

# MATH 301 Homework 8

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Chapter 7) 4,6,8,12,16,20

## 7.4

Given an integer  $a$ , then  $a^3 + 4a + 5$  is odd if and only if  $a$  is even.

**If and only if proof**

$a^3 + 4a + 5$  is odd  $\rightarrow a$  is even

**Contrapositive proof:** if  $a$  is odd  $\rightarrow a^3 + 4a + 5$  is even

Let  $a = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z} \therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} a^3 + 4a + 5 &= (2k + 1)^2 + 4(2k + 1) + 5 = \\ 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 8k + 4 + 5 &= \\ 4k^2 + 12k + 10 &= \\ 2(2k^2 + 6k + 5) \end{aligned}$$

Thus it can be shown that when  $a$  is an odd number the expression  $a^3 + 4a + 5$  can be expressed as 2 times some integer of the form:  $2k^2 + 6k + 5, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

**$a$  is even  $\rightarrow a^3 + 4a + 5$  is odd**

Let  $a = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z} \therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} a^3 + 4a + 5 &= (2k)^3 + 4(2k) + 5 = \\ 8k^3 + 8k + 5 &= \\ 8k^3 + 8k + 4 + 1 &= \\ 2(4k^3 + 4k + 2) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $m = 4k^3 + 4k + 2$

$$a^3 + 4a + 5 = 2m + 1$$

Meaning when  $a$  is even  $a^3 + 4a + 5$  is odd

## 7.6

Suppose  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  Then  $x^3 + x^2y = y^2 + xy$  if and only if  $y = x^2$  or  $y = -x$

**If and only if proof**

**If**  $x^3 + x^2y = y^2 + xy \rightarrow y = x^2$  **or**  $y = -x$

**Direct Proof:**

$$x^3 + x^2y = y^2 + xy$$

$$x^2(x + y) = y(x + y)$$

$$x^2(x + y) - y(x + y) = 0$$

$$(x^2 - y)(x + y) = 0$$

$$\therefore y = -x \vee y = x^2$$

**If**  $y = x^2$  **or**  $y = -x \rightarrow x^3 + x^2y = y^2 + xy$

**Direct Proof:**

Let  $y = x^2 \therefore$

$$x^3 + x^2y = x^3 + x^4$$

$$y^2 + xy = (x^2)^2 + xx^2 = x^3 + x^4$$

$$\therefore x^3 + x^2y = y^2 + xy$$

## 7.8

Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  Prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{10}$  if and only if  $a \equiv b \pmod{2}$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{5}$

## 7.12

There exists a positive real number  $x$  for which  $x^2 < \sqrt{x}$

**Existential proof:** Consider the number  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 < \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$.25 < .707107\dots$$

## 7.16

Suppose  $a, b, \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $ab$  is odd then  $a^2 + b^2$  is even.

### Direct Proof

If  $ab$  is odd then  $a$  and  $b$  are both odd as there does not exist two even numbers with an odd product or an odd an even number that have an odd product. Proof below:

$$\text{Let } a = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad b = 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(2k + 1)(2m + 1) &= \\ 4km + 2m + 2k + 1 &= \\ 2(2km + m + k) + 1 &= \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the product of two odd numbers is odd.

$$\begin{aligned}a^2 + b^2 &= (2k + 1)^2 + (2m + 1)^2 = \\ 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 4m^2 + 4m + 1 &= \\ 2(2k^2 + 2k + 2m^2 + 2m + 1) &= \end{aligned}$$

$a^2 + b^2$  can be expressed as 2 times some integer therefore it is even.

## 7.20

There exists an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $11|(2^n - 1)$

### Existential proof:

Figure 1: Consider the numbers of the form  $10k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{W}$ (whole numbers ) these are solutions to this problem, for example 10,20,30 are solutions. Answers generated using c++ computation with the following code:

```
int main() {  
    for (int i = 0.0 ; i < 100; i++) {  
        if (((int)pow(2,i) - 1) % 11 == 0) cout << i << endl;  
    }  
}
```

$$2^{40} - 1 = 1099511627776 \quad \frac{1099511627776}{11} = 99955602525$$