Part I: Calculation Problems

1. Suppose the logical operator  $*$  is defined so that  $P * Q = \neg P \land Q$ . Using a truth table or otherwise, determine whether the following pairs of statements are logically equivalent for arbitrary propositions P, Q, and R:



- (a) The residue class  $\overline{10}$  modulo 25.
- (b) The residue class  $\overline{11}$  modulo 25.
- (c) The residue class  $\overline{12}$  modulo 25.
- (d) The residue class  $\overline{30}$  modulo 42.
- (e) The residue class  $\overline{31}$  modulo 42.
- (f) The residue class  $\overline{32}$  modulo 42.

## Part II: Proof Problems

- 1. Suppose A, B, and C are arbitrary sets contained in a universal set U. Identify which statements are true and which are false. Then prove the true statements and give a counterexample for the false ones.
	- (a)  $(A \cup B)\setminus A = B\setminus A$ .
	- (b)  $A \setminus (B \cap C) = (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C).$

(c)  $(A \cap B)^c \cup B \subseteq (A^c \cup B)^c$ . (d)  $A^c \cap B^c \subseteq (A \backslash B)^c \cap (B \backslash A)^c$ .

2. Write, and then prove, the contrapositive of each of these statements (assume n refers to an integer):

- (a) If a and b are integers, then  $3a 9b \neq 2$ .
- (b) Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $ab = 1$  then  $a \leq 1$  or  $b \leq 1$ .
- (c) If  $5n + 1$  is even, then n is odd.
- (d) If  $n^3$  is odd, then n is odd.
- (e) If  $n$  is not a multiple of 3, then  $n$  cannot be written
- as the sum of 3 consecutive integers.
- (f) Suppose p is prime. If p does not divide a and p does not divide b, then p does not divide ab.
- 3. Find a counterexample to each of the following statements:
	- (a) For any integers a, b, and c, if a|b and a|c, then  $b|c$ . (b) If p and q are prime, then  $p + q$  is never prime.
	- (c) If *n* is an integer, then  $n^2 + n + 11$  is always prime.
- (d) There do not exist integers a and b with  $a^2 b^2 = 23$ .
- (e) The sum of two irrational numbers is always irrational.
- (f) If  $n > 1$  is an integer, then  $\sqrt{n}$  is always irrational.

4. Prove the following (recall the Fibonacci numbers  $F_i$  are defined by  $F_1 = F_2 = 1$  and  $F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$  for all  $n \ge 2$ ):

- (a) If  $F_n$  is the nth Fibonacci number, prove that  $F_1 + F_3 + F_5 + \cdots + F_{2n+1} = F_{2n+2}$  for every positive integer n.
- (b) Suppose *n* is an integer. Prove that  $2|n$  and  $3|n$  if and only if  $6|n$ .
- (c) Prove that  $1+\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$  $\frac{1}{4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{r}}$  $\frac{1}{2^n} = 2 - \frac{1}{2^n}$  $\frac{1}{2^n}$  for every positive integer *n*.
- (d) Suppose p is a prime and a is a positive integer. If  $p|a^2$ , prove that  $p|a$ .
- (e) Prove there do not exist integers a and b such that  $a^2 = 33 + 9b$ . [Hint: Use the previous part.]
- (f) Prove any two consecutive perfect squares (i.e., the integers  $k^2$  and  $(k+1)^2$ ) are relatively prime.
- (g) Prove that  $\frac{1}{1\cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2\cdot \cdot \cdot}$  $\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3}$  $\frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n \cdot (n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$  $\frac{n}{n+1}$  for every positive integer *n*.
- (h) If  $A = \{4a + 6b : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}\$ and  $B = \{2c : c \in \mathbb{Z}\}\$ , prove that  $A = B$ .
- (i) Prove that the sum of any four consecutive integers is congruent to 2 modulo 4.
- (j) If p is a prime, prove that  $gcd(n, n + p) > 1$  if and only if  $p|n$ .
- (k) Suppose  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 4$  for all  $n \ge 2$ . Prove that  $a_n = 3^n 2$  for every positive integer n.
- (l) If  $C = \{6c : c \in \mathbb{Z}\}\$ and  $D = \{10a + 14b : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}\$ , prove that  $C \subseteq D$ .
- (m) If n is any positive integer, prove that  $n-1$  is invertible modulo n and its multiplicative inverse is itself.
- (n) Suppose  $b_1 = 3$  and  $b_n = 2b_{n-1} n + 1$  for all  $n \ge 2$ . Prove that  $b_n = 2^n + n$  for every positive integer n.
- (o) Using only basic facts about divisibility, prove every integer  $n > 1$  has a prime divisor. [Hint: Strong induction.]
- (p) Suppose  $c_1 = c_2 = 2$ , and for all  $n \geq 3$ ,  $c_n = c_{n-1}c_{n-2}$ . Prove that  $c_n = 2^{F_n}$  for every positive integer n.
- (q) Suppose  $d_1 = 2$ ,  $d_2 = 4$ , and for all  $n \geq 3$ ,  $d_n = d_{n-1} + 2d_{n-2}$ . Prove that  $d_n = 2^n$  for every positive integer n.
- (r) If a and b are positive integers, prove that  $gcd(a, b) = lcm(a, b)$  if and only if  $a = b$ .