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**UECM1304/UECM1303 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS**

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

TIME : 9.00 AM – 11.00 AM (2 HOURS)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) APPLIED MATHEMATICS WITH COMPUTING  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) ACTUARIAL SCIENCE  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

**Instruction to Candidates :**

- Answer **ONE** question in PART A.
- Answer **ALL** questions in PART B.
- All questions carry equal marks.
- Write ALL your steps, marks will NOT be awarded if steps are skipped!

**UECM1304/UECM1303 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS****PART A: Answer ONE question only.**

- Q1. (a) Let  $p, q, r$  be atomic statements. **State** the truth table for the following compound statement

$$\sim (p \rightarrow ((p \vee q) \wedge r)).$$

Use the truth table to **recognise** whether the compound statement is a tautology, contingency or contradiction. (10 marks)

- (b) Show that the statement  $(p \rightarrow q \vee r)$  and the statement  $(p \wedge q \rightarrow r)$  are not logically equivalent. (4 marks)

- (c) Simplify the following statement

$$((p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)) \vee (\sim p \wedge q).$$

to a logically equivalent statement with no more than TWO(2) logical connectives from the set  $\{\sim, \wedge, \vee\}$  by stating the law used in each step of the simplification. (5 marks)

- (d) Let  $F(u, x, y)$ ,  $G(y, v)$  and  $H(x)$  be predicates. **List** down the steps and the logical equivalence rules to transform the following quantified statement

$$\sim [\forall x \exists y F(u, x, y) \rightarrow \exists x (\sim \forall y G(y, v) \rightarrow H(x))]$$

to prenex normal form. (6 marks)

[Total : 25 marks]

- Q2. (a) Let  $p, q, r$  be atomic statements. Use a truth table or a comparison table to show that

$$(p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \equiv (p \vee q) \rightarrow r. \quad (9 \text{ marks})$$

- (b) Simplify the following statement to a logically equivalent statement with no more than TWO(2) logical connectives from the set  $\{\sim, \wedge, \vee\}$  by stating the law used in each step of the simplification:

$$(\sim p \wedge q) \vee (\sim p \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge \sim q \wedge r) \vee (q \wedge r). \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

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- (c) Given the following quantified statement:

$$\forall x \forall y [((x > 0) \wedge (y > 0)) \rightarrow (\sqrt{x+y} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})]. \quad (*)$$

- (i) Translate the quantified statement into an informal English sentence.  
(2 marks)
- (ii) Determine whether the quantified statement is true or false in the domain of real numbers. You need to defend your answer.  
(2 marks)
- (iii) Write down the negation of the quantified statement (\*) in prenex normal form.  
(5 marks)

[Total : 25 marks]

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- Q3. (a) Use **truth table** to explain whether the following argument is valid or invalid:

$$\begin{array}{c} (p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q) \\ \sim (p \vee q) \\ \hline \therefore \sim (p \wedge q) \end{array} \quad (9 \text{ marks})$$

- (b) Infer the argument

$$p \vee q, p \rightarrow r, \sim s \rightarrow \sim q \vdash r \vee s$$

**syntactically** by stating the **rules of inference** in each step. (6 marks)

- (c) Show that the following argument

$$\begin{array}{c} \forall x(F(x) \rightarrow \sim G(x)) \\ \exists x(H(x) \wedge G(x)) \\ \hline \therefore \exists x(H(x) \wedge \sim F(x)) \end{array}$$

is valid using the rules of logical equivalence and implication. (5 marks)

- (d) Let  $R(x, y)$  be a predicate with two variables. Infer the argument involving quantified statements

$$\forall x \forall y (R(x, y) \rightarrow \sim R(y, x)) \vdash \forall x (\sim R(x, x))$$

**syntactically** by stating the **rules of inference** in each step. (5 marks)

[Total : 25 marks]

- Q4. (a) Prove by mathematical induction that  $17^n - 6^n$  is divisible by 11 for every positive integer  $n$ . (8 marks)

- (b) Use a proof by contraposition to show that if  $n$  is an integer and  $n^2 + 5$  is odd, then  $n$  is even. (5 marks)

- (c) Use the Euclidean algorithm to prove or disprove that  $\gcd(198, 54)$  is prime. (4 marks)

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Q4. (Continued)

(d) Prove or disprove the following congruence relations.

(i)  $-122 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  (3 marks)

(ii)  $3^{2019} \equiv 27 \pmod{40}$  (5 marks)

[Total : 25 marks]

Q5. (a) Let  $R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} : xy = 1\}$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of positive integers. Determine whether  $R$  is reflexive, symmetric, or transitive. Hence, determine whether  $R$  is an equivalence relation. Justify your answers. (7 marks)

(b) Let  $R$  be the relation on  $A = \{1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 11\}$  defined by

$$xRy \text{ if } x \equiv y \pmod{5}.$$

Write out the equivalence classes of  $R$  and verify that they partition  $A$ .

(5 marks)

(c) Let  $R$  be a relation defined on the set  $A$  whose matrix is

$$M_R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Use  $M_R$  to explain why  $R$  is not transitive. Then use Warshall's algorithm to find the transitive closure of  $R$ . (6 marks)(d) (i) Define what it means for a relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  to be a partial order. (3 marks)(ii) Let  $R = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (b, a), (b, b), (b, c), (c, c)\}$  a relation on  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ . Draw the directed graph of  $R$  and use it to explain why  $R$  is not a partial order. (4 marks)

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Let  $p, q$  and  $r$  be atomic statements,  $T$  be a tautology and  $F$  be a contradiction. Suppose the variable  $x$  has no free occurrences in  $\xi$  and is substitutable for  $x$  in  $\xi$ . Then

1. Double negative law:  $\sim(\sim p) \equiv p.$
2. Idempotent laws:  $p \wedge p \equiv p; \quad p \vee p \equiv p.$
3. Universal bound laws:  $p \vee T \equiv T; \quad p \wedge F \equiv F.$
4. Identity laws:  $p \wedge T \equiv p; \quad p \vee F \equiv p.$
5. Negation laws:  $p \vee \sim p \equiv T; \quad p \wedge \sim p \equiv F.$
6. Commutative laws:  $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p; \quad p \vee q \equiv q \vee p.$
7. Absorption laws:  $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p; \quad p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p.$
8. Associative laws:  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r);$   
 $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r).$
9. Distributive laws:  $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r);$   
 $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r).$
10. De Morgan's laws:  $\sim(p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q;$   
 $\sim(p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q.$
11. Implication law:  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \sim p \vee q$
12. Biconditional law:  $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p).$
13. Modus Ponens (MP in short):  $p \rightarrow q, p \models q$
14. Modus Tollens (MT in short):  $p \rightarrow q, \sim q \models \sim p$
15. Generalisation:  $p \models p \vee q; \quad q \models p \vee q$
16. Specialisation:  $p \wedge q \models p; \quad p \wedge q \models q$
17. Conjunction:  $p, q \models p \wedge q$
18. Elimination:  $p \vee q, \sim q \models p; \quad p \vee q, \sim p \models q$
19. Transitivity:  $p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r \models p \rightarrow r$
20. Contradiction Rule:  $\sim p \rightarrow F \models p$
21. Quantified de Morgan laws:  $\sim \forall x \phi \equiv \exists x \sim \phi; \quad \sim \exists x \phi \equiv \forall x \sim \phi;$
22. Quantified conjunctive law:  $\forall x(\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv (\forall x \phi) \wedge (\forall x \psi);$
23. Quantified disjunctive law:  $\exists x(\phi \vee \psi) \equiv (\exists x \phi) \vee (\exists x \psi);$
24. Quantifiers swapping laws:  $\forall x \forall y \phi \equiv \forall y \forall x \phi; \quad \exists x \exists y \phi \equiv \exists y \exists x \phi;$
25. Independent quantifier law:  $\xi \equiv \forall x \xi \equiv \exists x \xi;$
26. Variable renaming laws:  $\forall x \phi \equiv \forall y \phi[y/x]; \quad \exists x \phi \equiv \exists y \phi[y/x];$
27. Free variable laws:  $\forall x(\xi \wedge \psi) \equiv \xi \wedge (\forall x \psi); \quad \exists x(\xi \wedge \psi) \equiv \xi \wedge (\exists x \psi);$   
 $\forall x(\xi \vee \psi) \equiv \xi \vee (\forall x \psi); \quad \exists x(\xi \vee \psi) \equiv \xi \vee (\exists x \psi);$
28. Universal instantiation:  $\forall x \phi \Rightarrow \phi[a/x];$
29. Universal generalisation:  $\phi[a/x] \Rightarrow \forall x \phi;$
30. Existential instantiation:  $\exists x \phi \Rightarrow \phi[s/x];$
31. Existential generalisation:  $\phi[s/x] \Rightarrow \exists x \phi.$

**UECM1304/UECM1303 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS****Rules of Inference**

Let  $\phi, \psi, \xi$  be any well-formed formulae. Then

1.  $\wedge$ -introduction:  $\phi, \psi \vdash \phi \wedge \psi$
2.  $\wedge$ -elimination:  $\phi \wedge \psi \vdash \phi$  or  $\phi \wedge \psi \vdash \psi$
3.  $\rightarrow$ -introduction:  $\boxed{\phi, \dots, \psi} \vdash (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$
4.  $\rightarrow$ -elimination:  $\phi \rightarrow \psi, \phi \vdash \psi$
5.  $\vee$ -introduction:  $\phi \vdash \phi \vee \psi$  or  $\psi \vdash \phi \vee \psi$
6.  $\vee$ -elimination:  $\phi \vee \psi, \boxed{\phi, \dots, \xi}, \boxed{\psi, \dots, \xi} \vdash \xi$
7.  $\neg$ -introduction introduction: or  $\sim \boxed{\sim \phi, \dots, \perp} \vdash \phi$  or  $\boxed{\phi, \dots, \perp} \vdash \sim \phi$
8.  $\neg$ -elimination elimination: or  $\sim \phi, \sim \phi \vdash \perp$
9.  $\forall$ -introduction:  $\phi(a) \vdash \forall x \phi(x)$
10.  $\forall$ -elimination:  $\forall x \phi(x) \vdash \phi(t)$
11.  $\exists$ -introduction:  $\phi(t) \vdash \exists x \phi(x)$
12.  $\exists$ -elimination:  $\exists x \phi(x), \boxed{\phi(s) \dots \xi} \vdash \xi$

The term  $t$  is free with respect to  $x$  in  $\phi$  and  $[t/x]$  means “ $t$  replaces  $x$ ”.