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**Algebra and Discrete Mathematics**  
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 Assignment 2  
 Due 4:00pm, Monday 22 September 2014

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Question	Marks Possible	Marks Given
1	16	
2	20	
3	15	
4	24	
<b>Total</b>	75	

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The assignment must be handed in before 4.00 p.m. on Monday 22 September 2014.

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**Question 1 (16 marks)** Answer the following questions and show your work:

- (a) Let  $f$  be a function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(n) = (2n, n + 3)$ . Verify whether this function is 1-1 and whether it is onto.
- (b) Let  $f$  be a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x, y, z) = xyz$ . Verify whether this function is 1-1 and whether it is onto.
- (c) Prove that the function  $f : \mathbb{R} - \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{5\}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{5x+1}{x-2}$  is a bijection.
- (d) Consider the functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  defined as  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$  and  $g(x) = (3x, x^2)$ . Find the formulas for  $f \circ f$  and  $g \circ f$ .

**Question 2 (20 marks)** Use truth tables to show the following:

- (a) whether  $\neg p \wedge \neg(p \rightarrow q)$  is a tautology, a contradiction or neither.
- (b) whether  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow (q \wedge r))$  is a tautology, a contradiction or neither.
- (c)  $\neg(\neg p \wedge q)$  and  $q \rightarrow p$  are logically equivalent.
- (d)  $(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r))$  and  $(q \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$  are logically equivalent.

**Question 3 (15 marks)** Use laws of logic (algebraic version) to show the following equivalences (clearly indicate which law you use in each step):

- (a)  $\overline{(\overline{p} \wedge q)} \equiv (q \rightarrow p)$ .
- (b)  $(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \equiv (q \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$
- (c)  $((p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r)) \equiv ((p \wedge q) \rightarrow r)$

**Question 4 (24 marks)** Prove the following using the method suggested:

- (a) Prove the following either by direct proof or by contraposition:  
Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ , then  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ .
- (b) Prove the following by contradiction:  
Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $4|(a^2 + b^2)$ , then  $a$  and  $b$  are not both odd.
- (c) Disprove the following by counterexamples:
- For every natural number  $n$ , the integer  $n^2 + 17n + 17$  is prime.
  - Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be sets. If  $A \times C = B \times C$ , then  $A = B$ .
- (d) Prove the following by cases: For all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n^2 + 3n + 4$  is even.
- (e) Prove the following by induction:

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \cdots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n}{3}(2n-1)(2n+1)$$