

1. Prove that $(n+1)^3 \geq 3^n$ if $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \leq 4$.

2. For any real number x the absolute value of x is denoted by $|x|$ and is defined as
$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$
Show that for every real x , if $|x+7| > 8$, then $|x| > 1$.

3. Show that the product of any even integer and any other integer is even.

4. Show that product of 2 consecutive integers is even.

5. Show that the square of an odd integer equals $8k+1$ for some integer k .

6. Show that if n is a multiple of three, n^2 is a multiple of three.

7. Show that product of 3 consecutive integers is even.

8. Show that for any sets A and B , if $A \subseteq B$ then $(A \cup B) = B$.

9. Show by contraposition that for any sets A and B , if $A \subseteq B$ then $(A \cap B) = A$.

10. Let A, B, C, D be arbitrary sets. Prove that $(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap D) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)$.

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1. Prove that $(n+1)^3 \geq 3^n$ if $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n < 4$.

Proof

Proof by exhaustion.

Case I

$$n=0 : (0+1)^3 \geq 3^0$$

$$1^3 \geq 3^0$$

$$1 \geq 1$$

$$\therefore n=0 \rightarrow (n+1)^3 \geq 3^n$$

$$\text{Case II } n=2 : (2+1)^3 \geq 3^2$$

$$3^3 \geq 3^2$$

$$27 \geq 9$$

$$\therefore n=2 \rightarrow (n+1)^3 \geq 3^n$$

$$\text{Case III } n=4 : (4+1)^3 \geq 3^4$$

$$5^3 \geq 3^4$$

$$125 \geq 81$$

$$\therefore n=4 \rightarrow (n+1)^3 \geq 3^n$$

Case II

$$n=1 : (1+1)^3 \geq 3^1$$

$$2^3 \geq 3^1$$

$$8 \geq 3$$

$$\therefore n=1 \rightarrow (n+1)^3 \geq 3^n$$

$$\text{Case IV } n=3 : (3+1)^3 \geq 3^3$$

$$4^3 \geq 3^3$$

$$64 \geq 27$$

$$\therefore n=3 \rightarrow (n+1)^3 \geq 3^n$$

\therefore From every case, we can conclude that

$(n+1)^3 \geq 3^n$ if $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \leq 4$

2. For any real number x the absolute value of x is denoted by $|x|$ and is defined as

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Show that for every real x , if $|x+7| > 8$, then $|x| > 1$.

Proof

Proof by contrapositive

\therefore We must show that if $|x| \leq 1$, then $|x+7| \leq 8$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

From $|x| \leq 1$, we can conclude that $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

From $|x+7| \leq 8$, we can conclude that $-8 \leq x+7 \leq 8$

\therefore We must show that $-1 \leq x \leq 1 \rightarrow -8 \leq x+7 \leq 8$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1 \rightarrow -6 \leq x+7 \leq 8$$

$$\rightarrow -8 \leq x+7 \leq 8$$

$$\rightarrow |x+7| \leq 8$$

$$\therefore |x| \leq 1 \rightarrow |x+7| \leq 8, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

3. Show that the product of any even integer and any other integer is even.

Proof

Proof by Cases.

Case I

$$\begin{aligned} a \text{ is even and } b \text{ is even: } a = 2x, \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b = 2y, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned} \quad \left\} ab = (2x)(2y) = 4xy = 2z, \exists z = 2xy \in \mathbb{Z} \right.$$

$\therefore ab$ is even

Case II

$$\begin{aligned} a \text{ is even and } b \text{ is odd: } a = 2x, \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b = 2g+1, \exists g \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned} \quad \left\} ab = (2x)(2g+1) = 4xy + 2x = 2z \right.$$

$$\exists z = (2xy+x) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore ab$ is even

\therefore From every case we can conclude that "The product of any even integer and any other integer is even"

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4. Show that product of 2 consecutive integers is even.

Proof

Proof by cases.

Let the first integer be n .

Case I If n is even: $n = 2k$

$$\therefore n(n+1) = (2k)(2k+1) = 4k^2 + 2k = 2(2k^2 + k) = 2x ; \exists x = 2k^2 + k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Case II If n is odd: $n = 2k+1$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore n(n+1) &= (2k+1)(2k+1+1) = (2k+1)^2 + (2k+1) = (4k^2 + 4k + 1) + (2k+1) = 4k^2 + 6k + 2 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 3k + 1) \\ &= 2x ; \exists x = 2k^2 + 3k + 1 \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore From every case we can conclude that

"The product of 2 consecutive integers is even"

5. Show that the square of an odd integer equals $8k+1$ for some integer k .

Proof

Proof by direct proof

We know that k is odd number. $\therefore k = 2n+1$

$$\therefore (2n+1)^2 = (2n)(2n) + 4n + 1 = 4(n)(n+1) + 1$$

From PS 2 part 4: $n(n+1) = 2n ; \exists n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \therefore 4(n)(n+1) + 1 = 4(2n) + 1 = 8n + 1$

\therefore We can conclude that "The square of an odd integer equals $8k+1$ for some integer $k"$

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6. Show that if n is a multiple of three, n^2 is a multiple of three.

Proof

If n is a multiple of three $\therefore n = 3m ; \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore n^2 = (3m)^2 = 9m^2 = 3(3m^2) = 3k ; \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore n^2$ is a multiple of three.

\therefore we can conclude that "If n is a multiple of three, n^2 is a multiple of three" ~~*~~

7. Show that product of 3 consecutive integers is even.

Proof

Proof by cases.

Let n be the first integer

Case I If n is even: $n = 2m ; \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$

\therefore the product of the 3 consecutive integer is $n(n+1)(n+2) = (2m)(2m+1)(2m+2)$

From PS 2 part 4 $2m(2m+1)(2m+2) = 2x ; x$ is even number

From PS 2 part 3 $2x$ is even

\therefore If the first consecutive integer (n) is even, then the product of 3 consecutive number is even ~~*~~

Case II If n is odd: $n = 2m+1 ; \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$

\therefore the product of 3 consecutive integer is $(2m+1)(2m+2)(2m+3)$

From PS 2 part 4 $(2m+1)(2m+2)(2m+3) = (2m+1)x ; x$ is even

From PS 2 part 3 $(2m+1)x$ is even.

\therefore If the first consecutive integer (n) is odd, then the product of 3 consecutive integer is even ~~*~~

\therefore From every case, we can conclude that "The product of 3 consecutive integers is even" ~~*~~

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8. Show that for any sets A and B, if $A \subseteq B$ then $(A \cup B) = B$.

Proof

We must show that $A \cup B \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A \cup B$

For any set A and B

Lemma I $A \cup B \subseteq B$: We must show that "For any $x \in A \cup B \rightarrow x \in B$ "

For any $x \in A \cup B$: $A \cup B$ is the set of all x where $x \in A$ or $x \in B$

Case I $x \in A$: We must show that " $x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$ "

We know that $A \subseteq B \therefore x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$
 $\therefore x \in B$

Case II $x \in B$: We must show that " $x \in B \rightarrow x \in B$ "

We all know that $x \in B \rightarrow x \in B$
 $\therefore x \in B$

$\therefore A \cup B \subseteq B$

Lemma II $B \subseteq A \cup B$: We must show that "For any $x \in B \rightarrow x \in A \cup B$ "

We know that $x \in B \rightarrow x \in A \cup B$

$\therefore B \subseteq A \cup B$

From every lemma, we can conclude that

"For any sets A and B, if $A \subseteq B$ then $A \cup B = B$ "

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9. Show by contraposition that for any sets A and B, if $A \subseteq B$ then $(A \cap B) = A$.

Proof

Proof by contraposition.

To show that $A \subseteq B \rightarrow A \cap B = A$, we must show that $A \cap B \neq A \rightarrow A \not\subseteq B$

From " $A \cap B \neq A$ " we can conclude that "There exists some $x \in A$ that

$x \notin A \cap B$ "

which mean " $x \notin A$ or $x \notin B$ "

Case I $x \in A \rightarrow x \notin A$: We know it is False.

Case II $x \in A \rightarrow x \notin B$: We know that we can conclude that

$$\boxed{A \not\subseteq B}$$

\therefore We can conclude that $A \cap B \neq A \rightarrow A \not\subseteq B$

$\therefore A \subseteq B \rightarrow A \cap B = A$ From contraposition

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10. Let A, B, C, D be arbitrary sets. Prove that $(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap D) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)$.

Proof

We must show that $x \in (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap D) \rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)$

From " $x \in (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap D)$ " we know that $(x \in A \text{ and } x \in C) \text{ or } (x \in B \text{ and } x \in D)$

Case I: " $x \in A \text{ and } x \in C$:

$$\begin{aligned} "x \in A \text{ and } x \in C" &\rightarrow "x \in A" \\ &\rightarrow "x \in A \text{ or } x \in B" \\ &\rightarrow "x \in A \cup B" \quad \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} "x \in A \text{ and } x \in C" &\rightarrow "x \in C" \\ &\rightarrow "x \in C \text{ or } x \in D" \\ &\rightarrow "x \in C \cup D" \quad \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$

From ① and ② $"x \in A \cup B" \text{ and } "x \in C \cup D" \rightarrow "x \in (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)"$

$$\therefore "x \in A \cap C" \rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D) *$$

Case II: " $x \in B \text{ and } x \in D$:

$$\begin{aligned} "x \in B \text{ and } x \in D" &\rightarrow "x \in B" \\ &\rightarrow "x \in A \text{ or } x \in B" \\ &\rightarrow "x \in A \cup B" \quad \textcircled{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} "x \in B \text{ and } x \in D" &\rightarrow "x \in D" \\ &\rightarrow "x \in C \text{ or } x \in D" \\ &\rightarrow "x \in C \cup D" \quad \textcircled{4} \end{aligned}$$

From ③ and ④ $"x \in A \cup B" \text{ and } "x \in C \cup D" \rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)$

$$\therefore "x \in B \cap D" \rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D) *$$

From every case we can conclude that

"For any sets A, B, C, D $(A \cap C) \cup (B \cap D) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)$ "