

Small Assignment 1

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1) "For every Integer n , $n^2 + n$ is even"

a) I would fix n to be a variable belonging to all Integers.
I would then show that for all of n , $n^2 + n$ will always be even.

This would be a universal quantifier, All on n needs to work.

b) To show it's false, we would want to fix n to be an Integer, and show that $n^2 + n$ is odd.

This would be an Existential quantifier, as we need only 1 n to evaluate out s.t. $n^2 + n$ is odd to prove the w.t.s. to be false.

2) "If n^2 is even, then n is even"

a) For Direct Proof: $P \rightarrow Q$

Assume n^2 is even

W.T.S. n is even

b) For Contrapositive: $P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$

Assume n^2 is odd (not even)

W.T.S. n is odd (not even)

c) For Contradiction (Indirect):

Assume n^2 is even

W.T.S. n is odd (not even)

3) "For every positive Integer n , $n^2 + n$ is even"

* using induction on n

a) Positive Integers $\rightarrow 1, 2, 3, \dots (N^+)$

$\forall n \in N^+ : P(n) \rightarrow$ universal

we can get to/start with step 1

Base case $\rightarrow P(1)$ Assume $n=1$
w.t.s. $n^2 + n$ is even

b) our steps are $+1$, so we can use $n+1$
 $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

IH: Assume $P(n)$ is true
w.t.s. $P(n+1)$ is True