

1. assume n is an integer, give direct and contraposition proofs

(a) $(n^3 + 5 \text{ is odd}) \Rightarrow (n \text{ is even})$

i. direct proof

- $n^3 + 5$ is odd, $n^3 + 5 = 2k + 1$, $n^3 = 2k - 4$
- $n = \sqrt[3]{2k - 4}$
- a cube root of an even number is always even by definition, statement claimed in p is true

ii. contraposition proof

- assume n is not even, n is odd, $n = 2k + 1$
- $n^3 + 5 = (2k + 1)^3 + 5 \Rightarrow 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 6$
- $8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 6 = 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 3)$
- we have shown that p is even when n is odd, the statement claimed is true

(b) $(3 \text{ does not divide } n) \Rightarrow (3 \text{ divides } n^2 + 2)$

i. direct proof

- if 3 does not divide n , then $n \neq 3k$
- assuming p is true, 3 divides $n^2 + 2$, so $n^2 + 2 = 3k$
- $n^2 = 3k - 2$, then $n = \sqrt{3k - 2}$
- plugging in $n = 3k$, we get $n = \sqrt{n - 2}$
- this is not true for all cases, therefore, this statement is false

ii. contraposition proof

- 3 does not divide by $n^2 + 2$
- therefore, $n^2 + 2 \neq 3k$, for some integer k

- 3 does not divide n , $n \neq 3k$
- $(3k)^2 + 2 \neq 3k$

2. prove by contradiction

(a) $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow x^2 - 4y - 3 \neq 0$

- assume $x^2 - 4y - 3 = 0$
- rearranging variables to isolate x , we get $x^2 = 4y + 3$
- we now know that x^2 is odd, therefore $x^2 = 2k + 1$
- substitute x^2 in, $2k + 1 - 4y = 3$
- isolate y , we get $\frac{2k+1-3}{4} = y$, $y = \frac{2k-2}{4}$
- simplify to get $y = \frac{k-1}{2}$, uh oh, there are integers k that makes y not a positive integer
- the statement is true due to proof by contradiction

3. prove these if and only if, prove two implications

(a) prove: 4 divides $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ IF AND ONLY IF $n = 1 + (-1)^k(2k - 1)$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

(Try $n < 0$, $n = 0$, $n > 0$; k is even/odd.)

i. $p \rightarrow q$

- direct proof: $4k = n \rightarrow n = 1 + (-1)^k(2k - 1)$

ii. $q \rightarrow p$

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4. determine the type of proof and prove

(a) If n is odd, then $n^2 - 1$ is divisible by 8.

- this statement can be proven by a direct proof

- if n is odd, then $n = 2k + 1$
- then with $n^2 - 1$, you can substitute n for $2k + 1$
- becomes $(2k + 1)^2 - 1 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 - 1$
- at its simplest form, it is $4(k^2 + k) \neq 8k$
- by direct proof, the statement is false