

**Theorem 1**

- The theorem statement is incorrect: for example, if  $a = 6, b = 3, c = 4$ , then  $a|(bc)$  but  $a \nmid b$  and  $a \nmid c$ .
- The proof only looks at one case and generalizes to the entire integers.

**Corrected Theorem and Proof**

**Theorem 1.** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a < b < c$ . If  $a|(bc)$ , then  $a|b$  or  $a|c$

*Proof.* Suppose toward contradiction that for  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a|(bc)$ ,  $a \nmid b$ , and  $a \nmid c$ . Then  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b \neq xa$  and  $c \neq ya$ . Then,  $bc \neq (xy)a$ . However, this means  $a \nmid bc$ , as  $xy \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\perp$  □

**Theorem 2**

- The proof states the wrong assumption.
- The proof states the wrong conclusion, it is supposed to be that  $1 > \frac{1}{a}$ , not  $a > \frac{1}{a}$ .

**Corrected Theorem and Proof**

**Theorem 2.** If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a > 1$ , then  $0 < \frac{1}{a} < 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a > 1$ . Then,  $a > 0$ , so  $\frac{1}{a} > 0$ .

By the order properties of  $\mathbb{R}$ , multiplication by  $\frac{1}{a}$  must preserve the sign in the inequality  $a > 1$ . So,  $\frac{a}{a} > \frac{1}{a}$ .

Thus, we have  $0 < \frac{1}{a} < 1$ . □

**Theorem 3**

- Instead of `\abs{x}`, the command for absolute value is  $|x|$ .
- Instead of `\epsilonpsilon`, the proof writer should have used `\varepsilonpsilon`.
- The proof does not state that it is toward contradiction.

**Corrected Theorem and Proof**

**Theorem 3.** If  $|x| < \varepsilon$  for every real number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then  $x = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose toward contradiction that  $\exists x \neq 0$  such that  $|x| < \varepsilon$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Then,  $\frac{|x|}{2} > 0$ , as  $|x| \neq 0$ . This means  $|x| < \frac{|x|}{2}$  by the theorem hypothesis.

Dividing by  $|x|$ , we get  $1 < \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\perp$  □

**Theorem 4**

- The theorem's proof uses  $k$  to denote the values of both  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Corrected Theorem and Proof**

**Theorem 4.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $b \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Then,  $(a + b) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $b \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Then, for some  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a = 3k + 1$  and  $b = 3\ell + 2$ .

Then,  $a + b = (3k + 1) + (3\ell + 2) = 3(k + \ell + 1)$ , so  $a + b \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . □

**Theorem 5**

- The proof of the theorem is often imprecise, using words such as “impossible,” and does not state that it is toward contradiction.
- In the third sentence of the proof, math mode is used even though the word “and” should not be in math mode.

**Corrected Theorem and Proof**

**Theorem 5.** *There are no integers  $a, b$  for which  $2a + 4b = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose toward contradiction that  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $2a + 4b = 1$ . Then,  $a + 2b = \frac{1}{2}$ . However, since  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $a + 2b$  are all operations □

**Theorem 6**

- The proof of the theorem uses  $k$  in reference to both  $n$  and  $n^2 + 5$ .

**Corrected Theorem and Proof**

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $n$  be an integer. If  $n^2 + 5$  is odd, then  $n$  is even.*

*Proof.* Let  $n$  be odd. Then,  $n = 2k + 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So,  $n^2 + 5 = (2k + 1)^2 + 5$ , or  $(4k^2 + 4k + 1) + 5$ . So,  $n^2 + 5 = 2(2k^2 + 2k + 3)$ . □

**Theorem 7**

- The proof states that it is “to the contrary,” rather than by contradiction.
- $n^2$  cannot be less than  $n$  by the ordering properties of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 8**

- The series  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \cdots$  is conditionally convergent, meaning that its terms can be rearranged to satisfy any condition, implying that this proof cannot hold.
- On the first line of the second **align** section, there are two equal signs.
- On the third line, a  $-$  is put in place of a  $2$ .