

1. To translate the statements and predicates into symbols, we will use  $P(n)$  to denote “ $n$  is prime”,  $O(n)$  to denote “ $n$  is odd”,  $E(n)$  to denote “ $n$  is even” and  $A(x, y, z)$  to denote  $x + y = z$ .

- (a) “17 is a prime number” is a statement, which we denote by  $P(17)$ . [The statement is true, but that was not part of the question.]
- (b) “If  $n$  is a prime number then  $n$  is odd” is a predicate, which we denote by  $P(n) \implies O(n)$ . [It is not a theorem:  $n = 2$  is a counterexample.]
- (c) “Is 13 a prime number?” is neither a statement nor a predicate.
- (d) “Every even number is the sum of two odd numbers” is a statement, which we denote by

$$(\forall x)(E(x) \implies (\exists y)(\exists z)(O(y) \wedge O(z) \wedge A(y, z, x))).$$

[There are other possible answers: for example, we might define a predicate  $B(n)$  to be “ $n$  is the sum of two odd numbers”, and the statement becomes  $(\forall n)(E(n) \implies B(n))$ .]

2. (a) We have the following truth table:

$A$	$B$	$\sim B$	$A \implies \sim B$	$A \implies B$	$(A \implies \sim B) \vee (A \implies B)$
T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T

Since the last column contains only “T”s, the statement is a tautology.

- (b) We have the following truth table:

$A$	$B$	$A \implies B$	$\sim A$	$\sim A \implies B$	$(A \implies B) \vee (\sim A \implies B)$
T	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T

Since the last column contains only “T”s, the statement is a tautology.

- (c) We have the following truth table:

$A$	$B$	$A \implies B$	$\sim A$	$\sim B$	$\sim A \implies \sim B$	$(A \implies B) \vee (\sim A \implies \sim B)$
T	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

Since the last column contains only “T”s, the statement is a tautology.

(d) We have the following truth table:

$A$	$B$	$B \implies A$	$\sim(B \implies A)$	$A \wedge \sim(B \implies A)$
T	T	T	F	F
T	F	T	F	F
F	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	F	F

Since the last column contains only “F”s, the statement is a contradiction.

3. (a) The contrapositive of  $A(n)$  is “If  $n^2 + n$  is odd then  $n$  is even”.
- (b) The converse of  $A(n)$  is “If  $n^2 + n$  is even then  $n$  is odd”.
- (c) The negation of  $A(n)$  is “ $n$  is odd and  $n^2 + n$  is odd”.
- (d) Yes,  $A(n)$  is true for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : for example,  $A(1)$  is true.
- (e) Yes,  $A(n)$  is true for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose  $n$  is odd. Then  $n = 2k + 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 + n &= (2k + 1)^2 + (2k + 1) \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 2k + 1 \\ &= 4k^2 + 6k + 2 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 3k + 1),\end{aligned}$$

and  $2k^2 + 3k + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $n^2 + n$  is even.

- (f) Since the contrapositive of  $A(n)$  is equivalent to  $A(n)$ , from (d) and (e) we know that the contrapositive of  $A(n)$  is true for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and that it is true for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (g) The converse of  $A(n)$  is true for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : for example the converse of  $A(1)$  is true. However, it is not true for all  $n$ : for example, the converse of  $A(2)$  is false.
4. There are several possible answers. The most obvious is either “For every even integer  $n$ ,  $(n + 1)^2$  is odd” or “For every integer  $n$ , if  $n$  is even then  $(n + 1)^2$  is odd”. [As usual, we might leave the universal quantification implicit, i.e. we might write this as “If  $n$  is even then  $(n + 1)^2$  is odd”.]