445.255 SC Assignment 1 Due: 26 July 2000

NB: Please deposit your solutions in the appropriate box by 4 p.m. on the due date. Late assignments or assignments placed into incorrect boxes will not be marked. Use a mathematics department cover sheet: these are available from outside the Resource Centre.

- 1. Which of the following sentences are statements, which are predicates, and which are neither? Translate all the statements and predicates into symbols.
 - (a) 17 is a prime number.
 - (b) If n is a prime number then n is odd.
 - (c) Is 13 a prime number?
 - (d) Every even number is the sum of two odd numbers.
- **2.** Let A, B and C be statements. Construct truth tables for the following statements. For each statement, state whether it is a tautology, a contradiction or neither.
 - (a) $(A \Longrightarrow \sim B) \vee (A \Longrightarrow B)$.
 - (b) $(A \Longrightarrow B) \lor (\sim A \Longrightarrow B)$.
 - (c) $(A \Longrightarrow B) \lor (\sim A \Longrightarrow \sim B)$.
 - (d) $A \wedge \sim (B \implies A)$.
- **3.** For any integer n, let A(n) be the statement

"If n is odd then $n^2 + n$ is even".

- (a) Write down the contrapositive of A(n).
- (b) Write down the converse of A(n).
- (c) Write down the negation of A(n).
- (d) Is A(n) true for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$? If so, give an example, if not give a proof.
- (e) Is A(n) true for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$? If so, give a proof, if not give a counterexample.
- (f) Is the contrapositive of A(n) true for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$? Is it true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$? Give brief reasons for your answer.
- (g) Is the converse of A(n) true for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$? Is it true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$? Give brief reasons for your answer.
- **4.** Consider the following proof:

Let n be an even integer. Then
$$n = 2m$$
 for some integer m, so $n + 1 = 2m + 1$, so $(n+1)^2 = (2m+1)^2 = 4m^2 + 4m + 1 = 2(2m^2 + 2m) + 1$. Thus $(n+1)^2$ is odd.

What have we proved?