

# Proof Homework

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## Exercises for Section 8

1.  $x = 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $x^2 = 4m^2 = 2(2m^2), n = 2m^2, n \in \mathbb{Z}$   
Therefore  $x^2$  is a even integer.

- 3  $a = 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $a^2 + 3a + 5 = (2m + 1)^2 + 6m + 3 + 5$   
 $= 4m^2 + 4m + 9 + 6m = 4m^2 + 10m + 9$   
 $= 4m^2 + 10m + 8 + 1 = 2(2m^2 + 5m + 4) + 1$   
Where  $(2m^2 + 5m + 4) = n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , Therefore  $a^2 + 3a + 5 = 2n + 1$ , and is an odd integer.

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$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ y &= 2n + 1, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ xy &= (2m + 1)(2n + 1) \\ &= 4mn + 2m + 2n + 1 \\ &= 2(2mn + m + n) + 1 \\ 2mn + m + n &= b \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &= 2b + 1, \text{Therefore it's odd} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ y &= 2n, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ xy &= (2m)(2n) \\ &= 4mn \\ &= 2(2mn) \\ 2mn &= b \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &= 2b, \text{Therefore it's even} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} b &= ac, c \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b^2 &= a^2c^2, c^2 = d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b^2 &= a^2d, \text{Therefore } a^2|b^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} b &= am, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ d &= cn, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ bd &= (ac)(mn), \text{Therefore } ac|bd \end{aligned}$$

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Case 1, even n  
 $n = 2a, a \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $n^2 + 3n + 4 = 4a^2 + 6a + 4$   
 $= 2(2a^2 + 3a + 2), (2a^2 + 3a + 2) = c, c \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $= 2c, \text{Therefore, } n^2 + 3n + 4 \text{ is even}$

Case 2, odd n  
 $n = 2b + 1, b \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $n^2 + 3n + 4 = 4b^2 + 4b + 1 + 6b + 3 + 4$   
 $= 4b^2 + 10b + 8 = 2(2b^2 + 5b + 4)$   
 $2b^2 + 5b + 4 = d \in \mathbb{Z}, = 2d$   
Therefore,  $n^2 + 3n + 4$  is even

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Case 1: Odd parity  
 $a = 2x + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $b = 2y + 1, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $a + b = (2x + 1) + (2y + 1)$   
 $= 2x + 2y + 2 = 2(x + y + 1)$   
 $x + y + 1 = z \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{Therefore, their sum is even}$

Case 2: Even parity  
 $a = 2x, x \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $b = 2y, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $a + b = (2x) + (2y)$   
 $= 2x + 2y = 2(x + y)$   
 $x + y = z \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{Therefore, their sum is even}$

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$$\begin{aligned} a &= 2x, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= 2y + 1, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ ab &= (2x)(2y + 1) \\ &= 4xy + 2x = 2(2xy + x) \\ 2xy + x &= z \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{Therefore, their product is even} \end{aligned}$$

## Exercises for Section 9

1. By the contrapositive, suppose If n is odd then  $n^2$  is odd

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 2a + 1, a \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n^2 &= (2a + 1)^2 \\ &= 4a^2 + 4a + 1 = 2(2a^2 + 2a) + 1 \\ &= 2a^2 + 2a \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the contrapositive, If  $n^2$  is even, then n is even

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$$\begin{aligned} a &= 2x, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= 2y, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a^2(b^2 - 2b) &= 4x^2(4y^2 - 4y) \\ &= 16x^2y^2 - 16x^2y = 2(8x^2y^2 - 8x^2y) \\ &= 8x^2y^2 - 8x^2y \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the contrapositive, if  $a^2(b^2 - 2b)$  is odd, then a and b are odd

- 5 By the contrapositive, If  $x \geq 0$ , then  $x^2 + 5x \geq 0$

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Case 1: a odd, b even  
 $a = 2x + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $b = 2y, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $a \cdot b = 4xy + 2y$   
 $= 2(2xy + y), (2xy + y) \in \mathbb{Z}$   
a times b is even  
 $a + b = 2x + 2y + 1$   
 $= 2(x + y) + 1$   
a + b is odd

Case 2: b odd, a even  
 $a = 2x, x \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $b = 2y + 1, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $a \cdot b = 4xy + 2x$   
 $= 2(2xy + x), (2xy + x) \in \mathbb{Z}$   
a times b is even  
 $a + b = 2x + 2y + 1$   
 $= 2(x + y) + 1$   
a + b is odd

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Case 3: both odd} \\ a &= 2x + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= 2y + 1, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a \cdot b &= 4xy + 2x + 2y + 1 \\ &= 2(2xy + x + y) + 1, (2xy + x + y) \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{a times b is odd} \\ a + b &= 2x + 2y + 1 + 1 \\ &= 2(x + y + 1) + 1 \\ \text{a + b is even} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the contrapositive, in all cases, there's at least one odd when at least a or b are odd

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$$\begin{aligned} n &= 3x, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n^2 &= 9x^2 = 3(3x^2) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Therefore, by the contrapositive, if 3 is not divisible by  $n^2$ , then 3 is not divisible by n

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$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2a + 1, a \in \mathbb{Z} \\ y &= 2b, b \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x^2(y + 3) &= (4a^2 + 4a + 1)(2b + 3) \\ &= 8a^2b + 8ab + 2b + 12a^2 + 12a + 2 + 1 \\ &= 2(4a^2b + 4ab + b + 6a^2 + 6a + 1) + 1 \\ (4a^2b + 4ab + b + 6a^2 + 6a + 1) &\in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the contrapositive, if  $x^2(y + 3)$  is even, then x is even or y is odd

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$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2a, a \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x^3 - 1 &= (2a)^3 - 1 \\ &= 8a^3 - 1 = 2(4a^3 - 1) + 1 \\ 4a^3 - 1 &\in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the contrapositive, if  $x^3 - 1$  is even the x is odd

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$$\begin{aligned} n &= 2a + 1, a \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n^2 - 1 &= 8b, b \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n^2 - 1 &= 4a^2 + 4a = 4a(a + 1) \\ a(a + 1) &\in \mathbb{Z} = 2b \text{ even} = 4(2b) = 8b \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by direct proof, if n is odd, then 8 is divisible by  $n^2 - 1$

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$$\begin{aligned} a - b &= nx, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a - c &= ny, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ c - b &= n(x - y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by direct proof,  $c \equiv b \pmod{n}$

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$$\begin{aligned} a - 1 &= 5x, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a &= 5x + 1 \\ a^2 &= 25x^2 + 10x + 1 \\ a^2 - 1 &= 25x^2 + 10x \\ a^2 - 1 &= 5(5x^2 + 2x) \\ 5x^2 + 2x &\in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if a congruence 1 mod 5, then  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$

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$$\begin{aligned} a - b &= nx, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ ac - bc &= nxc, xc = y, y \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , then  $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$

Exercises for Section 10

1.

$$n = 2a + 1, a \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$n^2 = 4a^2 + 4a + 1 = 2(2a^2 + 2a) + 1$$
$$2b + 1, b = (2a^2 + 2a) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore, by the contradiction,  $n^2$  is even and odd, which is a contradiction.

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By contradiction,  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is rational  
 $\sqrt[3]{2} = a/b$ , In their simplest form  
 $2 = a^3/b^3 = 2b^3 = a^3, a \text{ is even}$   
 $2b^3 = (2c)^3 = 8c^3 = 2(4c^3), b \text{ is even}$   
Therefore, by contradiction, a, b are both even and odd

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By contradiction, if a is rational and ab is irrational, then b is rational  
 $a = n/m, n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $b = x/y, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $ab = nx/my$   
Therefore, by contradiction, ab is both rational and irrational

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By contradiction, integers a and b exist, for which  $18a+6b = 1$   
 $1 = 18a + 6b$   
 $1 = 2(9a + 3b)$   
Therefore, by contradiction, 1 is even and odd

- Prove that the sum of a rational number and an irrational number is always irrational.

By contradiction, the sum of a rational number and an irrational number is always rational  
 $a = x/y, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $b = \textit{irrational}$   
 $a + b = n/m, n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $b = n/m - x/y$   
 $n/m \text{ and } x/y$ , are rational, therefore, by contradiction, b is rational and irrational

- Prove that the product of a nonzero rational number and an irrational number is always an irrational number. (Why "nonzero"?)

By contradiction, a product of a nonzero rational number and an irrational number is always a rational number  
 $a = x/y, x, y$   
 $ab = n/m, n, m$   
 $b = (n/m)/(a)$   
 $b = ny/$   
Therefore, by contradiction, b is both rational and irrational

Exercises for Section 12

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- 3 ffff
- 5 ffff
- 9 ffff
- 11 ffff
- 15 ffff
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Exercises for Section 13

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- 7 ffff
- 9 ffff
- 11 ffff
- 13 ffff
- 29 ffff