

## Algebra standard correction 1

**Exercise 1** 1. *Paris is in France or Madrid is in China. (T)*

2. *Open the door. Is not a proposition*

3. *The moon is a satellite of the earth. (T) Satellites are objects that revolve around other larger objects in space. Earth and the moon are called “natural” satellites.*

4.  *$x + 5 = 7$ . Is NOT a proposition; as its truth value Unknown.*

5.  *$x + 5 > 9$  for every real number  $x$ . (F)*

**Exercise 2** *Determine whether each of the following implications is true or false.*

1. *If 0.5 is an integer, then  $1 + 0.5 = 3$ . (T) (F  $\Rightarrow$  F)*

2. *If  $5 > 2$  then cats can fly. (F) (T  $\Rightarrow$  F).*

3. *If  $3 \times 5 = 15$  then  $1 + 2 = 3$ . (T)*

4. *For any real  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x \leq 0$  then  $(x - 1) < 0$ . (T)*

**Exercise 3** *The statements  $P \Rightarrow (Q \vee R)$  and  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (P \Rightarrow R)$ . are logically equivalent, use the truth table.*

*After simplification :*

1.  $P \wedge Q$ .

2.  $(P \wedge Q) \vee (Q \vee \bar{R})$ .

3. *This is necessarily false, so it is equivalent to  $P \wedge \bar{P}$ .*

**Exercise 4** *Consider the statement “for all integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a + b$  is even, then  $a$  and  $b$  are even”*

1. *The contrapositive of the statement : For all integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a$  or  $b$  is not even, then  $a + b$  is not even.*

2. *The converse of the statement : For all integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a$  and  $b$  are even, then  $a + b$  is even.*

3. *The negation of the statement : There are numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $a + b$  is even but  $a$  and  $b$  are not both even.*

4. *The original statement is false, For example,  $a = 3$  and  $b = 5$ .  $a + b = 8$ , but neither  $a$  nor  $b$  are even.*

5. *The contrapositive of the original statement is false, since it is equivalent to the original statement.*

6. *The converse of the original statement is true. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers. Assume both are even. Then  $a = 2k$  and  $b = 2j$  for some integers  $k$  and  $j$ . But then  $a + b = 2k + 2j = 2(k + j)$  which is even.*

7. *The negation of the original statement is true since the statement is false.*

**Exercise 5** 1.  $(P \wedge Q) \wedge \overline{(P \vee Q)}$  Contradiction.

2.  $((P \vee Q) \wedge \bar{P}) \Rightarrow Q$  Tautology.

3.  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\bar{P} \Rightarrow Q)$  Contingency.

4.  $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow R)$  Tautology.

**Exercise 6** 1.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, (x + 1)^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1$ .

2.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$ .

3.  $\exists! x \in \mathbb{R} / 2x + 1 = 0$

4.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N} / x \leq \pi$

5.  $\dots x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$

6.  $\dots x \in \emptyset : 2 = 3.$

**Exercise 7** 1. The function  $x \mapsto x^3 - x$  is not positive for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , only for  $x \geq 1$ .

The negation :  $\exists x = \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{R}^+ / \frac{1}{2^3} < \frac{1}{2}.$

2.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y = -x + 1 \in \mathbb{R} : x + y > 0 \dots (T).$

3.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} : \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y > 0 \dots (F).$

The negation :  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y = -x - 1 \in \mathbb{R} : x + y \leq 0.$

4.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y > 0 \dots (F).$

The negation :  $\exists x = 1, \exists y = -2 / x + y \leq 0 \dots (T).$

5.  $\exists x = -1 \in \mathbb{R} : \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, y^2 > x \dots (T).$

6. (F). The negation :  $\exists x = 2 \in \mathbb{R} : \exists y = 3 \in \mathbb{R} : 2 + 3 \leq 2 \times 3.$

7. (F).  $8 = |x - z| = |x - y + y - z| \leq |x - y| + |y - z| = 3 + 4 = 7.$

The negation :  $\forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, |x - y| \neq 3 \vee |y - z| \neq 4$  or  $|x - z| \neq 8.$

**Exercise 8** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a function. Give the negation of :

1.  $\exists M > 0 / \forall A > 0, \exists x \geq A / f(x) \leq M.$

2.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} / f(x) > 0 \wedge x > 0.$

3.  $\exists \epsilon > 0 / \forall \eta > 0, \exists (x, y) \in I^2 / (|x - y| \leq \eta \wedge |f(x) - f(y)| > \epsilon).$

**Exercise 9** 1.  $f$  is constant :  $\exists C \in \mathbb{R} / \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) = C.$

2.  $f$  is not constant :  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R} / f(x) \neq f(y).$

3.  $f$  is increasing :  $\forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x \leq y \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(y)).$

4.  $f$  is bounded :  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}, \exists m \in \mathbb{R} / \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, m \leq f(x) \leq M.$

**Exercise 10** 3. Rewrite the contrapositive as : If  $n$  is odd, then  $n^2$  is odd.

Since  $n$  is odd (hypothesis), we can let  $n = 2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$ , Then we are going to square it as the conclusion suggests, and show that it is odd.

$$(2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$$

$2k^2 + 2k$  is also an integer. Then the square of an odd number is also an odd number.

4. Let us assume on the contrary that  $\sqrt{2}$  is a rational number. Then, there exist two integers  $p$  and  $q$  such that

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}, \quad q \neq 0; \tag{1}$$

where we may assume that  $p$  and  $q$ , are co-prime i.e. have no common factors (if there are any common factors we cancel them in the numerator and denominator). Squaring (1) on both sides gives

$$2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad p^2 = 2q^2.$$

Thus  $p^2$  is even, then  $p$  is even (see 3.),  $p = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $2 = \frac{(2k)^2}{q^2}$ , i.e.  $2q^2 = 2 \times 2k^2$ , this means that  $q^2 = 2k^2$ ,  $q^2$  is even, then  $q$  has to be even, so  $p$  and  $q$  both even. We obtain that 2 is a common factor of  $p$  and  $q$ . But, this contradicts the fact that  $p$  and  $q$  have no common factor other than 1. This means that our supposition is wrong.

Hence,  $\sqrt{2}$  is an irrational number.

4. Let us show by induction on the integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , that the property  $P(n) : 2^{n-1} \leq n! \leq n^n$  is true :

**Base case :** For  $n = 1$ , we have  $2^0 \leq 1! \leq 1$ . Thus,  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = 1$ .

**Inductive Step :** Assume that  $P(n)$  is true and show that  $P(n + 1)$  is true, which amounts to assuming that  $2^{n-1} \leq n! \leq n^n$  and to show that  $2^n \leq (n + 1)! \leq (n + 1)^{n+1}$ .

For  $n \geq 1$ , we have  $n + 1 \geq 2 \Rightarrow 2^n = 2 \times 2^{n-1} \leq (n + 1)n! = (n + 1)!$ .

So  $2^n \leq (n + 1)! \dots (i)$ .

Also, we have  $n \leq n + 1$ , so  $n^n \leq (n + 1)^n$ ,

and

$$(n + 1)! = (n + 1) \times n! \leq (n + 1) \times n^n \leq (n + 1) \times (n + 1)^n = (n + 1)^{n+1}.$$

i.e.  $(n + 1)! \leq (n + 1)^{n+1} \dots (ii)$

(i) and (ii) shows that  $2^n \leq (n + 1)! \leq (n + 1)^{n+1}$  and so  $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n + 1)$ .

In conclusion, by induction on the integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , we have  $2^{n-1} \leq n! \leq n^n$ .