

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

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 $1 \pmod{5}$, 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.
- $$\begin{aligned}n &= 2a + 1, a \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n^2 &= 4a^2 + 4a + 1 = 2(2a^2 + 2a) + 1 \\ 2b + 1, b &= (2a^2 + 2a) \in \mathbb{Z}\end{aligned}$$
- Therefore, by the contradiction, n^2 is even and odd, which is a contradiction.
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$$\begin{aligned}\text{By contradiction, } \sqrt[3]{2} &\text{ is rational} \\ \sqrt[3]{2} &= a/b, \text{In their simplest form} \\ 2 &= a^3/b^3 = 2b^3 = a^3, a \text{ is even} \\ 2b^3 &= (2c)^3 = 8c^3 = 2(4c^3), b \text{ is even}\end{aligned}$$

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
- $$\begin{aligned}a &= n/m, n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= x/y, x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ ab &= nx/my\end{aligned}$$
- Therefore, by contradiction, ab is both rational and irrational
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$$\begin{aligned}\text{By contradiction, integers a and b exist, for which } 18a + 6b &= 1 \\ 1 &= 18a + 6b \\ 1 &= 2(9a + 3b)\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}a &= x/y, x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= \text{irrational} \\ a + b &= n/m, n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= n/m - x/y\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Therefore, by contradiction, b is both rational and irrational

Exercises for Section 12

- 1.
- $$\begin{aligned}x &= 2a, a \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 3x + 5 &= 6a + 5 = 6a + 4 + 1 \\ &= 2(3a + 2) + 1 \\ \text{Therefore it's odd}\end{aligned}$$
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- $$\begin{aligned}a &= 2n + 1 \\ a^3 + a^2 + a &= (4n^2 + 4n + 1)(2n + 1) + (4n^2 + 4n + 1) + 2n + 1 \\ &= 8n^3 + 8n^2 + 2n + 4n^2 + 4n + 1 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1 + 2n + 1 \\ &= 8n^3 + 16n^2 + 12n + 3 = 2(4n^3 + 8n^2 + 6n + 1) + 1 \\ a &= 2n \\ \text{By the contrapositive, it's odd} \\ a^3 + a^2 + a &= 8n^3 + 4n^2 + 2n = 2(4n^3 + 2n^2 + n) \\ \text{Therefore, by direct proof it's even}\end{aligned}$$
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$$\begin{aligned}a &= 2n + 1 \\ a^3 &= 8n^3 + 12n^2 + 6n + 1 \\ &= 2(4n^3 + 6n^2 + 3n) + 1 \\ \text{It's odd if a is odd} \\ a &= 2n \\ a^3 &= 8n^3 = 2(4n^3)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the contrapositive, a is odd if and only if a^3 is odd.

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- $$\begin{aligned}a &= 14m, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a &= 7(2m) = 2(7m) \\ \text{Therefore, if } 14 \mid a \text{ then } 7 \mid a &\text{ and } 2 \mid a \\ a &= 2x, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a &= 7y, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ y &= 2z, z \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a &= 14z \\ \text{Therefore, } 14 \mid a &\text{ if and only if } 7 \mid a \text{ and } 2 \mid a\end{aligned}$$
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By the contrapositive, if a is even and b is odd then $(a - 3)b^2$ is odd

$$\begin{aligned}a &= 2n, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (a - 3)b^2 &= (2n - 3)(4m^2 + 4m + 1) = 8nm^2 + 8nm + 2n - 12m^2 - 12m - 4 + 1 \\ &= 2(4nm^2 + 4nm + n - 6m^2 - 6m - 2) + 1 \\ \text{Therefore, it's odd}\end{aligned}$$

Case 2: b is even
 $b = 2x, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $(a - 3)b^2 = (a - 3)(2x)^2 = 2(a - 3)2x^2$
Therefore, it's even

Case 1: a is odd
 $a = 2x + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $(a - 3)b^2 = (2x + 1 - 3)b^2 = 2(x - 1)b^2$
Therefore, it's even

Therefore, $(a - 3)b^2$ is always even

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- $$\begin{aligned}a &= 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= 2n + 1, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a + b &= 2m + 2n + 1 = 2(m + n) + 1 \\ \text{Therefore, a + b is odd}\end{aligned}$$
- Case 2: a, b are odd
 $a = 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $b = 2n + 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a + b = 2m + 2n + 2 = 2(m + n + 1)$
It's even
- Case 1: a, b are even
 $a = 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $b = 2n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a + b = 2m + 2n = 2(m + n)$
It's even
- Therefore, a + b is even
- 17 By the existence method, 97 is that number.
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By the existence method, the set is: $X = \{\mathbb{N}, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

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- By the existence method, the number is: 10

Exercises for Section 13

1. By disproof, when $x = -1$ and $y = -1, |x + y| = 0, |x| + |y| = 2$
- 7 By disproof, when $C = \phi, A = 1, 2, 3, B = 4, 5, 6, A \neq B$
- 9 By disproof, when $A = 1, 2, B = 1, P(A) - P(B)$ is not a subset of $P(A - B)$
- 11 By disproof, when $a = 1, b = 2, a + b = 3, ab = 2$, so $a + b \nmid ab$
- 13 By existence, the set is $X = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\phi\}$
- 29 By disproof, $y = 2, x = 0, |x + y| = |x - y|$, but y is 2