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1st Midterm Exam in Math151  
Semester 1, 1439/1440 H.

**Q1.** (a) Construct the truth table of the proposition  $(p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow (\neg q \leftrightarrow r)$ .  
(3 pts)

(b) Without using truth tables, show that  $p \rightarrow [(p \wedge q) \vee \neg q]$  is a tautology.  
(3 pts)

**Q2.** (a) Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers. Prove by contraposition that if  $a + 2b > 10$ , then  $a > 4$  or  $b > 3$ . (2 pts)

(b) Assume that  $\sqrt{7}$  is irrational. Give a proof by contradiction to show that  $\frac{2+\sqrt{7}}{3}$  is irrational. (2 pts)

**Q3.** (a) Prove that  $3^{n-1} \geq 2^n + 1$  for all integers  $n \geq 3$ . (4 pts)

(b) Let  $\{u_n\}$  be a sequence defined by the equations  $u_1 = 0$ ,  $u_2 = 1$  and  $u_{n+1} = 3u_n - 2u_{n-1} - 1$  for  $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ . Show that  $u_n = n - 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . (4 pts)

**Q4.** (a) Let  $R$  be the relation from  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  to  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  defined as follows:

$$aRb \iff a > b.$$

(i) List all ordered pairs of  $R$ . (2 pts)

(ii) Represent the relation  $R$  by a matrix. (1 pt)

(b) Let  $S = \{(x, z), (y, x), (y, y), (z, y)\}$  be a relation on the set  $C = \{x, y, z\}$ .

(i) Find  $S^{-1} \circ S$ . (2 pts)

(ii) Find  $S^2$ . (2 pts)

a)  $A: (p \vee r) \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$

p	q	r	$p \vee r$	$q \wedge r$	$A$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F
T	F	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	F	F	T

b)  $p \rightarrow [(p \wedge q) \vee \neg q] \equiv$   
 $\neg p \vee [(p \wedge q) \vee \neg q] \equiv$   
 $(\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge q)$   
 $\equiv \neg A \vee A \equiv T$

We suppose that  $a \leq 4$  and  $b \leq 3$   
 Then  $a+2b \leq 4+2 \cdot 3$   
 $a+2b \leq 10$

So if  $a+2b > 10$  then  $a > 4$  or  $b > 3$

We suppose that  $\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{3}$  is rational  
 put  $x = \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{3}$  then  $3x = 2+\sqrt{3}$   
 $\sqrt{3} = 3x-2 \in \mathbb{Q}$   
 as addition of 2 rational num.

This is a contradiction with  $\sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .

Q3) (a)  $P(n): 3^{n-1} \geq 2^n + 1$

Base step  $n=3$   
 $q = 3^{3-1} = 3^2 = 9 \geq 2^3 + 1 = 8 + 1 = 9$   
 So  $P(3)$  is true

Inductive step Let  $k \geq 3$ . We assume that  $P(k)$  is true ( $3^{k-1} \geq 2^k + 1$ )  
 Now we prove that  $P(k+1)$  remains true.  
 $3^k \geq 2^{k+1} + 1$   
 $3^k = 3 \cdot 3^{k-1} \geq 3 \cdot (2^k + 1) \geq 3 \cdot 2^k + 3 \geq 2 \cdot 2^k + 1 = 2^{k+1} + 1$   
 $3 \times 2^k \geq 2 \cdot 2^k$   
 $3 \geq 2$   
 We deduce that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq 3$

(b) put  $P(n): U_n = n-1$

Base step:  $n=1$  |  $n=2$   
 $U_1 = 1-1 = 0$  |  $U_2 = 2-1 = 1$

Inductive step: Let  $k \geq 3$ . We assume that  $P(3), \dots, P(k)$  are all true. and we prove that  $P(k+1)$  remains true.  
 $U_{k+1} = (k+1) - 1 = k$   
 As  $U_{k+1} = 3U_k - 2U_{k-1} - 1$   
 $U_k = k-1$  and  $U_{k-1} = k-2$   
 $U_{k+1} = 3(k-1) - 2(k-2) - 1 = 3k - 3 - 2k + 4 - 1 = k$   
 So  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq 1$ .

Q4) (a) (i)  $R = \{(2,1), (3,1), (3,2), (4,1), (4,2), (4,3)\}$   
 (ii)  $M_R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $S = \{(x,x), (y,x), (y,y), (y,z)\}$   
 $S^{-1} = \{(z,y), (y,x), (y,y), (y,z)\}$   
 (i)  $S^4 \circ S = \{(x,x), (y,x), (y,y), (y,z), (z,y), (z,z)\}$   
 (ii)  $S^2 \circ S \circ S = \{(x,x), (y,x), (y,y), (y,z), (z,y), (z,z), (z,y), (z,z)\}$   
 $S = \{(x,x), (y,x), (y,y), (y,z)\}$