

MATH 300 D — Spring 2011
Midterm Study Problems

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

Please put a box around your final answer.

- (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 , $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow x^2 > 0$.
- (e) For every real M , there exists a real number N such that, for every $n > N$, $|f(n)| > M$.
- (f) For all $\epsilon \in P$, there is a $\delta \in P$ such that, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon.$$

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 only if 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 $(A \cap B) - C \subseteq (B \cup C) - (B \cap C)$.
- (b) Give a counterexample that demonstrates that $(B \cup C) - (B \cap C)$ is not necessarily a subset of $(A \cap B) - C$.

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.

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) For all positive integers, $x^2 + x + 23$ is prime.

- (d) There is a natural number M such that, for every natural number $n > M$, $\frac{1}{n} < 0.002$.
- (e) For all integers a and b , if $a|b$ and $b|a$, then $|a| = |b|$.
- (f) 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. We proved in class that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Use this fact and induction to prove that $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n i\right)^2$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

8. Prove that $3|(7^n - 4)$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.