

MATH 381 Homework 5 part 2

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1. Show that an integer is divisible by 4 if and only if it can be written as the sum of two consecutive odd numbers.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}((4 \mid n) \leftrightarrow (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}(n = (2k + 1) + (2(k + 1) + 1))))$$

Suppose an integer can be written as the sum of two consecutive odd numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}(n &= (2k + 1) + (2(k + 1) + 1)) \\ \implies n &= (2k + 1) + 2(k + 1) + 1 \\ \implies n &= 2k + 1 + 2k + 2 + 1 \\ \implies n &= (2k + 2k) + (1 + 2 + 1) \\ \implies n &= 4k + 4 \\ \implies n &= 4(k + 1) \\ \implies \frac{n}{4} &= k + 1 \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \implies 4 &\mid n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the integer is divisible by 4.

Suppose an integer is divisible by 4.

$$\begin{aligned}
4 \mid n &\iff \frac{n}{4} \in \mathbb{Z} \\
&\implies \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)/2 \in \mathbb{Z} \iff 2 \mid \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \iff \frac{n}{2} \text{ is even} \\
&\implies 2 \left(\frac{n}{4}\right) \in \mathbb{Z} \implies \frac{n}{2} \in \mathbb{Z} \iff 2 \mid n \iff n \text{ is even} \\
&\frac{n}{2} \text{ is even} \implies \frac{n}{2} \pm 1 \text{ is odd}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
n &= \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \\
n &= \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) \\
\exists k, m \in \mathbb{Z} (n &= (2k + 1) + (2m + 1))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{n}{2} - 1 = 2k + 1 &\implies \frac{n}{2} = 2k + 2 &\implies n = 4k + 4 \\
\frac{n}{2} + 1 = 2m + 1 &\implies \frac{n}{2} = 2m &\implies n = 4m
\end{aligned}$$

$$4k + 4 = n = 4m \implies 4k + 4 = 4m \implies 4(k + 1) = 4m \implies k + 1 = m$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{n}{2} - 1 &= 2k + 1 \\
\frac{n}{2} + 1 &= 2m + 1 = 2(k + 1) + 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n = (2k + 1) + 2(k + 1) + 1 \quad \blacksquare$$

Therefore, the integer can be written as the sum of two consecutive odd numbers.

2. Prove that if $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, then abc is even.

Suppose abc is not even, meaning abc is odd.

$$abc = 2k + 1 \iff ad = 2k + 1 \quad d = bc$$

$$\implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \text{ is odd and } d \text{ is even} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b \text{ is odd and } c \text{ is odd} \\ \text{OR } b \text{ is even and } c \text{ is even} \end{array} \right. \\ \text{OR } a \text{ is even and } d \text{ is odd} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b \text{ is odd and } c \text{ is even} \\ \text{OR } b \text{ is even and } c \text{ is odd} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$$

(a) a is odd, b is odd and c is odd

$$a^2 \text{ is odd} \wedge b^2 \text{ is odd} \implies a^2 + b^2 \text{ is even}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 \text{ is even} \wedge c^2 \text{ is odd} \implies a^2 + b^2 \neq c^2$$

(b) a is odd, b is even and c is even

$$a^2 \text{ is odd} \wedge b^2 \text{ is even} \implies a^2 + b^2 \text{ is odd}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 \text{ is odd} \wedge c^2 \text{ is even} \implies a^2 + b^2 \neq c^2$$

(c) a is even, b is odd and c is even

$$a^2 \text{ is even} \wedge b^2 \text{ is odd} \implies a^2 + b^2 \text{ is odd}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 \text{ is odd} \wedge c^2 \text{ is even} \implies a^2 + b^2 \neq c^2$$

(d) a is even, b is even and c is odd

$$a^2 \text{ is even} \wedge b^2 \text{ is even} \implies a^2 + b^2 \text{ is even}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 \text{ is even} \wedge c^2 \text{ is odd} \implies a^2 + b^2 \neq c^2$$

$\therefore (abc \text{ is odd}) \rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 \neq c^2) \equiv (a^2 + b^2 = c^2) \rightarrow (abc \text{ is even}) \quad \blacksquare$

3. Suppose that x and y are real numbers. Prove that if $x + y$ is irrational then x is irrational or y is irrational.

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} (P(x, y) \rightarrow Q(x, y)) \\ \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} ((x + y \notin \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow (x \notin \mathbb{Q} \vee y \notin \mathbb{Q}))\end{aligned}$$

Suppose $\neg Q(x, y) \equiv (x \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge y \in \mathbb{Q})$.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{a}{b} & y &= \frac{c}{d} & a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} & b, d \neq 0 \\ x + y &= \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad}{bd} + \frac{bc}{bd} = \frac{ad + bc}{bd} = \frac{e}{f} & e, f \in \mathbb{Z} & f \neq 0 \\ & \therefore \frac{e}{f} = x + y \in \mathbb{Q} & \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P \equiv P \rightarrow Q$.

4. Prove that there are no positive integer solutions to $x^2 + x + 1 = y^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\neg(\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}_+ (x^2 + x + 1 = y^2)) \\ \equiv \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}_+ (x^2 + x + 1 \neq y^2)\end{aligned}$$

Assume $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

$$\begin{aligned}y^2 &= x^2 + x + 1 \\ y^2 - x^2 &= x + 1 \\ \implies (y + x)(y - x) &= x + 1\end{aligned}$$

There are three possible cases for x and y .

(a) $y = x$

$$\begin{aligned}(y + x)(y - x) &= x + 1 \\ \implies 2y(0) &= y + 1 \\ 0 &= y + 1 \equiv F \because y > 0 \\ \therefore (y + x)(y - x) &= x + 1 \equiv F\end{aligned}$$

(b) $y < x$

$$\begin{aligned}(y+x)(y-x) &= x+1 \\ (y+x)(y-x) &< 0 \because (y+x) > 0 \wedge (y-x) < 0 \iff y < x \\ x+1 &> 0 \because x > 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (y+x)(y-x) = x+1 \equiv F$$

(c) $y > x$

$$\begin{aligned}(x+y) &\geq (x+1) \because y \geq 1 \\ \implies (y-x)(x+y) &\geq x+1 \because y-x > 0 \iff y > x \\ y-x=1 &\implies (x+y) \geq (x+1) \\ (x+y) &= (x+1) \implies y=1 \\ (y-x=1) \wedge (y=1) &\equiv (1-x=1 \iff -x=0 \iff x=0) \\ x=0 &\equiv F \because x \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \\ \therefore (y+x)(y-x) &= x+1 \equiv F \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

Since in all three cases for positive integer solutions or x and y the proposition we are trying to prove implies a contradiction, the assumption that there are positive integer solutions must be false.

5. Show that if you choose 92 different dates from a calendar, at least 14 of the chosen dates must occur on the same day of the week.

r : “If you choose 92 different dates from a calendar.”

p : “At least 14 of the 92 chosen dates must occur on the same day of the week.”

$\neg p$: “At most 13 of the 92 chosen days fall on the same day of the week.”

Suppose $\neg p$. Since there are 7 days in a week, 13 on each day would give us 91 total chosen days. Any more days chosen necessarily means that there would be a fourteenth date on a given day of the week.

But we have to choose 92 dates. This suggests $\neg p \rightarrow (r \wedge \neg r)$. In other words, if p was false, it would imply a contradiction. Therefore, p must be true, and p is dependent on r for the number of chosen dates that was agreed upon (92). So, $r \rightarrow p$ is true. \blacksquare