

# Homework #4

1. Consider the following variable propositions:

Let  $P(x)$  be the proposition “ $1 \leq x \leq 3$ ”

Let  $Q(x)$  be the proposition “ $(\exists k \in \mathbb{Z})(x = 2k)$ ”

Let  $R(x)$  be the proposition “ $x^2 = 4$ ”

For each of the following statements, write the logical negation in positive form. Then decide which claim (the original or the negation) is true (no proof required).

- $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z})(P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x))$
  - $(\exists x \in \mathbb{Z})(R(x) \wedge P(x))$
  - $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z})(R(x) \Rightarrow P(x))$
  - $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists y \in \mathbb{Z})(x \neq y \wedge P(x) \wedge Q(x))$
  - $(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z})((P(x) \wedge R(x)) \Leftrightarrow x = 2)$
2. For every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , define a set  $A_i \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that the indexed family of sets  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfies *all* of the following properties (recall that “ $\subsetneq$ ” means “is a *strict* subset of”):
- $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(\exists i \in \mathbb{N})(n \in A_i)$
  - $(\forall i \in \mathbb{N})(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(n \notin A_i)$
  - $(\forall i, m \in \mathbb{N})(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(n > m \wedge n \in A_i)$
  - $(\exists j \in \mathbb{N})(\forall i \in \mathbb{N})(i \neq j \Rightarrow A_j \subsetneq A_i)$

Then, *prove* that the family you’ve defined satisfies each of these properties.

3. Consider the following proposition, which asserts that the rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  are *dense*:

*Strictly between any two distinct rational numbers lies a third rational number.*

Write this proposition using only logical symbols and the set  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then, prove the proposition.

4. Consider the following proposition:

*For all integers  $n$ ,  $n$  is an integer multiple of 3 if and only if  $n^2 - 1$  is not a multiple of 3.*

- Write out this proposition symbolically, using only logical symbols and the set  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- Prove the proposition. (You should be able to prove it using nothing more than the definition of being a multiple of 3, and the fact that every integer has a remainder of 0, 1, or 2 when divided by 3.)