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### Theorem 4.5.2

#### The Parity Property

The parity of an integer refers to whether the integer is even or odd.

Any two consecutive integers have opposite parity.

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n = m + 1$ .

Suppose  $m \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m = 2k$ . So  $n = 2k + 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z} - 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $m, n$  have opposite parity.

Suppose  $m \in \mathbb{Z} - 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m = 2k + 1$ . So

$$n = m + 1 = 2k + 1 + 1 = 2k + 2 = 2(k + 1),$$

$k + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $n \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $m, n$  have opposite parity.

Therefore  $m, n$  have opposite parity.  $\square$

### Theorem 4.5.3

The square of any odd integer has the form  $8m+1$  for some integer  $m$ .

Proof:

Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z} - 2\mathbb{Z}$ . For any integer  $n$ , either  $n = 4q$ ,  $n = 4q+1$ ,  $n = 4q+2$ , or  $n = 4q+3$ , via quotient remainder theorem. Since  $m$  is odd, there exists  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that either  $m = 4q+1$  or  $m = 4q+3$ .  $P_1 \vee P_2$

Suppose  $m = 4q+1$ . Then

$$m^2 = (4q+1)^2 \quad \text{by substitution}$$

$$= 16q^2 + 8q + 1 \quad \text{by algebra}$$

$$= 8(2q^2 + q) + 1$$

and define  $n_1 := 2q^2 + q \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$m^2 = 8n_1 + 1. \quad P_1 \rightarrow r$$

Suppose  $m = 4q+3$ . Then

$$m^2 = (4q+3)^2$$

$$= 16q^2 + 24q + 9 = 16q^2 + 24q + 8 + 1$$

$$= 8(2q^2 + 3q + 1) + 1$$

and define  $n_2 := 2q^2 + 3q + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$m^2 = 8n_2 + 1.$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow r$$

Therefore  $m^2 = 8n + 1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . □  
∴ r

### Quotient Remainder theorem

Given  $n, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $d > 0$ ,  $\exists! q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$

such that  $n = dq + r$  where  $0 \leq r < d$ .

### Definition

for any real number  $x$ ,

$$|x| := \begin{cases} -x & x < 0 \\ x & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Lemma 4.5.4

$$-|-z| \leq -z \leq |-z|$$

For any real number  $x$ ,  $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$ .

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Either  $x > 0$ ,  $x = 0$ , or  $x < 0$ .  $P_1 \vee P_2 \vee P_3$

Suppose  $x < 0$ . Then  $|x| = -x$  and  $-x > 0$ . So  $-|x| = x$  and, via generalization  $-|x| \leq x$ . Since  $a \leq b \equiv a < b \vee a = b$ ,  $|x| = -x > 0$  and  $0 > x$ ,  $|x| > x$  and, again via generalization,  $|x| \geq x$ . Via conjunction,  $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$ .  $P_3 \rightarrow r$

Suppose  $x = 0$ . Then

$$-|x| = -|0| = -0 = 0 = x \text{ so } -|x| \leq x$$

via generalization. Likewise

$$P_2 \rightarrow r$$

$x = 0 = |0| = |x|$  so  $x \leq |x|$  via generalization. Via conjunction,  $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$ .

Suppose  $x > 0$ . By def. of abs. val. function,  $|x| = x$  so  $|x| \geq x$  via generalization. Also  $|x| = x > 0$ , so  $-|x| = -x < 0$  and  $0 < x$  by assumption. Thus  $-|x| < x$  and, via generalization,  $-|x| \leq x$ . Finally, via conjunction,  $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$ . P,  $\rightarrow$  F

In conclusion,  $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$ . ∴ F □

### Lemma 4.5.5

For every real number  $x$ ,  $|-x| = |x|$ .

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$|-x| = \begin{cases} -(-x) & -x < 0 \\ 0 & -x = 0 \\ -x & -x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} x & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

↑ each inequality multiply both by  $-1$  so the sign flips and  $x+0=-0=0$ .

$$= \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= |x|. \quad \square$$

Theorem 4.5.6

triangle inequality

For all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $|x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$ .

Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Via trichotomy, either  $x+y \geq 0$  or  $x+y < 0$ .  $P_1 \vee P_2$

Suppose  $x+y \geq 0$ .  $P_1$

Via Lemma 4.5.4,  $x \leq |x|$  and  $y \leq |y|$ .

Since  $x+y \geq 0$ ,  $|x+y| = x+y$  by

definition of abs. value, and

$|x+y| = x+y \leq |x| + |y|$  via the previous  
statement.  $\Gamma$

$p_1 \rightarrow \Gamma$

$p_2$

Suppose  $x+y < 0$ . Then by def. of  
abs. val.,  $|x+y| = -(x+y) = (-x) + (-y)$

by lemma 4.5.4  $-x \leq |-x|$  and

$-y \leq |-y|$ . So by lemma 4.5.5

$|-y| = |y|$  and  $|-x| = |x|$ . Thus

$|x+y| = (-x) + (-y) \leq |-x| + |-y| = |x| + |y|$ .  $\Gamma$

$p_2 \rightarrow \Gamma$

Therefore,  $|x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$ .  $\therefore \Gamma$

□

$q \vee \neg q$

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Indirect Argument: Contradiction and Contraposition

## Method of Proof by Contradiction

- ① Suppose the statement to be false — i.e. suppose that its negation is true.
- ② Show that this supposition leads logically to a contradiction.
- ③ Conclude that the statement to be proved is true.

### Theorem 4.7.1

There is no greatest integer.

### Theorem 4.7.2

There is no integer that is both even and odd.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} (\neg(x \in 2\mathbb{Z} \wedge x \in \mathbb{Z} - 2\mathbb{Z}))$$

Suppose there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n$  is even and  $n$  is odd.  
By def of even and odd,

$n = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  
 $n = 2l + 1$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So

$$2k = n = 2l + 1 \text{ and}$$

$$2k = 2l + 1$$

$$2k - 2l = 1$$

$$2(k-l) = 1$$

where  $t := k-l \in \mathbb{Z}$  so  $2 \mid 1$ ,  
a contradiction.

Therefore there is no integer that  
is both even and odd. □