

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.)

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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