

Midterm

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1. Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove the following using contraposition: if $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ then $a + b + c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.
2. Show that for any prime number $p > 2$ there is some prime number q strictly greater than p and smaller than $p!$. Prove this claim directly.
3. Use proof by contradiction to show that $n^2 \notin \Omega(n!)$. **You may not use the limit rule. Please use the formal definition of big Omega.**
4. Use proof by induction over $|B|$ to show the following claim: For any sets A and B , $|A \times B| = |A| \times |B|$.
5. Show that $4^{2n-1} + 3^{n+1}$ is divisible by 13 for all $n \geq 1$ by induction.
6. Prove the following claim by contradiction: If p, q and $\sqrt{2}p + \sqrt[3]{3}q$ are all rational number, show that $p = q = 0$. You can assume $\sqrt{2}$ and $\sqrt[3]{3}$ are both irrational.
7. A restaurant has a four course meal and for each course customers have a choice of three dishes per course and must choose exactly one dish. What is the fewest number of customers that the restaurant must have during a single evening dinner service to ensure that 4 customers order the exact same meal i.e. they ordered the same dish for each course for all four courses? Prove your answer.
8. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ be its inverse relation. f^{-1} is a bijective function. Show that f is a bijection.
 - (a) Use proof by contradiction to show that f is injective.
 - (b) Use proof by contradiction to show that f is surjective.
 - (c) **You cannot simply cite any results shown in the textbook or class.**
 - (d) **You must write your answer in as much quantificational logic as you can. You will not receive much credit for answers not written in quantificational logic.**