

Preparation for the Final Exam

1. Find a proposition with three variables p , q , and r that is true when p and r are true and q is false, and false otherwise

Ans: p and not q and r .

2. Find a proposition using only p, q, \neg and the connective \vee with the given truth table.

p	q	?
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Ans: $\neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee \neg(p \vee \neg q)$.

3. Determine whether this proposition is a tautology: $((p \rightarrow \neg q) \wedge q) \rightarrow \neg p$.

Ans: Yes.

Use the following to answer questions 4-6:

In the questions below write the statement in the form "If ..., then ..."

4. x is even only if y is odd.

Ans: If x is even, then y is odd.

5. A implies B .

Ans: If A , then B .

6. It is hot whenever it is sunny.

Ans: If it is sunny, then it is hot.

7. Find three subsets of $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ such that the intersection of any two has size 2 and the intersection of all three has size 1.

Ans: For example, $\{1, 2, 3\}$, $\{2, 3, 4\}$, $\{1, 3, 4\}$.

8. Suppose $U = \{1, 2, \dots, 9\}$, $A =$ all multiples of 2, $B =$ all multiples of 3, and $C = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$.

Find $C - (B - A)$.

Ans: $\{4, 5, 6, 7\}$.

9. Describe an algorithm that takes a list of n integers ($n \geq 1$) and finds the average of the largest and smallest integers in the list.

Ans: procedure *avgmaxmin*(a_1, \dots, a_n : integers)

$max := a_1$

$min := a_1$

for $i := 2$ **to** n

begin

if $a_i > max$ **then** $max := a_i$

if $a_i < min$ **then** $min := a_i$

end

$avg := (max + min)/2$.

10. Use the definition of big-oh to prove that $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2$ is $O(n^3)$.

Ans: $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 \leq n^2 + n^2 + \dots + n^2 = n \cdot n^2 = n^3$.

11. Use the definition of big-oh to prove that $\frac{3n-8-4n^3}{2n-1}$ is $O(n^2)$.

Ans: $\frac{3n-8-4n^3}{2n-1} \leq \frac{3n^3+8n^3+4n^3}{2n-n} = \frac{15n^3}{n} = 15n^2$ if $n \geq 1$.

12. Use the Principle of Mathematical Induction to prove that

$$1 - 2 + 2^2 - 2^3 + \dots + (-1)^n 2^n = \frac{2^{n+1}(-1)^n + 1}{3} \quad \text{for all positive integers } n.$$

Ans: $P(1)$: $1 - 2 = \frac{2^2(-1) + 1}{3}$, which is true since both sides are equal to -1 . $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 2 + 2^2 + \dots + (-1)^{k+1} 2^{k+1} &= \frac{2^{k+1}(-1)^k + 1}{3} + (-1)^{k+1} 2^{k+1} = \frac{2^{k+1}(-1)^k + 1 + 3(-1)^{k+1} 2^{k+1}}{3} \\ &= \frac{2^{k+1}(-1)^k (1 + 3(-1)) + 1}{3} = \frac{2^{k+1}(-1)^k (-2) + 1}{3} = \frac{2^{k+2}(-1)^{k+1} + 1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

13. Use the Principle of Mathematical Induction to prove that $1 + 2^n \leq 3^n$ for all $n \geq 1$.

Ans: $P(1)$: $1 + 2^1 \leq 3^1$, which is true since both sides are equal to 3. $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$: $1 + 2^{k+1} = (1 + 2^k) + 2^k \leq 3^k + 2^k \leq 3^k + 3^k = 2 \cdot 3^k < 3 \cdot 3^k = 3^{k+1}$.

14. Three coins are tossed.

(a) List the elements in the sample space.

(b) Find the probability that exactly two heads show.

Ans: (a) HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT. (b) $3/8$.

15. Suppose you and a friend each choose at random an integer between 1 and 8. For example, some possibilities are (3,7), (7,3), (4,4), (8,1), where your number is written first and your friend's number second. Find

- (a) $p(\text{you pick 5 and your friend picks 8})$.
 - (b) $p(\text{sum of the two numbers picked is } < 4)$.
 - (c) $p(\text{both numbers match})$.
 - (d) $p(\text{the sum of the two numbers is a prime})$.
 - (e) $p(\text{your number is greater than your friend's number})$.
- Ans: (a) $1/64$. (b) $3/64$. (c) $8/64$. (d) $23/64$. (e) $28/64$.

In the questions below suppose you have a class with 30 students — 10 freshmen, 12 sophomores, and 8 juniors.

16. You pick one student at random. What is the probability that the student is not a junior?

Ans: $22/30$.

17. You pick two students at random, one at a time. What is the probability that both are freshmen?

Ans: $(10 \cdot 9)/(30 \cdot 29)$.

18. You pick two students at random, one at a time. What is the probability that the second student is a freshman, given that the first is a freshman?

Ans: $9/29$.

19. In a certain lottery game, three distinct numbers between 10 and 25 (inclusive) are chosen as the winning numbers. What is the probability that the winning numbers are all composite numbers.

Ans: $\frac{\binom{11}{3}}{\binom{16}{3}}$.