

# Homework 4

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1. a.  $8 = 2^3$   
 $9 = 3^2$

8 and 9 are consecutive

QED

Disproof by counterexample

b. Let  $a = 4x + 1$  and  $b = 4y + 1$

$$a \cdot b = (4x + 1)(4y + 1) = 16xy + 4x + 4y + 1$$

$$\text{let } z = 4xy + x + y$$

$$a \cdot b = 4z + 1$$

QED

Direct Proof

c. Contrapositive: If  $ax + by = e$  and  $cx + dy = f$  can't be solved for  $x$  and  $y$  (real numbers), then  $a, b, c, d, e$ , and  $f$  aren't real numbers such that  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

Let  $x = mi$  and  $y = ni$  (since they're non-real numbers)  
 $ami + bni \neq e$  where  $a, b, e, m$ , and  $i$  are real constants because the addition of two complex numbers can't result in a real number

QED

Proof by Contraposition

2.  $W(x)$  = "x is a wizard"  $P(x)$  = "x likes to play"

$Q(x)$  = "x plays Quiddich"  $R(x)$  = "x likes to relax"  $S(x)$  = "x likes to sleep"

Given  $\exists x (W(x) \wedge (R(x) \Rightarrow \neg Q(x)))$

$\neg Q(x) = \neg P(x)$  by modus tollens

$\exists x (W(x) \wedge (R(x) \Rightarrow \neg P(x)))$

$\neg P(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$  given  $P(x)$  by disjunctive syllogism

$\exists x (W(x) \wedge (R(x) \wedge S(x)))$

QED

Direct Proof



~~3. a. Contradiction~~

S. a.  $n = 2k$

$$7n+4 = 14k+4 = 2(7k+2)$$

$$7n+4 = 2k$$

$$n = \frac{2k-4}{7} = 2\left(\frac{k-2}{7}\right) \text{ (always even if } k \text{ is an integer)}$$

QED

Direct proof

b.  $n = 2k+1$

$$5n+6 = 10k+11 = 2(5k+5)+1$$

$$5n+6 = 2k+1$$

$$n = \frac{2k-5}{5} = 2\left(\frac{k-5}{5}\right) + 1 \text{ (always odd if } k \text{ is an integer)}$$

QED

Direct proof

4. ~~Contradiction~~ Contradiction:  $r$  is odd if  $p$  and  $q$  are even

$$p = 2k \quad q = 2k$$

$$r = 4k^2 + 2k + 2k$$

$$= 2k(2k+2)$$

an even number times an even number can't be odd

~~Contradiction~~ Contradiction:  $p$  and  $q$  are odd if  $r$  is even

$$r = (2k+1)^2 + 2k+1 + 2k+1 = 4k^2 + 8k + 3 =$$

$$= 2(2k^2 + 4k + 1) + 1$$

2 times any integer plus 1 can't be even

QED

Proof by Contradiction



$$\leq, 1^F = 1 \quad 2^F = 16 \quad 3^F = 81 \quad 4^F = 256 \quad 5^F = 625 \quad 6^F = 1296$$

$$7^F = 2401$$

We only need to check combinations of  $1^F$  to  $6^F$ .

$$1 + 1 = 1 \neq 2401$$

$$1 + 16 = 17 \neq 2401$$

$$1 + 81 = 82 \neq 2401$$

$$1 + 256 = 257 \neq 2401$$

$$1 + 625 = 626 \neq 2401$$

$$1 + 1296 = 1297 \neq 2401$$

$$16 + 81 = 97 \neq 2401$$

$$16 + 256 = 272 \neq 2401$$

$$16 + 625 = 641 \neq 2401$$

$$81 + 256 = 337 \neq 2401$$

$$81 + 625 = 706 \neq 2401$$

$$81 + 1296 = 1377 \neq 2401$$

$$256 + 625 = 881 \neq 2401$$

$$256 + 1296 = 1552 \neq 2401$$

$$625 + 1296 = 1921 \neq 2401$$

QED

Proof by Exhaustion