

# MATH221-001 200530 Practice Midterm Test 2 Solutions DRAFT

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1. Refer to the truth table in Table 1. The columns for  $\neg(p \wedge q)$  and  $\neg p \vee \neg q$  are the same so the two

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$	$\neg(p \wedge q)$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \vee \neg q$
F	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	T
T	T	T	F	F	F	F

Table 1: Truth table for  $\neg(p \wedge q)$  and  $\neg p \vee \neg q$

expressions are logically equivalent.

2. By the previous result,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in (A \cap B)' &\Leftrightarrow \neg(x \in (A \cap B)) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (x \in A') \vee (x \in B') \\
 &\Leftrightarrow x \in (A' \cup B').
 \end{aligned}$$

An element  $x$  of the universal set  $X$  is in  $(A \cap B)'$  if and only if it is in  $A' \cup B'$ , so the two sets are equal.

3. The statement  $q$  is “ $n$  is not a multiple of 7” and the statement  $r$  is “ $n$  is a multiple of 3”. The contrapositive, converse, and contrary of  $p$  are in Table 2. Note that the double negative rule  $\neg(\neg s) \equiv s$

	In symbols	In words
Statement	$q \Rightarrow r$	If $n$ is not a multiple of 7 then $n$ is a multiple of 3.
Contrapositive	$\neg r \Rightarrow \neg q$	If $n$ is not a multiple of 3 then $n$ is a multiple of 7.
Converse	$r \Rightarrow q$	If $n$ is a multiple of 3 then $n$ is not a multiple of 7.
Contrary	$\neg q \Rightarrow \neg r$	If $n$ is a multiple of 7 then $n$ is not a multiple of 3.

Table 2: Contrapositive, converse, and contrary of a statement

has been used.

4. By commutativity of multiplication,

$$(b + c) \times a = a \times (b + c).$$

By distributivity,

$$a \times (b + c) = (a \times b) + (a \times c).$$

By commutativity of multiplication applied to each of the bracketed terms above,

$$(a \times b) + (a \times c) = (b \times a) + (c \times a).$$

Chaining the above three equations together gives the required result.

5. (a) The base case is  $P(1)$ , i.e., “ $1^3 + 5 \times 1$  is a multiple of 6”, which is true because 6 is certainly a multiple of 6. (If we’re being really picky,  $6 = 6 \times 1$ . But we’re not being that picky.)
- (b) The induction hypothesis is  $P(k)$  for some particular  $k$ , i.e., “ $k^3 + 5k$  is a multiple of 6”. It might be best to rewrite the induction hypothesis in the form of an equation:  $k^3 + 5k = 6p$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (c) The induction step is  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$ , i.e., “ $k^3 + 5k = 6p$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  implies  $(k+1)^3 + 5(k+1) = 6q$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ”. To prove the induction step, start with the left hand side of  $P(k+1)$  and transform it into the right hand side, using the induction hypothesis where necessary:

$$(k+1)^3 + 5(k+1) = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 5k + 5 = k^3 + 5k + 3k^2 + 3k + 6 = 6p + 6 + 3k(k+1).$$

Since either 2 divides  $k$  or 2 divides  $k+1$ , 2 always divides  $k(k+1)$ ; we can write  $k(k+1) = 2r$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$(k+1)^3 + 5(k+1) = 6p + 6 + 6r = 6(p+r+1)$$

is a multiple of 6 which establishes the induction step.

6. We prove the result by induction. The base case is  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i(i+1) = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3}$  which is true because the left hand side is  $1(1+1) = 2$  and the right hand side is  $\frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$ , and the two sides are equal. Assuming the induction hypothesis  $\sum_{i=1}^k i(i+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i(i+1) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^k i(i+1) \right) + (k+1)((k+1)+1) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= (k+1)(k+2) \left( \frac{k}{3} + 1 \right) \\ &= (k+1)(k+2) \left( \frac{k+3}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)((k+1)+2)}{3} \end{aligned}$$

which proves the induction step. Therefore the result is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  by induction.

7. (a) Take off 9 cents until we reach a multiple of 4: 39 is not a multiple of 4,  $39 - 9 = 30$  is not a multiple of 4,  $39 - 18 = 21$  is not a multiple of 4, but  $39 - 27 = 12$  is a multiple of 4. Therefore  $39 = 4 \times 3 + 9 \times 3$ .
- (b) We prove the result by strong induction. For the base case, we check the first four values starting at 36:  $36 = 9 \times 4$  (four 9-cent stamps) is easy;  $37 = 28 + 9 = 4 \times 7 + 9 \times 1$ ,  $38 = 20 + 18 = 4 \times 5 + 9 \times 2$ , and we have done 39 already.

For the induction step, we assume the strong induction hypothesis that any value between 36 and  $k$  can be made up of 4 and 9-cent stamps where  $k \geq 40$ . Then  $k+1 = k-3+4 = 4m+9n+4 = 4(m+1)+9n$  can also be made up of 4 and 9-cent stamps.

(c) The only way I can think of to do this offhand is check each value from 35 down.

$$35 = 26 + 9 = 17 + 18 = 8 + 27 = 4 \times 2 + 9 \times 3$$

$$34 = 25 + 9 = 16 + 18 = 4 \times 4 + 9 \times 2$$

$$33 = 24 + 9 = 4 \times 6 + 9 \times 1$$

$$32 = 4 \times 8$$

$$31 = 22 + 9 = 13 + 18 = 4 + 27 = 4 \times 1 + 9 \times 3$$

$$30 = 21 + 9 = 12 + 18 = 4 \times 3 + 9 \times 2$$

$$29 = 20 + 9 = 4 \times 5 + 9 \times 1$$

$$28 = 4 \times 7$$

$$27 = 9 \times 3$$

$$26 = 17 + 9 = 8 + 18 = 4 \times 2 + 9 \times 2$$

$$25 = 16 + 9 = 4 \times 4 + 9 \times 1$$

$$24 = 4 \times 6$$

$$23 = 14 + 9 = 5 + 18$$

so 23 is the largest number that cannot be expressed as a sum of 4's and 9's, and the smallest  $n_0$  is therefore 24. [I should have made the initial  $n_0$  smaller than 36 so that you wouldn't have to check so many cases during the test. But it is possible to do this check quickly.]