

3 Discrete Mathematics I (SS)

(a) Which of the following formulas are tautologies? Explain what is meant by “tautology” and write down truth tables to justify your answers.

(i) $p \Rightarrow q$

(ii) $(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p$

(iii) $((p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p) \Rightarrow p$ [4 marks]

(b) Recall the following introduction and elimination rules for implication.

$\begin{array}{l} \dots \\ m. \text{ Assume } P \\ \dots \\ n. Q \text{ from } \dots \text{ by } \dots \\ n+1. P \Rightarrow Q \text{ from } m-n, \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{by } \Rightarrow\text{-introduction.} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} \dots \\ l. P \Rightarrow Q \text{ from } \dots \text{ by } \dots \\ \dots \\ m. P \text{ from } \dots \text{ by } \dots \\ \dots \\ n. Q \text{ from } l, m \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{by } \Rightarrow\text{-elimination.} \end{array}$
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(i) Write down the elimination rules for negation and falsity. [3 marks]

(ii) Using the four rules above, write down a structured proof of

$$\neg p \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow q)$$

[4 marks]

(iii) Write down the principle of proof by contradiction. [2 marks]

(iv) Using everything from part (b) so far, write down a structured proof of

$$((p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p) \Rightarrow p$$

[7 marks]