

# CSCA67

## Exercise 4. zhang263.

1. Prove:  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall b \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}, a|bc \rightarrow a|b$ .

a). Contradiction:  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall b \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}, a|b \rightarrow a|bc$ .

This means that for all  $a, b, c$  which is integer,  
if  $a$  does not divide  $b$  then  $a$  does not divide  $bc$ .

assume  $b = ak_1 + m, k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, a \nmid m$ .

$$c = ak_2 \quad k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

then  $a|b$ ,

$$bc = (ak_1 + m)ak_2 = a(ak_1 + m)k_2,$$

which is divisible by  $a$ . ( $(ak_1 + m)k_2$  is integer)

Therefore the contradiction statement is wrong,  
the original statement is true.

b). Contrapositive:  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall b \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}, a|b \rightarrow a|bc$ .

This means that for all  $a, b, c$  which is integer.

If  $a$  divides  $b$  then  $a$  divides  $b.c$ .

There are 2 situations, ~~case~~ assume  $b = ak_1$  ( $k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

①  $c$  is divisible by  $a$ .

assume  $c = ak_2$  ( $k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

$\therefore bc = ak_1 \cdot ak_2 = a(a \cdot k_1 k_2)$ , which is divisible by  $a$ .

②  $c$  is not divisible by  $a$ .

assume  $c = ak_3 + m$  ( $k_3 \in \mathbb{Z}, a \nmid m$ )

$\therefore bc = ak_1 \cdot (ak_3 + m)$ , which is divisible by  $a$ .

In conclusion,  $bc$  is divisible by  $a$ . when  $a|b$

Therefore the contrapositive statement is true,  
the original statement is true.

2. Prove:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (n > 3 \wedge n \text{ is prime}) \rightarrow \exists q \in \mathbb{N} (n = 6q+1 \vee n = 6q+5)$

Proof: ~~as~~ We can divide all natural numbers into 6 parts:

$$6q, 6q+1, 6q+2, 6q+3, 6q+4, 6q+5 \quad (q \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\text{as } 6q = 2(3q)$$

$$6q+2 = 2(3q+1)$$

$$6q+3 = 3(2q+1)$$

$$6q+4 = 2(3q+2)$$

these 4 parts are all not prime numbers (except 2 and 3)

So only  $(6q+1), (6q+5)$  represents prime numbers (except 2 and 3)

So for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  which is prime and bigger than 3,

there exists  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $n$  can be represented as

$$n = 6q+1 \text{ or } n = 6q+5.$$

3. Prove:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall p (p \text{ is prime}), p \mid n \rightarrow p \mid (n+1)$

Proof: the contradiction of the statement is that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall p (p \text{ is prime}), p \mid (n+1) \rightarrow p \nmid n.$$

for the contradiction, if  $p$  is prime, the only factors for  $p$  is 1 and  $p$ .

for the ~~state~~ contradiction, give a set of example

that  $p=3, n=5$ . which satisfy  $p \mid (n+1)$ ,

but this set does not satisfy  $p \nmid n$ .

So the contradiction is false.

Therefore the original statement is True.

4. Prove that  $\sqrt[3]{7}$  is irrational.

Proof: suppose that  $\sqrt[3]{7}$  is rational.

let  $\sqrt[3]{7} = \frac{p}{q}$  ( $p$  and  $q$  are positive integers and relatively prime)

$$7 = \frac{p^3}{q^3}$$

$$7q^3 = p^3$$

let  $p = 7N$  ( $N$  is positive integer)

$$7q^3 = 7^3 N^3$$

$$q^3 = 7^2 N^3$$

let  $q = 7m$  ( $m$  is positive integer)

That's a contradiction which  $p, q$  are not relatively prime.

Therefore the assumption is wrong,  $\sqrt[3]{7}$  is irrational.

5. Proof: give  $n=2$ ,  $n^2+2n-3=5$ , 5 is a prime number.

Therefore the statement is true when  $n=2$ .

Unique means that this prime number is different from the others.

which cannot satisfy this statement.

Suppose that there exists a number  $n > 2$ , that  $n^2+2n-3$  is a prime.

So  $n = k+2$  ( $k$  is positive integer)

$$n^2+2n-3 = (k+2)^2 + 2(k+2) - 3$$

$$= k^2 + 4k + 4 + 2k + 4 - 3$$

$$= k^2 + 6k + 5$$

$$\cancel{(k+2)}^2 = (k+1)(k+5)$$

So it's not a prime when  $n > 2$ .

There does not exist any other values for  $n$  which  $n^2+2n-3$  is prime

$n=2$  is the only value.