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Course Elements of sets and structures  
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### Midterm 1

#### **QUESTION 1 [8=3+3+2 marks]**

Let P, Q and R be three statements.

1. Use the truth table to prove that the following compound statements are logically equivalent:  $\neg(P \wedge \neg Q) \Rightarrow P \equiv P$
2. Prove the following logical equivalence using the stated laws (without truth table):  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow Q \equiv P \vee Q$
3. Give the **inverse** of the conditional statement:  $P \Rightarrow \neg(Q \vee R)$

#### **QUESTION 2 [5=2+3 marks]**

1- Determine whether the following statement is a tautology, a contradiction, or neither:

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (Q \Rightarrow P)$$

2. Let P(x) and Q(x) be open sentences in x with nonempty universe U.

Give the **negation** of quantified statement:  $(\exists x)(P(x) \Rightarrow \neg Q(x))$

#### **QUESTION 3 [ 7=3+2+2 marks]**

1. Let  $m$  and  $n$  be integers. Prove that the integer  $m^2(n^2 - 1)$  is even if and only if  $m$  is even or  $n$  is odd.
2. Use the proof by cases to show the statement: If  $n$  is an integer number, then  $n^2 + 5n + 11$  is odd.
3. Prove, by the principle of mathematical induction, that:

$$1 \times 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 3 \times 4 + \dots + n(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}, \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

#### **Extra exercise (bonus) [ 3 marks ]:**

Prove, by the principle of mathematical induction, that:

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}, \quad \forall n \geq 1$$