

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

$$a^3 + 4a + 5 = (2k + 1)^2 + 4(2k + 1) + 5 =$$

$$4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 8k + 4 + 5 =$$

$$4k^2 + 12k + 10 =$$

$$2(2k^2 + 6k + 5)$$

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: $2k^2 + 6k + 5, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

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

$$a^3 + 4a + 5 = (2k)^3 + 4(2k) + 5 =$$

$$8k^3 + 8k + 5 =$$

$$8k^3 + 8k + 4 + 1 =$$

$$2(4k^3 + 4k + 2) + 1$$

$$\text{Let } m = 4k^3 + 4k + 2$$

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

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:

$$\begin{aligned}x^3 + x^2y &= y^2 + xy \\x^2(x + y) &= y(x + y) \\x^2(x + y) - y(x + y) &= 0 \\(x^2 - y)(x + y) &= 0 \\\therefore y &= -x \vee y = x^2\end{aligned}$$

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

Direct Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } y &= x^2 \therefore \\x^3 + x^2y &= x^3 + x^4 \\y^2 + xy &= (x^2)^2 + xx^2 = x^3 + x^4 \\\therefore x^3 + x^2y &= y^2 + xy\end{aligned}$$

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

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:

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

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