

Midterm #1, 2/21
Math 181 (Discrete Structures), Spring 2024

Each problem is worth 10 points, for a total of 50 points. You have 50 minutes to do the exam. Remember to *show your work* and *explain your answers* on all problems!

1. In this problem, let the universal set be $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and let $A = \{1, 3, 5\}$, $B = \{2, 5\}$. Write the following sets:
 - (a) $(A \cap B)^c$ (this is also written $\overline{A \cap B}$ in the book)
 - (b) $B \setminus A$ (this is also written $B - A$ in the book)
 - (c) $(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$
2. Write the truth tables for the compound propositions $p \rightarrow q$ and $q \vee \neg p$. What does this tell you about the relationship between these two propositions?
3. Convert this argument to a symbolic form, and determine (with explanation) if it is valid:
Hypotheses: If it's sunny out, then I walk to work. I do not walk to work.
Conclusion: It's not sunny out.
4. Let $P(x)$ be the propositional formula " $x^2 \geq 1$," where the domain of discourse is the set \mathbb{R} of all real numbers. Write the proposition " $\neg(\forall x P(x))$ " in English words, and determine (with explanation) if it is true or false.
5. Give a direct proof of the following theorem about integers:
"The product of an even integer and any integer is an even integer."