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Quiz 0100

# Discrete Mathematics

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1. **(6 points)** Prove by induction that  $n^2 + 5n + 1$  is odd for all  $n \geq 0$ .

♣ *Proof by induction.*

*Base Case:*  $n = 0$ . The statement is that  $0^2 + 5(0) + 1 = 1$  is odd, which is true.

*Inductive Step.* We want to show that

$$(n^2 + 5n + 1) \text{ odd} \implies ((n + 1)^2 + 5(n + 1) + 1) \text{ odd.}$$

Let  $n^2 + 5n + 1$ . (This is the inductive hypothesis.) Then  $((n + 1)^2 + 5(n + 1) + 1) = n^2 + 2n + 1 + 5n + 5 + 1 = (n^2 + 5n + 1) + 2(n + 1)$ . We have that  $n^2 + 5n + 1$  is odd by the inductive hypothesis, and  $2(n + 1)$  is even since it is divisible by 2, so  $((n + 1)^2 + 5(n + 1) + 1)$  is odd, as required.

Since the basis case and the inductive step are both true, the statement is true for all  $n \geq 0$  by induction.

2. **(4 points)** Let  $p$  and  $q$  be statements. Show that  $(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r) \implies (q \vee r)$

♣ *There are many ways to correctly do this. The most tedious and least instructive is via truth tables.*

*Best to show directly:*

Let  $(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r)$ , so both  $p \vee q$  and  $\neg p \vee r$  are true.

Either  $p$  or  $\neg p$  is true.

If  $p$  is true, then  $\neg p$  is false and  $\neg p \vee r$  gives  $r$  is true, so  $q \vee r$  is true.

If  $p$  is false,  $p \vee q$  gives  $q$  is true, so  $q \vee r$  is true.

So in either case,  $q \vee r$  is true.

*Another method is to use the distributive law first:*

$$(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r) = (p \vee \neg p) \wedge (p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \neg p) \wedge (q \vee r).$$

If  $(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r)$  is true, each of  $(p \vee \neg p)$ ,  $(p \vee r)$ ,  $(q \vee \neg p)$  and  $(q \vee r)$  is true, so  $(q \vee r)$  is true.