

1. (a) "17 is an even number" is a statement.
  - (b) " $n$  is a prime number" is a predicate (with  $n$  as a free variable).
  - (c) "If  $n$  is a prime number then  $n$  is odd" is a predicate (with  $n$  as a free variable).
  - (d) "Is 13 a prime number?" is neither a statement nor a predicate.
  - (e) "Every even number is the sum of two odd numbers" is a statement.
2. (a) We have the following truth table:

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

Thus  $(A \implies B) \vee (A \implies \sim B)$  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

Thus  $(A \implies B) \vee (\sim A \implies B)$  is a tautology.

- (c) We have the following truth table:

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

Thus  $(A \implies B) \wedge (\sim A \implies \sim B)$  is neither a tautology nor a contradiction.

- (d) We have the following truth table:

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

Thus  $A \wedge \sim(A \implies B)$  is neither a tautology nor a contradiction.

3. (a) The contrapositive of  $A(n)$  is “If  $n + 1$  is prime then  $n$  is not prime”.
- (b) The converse of  $A(n)$  is “If  $n + 1$  is not prime then  $n$  is prime”.
- (c) The negation of  $A(n)$  is “ $n$  is prime and  $n + 1$  is prime”.
- (d) Yes,  $A(n)$  is true for some  $n$ : for example,  $A(5)$  is true.
- (e) No,  $A(n)$  is not true for every natural number  $n$ : as a counterexample,  $A(2)$  is false.
- (f) Since the contrapositive is equivalent to  $A(n)$  itself, from (d) and (e) we see that the contrapositive is true for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  but not for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (g) The converse is true for some but not all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : for example the converse of  $A(5)$  is true, while the converse of  $A(8)$  is false.

4. (a) Suppose  $n$  is even. Then  $n = 2k$  for some natural number  $k$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= (2k)^2 + 2(2k) \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 2k), \end{aligned}$$

and  $2k^2 + 2k \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $f(n)$  is even.

- (b) Suppose  $n$  is not even. Then  $n$  is odd, so  $n = 2k + 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . But then

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

and  $(2k^2 + 4k + 1) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $f(n)$  is odd, so  $f(n)$  is not even. Hence, by contraposition, if  $f(n)$  is even then  $n$  is even.

- (c) Suppose, for a contradiction, that  $f(n + k)$  is odd and  $(n$  is odd or  $k$  is odd) is false, in other words  $n$  and  $k$  are both even. But then  $n + k$  is even, so by part (a) we have  $f(n + k)$  is even, a contradiction. Hence, by contradiction, if  $f(n + k)$  is odd then  $n$  is odd or  $k$  is odd.