

# CCN2241 Discrete Structures

## Assignment 1 (Due 5:00pm, 16 October 2018)

**Instructions:** This is an individual take-home assignment. Answer ALL questions. You may either type your answers using word processor or hand-write them *very* neatly. Please submit your assignment to your lecturer's pigeon-hole, as follows:

Classes 101 and 103 (KC Wong): HHB 15/F #026

Class 102 (Joe Lin): HHB 16/F #199

### Question 1 (18 marks)

(a) Write a truth table for the proposition  $(r \rightarrow p \vee \neg q) \oplus (\neg r \wedge q \leftrightarrow \neg p)$ . (8 marks)

(b) Use a truth table to determine whether the following argument is valid.

1.  $(p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow r$

2.  $q$

3.  $s \vee r$

$\therefore \neg(p \wedge \neg r)$

(10 marks)

### Question 2 (18 marks)

(a) Use equivalence laws and inference rules to show that the following argument is valid.

1.  $p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$

2.  $(q \vee s) \rightarrow p$

$\therefore p \leftrightarrow q$

(9 marks)

(b) Use only resolution to show that the following argument is valid.

1.  $(p \wedge q) \vee \neg(r \vee s)$

2.  $(r \wedge p) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow \neg t)$

3.  $u \rightarrow \neg u$

4.  $\neg(t \vee u) \rightarrow \neg q$

$\therefore \neg r$

(9 marks)

Question 3 (18 marks)

- (a) Prove by contraposition that if  $x^2 - 3x + 2 < 0$  then  $1 < x < 2$ . (6 marks)
- (b) Prove by contradiction that for all integers  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $xy$  is odd, then  $x$  and  $y$  are both odd. (6 marks)
- (c) Prove by cases that  $n^3 - n$  is a multiple of 3 for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . (6 marks)

Question 4 (18 marks)

- (a) Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. **Note that in this question  $R$  is the second last digit of your student ID (e.g., if your student ID is 17023586A, then your  $R = 8$ ), and  $A$  is a nonempty set. Note that we define  $A^0$  to be the empty set  $\emptyset$ .**

- i.  $\{a, b\} \in \{a, b, c, \{a, b\}, R\}$
- ii.  $\{a, b\} \subseteq \{a, b, \{a, b\}, R\}$
- iii.  $\{a, b\} \subseteq P(\{a, b, \{a, b\}, R\})$
- iv.  $\{\{a, b\}\} \in P(\{a, b, \{a, b\}, R\})$
- v.  $\{a, b, \{a, b\}\} - \{a, b\} = \{a, b\}$
- vi.  $A^{R+3} = A^{R+1} \times A^2$
- vii.  $\emptyset \in \emptyset \times A^R$
- viii.  $\emptyset = \emptyset \times \emptyset^R$

(8 marks)

- (b) For sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , by showing twice one side being a subset of the other side prove that  $A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$ .

(10 marks)

Question 5 (18 marks)

(a) 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & x < 0 \\ 2x + b, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Given the above function  $f(x)$  defined on the set of real numbers, determine whether it is 1-1 and whether it is onto for each of the following values of  $b$ . (Just circle your answers; no need to prove.)

	Is $f(x)$ 1-1?	Is $f(x)$ onto?
Case $b = 2$	Yes / No	Yes / No
Case $b = 1$	Yes / No	Yes / No
Case $b = 0$	Yes / No	Yes / No

(6 marks)

(b) Prove that the following function  $g(x)$  defined on the set of real numbers is a bijection.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

(12 marks)

Question 6 (10 marks)

Use mathematical induction to prove that  $3 + 6 + 12 + \dots + 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} = 3(2^n - 1)$  for all positive integers  $n$ .

(10 marks)

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