MATHS 255 SC Assignment 1 Due: 31 July 2002

NB: Please deposit your solutions in the appropriate box by 4 p.m. on the due date. Late assignments or assignments placed into incorrect boxes will not be marked. Use a mathematics department cover sheet: these are available from outside the Resource Centre.

PLEASE SHOW ALL WORKING.

- 1. (10 marks) Which of the following sentences are statements, which are predicates, and which are neither?
 - (a) 0 is a positive number.
 - (b) m is an even number.
 - (c) If n is an even number then n-1 is odd.
 - (d) Is 2 a prime number?
 - (e) Every odd number is the sum of three odd numbers.
- 2. (16 marks) Let A, B and C be statements. Construct truth tables for the following statements. For each statement, state whether it is a tautology, a contradiction or neither.
 - (a) $(A \Longrightarrow \sim B) \land (\sim A \Longrightarrow B)$.
 - (b) $(\sim A \implies B) \land (A \implies B)$.
 - (c) $(\sim A \implies \sim B) \lor (A \implies B)$.
 - (d) $B \wedge \sim (A \implies B)$.
- **3.** (14 marks) For any natural number n, let A(n) be the statement

"If n is a natural number then n+1 is an odd number."

- (a) Write down the contrapositive of A(n).
- (b) Write down the converse of A(n).
- (c) Write down the negation of A(n).
- (d) Is A(n) true for some natural number n? If so, give an example, if not give a proof.
- (e) Is A(n) true for every natural number n? If so, give a proof, if not give a counterexample.
- (f) Is the contrapositive of A(n) true for some natural number n? Is it true for every natural number n? Give brief reasons for your answer.
- (g) Is the converse of A(n) true for some natural number n? Is it true for every natural number n? Give brief reasons for your answer.
- **4.** (10 marks) Let $f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ be given by $f(x) = x^2 + 2$.
 - (a) Use a **direct proof** to show that if n is odd then f(n) is odd.
 - (b) Use a **proof by contraposition** to show that if f(n) is odd then n is odd.
 - (c) Use a **proof by contradiction** to show that if f(n+k) is even then n and k are both odd or both even.