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Q

$$\overbrace{n^2 \text{ is odd}}^P \leftrightarrow \overbrace{n \text{ is odd}}^Q, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \quad \text{If } n^2 \text{ is odd} \rightarrow n \text{ is odd}$$

I will use a proof by contraposition $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$

Suppose n is an even integer, so $n = 2k$, for some integer k

$$\text{So } n^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 2(2k^2)$$

Because $2(2k^2)$ is the form of an even

number, we have proven by contraposition that

If n^2 is odd then n is odd

$$Q \rightarrow P \quad \text{If } n \text{ is odd then } n^2 \text{ is odd}$$

I will use a direct proof

Suppose that n is odd, so $n = 2k+1$, for some integer k

$$\text{So } n^2 = (2k+1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$$

Because we have shown that $n^2 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$, that is the form of an odd number.

Therefore, we have shown by direct proof that if n is odd then n^2 is odd.

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If ab is even then a or b is even

I will prove this by a proof by contrapositive
 $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$

$\neg Q$: If a and b are odd then $\neg P$: ab is odd

Supposing that a and b are both odd then

$a = 2k+1$ and $b = 2l+1$, for some integer k .

Then $ab = (2k+1)(2l+1) = 4kl + 2k + 2l + 1 = 2(2kl + k + l) + 1$
 $2(2kl + k + l) + 1$ is the form of an odd number.

Hence, we have shown, by contrapositive, that if ab is even then a or b is even.

There is no positive integer such that $n^3 + n^2 = 100$

I will use a proof by Existence

Suppose $n = 4$

$$\text{Then } n^3 + n^2 = 4^3 + 4^2 = 64 + 16 = 80$$

$$80 < 100 \quad \text{so} \quad n > 4$$

Suppose $n = 5$

$$\text{Then } n^3 + n^2 = 5^3 + 5^2 = 125 + 25 = 150$$

$$100 < 150, \quad \text{so} \quad n < 5$$

Therefore, $4 < n < 5$

Hence, we have proven, by existence, that n is not a positive integer. This is because $4 < n < 5$.

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