

PS1: Have you looked at all the resources on Quercus?

- Group work advice & resources
- Academic Integrity reminder (in the announcement)

T1: details page coming soon (this week)

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Last time...

Prove:  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \mid x+5 \Rightarrow x \mid 5$

Proof header

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Assume  $x \mid x+5$ , know

in other words:  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, x+5 = k \cdot x$

Note: From this point on, we can use  $k$ , in the proof.

WTS:  $x/5$ , i.e.,  $\exists k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, 5 = k_2 \cdot x$

WANT

$$\text{Let } k_2 = \underline{k_1 - 1}$$

$$\text{Then, } x + 5 = k_1 \cdot x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = k_1 \cdot x - x$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{5 = k_2 \cdot x} \quad \square$$

← concrete value  
(constant or expression  
using constants or variables  
already introduced)

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ROUGH WORK — NOT part of proof

KNOW

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, x + 5 = k_1 \cdot x$$

WANT

$$k_2 = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$$

$$5 = k_2 \cdot x$$

In general, proof = sequence of (deduction, justification) pairs.

• Every step should be justified, except simple algebra

• Justifications will be one of the following:

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|-------------------------|------------|
| ① — definitions         | } external |
| ② — external facts      |            |
| ③ — assumptions         | } internal |
| ④ — previous deductions |            |

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Note: proof above goes through (it is correct)  
with any integer  $d$  in place of 5  
→ proof of  $\forall x, d \in \mathbb{Z}, x | (x+d) \Rightarrow x | d$  (\*)

Consider (1)  $\forall x, p \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \text{Prime}(p) \wedge x | xp \Rightarrow x=1 \vee x=p$

Recall: Prime(p):  $p > 1 \wedge \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}^+, d | p \Rightarrow d=1 \vee d=p$

Proof of (1):

Let  $x, p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Assume Prime(p) and  $x | xp$ . (3)

Then, by (2) (\*),  $x | p$ .

Then, by def. of Prime(p), (1)

since  $x | p$ ,  $x=1$  or  $x=p$ . (4)  $\square$

EX: Prove:

$$\forall d \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \boxed{(\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, d \nmid a \wedge d \nmid b \Rightarrow d \nmid ab)}^P \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{d \leq 1 \vee \text{Prime}(d)}^Q$$

Idea 1: direct proof

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, d \nmid a \wedge d \nmid b \Rightarrow d \nmid ab$

WTS:  $d \leq 1 \vee \text{Prime}(d)$  difficult, maybe even impossible...

Idea 2: indirect proof

("proof by contrapositive")

instead of proving  $P \Rightarrow Q$   
prove  $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$

$$\forall d \in \mathbb{N}, \boxed{\neg Q(d) \Rightarrow \neg P(d)} \quad \underline{\forall d \in \mathbb{N}, P(d) \Rightarrow Q(d)}$$

$$\forall d \in \mathbb{N}, d > 1 \wedge \neg \text{Prime}(d) \Rightarrow \\ \exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, d \nmid a \wedge d \nmid b \wedge d \mid ab$$

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume  $d > 1$  and  $\neg \text{Prime}(d)$   
 WTS  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, d \nmid a \wedge d \nmid b \wedge d \mid ab$

KNOW  


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 $d \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $d > 1$   
 $\neg \text{Prime}(d)$

WANT  


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 $a = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$   
 $b = \underline{\quad ? \quad}$   
 $d \nmid a \quad d \nmid b$   
 $d \mid ab$

$$\cancel{d \equiv 1} \vee \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}^+, k|d \wedge k \neq 1 \wedge k \neq d$$

False                      must be True

$$\underline{\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, d = k \cdot m}$$