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**Problem 18.**

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a. Prove that for every integer  $a$  if  $a^3$  is even then  $a$  is even.

*Proof.* (by contraposition) If  $a$  is odd then  $a^3$  is odd.

Let  $a$  be odd, then  $a = 2k + 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  by definition of odd.

$$a^3 = (2k + 1)^3 \quad \text{by substitution}$$

$$a^3 = 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k) + 1 \quad \text{by algebra}$$

Let  $t = 4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k$ .

$t \in \mathbb{Z}$  since 4, 6, 3, &  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  because integers are closed under addition & multiplication.

$a^3 = 2t + 1$  is odd by definition of odd. Therefore,  $a^3$  is odd. ■

b. Prove that  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is irrational

*Proof.* (by contradiction)

$\sqrt[3]{2}$  is rational.

By definition of rational,  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $b \neq 0$  and WLOG,  $a$  and  $b$  have no common factor

$$\sqrt[3]{2} = \frac{a}{b} \quad \text{by substitution}$$

$$2 = \frac{a^3}{b^3} \quad \text{by algebra}$$

$$2(b^3) = \frac{a^3}{b^3}(b^3)$$

$$2(b^3) = a^3$$

Let  $h = b^3$ .  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$  because integers are closed under multiplication.

So  $a^3$  is even by definition of even. By part (a), since  $a^3$  is even,  $a$  is even.

Then  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a = 2k$  by definition of even.

$$2b^3 = (2k)^3 \quad \text{by substitution}$$

$$b^3 = 4k^3 \quad \text{by algebra}$$

$$b^3 = 2(2k^3) \quad \text{by definition of even}$$

Let  $t = 2k^3$ .  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $k, 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  as integers are closed under multiplication.

So  $b^3$  is even by definition of even. By part (a), since  $b^3$  is even,  $b$  is even.

Therefore, this contradicts the assumption that  $a$  and  $b$  doesn't have a common factor since  $a$  and  $b$  are both even.

So this contradicts the assumption that  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is a rational

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*Proof.*

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### Problem 23.

Prove that for any integer  $a$ ,  $9 \nmid (a^2 - 3)$

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*Proof.* (by contradiction)

Suppose not.  $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z} \ni 9 \mid (a^2 - 3)$

By the definition of divisibility,  $\exists d \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a^2 - 3 = 9d$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= 9d + 3 && \text{by algebra} \\ a^2 &= 3(3d + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $k = 3d + 1$ .  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $3, d$ , &  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by the closure of addition & multiplication

So  $a^2 = 3k$  by substitution, where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore,  $3 \mid a^2$  by definition of divisibility.

By 19.b,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $3 \mid a^2 \rightarrow 3 \mid a$ .

Then by definition of divisibility,  $\exists f \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a = 3f$

$$\begin{aligned} (3f)^2 &= 3(3d + 1) && \text{by substitution} \\ \frac{9f^2}{3} &= \frac{3(3d + 1)}{3} && \text{by algebra} \\ 3f^2 - 3d &= 1 \\ 3(f^2 - d) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = f^2 - d$  and  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  because  $f, d$  &  $-1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by the closure of integers of addition and multiplication.

So  $3x = 1$  by substitution. This implies  $3 \mid 1$  by definition of divisibility, which is false.

Therefore,  $9 \nmid (a^2 - 3)$  must be also be false.

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*Proof.*

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