

**Problem 1 (16 points)** Let  $M(x, y)$  be the claim that  $x$  is  $y$ 's mother, and let  $F(x, y)$  be the claim that  $x$  is  $y$ 's father. Translate the following symbolic sentences into natural-sounding English. (Which means: don't say "there exists a person who is my uncle" when you could say "I have an uncle".) The universe is the set of all people.

a.  $(\forall a)(\exists! b)M(b, a)$

Each person has exactly one mother.

b.  $\sim(\forall a)(\exists b)F(a, b)$

Not everyone is a father.

Translate these from English into symbolic form, using only the predicates  $M$  and  $F$ ; for instance, do not create a new predicate for " $x$  is  $y$ 's grandfather".

c. Vader is Luke's father only if Amidala is Leia's mother.

$$M(\text{Amidala}, \text{Leia}) \Rightarrow F(\text{Vader}, \text{Luke})$$

d. Leroy is Brad's grandfather.

$$(\exists x)(F(\text{Leroy}, x) \wedge (F(x, \text{Brad}) \vee M(x, \text{Brad})))$$

**Problem 2 (12 points)** Let  $A$  be the set of odd integers, let  $B$  be the set of positive integers, let  $C = (-4, 5)$ , and let  $D = \{1, \{2, 3\}, \emptyset\}$ .

a. Find  $A - B$ .

$$A - B \text{ is the set of negative odd numbers} = \{-1, -3, -5, \dots\} = \{n : n = 1 - 2k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

b. Find  $B \cap C$ .

$$B \cap C = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

c. Find  $\mathcal{P}(D)$ .

$$\mathcal{P}(D) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{\{2, 3\}\}, \{\emptyset\}, \{1, \{2, 3\}\}, \{1, \emptyset\}, \{\{2, 3\}, \emptyset\}, \{1, \{2, 3\}, \emptyset\}\}$$

**Problem 3** (15 points) Prove the following claim: If  $x$  is irrational and  $xy = 1$ , then  $y$  is irrational. (Universe =  $\mathbf{R}$ )

Proof by Contradiction. Suppose  $x$  is irrational,  $xy = 1$ , and  $y$  is rational.

Then there exist integers  $p$  and  $q$ ,  $q \neq 0$ , such that  $y = p/q$ .

Therefore  $x(p/q) = 1$ , so  $xp = q$ . Since  $q \neq 0$ , it follows that  $p \neq 0$ , so

$x = \frac{q}{p}$ . Thus  $x$  is rational, contradicting our assumption that  $x$  is irrational.

Therefore, if  $x$  is irrational and  $xy = 1$ , then  $y$  is irrational.

**Problem 4** (5 points) Distribute the negation as far as possible through the following statement.

$$\begin{aligned} \sim(\exists m)[P(m) \wedge (\forall n)(Q(m, n) \Rightarrow R(n))] & \text{ iff } (\forall m) \sim [P(m) \wedge (\forall n)(Q(m, n) \Rightarrow R(n))] \\ & \text{ iff } (\forall m) [\sim P(m) \vee \sim(\forall n)(Q(m, n) \Rightarrow R(n))] \\ & \text{ iff } (\forall m) [\sim P(m) \vee (\exists n) \sim(Q(m, n) \Rightarrow R(n))] \\ & \text{ iff } (\forall m) [\sim P(m) \vee (\exists n)(Q(m, n) \wedge \sim R(n))] \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 5** (10 points) Let  $A_n = [2 + \frac{1}{n}, 3 + \frac{1}{n}]$  for all natural numbers  $n$ . Find:

a.

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \{3\}$$

b.

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = (2, 4]$$

**Problem 6** (15 points) Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets. Prove that if  $A \subseteq B \cup C$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $A \subseteq C$ .

Suppose  $A \subseteq B \cup C$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . To show  $A \subseteq C$ , we let  $x$  be an element of  $A$ . Since  $A \subseteq B \cup C$ , it follows that  $x \in B \cup C$ . Hence  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ . But, if  $x \in B$ , then  $x \in A \cap B$ ; this contradicts our assumption that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $x \notin B$  and, consequently,  $x \in C$ . That is, if  $x \in A$  then  $x \in C$ .

Thus  $A \subseteq C$ , as we were to prove.

**Problem 7** (15 points) Use the Principle of Mathematical Induction to prove that  $3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (4n - 1) = 2n^2 + n$ .

Let  $P(n)$  be the above claim.

**Base Case** Since  $3 = 2(1)^2 + 1$ ,  $P(1)$  is true.

**Inductive Step** Suppose  $P(n)$  holds, for some  $n$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} 3 + 7 + 11 + \dots + (4n - 1) + (4(n+1) - 1) &= (2n^2 + n) + (4(n+1) - 1) \\ &= 2n^2 + n + 4n + 3 \\ &= 2n^2 + 5n + 3 \\ &= 2n^2 + 4n + 2 + n + 1 \\ &= 2(n+1)^2 + n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$ , so by PMI,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Problem 8** (12 points) Find a counterexample to each of the following claims, if one exists. If there is no counterexample, just say so; no proof is required.

a. For all sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ : If  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $A - B \subseteq A - C$ .

$$A = \{1\}, B = \emptyset, C = \{1\}.$$

b. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a family of sets, then

$$\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \subseteq \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A. \quad \mathcal{A} = \emptyset.$$

c. If  $a|b$  and  $c|d$ , then  $(a+c) | (b+d)$ .

$$a = b = d = 2, c = 1.$$

**Problem 9** (10 extra credit points) Recall that the *symmetric difference* of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is given by  $A \Delta B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$ . Prove or disprove: For any two sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(A \Delta B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \Delta \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

Note that for any set  $S$ ,  $\emptyset \in S$ , so  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ .

In particular:  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ ,  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ ,  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(A \Delta B)$ .

But since  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ , we have

$$\emptyset \notin \mathcal{P}(A) \Delta \mathcal{P}(B).$$

Thus  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(A \Delta B)$  but  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{P}(A) \Delta \mathcal{P}(B)$ , so

$$\mathcal{P}(A \Delta B) \neq \mathcal{P}(A) \Delta \mathcal{P}(B)$$