DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

MATHS 255 Answers for Collaborative Tutorial 10/3/03

- 1. (a) We can write this as "For every natural number n, if n is odd then n is the sum of two prime numbers", or even as "For every natural number n, if n is odd then there exist prime numbers m and k such that n = m + k."
 - (b) We can translate it into symbols as $(\forall n \in N)(O(n) \implies (\exists m)(\exists k)(P(m) \land P(k) \land S(m, k, n)))$
- **2.** (a) "If 2n is even then n is even."
 - (b) "If 2n is odd then n is odd."
 - (c) "n is even and 2n is odd." [Or, "n is even but 2n is odd."]
- **3.** Let x be an integer.

[We need to give two proofs: that if x is even then x^3 is even, and conversely that if x^3 is even then x is even. We use a direct proof for the first and proof by contraposition for the second.]

Suppose first that x is even. Then x = 2y for some $y \in \mathbb{Z}$. So $x^3 = (2y)^3 = 8y^3 = 2(4y^3)$, and $4y^3 \in \mathbb{Z}$, so x^3 is even.

Conversely, suppose that x is not even. Then x is odd, so x = 2u + 1 for some $u \in \mathbb{Z}$. So

$$x^{3} = (2u + 1)^{3}$$

= $(2u)^{3} + 3(2u)^{2} + 3(2u) + 1$
= $8u^{3} + 12u^{2} + 6u + 1$
= $2(4u^{3} + 6u^{2} + 3u) + 1$,

so x^3 is odd. Hence, by contraposition, if x^3 is even then x is even.