

# Foundations Test 2

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## 1

**Theorem 1.** Given  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $5 \mid 2a$  then  $5 \mid a$

*Proof.* Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $5 \mid 2a$ . □

**Theorem 3.** For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \cdots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We proceed by induction.

**Base Case:**  $n = 1$

$$1 \cdot 2 = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3} \tag{1}$$

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$$2 = \frac{1(2)(3)}{3} \tag{3}$$

$$2 = \frac{6}{3} \tag{4}$$

$$2 = 2 \tag{5}$$

**Inductive Hypothesis:** Assume that  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \cdots + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3}$  for some integer  $k$ .

**Inductive Step:** We must show that  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \cdots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3}$ .

This can be simplified on the right hand side such that it can be restated as,

$$1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \cdots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \tag{6}$$

$$= \frac{(k^2 + 2k + k + 2)(k + 3)}{3} \tag{7}$$

$$= \frac{k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k^2 + 6k + k^2 + 3k + 2k + 6}{3} \tag{8}$$

$$= \frac{k^3 + 6k^2 + 11k + 6}{3} \tag{9}$$

We begin by adding  $(k+1)(k+2)$  to both sides of the equation in the inductive hypothesis to get  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \cdots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2)$ . It can be then shown that,

$$1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \cdots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2) + 3(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{(k^2 + k)(k+2) + 3(k^2 + 3k + 2)}{3} \quad (12)$$

$$= \frac{k^3 + 2k^2 + k^2 + 2k + 3k^2 + 9k + 6}{3} \quad (13)$$

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$$= \frac{k^3 + 6k^2 + 11k + 6}{3} \quad (15)$$

$$(16)$$

This is the same as the equation we got in the inductive step. Therefore, by process of induction, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \cdots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $a \equiv_n b$  then  $ac \equiv_n bc$

*Proof.* Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $a \equiv_n b$ . Then by definition 7.79 there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $a - b = nk$ . It can be shown that by multiplying each side of the equation by  $c$  that  $ac - bc = nkc$ . Since  $kc$  is an integer,  $ac \equiv_n bc$  by definition 7.79.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** For all integers  $n \geq 0$ ,  $24 \mid (5^{2n} - 1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n \geq 0$ . We proceed by induction.

**Base Case:**  $n = 0$

$$5^{2(0)} - 1 = 24k \quad (17)$$

$$5^0 - 1 = 24k \quad (18)$$

$$1 - 1 = 24k \quad (19)$$

$$0 = 24k \quad (20)$$

**Inductive Hypothesis:** Assume that  $24 \mid (5^{2k} - 1)$  for some integer  $k$ . This can be restated as  $5^{2k} - 1 = 24k$  for some integer  $k$ .

**Inductive Step:** We must show that  $24 \mid (5^{2(k+1)} - 1)$ . We begin by multiplying each side of the inductive hypothesis by  $5^{2k}$  to get,

$$5^4 \cdot (5^{2k} - 1) = 24k \cdot 5^4 \quad (21)$$

$$5^{2(k+1)} - 5^4 = 24k \cdot 5^4 \quad (22)$$

We then add  $24k$  to both sides of the equation to get,

$$5^{2(k+1)} - 5^4 + 24k = 24k \cdot 5^4 + 24k \quad (23)$$

$$5^{2(k+1)} - 5^4 + 24k = 24k(5^4 + 1) \quad (24)$$

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**Theorem 10.** If  $A, B$  are sets, then  $A \cap (B \setminus A) = \emptyset$

*Proof.* 6. Let  $A, B$  be sets.

12. Suppose, for the sake of contradiction,

3. that  $A \cap (B \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$ .

5. Hence, there exists an  $x \in A \cap (B \setminus A)$ .

9. By the definition of intersection,

1.  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B \setminus A$ .

7. By the definition of set difference,

11.  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin A$ .

8. All together, this implies that  $x \in A$

2. and  $x \notin A$ ,

10. which is a contradiction.

4. Therefore,  $A \cap (B \setminus A) = \emptyset$ .

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