

Course Name: Discrete Mathematics (CS206)

Assignment No.: 3 (4 September 2020) Submission Deadline: 10th September 2020 (6 PM)

Full Marks: 25

Submission

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1. (a) Show that the square of an even number is an even number using a direct proof.
(b) Prove that if $m + n$ and $n + p$ are even integers, where m , n , and p are integers, then $m + p$ is even. What kind of proof did you use?
(c) Use a direct proof to show that every odd integer is the difference of two squares.
(2 X 2 X 2 = 6 Marks)
2. Show that these statements about the integer n are equivalent:
(a) p_1 : n is even.
(b) p_2 : $n - 1$ is odd.
(c) p_3 : n^2 is even.
(2 X 2 X 2 = 6 Marks)
3. (a) Use a proof by contradiction to show that there is no rational number r for which $r^3 + r + 1 = 0$.
[Hint: Assume that $r = a/b$ is a root, where a and b are integers and a/b is in lowest terms. Obtain an equation involving integers by multiplying by b^3 . Then look at whether a and b are each odd or even.]
(b) Use a proof by contradiction to prove that the sum of an irrational number and a rational number is irrational.
(2+3= 5 Marks)
4. Show that if n is an integer and $n^3 + 5$ is odd, then n is even using
(a) a proof by contraposition.
(b) a proof by contradiction.
(2 X 2 = 4 Marks)
5. (a) Prove the proposition $P(0)$, where $P(n)$ is the proposition “If n is a positive integer greater than 1, then $n^2 > n$.” What kind of proof did you use?
(b) Let $P(n)$ be the proposition “If a and b are positive real numbers, then $(a + b)^n \geq a^n + b^n$.” Prove that $P(1)$ is true. What kind of proof did you use?
(2 X 2 = 4 Marks)