

MATH 300 A, B Spring 2012
Midterm Study Problems

1. Give a useful denial of each statement. You may use symbols like \forall and \exists , et cetera.

- (a) For every real number x , there exists a real number y such that $x < y$.
- (b) There exists a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that, for every real number x , $f(2x) = 4f(x)$.
- (c) If x is a positive real number, then $\ln x \geq 0$ or $\frac{1}{x} > 1$.
- (d) For all real x , $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow x^2 > 0$.

2. Let P be the statement: "Every prime number is odd." Which of the following are logically equivalent to P ? (Check all that apply.)

- _____ n is odd implies n is prime.
- _____ n is odd if n is prime.
- _____ If n is odd, then n is prime.
- _____ If n is prime, then n is odd.
- _____ There exist numbers that are both prime and odd.
- _____ No even number is prime.
- _____ n is odd if and only if n is prime.

3. Let A , B , and C be sets.

- (a) Prove that $(A \cap B) \setminus C \subseteq (B \cup C) \setminus (B \cap C)$.
- (b) Give a counterexample that demonstrates that $(B \cup C) \setminus (B \cap C)$ is not necessarily a subset of $(A \cap B) \setminus C$.
- (c) Prove that if $A \subseteq B \setminus C$ then A and C are disjoint.

4. (a) Prove that, for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $x^2 - 1$ is divisible by 8, then x is odd.

(b) Let P be the statement: "For all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, if x is odd, then $x^2 - 1$ is divisible by 8."

- i. What is the negation of the statement P ?
- ii. Which is true: P or its negation? Prove your claim.

(c) Prove that, for all integers x , the remainder upon division by 12 of $x^2 + 1$ is 0, 1, 2, 5, or 10.

5. Prove or give a counterexample for each of the following statements.

- (a) For all real numbers x and y , $|x + y| = |x| + |y|$.
- (b) For all real numbers x and y , $|xy| = |x||y|$.
- (c) There is a natural number M such that, for every natural number $n > M$, $\frac{1}{n} < 0.002$.
- (d) For all integers a and b , if $a|b$ and $b|a$, then $a = b$ or $a = -b$.
- (e) For all integers m and n , if $n + m$ is odd, then $n \neq m$.

6. (a) Let x be an integer. Prove that if $\sqrt{2x}$ is an integer, then x is even.

(b) Is the converse of the statement you proved in (a) true? Prove it or give a counterexample.

(c) What can you conclude about $\sqrt{2x}$ if x is odd?

7. (a) Suppose B is a set and \mathcal{F} is a family of sets. If $\bigcup \mathcal{F} \subseteq B$ then $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)$.

(b) Suppose \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are nonempty families of sets. Suppose every element of \mathcal{F} is a subset of every element of \mathcal{G} . Prove that $\bigcup \mathcal{F} \subseteq \bigcap \mathcal{G}$.