CS 70 Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory Spring 2016 Rao and Walrand Discussion 1B

- 1. Let P(x) and Q(x) denote some propositions involving x. For each statement below, either prove that the statement is correct or provide a counterexample if it is false.
 - (a) $\forall x (P(x) \lor Q(x))$ is equivalent to $(\forall x, P(x)) \lor (\forall x, Q(x))$.
 - (b) $\forall x (P(x) \land Q(x))$ is equivalent to $(\forall x, P(x)) \land (\forall x, Q(x))$.
 - (c) $\exists x (P(x) \lor Q(x))$ is equivalent to $(\exists x, P(x)) \lor (\exists x, Q(x))$.
 - (d) $\exists x (P(x) \land Q(x))$ is equivalent to $(\exists x, P(x)) \land (\exists x, Q(x))$.

2. A *perfect square* is an integer *n* of the form $n = m^2$ for some integer *m*. Prove that every odd perfect square is of the form 8k + 1 for some integer *k*.

3. Prove that $2^{1/n}$ is not rational for any integer n > 3. [Hint : Fermat's Last Theorem]

4. Prove that if you put n + 1 apples into n boxes, any way you like, then at least one box must contain at least 2 apples. This is known as the *pigeonhole principle*.

5. Numbers of Friends

Prove that if there are $n \ge 2$ people at a party, then at least 2 of them have the same number of friends at the party.