2. [2 points] What 1900-era discovery prompted an overhaul of formal mathematics, and why?

Russell's paradox involves the construction of a set  $R = \{A : A \text{ is a set and } A \notin A\}$

which leads to a contradiction since both  $R \in R$  and  $R \notin R$  are impossible. If a system of math has a contradiction, then everything can be proved so the system is not useful.

## 3. Truth table

- (a) [6 points] Give a truth table for  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow P)$ .

P	Q	$(P \Rightarrow Q)$	$(Q \Rightarrow P)$	$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow P)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

- (b) [4 points] Find a simple formula which is equivalent to  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow P)$ .

The formula is equivalent to  $\boxed{Q \Rightarrow P}$  since these columns have the same truth values in each row.

4. Let  $\phi_1$  be the formula  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$  and let  $\phi_2$  be the formula  $P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)$ .

- (a) [6 points] Find a setting of truth values for  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  that makes  $\phi_1$  false and  $\phi_2$  true.

$\phi_1: (P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$ . To be false, we need R false and  $P \Rightarrow Q$  true, so either  $P$  false or  $Q$  true.

$\phi_2: P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)$ . To be true, we need  $P$  false or  $Q \Rightarrow R$  true, so we need  $P$  false or  $Q$  false, or  $R$  true.

So:  $\neg R \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q)$ . Need:  $R$  and  $P$  false. Settings:

P	Q	R
F	T	F
F	F	F

- (b) [4 points] Based on part (a), what can we conclude about  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ ?

The formulas  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are not equivalent.

5. [5 points] Consider the following definition: "An integer  $n$  is *large* if it takes more than 20 seconds to write down  $n$  in decimal." What is problematic about this definition? How can those problems be addressed?

A definition must be precise. Different people may take different times to write down  $n$ . Even if the definition was more specific about who or what should write  $n$ , the amount of time to write  $n$  may not be the same each time. To fix the definition, we should give a threshold like " $n$  is *large* if  $n \geq 10^{30}$ ".

6. [4 parts, 4 points each] First, translate the following statements in formal logic to English as naturally as possible. Second, state whether the statement true or false (write the entire word); give brief justifications where appropriate for partial credit.

(a)  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, (\exists s \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2s) \wedge (\exists t \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2t + 1)$

There is an integer  $n$  which is both even and odd. This is false, since  $2s = 2t + 1$  implies  $s - t = \frac{1}{2}$ , which is not possible since  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(b)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y < 0$

Every real number can be added to some real number to produce a negative number. This is true, since if  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , adding  $-(1+x)$  gives a negative.

(c)  $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x + y < 0$

There is a real number with the property that adding it to any real number gives a negative. This is false. For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , adding  $-x$  fails to give a negative number.

(d)  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq m \wedge (\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, 1 < k < n \Rightarrow \frac{n}{k} \notin \mathbb{N})$

There are infinitely many prime numbers. This is true; we will see a proof later in class.

7. [3 parts, 3 points each] Negate each sentence below in English as naturally as possible.

- (a) Some integer is both a perfect square and a perfect cube.

Every integer fails to be a perfect square or fails to be a perfect cube.

- (b) Every set of real numbers has a positive real number as a member.

There exists a set of real numbers such that each member is at most 0.

- (c) For each nonempty set  $A$  of real numbers, if  $a \leq 100$  for each  $a \in A$ , then there exists  $M \in A$  such that  $b \leq M$  for each  $b \in A$ .

There exists a nonempty set  $A$  of real numbers such that  $a \leq 100$  for each  $a \in A$  and for each  $M \in A$ , some  $b \in A$  is larger than  $M$ .

8. [8 points] Prove that if  $n$  is an odd integer, then  $n^2 - 1$  is a multiple of 4.

Pf. Since  $n$  is odd, we have that  $n = 2k+1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We can write

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 - 1 &= (2k+1)^2 - 1 \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 - 1 \\ &= 4k(k+1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $k(k+1) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , it follows that  $4 \mid n^2 - 1$ , and so  $n^2 - 1$  is a multiple of 4.  $\square$

9. [2 parts, 8 points each] A two-step proof. In both parts, let  $a, b$ , and  $d$  be integers.

- (a) Prove that if  $d \mid b$  and  $d \mid a+b$ , then  $d \mid a$ .

Pf. Suppose  $d \mid b$  and  $d \mid a+b$ . This means that  $b = k_1d$  and  $a+b = k_2d$  for some  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Subtracting the first equation from the second gives

$$(a+b) - b = k_2d - k_1d$$

which simplifies to  $a = (k_2 - k_1)d$ . Since  $k_2 - k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $d \mid a$ .  $\square$

- (b) Use part (a) to show that if  $d \mid an + b$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$ .

Suppose that  $d \mid an + b$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . When  $n=0$ , we have that  $d \mid b$  and when  $n=1$ , we have that  $d \mid a+b$ . It follows from part (a) that  $d$  also divides  $a$ . Hence  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$ .  $\square$