

# **MATH 531: HW1**

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**Problem 1:****(idea):**

$$4x^2 + 13 > 12x$$

$$4x^2 - 12x + 13 > 0$$

$$4[x^2 - 3x + \frac{13}{4}] > 0$$

$$4[(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 + \frac{9}{4}] > 0$$

$$(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 \geq 0$$

**Proof:**

Let x be real.

Note that,

$$(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 \geq 0.$$

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$$4[(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 + \frac{9}{4}] \geq 0.$$

Therefore,

$$4[(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 + \frac{9}{4}] > 0.$$

Bac,

$$4[(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 + \frac{9}{4}] = 4[x^2 - 3x + \frac{13}{4}].$$

$$= 4x^2 - 12x + 13.$$

Therefore,

$$4x^2 - 12x + 13 > 0.$$

Therefore,

$$4x^2 + 13 > 12x.$$

Done.

## Problem 2:

(idea):

$$5x + y^2$$

$$x = \frac{m}{n}$$

$$y = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$5\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) + \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{5m}{n} + \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{5mb^2+na^2}{nb^2}$$

## Proof

Let,

$$x = \frac{m}{n},$$

$$y = \frac{a}{b},$$

where  $m, n, a, b$  are integers and  $n \neq 0, b \neq 0$ .

Bac,

$$5x + y^2 = 5\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) + \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{5mb^2 + na^2}{nb^2}.$$

Remember that  $5mb^2 + na^2$  and  $nb^2$  are integers.

Additionally  $nb^2 \neq 0$ .

Therefore  $5x + y^2$  is rational.

Done.

### Problem 3:

(idea):

$$n = 2k + 1$$

$$5n + 23$$

$$5(2k + 1) + 23$$

$$10k + 28$$

$$2(5k + 14)$$

$$L = 5k + 14$$

$$2L$$

**Proof**

Let,

$$n = 2k + 1$$

where  $k$  is an integer.

Then,

$$5n + 23 = 10k + 28$$

$$= 2(5k + 14).$$

Let,

$$L = 5k + 14.$$

Remember that  $L$  is an integer.

Therefore,

$$5n + 23 = 2L.$$

Remember a number  $m$  is even if,

$$m = 2k.$$

Therefore  $5n + 23$  is even.

Done.