

Course era

Let  $n$  be any odd prime. If we divide any  $n$  by 4, we get  $n=4k+r$  where  $0 \leq r \leq 4$  i.e.,  $r=0,1,2,3$ , either  $n=4k$  or  $n=4k+1$  or  $n=4k+2$  or  $n=4k+3$ . Clearly,  $4n$  is never prime and  $4n+2=2(2n+1)$  cannot be prime unless  $n=0$  (since, 4 and 2 cannot be factors of an odd

5. Prove that for any Integer  $n$ , at least one of the Integers  $n, n+2, n+4$  is divisible by 3.

Let  $n$  be any positive integer and  $n=3q+r$  where  $q$  is the quotient and  $r$  is the remainder  $0 \leq r < 3$  so the remainders may be 0, 1 and 2 so  $n$  may be in the form of  $3q, 3q+1, 3q+2$ . CASE-1 IF  $n=3q$  here  $n$  is only divisible by 3 CASE 2 If  $n=3q+1$  here only  $n+2$  is divisible by 3 CASE 3 IF  $n=3q+2$  here only  $n+4$  is divisible by 3 HENCE IT IS JUSTIFIED THAT ONE AND ONLY ONE AMONG  $n, n+2, n+4$  IS DIVISIBLE BY 3 IN EACH CASE.

there are infinitely many pairs of "twin primes", pairs of primes separated by 2. such as 3 and 5, 11 and 13, or 71 and 73. Prove that the only prime triple (i.e. three primes, each 2 from the next is 3, 5, 7.

Proof: By contradiction.

Assume  $S_n, n-2, n-4$  are prime. (in  $\mathbb{N}$   $n \geq 5$ )

For any  $S_n$ , at least one of  $S_n, n-2, n-4$  is divisible by 3. since  $S_n-1 \equiv n-4 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

So the prime triple  $(n-2, n-1, n)$  is always expressed as the three consecutive numbers  $(n-2, n-1, n)$ . Contradiction.

35 is the only prime that is a multiple of 3. Hence the

only prime triple is  $(35, 37, 38)$ .

This proves the statement. Fibonacci squares

7. Prove that for any natural number  $2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$

Proof: By Induction on  $n$

For the case  $n = 1$  is true, since the left side is  $2 + 2^2 = 6$  and the right side is  $2^{1+1} - 2 = 2$ .

Assume the identity holds for  $n$ . Add  $2^{n+1}$  to both sides of  $2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$ .  
 $2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n + 2^{n+1} = 2^{n+1} - 2 + 2^{n+1} = 2^{n+2} - 2$   
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Hence by the principle of mathematical induction, the identity holds for all  $n$ .  
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8. Prove (from the definition of a limit of a sequence) that if the sequence  $(a_n)$  tends to limit  $L$  & as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then for any fixed number  $M > 0$ , the sequence  $(Ma_n)$  tends to the limit  $ML$ .

Proof:

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given.

Then since  $a_n$  converges to  $L$ , we need to find an  $\bar{n} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|a_n - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{M}$ ,  $\forall n \geq \bar{n}$ .

So for all  $n \geq \bar{n}$ , we will find

$$|Ma_n - ML| = M|a_n - L| < M \frac{\epsilon}{M} = \epsilon$$

Thus  $(Ma_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  tends to the limit  $ML$ .  $\square$

9. Given an infinite collection  $A_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$  Intervals of the real line, their intersection is defined to be  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \{x \mid (\forall n)(x \in A_n)\}$ . Give an example of a family of intervals  $A_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $A_{n+1} \subset A_n$  for all  $n$  and  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \emptyset$ . Prove that your example has the stated property.

Example:  $A_n = (0, \frac{1}{n}), n = 1, 2, \dots$

Proof:

First, show  $(\forall n)(A_{n+1} \subset A_n)$ .

Let  $n$  be an arbitrary natural number. Then  $A_n =$

$$\left(0, \frac{1}{n}\right] \text{ and } A_{n+1} = \left(0, \frac{1}{n+1}\right]$$

$$A_{n+1} \subset A_n, \text{ i.e. } \left(0, \frac{1}{n+1}\right) \subset \left(0, \frac{1}{n}\right).$$

Let  $x$  denote an arbitrary element of  $\left(0, \frac{1}{n+1}\right)$ . Then  $0 < x < \frac{1}{n+1}$ ,  $0 < x < \frac{1}{n}$ , since  $\frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{n}$ .

So every element of  $A_{n+1}$  is an element of  $A_n$ .

Thus  $(\forall n)(A_{n+1} \subset A_n)$ .

Next show  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \emptyset$ .

We need to find an empty intersection such that  $A_n \supset A_{n+1} \supset A_{n+2} \dots \supset A_{n \rightarrow \infty}$  for all  $n$ .

$A_n, n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \emptyset$ , so if  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\left(0, \frac{1}{n}\right) = (0, 0)$ .

$(0, 0)$  is an empty set. Thus  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

Proof:

First, show  $\{0\} \subset \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ .

For every positive integer,  $0$  is an element of  $(\frac{-1}{n}, \frac{1}{n})$ , so  $0 \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{-1}{n}, \frac{1}{n})$ .

$0 \in \{0\}$ , so every element of  $\{0\}$  is in  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{-1}{n}, \frac{1}{n})$ .  
Hence,  $\{0\} \subset \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{-1}{n}, \frac{1}{n})$  by the definition of subset.

Next show  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \subset \{0\}$ .

Let  $x$  be an element of  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ . Then  $x \in (\frac{-1}{n}, \frac{1}{n})$  for every positive integer.

Assume that  $x \neq 0$ .

Then  $|x| > 0$  and there is a positive integer  $N$  such that  $0 < \frac{1}{N} < |x|$  by archimedean principle.

Hence,  $x \notin (\frac{-1}{N}, \frac{1}{N})$ , but this

leads to a contradiction, so  $x = 0$ .

Therefore  $0$  is the only element of

The sum of any 5 consecutive integers is, in fact, evenly divisible by 5!

To show this let's call the first integer:  $n$

Then, the next four integers will be:

$n+1$ ,  $n+2$ ,  $n+3$  and  $n+4$

Adding these five integers together gives:

$$\begin{aligned} n+n+1+n+2+n+3+n+4 &= n+n+n+n+n+1+2+3+4 \\ n+n+n+n+n+1+2+3+4 &= (1+1+1+1+1)+(1+2+3+4) \end{aligned}$$

$$5n+10$$

$$5n+(5 \times 2)=$$

$$5(n+2)$$

If we divide this sum of any 5 consecutive integers by 5 we get:

$$5(n+2)/5-$$

$$n+2$$

Because  $n$  was originally defined as an integer  $n+2$  is

also an integer.

Therefore, the sum of any five consecutive integers is evenly divisible by 5 and the result is an integer with no remainder.