

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

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

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 $b = ac, c \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $b^2 = a^2c^2, c^2 = d \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $b^2 = a^2d$, Therefore $a^2|b^2$

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

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Case 1, even n
 $n = 2a, a \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $n^2 + 3n + 4 = 4a^2 + 6a + 4$
 $= 2(2a^2 + 3a + 2), (2a^2 + 3a + 2) = c, c \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $= 2c$, Therefore, $n^2 + 3n + 4$ 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
 $a = 2x + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $b = 2y + 1, y \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a + b = (2x + 1) + (2y + 1)$
 $= 2x + 2y + 2 = 2(x + y + 1)$
 $x + y + 1 = z \in \mathbb{Z}$, Therefore, their sum is even
Case 2: Even parity
 $a = 2x, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $b = 2y, y \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a + b = (2x) + (2y)$
 $= 2x + 2y = 2(x + y)$
 $x + y = z \in \mathbb{Z}$, Therefore, their sum is even

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

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

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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 $n = 3x, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $n^2 = 9x^2 = 3(3x^2)$ (1)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 $a - b = nx, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a - c = ny, y \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $c - b = n(x - y)$
Therefore, by direct proof, $c \equiv b \pmod{n}$

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 $a - 1 = 5x, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a = 5x + 1$
 $a^2 = 25x^2 + 10x + 1$
 $a^2 - 1 = 25x^2 + 10x$
 $a^2 - 1 = 5(5x^2 + 2x)$
 $5x^2 + 2x \in \mathbb{Z}$
Therefore, if a congruence 1 mod 5, then $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$

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 $a - b = nx, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $ac - bc = nxc, xc = y, y \in \mathbb{Z}$
Therefore, if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, then $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$

Exercises for Section 10

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

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 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

$$a = x/y, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$ab = n/m, n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$b = (n/m)/(x/y)$$
$$b = ny/mx$$

Therefore, by contradiction, b is both rational and irrational

Exercises for Section 12

1.

$$x = 2a, a \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$3x + 5 = 6a + 5 = 6a + 4 + 1$$
$$= 2(3a + 2) + 1$$

Therefore it's odd

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$$a = 2n + 1$$
$$a^3 + a^2 + a = (4n^2 + 4n + 1)(2n + 1) + (4n^2 + 4n + 1) + 2n + 1$$

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Exercises for Section 13

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