CS 70 Spring 2020

Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory

Quiz 0

1. [**True or False**] Mark each of the following "True" if it is a valid logical equivalence, or "False" otherwise.

(a)
$$P \Longrightarrow Q \equiv P \vee \neg Q$$

(b)
$$P \Longrightarrow Q \equiv (\neg P \Longrightarrow \neg Q)$$

(c)
$$P \implies Q \equiv (Q \land P) \lor \neg P$$

2. [True or False] Let P(x) and Q(x) be a propositions about an integer x, and suppose you want to prove the theorem $\forall x$, $(P(x) \Longrightarrow Q(x))$. Mark each of the following proof strategies "True" if it would be a valid way to proceed with such a proof, or "False" otherwise.

- (a) Find an x such that Q(x) is true or P(x) is false.
- (b) Show that, for every x, if Q(x) is false then P(x) is false.
- (c) Assume that there exists an x such that P(x) is false and Q(x) is false and derive a contradiction.
- (d) Assume that there exists an x such that P(x) is true and Q(x) is false and derive a contradiction.

3. [**Proof**] Suppose you have a rectangular array of pebbles, where each pebble is either red or blue. Suppose that for every way of choosing one pebble from each column, there exists a red pebble among the chosen ones. Prove that there must exist an all-red column.