

Assignment 1

1.7.28. $P: n=2k$ $Q: 7n+4$, even

: Prove that if n is a positive integer, then n is even if and only if $7n+4$ is even.

Solution:

$P \Rightarrow Q$:

$n \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 0, n=2k$ for some integer k .

$$\text{Then } 7n+4 = 7 \cdot 2k+4 = 14k+4 = 2(7k+2)$$

Hence, $7n+4$ is even.

$Q \Rightarrow P$: proof by converse $\neg P \Rightarrow \neg Q$

$n=2k+1$ for some integer k

$$\text{Then } 7n+4 = 7(2k+1)+4 = 14k+7+4 = 14k+11 = 2(7k+5)+1$$

Hence, n is odd if and only if $7n+4$ is odd. \square

1.7.30.

Prove that $m^2=n^2$ if and only if $m=n$ or $m=-n$

Solution:

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(\Rightarrow)

$$\text{if } m^2=n^2 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{m^2} = \sqrt{n^2} \Leftrightarrow \pm m = \pm n$$

Thus, $m=n$ or $-m=n \Leftrightarrow m=-n$ or $m=-n$ or

$$-m=-n \Leftrightarrow m=n$$

Hence, $m^2=n^2$ iff $m=n$ or $m=(-n)$ \square

1.8.32

Prove that there are no solutions in integers x and y to the equation $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$.

Solution: by cases:

Because x and y are squared, negative values for x and y are equal to its positive counterpart. Therefore we say: $x \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{N}$

① Because $2x^2$ for $x > 2$ is greater than 14 if $x \in \mathbb{N}$. We conclude that x only could be 0, 1 or 2.

② Because $5y^2$ for $y > 1$ is greater than 14 if $y \in \mathbb{N}$. We conclude that y only could be 0 or 1.

Proof by cases:

① $x=1$ and $y=1$

$$2 \cdot 1^2 + 5 \cdot 1^2 \neq 14$$

⑤ $x=1$ and $y=0$

$$2 \cdot 1^2 + 5 \cdot 0^2 \neq 14$$

② $x=2$ and $y=1$

$$2 \cdot 2^2 + 5 \cdot 1^2 \neq 14$$

⑥ $x=2$ and $y=0$

$$2 \cdot 2^2 + 5 \cdot 0^2 \neq 14$$

③ $x=0$ and $y=0$

$$2 \cdot 0^2 + 5 \cdot 0^2 \neq 14$$

no solution for $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$

④ $x=0$ and $y=1$

$$2 \cdot 0^2 + 5 \cdot 1^2 \neq 14$$

Hence, there are no solutions for $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$ if $x \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge y \in \mathbb{Z}$. \square

2.3.26

Prove that a strictly increasing function from \mathbb{R} to itself is one-to-one.

Solution: ... or ...

Proving $(a \neq b \text{ and } f(a) \neq f(b))$

if $a > b$, then $f(a) < f(b)$

if $a < b$, then $f(a) > f(b)$

Thus if $a \neq b$, then $f(a) \neq f(b)$

Hence, a strictly increasing function from \mathbb{R} to itself is not one-to-one.

b) Find a function that for example satisfies

$a \neq b \text{ and } f(a) = f(b)$ or $a = b \text{ and } f(a) \neq f(b)$

An example function: $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$

$f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$ and $f(1.5) = f(1.9) = 1$

Due to some values having the same image.