

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 $n \leq 4$.

Proof Proof by extension.

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

$1 \geq 1$

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

Case III $n=2 : (2+1)^3 \geq 3^2$
 $3^3 \geq 3^2$

$27 \geq 9$

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

Case V $n=4 : (4+1)^3 \geq 3^4$
 $5^3 \geq 3^4$

$125 \geq 81$

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

Case II $n=1 : (1+1)^3 \geq 3^1$
 $2^3 \geq 3^1$
 $8 \geq 3$

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

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 a is even and b is even: $a=2x, \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $b=2y, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}$ } $ab=(2x)(2y)=4xy=2z; \exists z=2xy \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\therefore ab$ is even

Case II a is even and b is odd: $a=2x, \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $b=2y+1, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}$ } $ab=(2x)(2y+1)=4xy+2x=2z$
 $\exists z=(2xy+x) \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\therefore ab$ 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. $\therefore k = 2x+1$

$$\therefore (2x+1)^2 = (2m)(2m) + 4m + 1 = 4(m)(m+1) + 1$$

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

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

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: $n = 2m ; \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$

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

$$\text{From PS2 part 4 } 2m(2m+1)(2m+2) = 2x ; x \text{ is even number}$$

From PS2 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: $n = 2m+1 ; \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore \text{The product of 3 consecutive integer is } (2m+1)(2m+2)(2m+3)$$

$$\text{From PS2 part 4 } (2m+1)(2m+2)(2m+3) = (2m+1)x ; x \text{ is even}$$

From PS2 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 lemmas, we can conclude 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 $(A \cap B) = A$.

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

$A \not\subseteq B$

\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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Case II

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

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

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

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

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

\therefore From every case we can conclude that

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