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Problem Set 6

Problem 1

Theorem 1. Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$. If x does not divide y times z, then x does not divide z.

1. Explain why proving this theorem using a direct proof method is challenging. Use 1-2 complete sentences.

Here's why we can't use the direct proof. We can't formulate the statement x does not $y \times z$ with a finite number of logical quantifiers, because there are countably infinite integers.

Let x, y, and z be integers. Let x not divide y×z. Proving that x does not divide z follows from the statement x does not divide y×z is challenging because the integers are infinitely large, specifically countably infinite.

To prove the theorem if x does not divide y×z directly, x does not divide z, we would have to use the definition of x does not divide y×z, known as there does not exist an integer H_1 such that $y \times z = x \times H_1$. $y \times z = x \times H_1$ ($\exists_{H_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} y \times z = x \times H_1$). This means, $y \times z \neq x \times H_1$.

2. Carefully write the contrapositive of the theorem.

We will prove the theorem through the contrapositive proof technique. The contrapositive is that given a set of integers x, y, z, if x divides z then x divides $y \times z$.

3. Prove the theorem by contrapositive.

Proof

Since x divides z, there exists an integer H_1 such that $z = x \times H_1$ ($\exists_{H_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} z = x \times H_1$).

Let x, y, and z be integers. Let x divide z. Then there exists an integer H_1 such that z equals x times H_1 ($\exists_{H_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} z = x \times H_1$). Our goal is to prove that x divides y×z. If x divides y×z, then there exists an integer H_2 such that y times z is equal to x times H_2 ($\exists_{H_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} y \times z = x \times H_2$). We substitute x times H_1 for z in the expression y×z to get $y \times x \times H_1$

We want $y \times x \times H_1$ to be in the form $x \times H_2$. H_2 is the integer $y \times H_1$. The group of integers with the operation of multiplication is closed under the operation of multiplication, so H_2 is an integer.

We have proved that there exists an integer H_2 such that y times z is equal to x times H_2 ($\exists_{H_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} y \times z = x \times H_2$). We have proved x|y×z from x|z. This proves the original theorem because the contrapositive is true.

Problem 2

Problem 2. Prove: Let a, $b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then a b is odd if and only if a is odd and b is odd.

Proof

We will prove the iff statement by proving a b is odd if a is odd and b is odd and a is odd and b is odd if a b is odd.

If a is odd, then $\exists_{b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} a = 2b_1 + 1$. If b is odd then $\exists_{b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} b = b_2 + 1$. We then see $a \times b = (2b_1 + 1)(2b_2 + 1) = 4b_1b_2 + 2b_1 + 2b_2 + 1 = 2(b_1b_2 + b_1 + b_2) + 1$. We have proved $\exists_{b_3 \in \mathbb{Z}} a \times b = 2b_3 + 1$. To be specific, $b_3 = b_1b_2 + b_1 + b_2$. We have finished proving if a is an odd integer and b is odd integer, then $a \times b$ is an odd integer.

Furthermore, if a×b is odd, $\exists_{b_4 \in \mathbb{Z}} a \times b = 2 \ b_4 + 1$. We aim to prove that a is odd and b is odd. We will show that allowing a or b to be even leads to a logical contradiction. If a is even, $\exists_{b_5 \in \mathbb{Z}} a = 2 \ b_5$. If b is even $\exists_{b_6 \in \mathbb{Z}} b = 2 \ b_6$. Then $a \times b = (2 \ b_5) \times (2 \ b_6)$. Then $a \times b = 4 \ b_5 \ b_6$. Then $4 \ b_5 \ b_6 = 2 \ b_4 + 1$. The only set of values that satisfies this equation has at least one rational number for b_4 , b_5 , b_6 . For example, if b_5 is 1 and b_4 is 1, then the value of b_6 that makes $4 \ b_5 \ b_6 = 2 \ b_4 + 1$ or $4 \ (1) \ b_6 = 2 \ (1) + 1 = 4 \ b_6 = 3$ is $b_6 = 4/3$. This leads to a logical contradiction because we assumed b_6 is an integer and b_6 is an integer and b_6 is an integer. We assumed that b_5 or b_6 is an integer such that $a = 2 \ b_5$ and $b = 2 \ b_6$ which led to nonsense. Therefore a and b must always be odd. We have shown that if $a \times b$ is odd, a and b must be odd.

We have proven axb is odd iff a is odd and b is odd.

Problem 3

Problem 3: Prove: There exists $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x^2 - 8 < 2x$.

Proof

We will find an instance of $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x^2 - 8 < 2x$ to prove $\exists_{x,x \in \mathbb{R}} x^2 - 8 < 2x$. We have x = 0. The number 0 is a real number and $0^2 - 8 = -8$ and -8 < 2(0) and -8 < 0, so the inequality holds. We have proven $\exists_{x,x \in \mathbb{R}} x^2 - 8 < 2x$!

Problem 4

Problem 3: Prove: There exists x, y $\in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \le 2xy$.

Proof

We will find an instance of x, $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \le 2xy$ to prove $\exists_{x,x \in \mathbb{R}} \exists_{y,y \in \mathbb{R}} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \le 2xy$. We have x=0 and y=0. The number 0 is a real number. We see $\sqrt{(0)^2 + (0)^2} \le 2(0)(0)$. Next $\sqrt{0} \le 0$. Next $0 \le 0$, so the inequality holds with x=0 and y=0. We have proven $\exists_{x,x \in \mathbb{R}} \exists_{y,y \in \mathbb{R}} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \le 2xy$!

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