Math 290 Winter 2014: Section 6
Sample Exam 1

Instructions: Note that the first 10 questions are true-false. Mark A for true, B for false. Questions 11 through 20 are multiple choice—mark the correct answer on your bubble sheet. Answers to the last five questions should be written directly on the exam, and should be written neatly and correctly. Questions 1 to 20 are worth 2.5 points each, and questions 21-25 are worth 10 points each.

True-false questions

1. For any set $A$, the empty set is an element of the power set of $A$.

2. For any sets $A$ and $B$, we have $A - B \subseteq A$.

3. Let $I$ be the set of natural numbers, and for each $i \in I$ let $A_i$ be the closed interval in the real numbers $[1/i, i^2 + 1]$. Then $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = [1, 2]$.

4. Let $A$ be a set. Then $A$ is a subset of the power set of $A$.

5. If $a \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$, then $a^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$.

6. Let $A$, $B$, and $C$ be sets. Then $A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$.

7. The converse of the statement “If $x$ is even, then $x + 1$ is odd,” is the statement “If $x + 1$ is even, then $x$ is odd.”

8. The negation of the statement “There exists $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x^2 - 1 < 0$,” is the statement “For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x^2 - 1 \geq 0$.”

9. The statement $P \implies (\sim P)$ is a contradiction.

10. Let $A$ and $B$ be sets. If $A$ has seven elements, $A \cup B$ has ten elements, and $A - B$ has two elements, then $B$ must contain eight elements.

Multiple choice section

11. For the following proof, determine which of the statements given below is being proved.

Proof. Assume $a$ and $b$ are odd integers. Then $a = 2k + 1$ and $b = 2\ell + 1$ for some $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $ab^2 = (2k + 1)(2\ell + 1)^2 = 8kl^2 + 8kl + 2k + 4\ell^2 + 4\ell + 1 = 2(4kl^2 + 4kl + k + 2\ell^2 + 2\ell) + 1$. Since $4kl^2 + 4kl + k + 2\ell^2 + 2\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$, we see that $ab^2$ is odd.

- a) If $a$ or $b$ is even, then $ab^2$ is even.
- b) If $a$ and $b$ are even, then $ab^2$ is even.
- c) If $ab^2$ is even, then $a$ and $b$ are even.
- d) If $ab^2$ is even, then $a$ is even or $b$ is even.
- e) None of the above.
12. Let \( A \) be a set with 5 elements. Which of the following cannot exist:

a) A subset of the power set of \( A \) with six elements.

b) An element of the power set of \( A \) with six elements.

c) An element of \( A \) containing six elements.

d) Any of the above can exist, for suitable sets \( A \).

e) None of (a) through (c) can exist, no matter what \( A \) is.

13. Which of the following has a vacuous proof?

a) Let \( n \in \mathbb{Z} \). If \( |n| < 1 \), then \( 5n + 3 \) is odd.

b) Let \( n \in \mathbb{Z} \). If \( 2n + 1 \) is odd, then \( n^2 + 1 > 0 \).

c) Let \( x \in \mathbb{R} \). If \( x^2 - 2x + 3 < 0 \), then \( 2x + 3 < 5 \).

d) Let \( x \in \mathbb{R} \). If \( -x > 0 \), then \( x^2 + 3 > 3 \).

e) None of the above.

14. Which of the following statements has a trivial proof.

a) Let \( x \in \mathbb{N} \). If \( x > 0 \) then \( x^2 > x \).

b) Let \( x \in \mathbb{N} \). If \( x > 3 \) then \( 2x \) is even.

c) Let \( x \in \mathbb{N} \). If \( x < 2 \) then \( x^2 + 1 \) is even.

d) Let \( x \in \mathbb{N} \). If \( 2x \) is even, then \( x \) is odd.

15. Evaluate the following proof:

**Theorem:** Let \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). Then \( 4n^2 - 12n + 9 \geq 1 \).

**Proof.** Let \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). We examine 3 cases.

**Case 1** Suppose \( n = 1 \). Then \( 4n^2 - 12n + 9 = 1 \), which is greater than or equal to one.

**Case 2** Suppose \( n = 2 \). Then \( 4n^2 - 12n + 9 = 1 \), which is greater than or equal to 1.

**Case 3** Suppose \( n > 3 \). Then \( 4n^2 - 12n + 9 = 4(n)(n - 3) + 9 \). Since \( n > 3 \), \( n - 3 > 0 \). Since both \( n \) and \( n - 3 \) are greater than 0, we see that \( 4(n)(n - 3) > 0 \), so \( 4(n)(n - 3) + 9 > 9 \). Hence, \( 4n^2 - 12n + 9 > 1 \).

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a) The proof and the theorem are correct.

b) The proof is correct, but the theorem is false.

c) The theorem is false and the proof is incorrect, because for \( n = 1.5 \) we have \( 4n^2 - 12n + 9 = 0 \), which is less than 1.

d) The proof leaves out the case where \( n \) is equal to 3, but is otherwise correct.

e) The proof is incorrect because of arithmetic errors.

16. Let \( A = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{5, 6\}\} \). The number of elements in the power set of \( A \) is

a) 3 \quad b) 4 \quad c) 6 \quad d) 8 \quad e) 16 \quad f) 64
17. Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. The contrapositive of the statement “If $x$ is even then $3x + 7$ is odd.” is the statement
   a) If $x$ is odd then $3x + 7$ is even.  
   b) If $3x + 7$ is odd then $x$ is even. 
   c) If $3x + 7$ is even then $x$ is odd.  
   d) If $3x + 7$ is even, then $x$ is even.  
   e) $x$ is odd or $3x + 7$ is odd.  
   f) $x$ is odd or $3x + 7$ is even.

18. Let $x$ and $y$ be integers. The negation of the statement “If $xy$ is even then $x$ is even or $y$ is even” is
   a) If $x$ is odd and $y$ is odd, then $xy$ is odd.  
   b) If $x$ is even or $y$ is even, then $xy$ is even. 
   c) $xy$ is odd, then $x$ is even and $y$ is even.  
   d) $xy$ is even and $x$ is odd and $y$ is odd.  
   e) $xy$ is even and ($x$ is odd or $y$ is odd).  
   f) $xy$ is odd and ($x$ is even or $y$ is even). 
   g) $xy$ is odd and ($x$ is odd and $y$ is odd).

19. If you wish to prove a statement of the form “If $P$, then ($Q$ or $R$),” which of the following would not be a good way to begin.
   a) Assume $P$ 
   b) Assume ($\neg P$) $\land$ ($Q \lor R$) 
   c) Assume ($\neg Q$) $\land$ ($\neg R$). 
   d) Assume $P \land$ ($\neg Q$) $\land$ ($\neg R$).  
   e) None of the above: all of these would be acceptable ways to begin.

20. This question tests your understanding of logic. You are not expected to understand the terms involved. The following is a theorem proved in “Cohomology of number fields” (pg. 75) by J. Neukirch.

   **Theorem**: Let $G$ be a finite group, and let $A$ and $B$ be $G$-modules. If $A$ is cohomologically trivial or $B$ is divisible, then hom($A$, $B$) is cohomologically trivial.

   Suppose that we know that $G$ is a finite group, $A$ and $B$ are $G$-modules, and that hom($A$, $B$) is not cohomologically trivial. Which of the following must be true? (Think about the contrapositive.)
   a) $A$ is cohomologically trivial and $B$ is divisible.
   b) $A$ is cohomologically trivial or $B$ is divisible.
   c) $A$ is not cohomologically trivial or $B$ is divisible.
   d) $A$ is not cohomologically trivial or $B$ is not divisible.
   e) $A$ is not cohomologically trivial and $B$ is not divisible.
21. Construct a truth table for \((P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (\sim P)\).

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22. Let \(x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\). Prove that if \(x^2 - xy\) is odd, then \(x\) is odd and \(y\) is even.

23. Prove the following statement. If \(x\) and \(y\) are rational, \(x \neq 0\), and \(z\) is irrational, then \(\frac{y + z}{x}\) is irrational.

24. Let \(A\) and \(B\) be sets. Prove \(A \subseteq B\) if and only if \(A \cup (B - A) = B\).

25. Give examples of three sets \(A\), \(B\), and \(C\) such that \(A \in B\), \(B \subseteq C\), and \(A \notin C\).

On the actual exam there will be plenty of space to write the answers to the written problems. In some cases, the answer might be fairly short but there is a lot of space anyway.