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MATH1090 A. Problem Set No 4

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**Due: Dec. 3, 2024; by 5:00pm, in**  
**eClass, “Assignment #4”**

**Q: How do I submit?**

**A:**

- (1) **Submission must be ONLY ONE file**
- (2) **Accepted File Types: PDF, RTF, MS WORD, ZIP**
- (3) **Deadline is strict, electronically limited.**
- (4) **MAXIMUM file size = 10MB**



It is worth remembering (from the course outline):

The homework must be each individual's own work. While consultations with the instructor, tutor, and among students, are part of the learning process and are encouraged, nevertheless, *at the end of all this consultation* each student will have to produce an individual report rather than a copy (full or partial) of somebody else's report.

The concept of “late assignments” does not exist in this course.



In what follows, if I say “give a proof of  $\vdash A$ ” or “show  $\vdash A$ ” this means to give an Equational or Hilbert-style proof of  $A$ , unless some other proof style is required (e.g., Resolution).

Annotation is always required! Never-ever omit the “ $\Leftrightarrow$ ” from an Equational proof!’

1. (5 MARKS) Prove using 1st-Order **Soundness** (**Required**):

$$\not\vdash (\exists \mathbf{x})A \wedge (\exists \mathbf{x})B \rightarrow (\exists \mathbf{x})(A \wedge B)$$

2. (5 MARKS) *Prove* that *IF we have*

$$\vdash (\exists \mathbf{x})A \rightarrow A[\mathbf{x} := \mathbf{z}] \tag{1}$$

(**z** fresh), **THEN** we also have

$$\vdash (\exists \mathbf{x})A \rightarrow (\forall \mathbf{x})A \tag{2}$$

Now also answer these three subsidiary questions:

- (a) (2 MARKS) What does (2) say in words?  
 (b) (2 MARKS) Can you find a very simple example of a wff “ $A$ ” over the natural numbers that makes (2) a **non-theorem**?

Prove that the wff you proposed **IS** a NON theorem!

- (c) (2 MARKS) What can you conclude from (b) about the *validity* **OR not** of (1)? Why?

3. (5 MARKS) Use the  $\exists$  elimination technique — **Required** — to *PROVE*, for any  $A$  and  $B$

$$\vdash (\exists \mathbf{x})(A \wedge \neg A) \rightarrow B$$

4. (5 MARKS) Let  $\phi$  be an arbitrary two-variable predicate.

Prove  $\vdash (\forall x)(\forall y)\phi(x, y) \rightarrow (\forall y)\phi(y, y)$ .

**Caution:** Careful with capture! You cannot allow it!