Honors 213

Spring 2003

Exam 1

Directions: Be sure to include in-line citations, including page numbers if appropriate, every time you use a text or notes or technology. Include a careful sketch of any graph obtained by technology in solving a problem. **Only write on one side of each page.**

Problems

1. (10 points) Negate the following logical statement to the point there is no longer an implication.

$$\forall \varepsilon \exists N \ (n > N) \Longrightarrow (|a_n - L| < \varepsilon).$$

2. (10 points) Prove the following logical statement is a tautology.

$$(\sim q \land (p \Longrightarrow q)) \Longrightarrow \sim p$$

3. (20 points) Using the Axioms and previous results to justify every step, formally prove Proposition 2.4.

For every point there is at least one line passing through it.

- 4. (15,5 points) Here is an interpretation of the undefined terms of incidence geometry: Fix a circle in the Euclidean plane. Interpret "point" to mean an ordinary Euclidean point *inside* the circle. Interpret "line" to mean a chord of the circle. Let "incidence" mean that the point lies on the chord in the usual Euclidean sense.
 - (a) Which of the axioms of Incidence geometry are satisfied by this interpretation? Explain.
 - (b) Does this interpretation have a parallel property? If so, is it the elliptic, Euclidean, or hyperbolic parallel property? Explain.
- 5. (20 points) Recall that a projective plane is a model of incidence geometry satisfying the elliptic parallel property and in which every line has at least three points incident with it.

Let M be a projective plane and let M' be the interpretation of the undefined terms obtained by interpreting M' points to be the lines of M and interpreting the M' lines to be the points of M.

- (a) Prove that M' satisfies Incidence Axiom 2.
- (b) Prove that M' satisfies Incidence Axiom 1.
- (c) Prove that M' satisfies the elliptic parallel property.
- 6. Do **one** of the following.
 - (a) (20 points) Modelling problem:
 - i. Explain how one uses models of an axiomatic system to prove a given statement is **inde-pendent** of that axiomatic system.
 - ii. Use two models of incidence geometry to show that the following statement is independent of incidence geometry. Given distinct lines l, m, and n. If l is parallel to m and m is parallel to n, then l is parallel to n.
 - (b) (20 points) What is the smallest number of lines possible in a model of incidence geometry in which there are exactly 5 points? Include a careful argument supporting your claim (but you need not provide a formal proof.)