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1. **Proof by Contradiction:**

Prove the following:

There exists no combination of  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $33x + 11y = 1$ .

**Solution:** Proof:

Suppose there do exist integers  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  that do satisfy  $33a + 11b = 1$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 33a + 11b &= 1 \\ 3a + b &= \frac{1}{11} \end{aligned}$$

since expression  $3a + b$  must be an integer, the equality can not be satisfied. Hence, we have a contradiction.

Therefore, there do not exist any integers  $x, y$  that can satisfy  $33x + 11y = 1$ .

2. **Proof by Induction:**

Show that  $\forall n \geq 1$ :

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{1}{2}n(n + 1)$$

**Solution:** Proof:

Base Case:  $n = 1$

$$1 = 1 \tag{8}$$

Inductive Hypothesis: For an arbitrary  $k \geq 1$

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

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}k(k + 1) + (k + 1) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}k + 1\right)(k + 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(k + 2)(k + 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}((k + 1) + 1)(k + 1) \end{aligned}$$

QED

### 3. Proof by Contrapositive:

Prove that  $\forall x \in \mathcal{Z}, x^2 - 6x + 5$  is even, then  $x$  is odd.

For contrapositive, prove  $p \implies q$  by proving  $\neg q \implies \neg p$ .

**Solution:** Proof:

Suppose that  $x$  is even. Then want to show that  $x^2 - 6x + 5$  is odd. By definition of even,

$$x^2 - 6x + 5 = (2a)^2 - 6(2a) + 5 \quad (9)$$

$$= 4a^2 - 12a + 5 \quad (10)$$

$$= 2(2a^2 - 6a + 2) + 1 \quad (11)$$

Then, by definition,  $x^2 - 6x + 5$  is odd. QED

### 4. Proof by Contrapositive:

Let  $a, b, n \in \mathcal{Z}$ . If  $n \nmid ab$ , then  $n \nmid a$  and  $n \nmid b$ .

**Solution:** Proof:

Negation of  $n \nmid a$  AND  $n \nmid b$  is  $n \mid a$  OR  $n \mid b$  by Demorgan's law. Initial hypothesis negated becomes  $n \mid ab$ .

So want to prove that if  $n \mid a$  OR  $n \mid b$ , then  $n \mid ab$ . Suppose that  $n$  divides  $a$ , then  $a = nc$  for some  $c \in \mathcal{Z}$ :

$$ab = ncb = n(cb) \quad (12)$$

Suppose  $n$  divides  $b$ , then  $b = nd$  for some  $d \in \mathcal{Z}$ :

$$ab = and = n(ad) \quad (13)$$

In both cases,  $n \mid ab$ , therefore the result is true. QED

### 5. Proof by Case-Analysis:

Let the domain of  $x$  be the set of all integers. Prove that  $\forall x \in \mathcal{Z}, x^2 \neq 5$ :

**Solution:** Proof:

Split domain of  $x$  into two subsets:

- Case 1:  $x \geq -2$  and  $x \leq 2$
- Case 2:  $x < -2$  and  $x > 2$

If we show that Case 1 and Case 2 can not equal 5, then we have proved the above statement as true. Case 1:

$$x^2 \leq 4 < 5 \quad (14)$$

Case 2:

$$x^2 \geq 9 > 5 \quad (15)$$

QED

## 6. Product Rule Problems

- How many different 7-place license plates are possible if the first 3 places are to be occupied by letters and the final 4 by numbers?

**Solution:** By the generalized version of the basic principle, the answer is  $26 \cdot 26 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 = 175,760,000$ .

- Beethoven wrote 9 symphonies and Mozart wrote 27 piano concertos. If a university radio station announcer wishes to play first a Beethoven symphony and then a Mozart concerto, in how many ways can this be done?

**Solution:** There are 9 options for the first music, and 27 for the second. Therefore there are  $9 \cdot 27$  possibilities.

- The station manager decides that on each successive night (7 days per week), a Beethoven symphony will be played, followed by a Mozart piano concerto, followed by a Schubert string quartet (of which there are 15). For roughly how many years could this policy be continued before exactly the same program would have to be repeated?

**Solution:** There are  $9 \cdot 27 \cdot 15 = 3645$  possible sequences. Therefore after about 10 years the same program would have to be repeated.