

# COMP 2080 Winter 2021 Homework Assignment 1

due Wednesday, February 3, 11:59pm

Must be submitted on Crowdmark, **not** UM Learn

Proof questions will be graded for clarity of presentation, as well as correctness.

1. [2 marks] There is a mathematical fact that whenever you multiply two odd numbers together, the answer is always odd. Write this fact as a logical formula, and the only allowed symbols are numbers, variables, parentheses,  $\neg$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $*$ ,  $+$ ,  $=$ ,  $\in$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ .

*Hint: by definition, an integer  $x$  is odd if it can be written in the form  $2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$ .*

2. Consider the following statement:

for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $x$  is written as a product of integers  $a \cdot b$ , then  $a = 1$  or  $b = 1$ .

In symbolic form, this can be written as a logical formula  $S$  defined by

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall b \in \mathbb{Z}, ((x = a \cdot b) \Rightarrow ((a = 1) \vee (b = 1)))$$

Define  $P(x, a, b)$  to be the predicate  $(x = a \cdot b) \Rightarrow ((a = 1) \vee (b = 1))$ .

- (a) [1 mark] State the converse of the predicate  $P(x, a, b)$ .
- (b) [2 marks] State the contrapositive of the predicate  $P(x, a, b)$ .  
Simplify (showing steps) so that your final answer does not contain a negation symbol (e.g.,  $\neg$ )
- (c) [2 marks] State the inverse of the predicate  $P(x, a, b)$ .  
Simplify (showing steps) so that your final answer does not contain a negation symbol (e.g.,  $\neg$ )
- (d) [3 marks] State the negation of  $S$  in symbolic form.  
Simplify (showing steps) so that your final answer does not contain a negation symbol (e.g.,  $\neg$ )
- (e) [Optional, will not be graded] Prove or disprove  $S$ .
3. [6 marks] Consider the sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  defined by:  
 $x_1 = 6$ ,  $x_2 = 11$ , and  $x_i = 3x_{i-1} - 2x_{i-2}$  for all  $i > 2$

Using induction, prove that the following fact is true.

**Fact 1** For all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $x_n = 5 \cdot 2^{n-1} + 1$

4. [4 marks] First, let's recall some basic terminology about triangles. A *right-angled triangle* is a triangle in which one of the angles is exactly  $90^\circ$ . The *hypotenuse* of a right-angled triangle is the side of the triangle that is opposite the  $90^\circ$  angle (i.e., not involved in forming the  $90^\circ$  angle).

Prove that the following fact is true, using a proof by contradiction.

(Yes, there are valid proofs that don't use contradiction, but we want you to get practice using this technique. The last step of your proof should reach a contradiction with a well-known fact about right-angled triangles.)

**Fact 2** Consider any right-angled triangle  $T$  with sides of length  $x, y, h$ , where  $h$  is the length of the hypotenuse and  $x, y > 0$ . In such a triangle  $T$ , we have  $x + y > h$ .

5. Consider the following statement  $S$ :

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R}^+, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, [(n > n_0) \Rightarrow (8 \geq M \cdot \log n)]$$

- (a) [3 marks] State the negation of  $S$ .

Simplify (showing steps) so that your final answer does not contain a negation symbol (e.g.,  $\neg$ )

- (b) [6 marks] Disprove  $S$ .

*Clarification:*  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is the set of all real numbers strictly greater than 0, and  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  is the set of all integers strictly greater than 0. The logarithm is with respect to base 2, i.e., writing  $\log n$  means  $\log_2 n$ . You may also use the fact that, for all  $a, b$ , we have  $(a < b) \Leftrightarrow (\log a < \log b)$