

## 1 Contraposition

Prove the statement "if  $a+b < c+d$ , then  $a < c$  or  $b < d$ ".

We will use contrapositive proof. We need to prove: If  $a \geq c$  and  $b \geq d$ , then  $a+b \geq c+d$ .

✓ Since we know that  $a \geq c$  and  $b \geq d$ , we can sum those two inequalities since they are in the same direction. Their sum is  $a+b \geq c+d$ .

We proved the contrapositive statement. Therefore the original statement holds.

## 2 Perfect Square

A perfect square is an integer  $n$  of the form  $n = m^2$  for some integer  $m$ . Prove that every odd perfect square is of the form  $8k+1$  for some integer  $k$ .

We will prove this by direct proof.

Use lemma: If  $m^2$  is odd, then  $m$  is odd ( $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

✓ Since the integer  $m^2$  is odd perfect square,  $m$  is also odd. Since  $m$  is odd, it can be written in form  $m = 2a+1$ . Therefore the odd perfect square integer  $m^2 = (2a+1)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 &= (2a+1)^2 \\ &= 4a^2 + 4a + 1 \\ &= 4a(a+1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

If  $a$  is even  $a = 2b$ , Therefore  $4(2b)(2b+1) + 1 = 8(2b^2 + b) + 1$  which is in form  $8k+1$ .

If  $a$  is odd  $a = 2b+1$ . Therefore  $4(2b+1)(2b+1+1) + 1 = 4 \cdot 2(2b+1)(b+1) + 1 = 8(2b^2 + 3b + 1) + 1$  which is in form  $8k+1$ .

Since  $a$  is always odd or even,  $m^2$  is of the form  $8k+1$ .

### 3 Infinite Primes

Prove by contradiction that there are an infinite number of primes.

We will prove this by contradiction.

Assume there are  $k$  number of primes:  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k$

Note that every number can be written as product of prime factors.

Consider number  $r = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k + 1$ . Number  $r$  has at least one prime factor  $p_i$ . Therefore  $p_i \mid p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k + 1$  and  $p_i$  has to be in our list.

$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  so  $p_i \mid p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k$ .

Since  $p_i \mid p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k + 1$  and  $p_i \mid p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k$ ,  $p_i \mid (p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k + 1) - (p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k)$ .

But  $(p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k + 1) - (p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k) = 1$ . Therefore  $p_i \mid 1$ . Then  $p_i$  is not a prime number and that is contradiction with our assumption.

We proved the original statement

### 4 Numbers of Friends

Prove that if there are  $n \geq 2$  people at a party, then at least 2 of them have the same number of friends at the party.

(Hint: The Pigeonhole Principle states that if  $n$  items are placed in  $m$  containers, where  $n > m$ , at least one container must contain more than one item. You may use this without proof.)

Consider two cases

1) Everybody at the party has at least 1 friend

Therefore everyone has 1, 2, 3, ... or  $(n-1)$  friends (you can't be friend with yourself). There are  $m = n-1$  numbers of friends.

By Pigeonhole Principle since there are only  $n$  people and  $(n-1)$  different number of friends, at least 2 people have the same number of friends

2) At least one person at the party doesn't have any friends.

Therefore everyone has 0, 1, 2, ... or  $(n-2)$  friends (you can't be friend with yourself and the person with no friends).

There are  $(n-1)$  different numbers of friend, which follows the case above.

By discussing case, we proved the statement

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