

MAT 300, Fall 2003, Zandieh

Midterm, October 9, 2003, 100 points

Calculators allowed; No notes.

Starting time: 10-11:30 am. Ending time: Within 2 hours after your start.

Do not write your answers on this page. Use the included pages.

1. (16 points) Let P , Q , and R be statements.

Complete a Truth Table for the statement: $(P \text{ and } Q) \Rightarrow \neg R$. Please make columns for P , Q , R , $\neg R$, $P \text{ and } Q$, $(P \text{ and } Q) \Rightarrow \neg R$. The order of your columns may vary.

For the remainder of the problems, let A , B , and C be subsets of the set universal set, U .

2. (12 points) Prove or disprove the associative property for set difference, i.e. prove or disprove that $A \setminus (B \setminus C) = (A \setminus B) \setminus C$.

3. (12 points) Fill in the blank to make a true statement from the choices below. You do NOT have to prove or explain your answer.

Recall that Δ means symmetric difference.

Choices: $A \cup B$, $A \cap B$, $A \setminus B$, $B \setminus A$, \emptyset , U .

- a. If $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $A \Delta B = \dots\dots\dots$
b. If $A = B$, then $A \Delta B = \dots\dots\dots$
c. If $A \subseteq B$, then $A \Delta B = \dots\dots\dots$
d. If $A \neq B$ and $B \setminus A = \emptyset$, then $A \Delta B = \dots\dots\dots$
4. (16 points) One of DeMorgan's Laws from Logic states that $\neg(P \text{ or } Q) = \neg P \text{ and } \neg Q$.
- a. Establish the truth of this law using Truth Tables. Make sure that you have columns for P , Q , $\neg P$, $\neg Q$, $\neg P \text{ and } \neg Q$, $P \text{ or } Q$, $\neg(P \text{ or } Q)$. The order of your tables may vary. Please state what we should notice about the table in order to establish the truth of the statement.
- b. State and prove the corresponding DeMorgan's Law from Set Theory using DeMorgan's Law from Logic.

5. (16 points) Prove the following statement: $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $A \cap B = A$.

6. (16 points) Prove the following statement by Contradiction or by Contraposition:

$$A \subseteq B \cap C \Rightarrow A \setminus B \cup A \setminus C = \emptyset.$$

7. (12 points) Prove that $C \setminus A \cup C \setminus B = C \setminus (A \cap B)$. You are encouraged to use results we have proven in class or in homework. Make sure you state which results you are using.