

HW2 Proof Method

1. Fill in the blanks: given $n = 2k$ for even and $n = 2k+1$ for odd

- 4 is even because $4=2(\underline{2})$. Here, $\underline{4}$ plays the role of n and $\underline{2}$ plays the role of k .
- 5 is odd because $5=2(\underline{2})+1$. Here, $\underline{5}$ plays the role of n and $\underline{2}$ plays the role of k .
- -4 is even because $-4=2(\underline{-2})$. Here, $\underline{-4}$ plays the role of n and $\underline{-2}$ plays the role of k .
- -5 is odd because $-5=2(\underline{-2})+1$. Here, $\underline{-5}$ plays the role of n and $\underline{-2}$ plays the role of k .
- 0 is even because $0=2(\underline{0})$. Here, $\underline{0}$ plays the role of n and $\underline{0}$ plays the role of k .

2. Fill in the blanks Use a **direct proof** to show that If n_1 and n_2 are even, then n_1+n_2 is even. Suppose that n_1 and n_2 are even. By definition, there exist an integer $\underline{n_1}$

such that $n_1=2(\underline{k})$ and there exists an integer $\underline{n_2}$ such that $n_2=2(\underline{k})$. Consider the sum of n_1 and n_2 : $n_1+n_2= \underline{2k+2k} = 2(\underline{2k})$.

Let $\underline{2k} = \underline{2(2k)}$ Thus $n_1+n_2=2(\underline{2k})$ for some integer \underline{k} . By definition, we know that n_1+n_2 is even.

3. Use **direct proof** to show the following theorem: If n is even, then n^2 is even.

Suppose that n is even then $n = 2k$ for some integer k .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider. } n^2 &= (2k)^2 \\ &= 4k^2 \\ &= 2(2k^2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $n^2 = 2(2k^2)$ for some integer k . By definition, we know that n is even.

4. Use **direct proof** to show the following theorem: If n is odd, then $3n^2+5n+18$ is even.

Suppose that n is odd then $n = 2k+1$ for some integer k .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider. } 3n^2 + 5n + 18 &= 3(2k+1)^2 + 5(2k+1) + 18 \\ &= 3(4k^2 + 4k + 1) + 10k + 5 + 18 \\ &= 12k^2 + 12k + 3 + 10k + 5 + 18 \\ &= 12k^2 + 22k + 26 \\ &= 2(6k^2 + 11k + 13) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $3n^2 + 5n + 18 = 2(6k^2 + 11k + 13)$ is even. for some integer k . By definition, we know that n is odd.

5. Fill in the blanks. Use a **contrapositive proof** For any integer n , if $5n+3$ is even, then n is odd.

Proof. To construct a proof by contrapositive, $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$

If n is not odd, $5n+3$ is not even

Suppose that n is not odd. We know that n is even. By definition, there exists an integer such that $n=2(\underline{k})$. Consider:

$$5n+3 = 5(2k)+3 = 10k+3 = 2(5k+1)+1.$$

Let $2k$ = $2(5k+1)+1$. Thus $5n+3=2(5k+1)+1$ for some integer k . By definition, we know that $5n+3$ is odd. Hence $5n+3$ is not even.

6. Use a **contrapositive proof** If $3n^2+5n+18$ is not even, then n is not even.

Proof. To construct a proof by contrapositive, $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg p$

If n is even, then $3n^2+5n+18$ is even.

Suppose that n is not even. We know that n is even. By definition, there exists an integer such that $n = 2k$. Consider:

$$\begin{aligned} 3n^2+5n+18 &= 3(2k)^2+5(2k)+18 \\ &= 12k^2 + 10k + 18 \\ &= 2(6k^2 + 5k + 9) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $3n^2+5n+18 = 2(6k^2 + 5k + 9)$ for some integer k . By definition, we know that $3n^2+5n+18$ is even. Hence $3n^2+5n+18$ is even.

7. Use a **contrapositive proof** If n^2 is even, then n is even.

Proof. To construct a proof by contrapositive, $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg p$

If n is not even, then n^2 is not even.

Suppose that n is not even. We know that n is odd. By definition, there exists an integer such that $n=2k+1$. Consider:

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 &= (2k+1)^2 \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $n^2 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$ for some integer k . By definition, we know that n^2 is odd. Hence n^2 is not even.

8. Fill in the blanks. **Use proof by contradiction**

Let n be an integer. If $n^2 + 5$ is odd, then n is even.

assume both p and $\neg q$ are true

Proof. Suppose, for the sake of contradiction, that $n^2 + 5$ is odd and n is also odd.

By definition, then, there exists integers k and l so that $n^2 + 5 = \underline{2k+1}$ and $n = \underline{2k+1}$.

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2k + 1 &= n^2 + 5 \\ &= (\underline{2k+1})^2 + 5 \\ &= \underline{4k^2+4k+1} + 5 \\ &= 2(\underline{2k^2 + 2k + 3}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $2k + 1$ is $2(2k^2 + 2k + 3)$. This is clearly impossible, and hence we cannot have that $n^2 + 5$ is odd and n is also odd.

Therefore, if that $n^2 + 5$ is odd, we must have n is even.

9. Use **proof by contradiction** to show that if n is an integer, and n^3+5 is odd, then n is even

assume both p and $\neg q$ are true

Proof. Suppose, for the sake of contradiction, that $n^3 + 5$ is odd and n is also odd.

By definition, then, there exists integers k so that $n^3 + 5 = \underline{2k+1}$ and $n = \underline{2k+1}$.

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2k + 1 &= n^3 + 5 \\ &= (2k + 1)^3 + 5 \\ &= (8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 1) + 5 \\ &= 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 6 \\ &= 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $2k+1$ is $2(4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 3)$. This is clearly impossible, and hence we cannot have that $n^3 + 5$ is odd and n is also odd.

Therefore, if that $3n^2+5n+18$ is odd, we must have n is even.

10. Use **proof by contradiction** to show that if $3n^2+5n+18$ is not even, then n is not even

assume both p and $\neg q$ are true

Proof. Suppose, for the sake of contradiction, that $3n^2+5n+18$ is odd and n is even.

By definition, then, there exists integers k so that $3n^2+5n+18 = 2k+1$ and $n = 2k$.

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2k+1 &= 3n^2+5n+18 \\ &= 3(2k)^2 + 5(2k) + 18 \\ &= 3(4k^2) + 5(2k) + 18 \\ &= 12k^2 + 10k + 18 \\ &= 2(6k^2 + 5k + 9) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $2k+1$ is $2(6k^2 + 5k + 9)$. This is clearly impossible, and hence we cannot have that $3n^2+5n+18$ is odd and n is even.

Therefore, if that $3n^2+5n+18$ is odd, we must have n is not even.