

# MAT246 Online Quiz 2

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## 1 Question 1

**Proof:** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Assume  $k$  does not divide  $n^2$ , which  $n^2$  has no factorization, which  $n^2 = k \cdot p$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Meaning  $k$  is not a divisor of  $n^2$ . (Assumption 1)

**Assume for contradiction:**  $k$  can divide  $n$ , which  $n$  has a factorization  $n = k \cdot q$ , where  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $n^2 = n \cdot n$  (from the definition of  $n^2$ ), gives

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 &= n \cdot n \text{ (According to the definition of } n^2) \\ &= (k \cdot q) \cdot (k \cdot q) \text{ (According to the Assumption for Contradiction)} \\ &= k \cdot (q \cdot k \cdot q) \text{ (According to the Commutative Law of Multiplication)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $(q \cdot k \cdot q) \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,  $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $p = (q \cdot k \cdot q)$  where  $n^2 = k \cdot p$ , which is a factorization of  $n^2$ , contradicts to the Assumption 1 that  $n^2$  has no factorization.

Therefore, to conclude, for natural numbers  $k$  and  $n$ , if  $k$  does not divide  $n^2$ , then  $k$  cannot divide  $n$  either. ■

## 2 Question 2

**Proof:** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Assume there are exactly  $k$  many natural numbers  $r$ , such that  $1 \leq r \leq k$ .

To prove there is exactly  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq (k+1)$ , there contains mainly parts, there are no less than  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  and there are no more than  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$ .

**Part 1:** There are no less than  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq (k+1)$ .

Considering the set of natural numbers between 1 and  $k$ , which  $1 \leq r \leq k$ ,  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$ , which contains exactly  $k$  natural numbers. Extending the set listed above to include  $(k+1)$ , the set becomes  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k, (k+1)\}$ . This set contains  $k$  natural numbers from the original set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$  and one more element, which is  $(k+1)$ . Since the original set contains  $k$  natural numbers, and I've added one more  $(k+1)$  to form the new set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k, (k+1)\}$ , there are no fewer than  $(k+1)$  natural numbers  $r$ , which  $1 \leq r \leq (k+1)$ .

**Part 2:** There are no more than  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq (k+1)$ .

**Assume for contradiction:** There are more than  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq (k+1)$ .

Saying there are  $p$  natural numbers between 1 and  $(k+1)$ , according to the assumption for contradiction,  $p > (k+1)$ . Representing the the set of natural numbers between 1 and  $(k+1)$  by using the index, gives:  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_p\}$ , such that  $1 \leq x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_p \leq (k+1)$ .

Since all the numbers  $x_i$  in the set are distinct, there are  $p$  numbers in the set. However, since  $p > (k+1)$ , this means that at least one of the number  $r = x_i$  in the set must be greater than  $(k+1)$ , which contradicts to the assumption for contradiction as we assume all the numbers in  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_p\}$  are between 1 and  $(k+1)$ .

Combining both proofs, we have shown that there are there are no less than  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  and there are no more than  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq (k+1)$ , which there is exactly  $(k+1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq (k+1)$ . ■

### 3 Question 3

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be the set of all natural numbers for which the theorem,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there are exactly  $n$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq n$ , is true. We want to show that  $S$  contains all of the natural numbers. We do this by showing that  $S$  has properties A and B.

For property A, the base case, we need to check that there is exactly one natural number  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq 1$ . It's apparent that, in this case,  $r = 1$ , which there is exactly one natural number satisfying.

To verify property B, let  $k$  be in  $S$ . We must show that  $(k + 1)$  is in  $S$ . For a natural number  $k$ , assume there are exactly  $k$  many natural numbers  $r$ , such that  $1 \leq r \leq k$ , which is the Induction Hypothesis. Show that there is exactly  $(k + 1)$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq (k + 1)$ .

We observed that for property B, we've already proved it in Question 2, which it's true.

Therefore,  $S$  is the set of natural numbers by the Principle of Mathematical Induction. To conclude, for each natural number  $n$ , there are exactly  $n$  many natural numbers  $r$  such that  $1 \leq r \leq n$ .

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