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## Problem 1: Proving Properties About Integers

### 1. Prove: **For every integer n we have $n \leq n^2$**

This property states  $\forall n (P(n) \rightarrow Q(n))$  where  $P(n)$  is “n is an integer” and  $Q(n)$  is “ $n \leq n^2$ ”. To begin this direct proof of this theorem, we want to prove true implies true. Therefore, we will begin with assuming  $P(n)$  is true, namely, that  $P(n)$  is an integer. We will choose an arbitrary number like 2.

For all numbers, if 2 is an integer (**true**), THEN  $Q(n)$ . Here, in order to prove this statement to be true, we must prove that  $Q(n)$  is also true. Therefore, we solve:

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \leq 2^2 \\ &= 2 \leq 4 \\ &= \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have proven that  $Q(n)$  is true, meaning true implies true, meaning  $\forall n (P(n) \rightarrow Q(n))$  is true. Finally, the property “**For every integer n we have  $n \leq n^2$** ” holds true.

### 2. Prove: **For every integer n, the integer $n^2 + n + 1$ is odd.**

Similar to above, we will perform a direct proof utilizing  $\forall n (P(n) \rightarrow Q(n))$  where  $P(n)$  is “n is an integer” and  $Q(n)$  is “ $n^2 + n + 1$  is odd”. In order to prove this, we assume the hypothesis of the conditional statement is true, namely that  $P(n)$  is an integer n and is true. To follow the definition of an odd integer:

$n = 2k + 1$  where k is some integer. Following the theorem above, we want to show that  $n^2 + n + 1$  is odd and true. To do this, we use the definition of an odd integer and solve:

$$\begin{aligned} &= n^2 + n + 1 \text{ where } n = 2k + 1 && // \text{definition} \\ &= (2k+1)^2 + (2k + 1) + 1 && // \text{substitution} \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 2k + 1 + 1 && // \text{expanding} \\ &= 4k^2 + 6k + 3 && // \text{simplifying} \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 3k) + 3 && // \text{simplifying} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, our theorem holds. By doubling the  $(2k^2 + 3k)$  and adding 3, we are always going to have an odd integer. Consequently,  $P(n)$  which is true, implies  $Q(n)$  which is also true, meaning the property “**For every integer n, the integer  $n^2 + n + 1$  is odd**” is also true.

## Problem 2: Proving Properties About Real Numbers

**1. Prove that:** For every real number  $x$ , if  $x \leq 0$  or  $1 \leq x$  holds, then  $x \leq x^2$  holds as well.

Let  $x = 0$ . If the first property holds, then the second property must hold as well (proving the theorem) Therefore  $P \rightarrow Q$  where  $P = (x \leq 0)$  and  $Q = x \leq x^2$ . Therefore  $0 \leq x^2 = 0 \leq 0$  which means this holds. To try with a negative number, if  $P = -1$ , then  $P$  is true so we can test the second argument which is:

$Q = x \leq x^2 = -1 \leq (-1)^2 = -1 \leq 1$  which is true. Therefore, the property is true as the implication  $P \rightarrow Q$  is always true implies true which is true.

**2. Prove that:** For all real number  $x$  we have  $\lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor$ .

To disprove this theory, we look at the definition of floor function: *The floor function takes as input a real number  $x$  and gives as output the greater integer less than or equal to  $x$ .*

Therefore, if we assume  $x = 3.7$ , then  $\lfloor 2(3.7) \rfloor = \lfloor 7.4 \rfloor = 7$ .

Again, if we assume  $x = 3.7$ , then  $2\lfloor 3.7 \rfloor = 2(3) = 6$ .

Therefore, because 7 is not equal to 6, this property cannot hold for ALL real numbers, however it works for some. For example, take  $x = 2.2$ .

$$\lfloor 2(2.2) \rfloor = 2\lfloor 2.2 \rfloor$$

$$\lfloor 4.4 \rfloor = 2\lfloor 2.2 \rfloor$$

$$4 = 2\lfloor 2.2 \rfloor$$

$$4 = 2(2)$$

$$4 = 4.$$

Therefore, the property is true for  $x = 2.2$ , however for ALL values it does not hold as shown when  $x = 3.7$ .

### Problem 3: Properties of Preimage Sets

1. Prove:  $f^{-1}(S \cup T) = f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T)$

In order to prove  $f^{-1}(S \cup T) = f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T)$ , we must prove that A is a subset of B and that B is also a subset of A.

Therefore, we let  $x$  in A be an element of  $f^{-1}(S \cup T)$ . If this is true, which it is, then  $f(x)$  = element of  $(S \cup T)$ . By the definition, it means that  $f(x)$  belongs to either  $f^{-1}(S)$  or  $f^{-1}(T)$ .

Therefore,  $x$  lies in  $f^{-1}(S \cup T)$  which means  $x$  also lies in  $f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(S \cup T) = f^{-1}(S) \cup f^{-1}(T)$ .

2. Prove:  $f^{-1}(S \cap T) = f^{-1}(S) \cap f^{-1}(T)$

$$= \quad x \in (S \cap T)$$

$$= \quad f(x) \in (S \cap T)$$

$$= \quad f(x) \in S, f(x) \in T$$

$$= \quad x \in f^{-1}(S), x \in f^{-1}(T)$$

$$= \quad x \in f^{-1}(S) \cap f^{-1}(T)$$

### Problem 4: Properties of Functions

**1. This function is injective (one-to-one).**

$$= \quad f(n) = 2019n + 1$$

$$= \quad f(n) = f(y)$$

$$= \quad 2019n + 1 = 2019y + 1$$

$$= \quad 2019n = 2019y$$

$$= \quad n = y$$

The function is also surjective (onto):

$$\begin{aligned} &= y = 2019n + 1 \\ &= y - 1 = 2019n \\ &= (y-1)/2019 = n \\ &= n = (y-1)/2019 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore there is some  $n$  such that  $2019n + 1 = y$ . To get the inverse of  $f(n) = 2019n + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &= f(n) = 2019n + 1 \\ &= n = 2019y + 1 \\ &= 2019y = n - 1 \\ &= y = (n-1) / 2019 \\ &= f^{-1}(n) = (n-1) / 2019 \end{aligned}$$

**2. This function is injective.**

$$\begin{aligned} &= f(n) = n/2 + n/2 \\ &= f(n) = f(y) \\ &= n/2 + n/2 = y/2 + y/2 \\ &= 2n/2 = 2y/2 \\ &= n = y \end{aligned}$$

The function is also surjective (onto):

$$\begin{aligned} &= y = n/2 + n/2 \\ &= y = 2n/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= y = n$$

Since the function is a bijection, the inverse is denoted as follows:

$$= f(n) = n/2 + n/2$$

$$= n = 2y/2$$

$$= y = n$$

$$= f^{-1}(n) = n$$

**3. This function is injective.**

$$= f(x) = x - [x]$$

$$= f(x) = f(y)$$

$$= x - [x] = y - [y]$$

$$= x - n = y - n \quad \text{for } n \leq x < n+1$$

$$= x = y$$

$$= \text{Therefore } f(x) = f(y) \text{ implies that } x = y \text{ for all } x \text{ and } y \text{ in the domain of } [1,2) \rightarrow [0,1).$$

**The function is NOT surjective:**

$$= y = x - [x]$$

$$= y = x - n \quad \text{for } n \leq x < n+1$$

$$= x = y + n \quad \text{for } n \leq x < n+1$$

$$= \text{This function is not onto because there cannot be an } x \text{ which is equal to } y + n \text{ when } x \text{ is less than } n \text{ by the property for } n \leq x < n+1.$$

**4. This function is injective.**

$$\begin{aligned} &= f(x) = (x - \lfloor x \rfloor)^2 \\ &= f(x) = f(y) \\ &= (x - \lfloor x \rfloor)^2 = (y - \lfloor y \rfloor)^2 \\ &= (x - n)^2 = (y - n)^2 \quad \text{for } n \leq x < n+1 \\ &= x = y \\ &= \text{Therefore } f(x) = f(y) \text{ implies that } x = y \text{ for all } x \\ &\quad \text{and } y \text{ in the domain of } [1,2) \rightarrow [0,1). \text{ Because the} \\ &\quad \text{domain is restricted to positive numbers, it is able} \\ &\quad \text{to map to the same number } x = y. \end{aligned}$$

**This function is surjective.**

$$\begin{aligned} &= y = (x - \lfloor x \rfloor)^2 \\ &= y = (x - n)^2 \quad \text{for } n \leq x < n+1 \\ &= \sqrt{y} = x - n \quad \text{for } n \leq x < n+1 \\ &= x = \sqrt{y} + n \quad \text{for } n \leq x < n+1 \\ &= \text{Therefore this function is not surjective because the} \\ &\quad \text{values that restrict the function to the domain do not} \\ &\quad \text{allow the equality to be true.} \end{aligned}$$

## Problem 5: Properties of Functions

**1. Prove: if  $g$  is surjective then so is  $g \circ f$**

Let  $y = f(x) \in B$ . If  $z$  is any element of  $C$  ( $z \in C$ ), then we have  $g(y) = z$ . Therefore, there is an  $x$  in set  $A$  such that  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = z$ . Thus,  $g \circ f$  is surjective if  $g$  is surjective.

**2. Prove: if  $f$  and  $g$  are both injective, then so is  $g \circ f$**

$g \circ f$  is also the set from  $A \rightarrow C$ . To prove this is injective, we must show  $(g \circ f)(x) = (g \circ f)(y)$ . This will eventually lead us to  $x = y$  which means the functions map equally.

If  $(g \circ f)(x) = (g \circ f)(y) = c \in C$ , then equally  $g(f(x)) = g(f(y))$ . Let  $f(x) = x$ ,  $f(y) = y$ , so  $g(x) = g(y)$ .

Because  $g$  is the set from  $B \rightarrow C$  which is injective and  $g(a) = g(b)$ , we know that  $a = b$ . This means that  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Since  $f$  is also the set from  $A \rightarrow B$  is injective and  $f(x) = f(y)$ , we know that  $x = y$ . Therefore,  $g \circ f$  is injective if both  $f$  and  $g$  are injective.