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List the steps of a proof.

1. Restate the theorem.
2. Mark the start of the proof w/ "Proof".
3. Introduce and explain all variables you use.
4. Use complete sentences.
5. Provide all reasons for your statements/assertions.
6. Display all equations and inequalities.

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List common mistakes.

1. Arguing from examples
2. Jumping to conclusions
3. Circular reasoning
4. Confusing variables.
5. Confusing "any" with "some".

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Is  $0.491491491\dots = 0.\underline{491} \in \mathbb{Q}$ ? Derive.Let  $x = 0.\underline{491}$ . If we take  $1000x$ , we get:  $491.\underline{491}$ .

$$\text{Then, } 1000x - x = 491.\underline{491} - 0.\underline{491} = 491$$

$$999x = 491$$

$$x = \frac{491}{999} \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ since } 491 \text{ and } 999$$

are integers and  
 $999 \neq 0$ .



(1) Prove the following:  $r, s \in \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow (\frac{3}{4}r + \frac{2}{3}s) \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Derive.

By definition of rational,  $r = \frac{a}{b}$  and  $s = \frac{c}{d}$

for some integers  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  where  $b \neq 0$  and  $d \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Then } \frac{3}{4}r + \frac{2}{3}s = \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{c}{d}\right) = \frac{3a}{4b} + \frac{2c}{3d}$$

$$\frac{3a}{4b} + \frac{2c}{3d} = \frac{9ad}{12bd} + \frac{8bc}{12bd} = \frac{9ad + 8bc}{12bd}$$

Let  $p = 9ad + 8bc$  and  $q = 12bd$ . Then  $p$  and  $q$  are integers because sums and products of integers are integers and  $q \neq 0$  by the zero product property.

$$\text{So, } \frac{3}{4}r + \frac{2}{3}s = \frac{p}{q} \text{ where } p \text{ and } q \text{ are integers and } q \neq 0.$$

$\therefore$  by definition of rational,  $\frac{3}{4}r + \frac{2}{3}s \in \mathbb{Q}$

if  $r$  and  $s$  are rational numbers.



(3) Prove the following:  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $r \% 2 = 1$ ,  $s \% 2 = 0 \rightarrow (r * s) \% 2 = 0$

Proof:

Suppose  $r$  and  $s$  are positive integers such that  $r \% 2 = 1$  and  $s \% 2 = 0$ .

By definition of <sup>quotient-remainder</sup> divisibility,  $r \% 2 = 1$  means

$$r = 2k + 1 \text{ for some integer } k.$$

Then  $r$  is odd by definition of odd.

Similarly,  $s \% 2 = 0$  means that

$$s = 2p \text{ for some integer } p.$$

Then  $s$  is even by definition of even.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (r * s) \% 2 &= ((2k + 1) * (2p)) \% 2 \\ &= (4kp + 2p) \% 2 \\ &= (2 * (2kp + p)) \% 2 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $z = 2kp + p$ . Then  $z$  is an integer since the product and sums of integers are integers.

So,  $(r * s) \% 2 = 2z \% 2$  where  $z$  is an integer and  $r * s = 2z$  is even by definition of even.

Since  $r * s$  is even, it equals twice some integer with no remainder as we've shown above.

$$(r * s = 2z + 0 \rightarrow \text{remainder of } 0)$$

$\therefore (r * s) \% 2 = 0$  if  $r \% 2 = 1$  and  $s \% 2 = 0$ .