

Problem Set 2 Solution

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Question 1

a.

- b. **Predicate Logic:** $\forall k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall p \in \mathbb{N}, \text{Prime}(p) \wedge p^k < n < p^k + p \Rightarrow \text{gcd}(p^k, n) = 1$

Let $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and $p \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $\text{Prime}(p)$, and $p^k < n < p^k + p$.

Then, p^k can either be divided by 1 or p by fact 3.

Since, $p^k < n < p^k + p$, n cannot be written in multiples of p .

Then, it follows from the definition of divisibility that $p \nmid n$.

Since $p \nmid n$, but $1 \mid p^k$ and $1 \mid n$, $\text{gcd}(p^k, n) = 1$.

- c. **Predicate Logic:** $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ n > n_0 \wedge \text{gcd}(n, n+m) = 1$

Since there are infinitely many primes by fact 4, let $\text{Prime}(n)$ and $n > m$.

Since $\text{Prime}(n)$, by fact 3, n can either be divided by 1 or n .

Since $n \mid n$, but $n \nmid m$, $n \nmid (n+m)$, and n can't be chosen as the greatest common divisor of n and $n+m$.

Since $\gcd(n, n + m) \neq n$ but $1 \mid n$ and $1 \mid (n + m)$, $\gcd(n, n + m) = 1$.

Then, it follows from above that the statement $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $n > n_0 \wedge \gcd(n, n + m) = 1$ is true.

- d. **Definition of Primary Gap:** Let $a \in \mathbb{N}$. We say that a is a prime gap when there exists a prime p such that $p + a$ is also prime, and none of the numbers between p and $p + a$ (exclusive) are prime.

Case 1 ($a > 2$):

Let $a, p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Assume $PrimaryGap(a)$, $Primary(p)$, and $a > 2$.

Then, $2 \nmid p$ and $2 \nmid p + a$.

Then,

$$2 \mid (p + a) - a \tag{1}$$

$$2 \mid a \tag{2}$$

by fact 1.

Then it follows from above that in case $a > 2$, primary gap is divisible by 2.

Case 2 ($a \leq 2$):

Let $a, p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Assume $PrimaryGap(a)$, $Primary(p)$, and $a \leq 2$.

Then, only two primary numbers in \mathbb{Z}^+ exist - 1 and 2.

Then,

$$a = 2 - 1 \tag{1}$$

$$a = 1 \tag{2}$$

Then, it follows from above that in case $a \leq 2$, the value of primary gap is 1.

Question 2

a. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Because we know $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq x - \lfloor x \rfloor < 1$ from fact 1, we can conclude $\lfloor x \rfloor \leq x < 1 + \lfloor x \rfloor$.

Then,

$$\lfloor nx \rfloor - n\lfloor x \rfloor \leq nx - n\lfloor x \rfloor \quad (1)$$

$$\leq n(x - \lfloor x \rfloor) \quad (2)$$

by using the above.

Then,

$$\lfloor nx \rfloor - n\lfloor x \rfloor \leq n(x - \lfloor x \rfloor) \quad (3)$$

$$< n \quad (4)$$

$$< k \quad (5)$$

by using fact 1 and choosing $k = n$.

Then, it follows that the statement the statement $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, x \in \mathbb{R}, \lfloor nx \rfloor - n\lfloor x \rfloor \leq k$ is true.

b. **Negation of statement:** $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \lfloor nx \rfloor - n\lfloor x \rfloor > k$

Let $x = 0.5$ and $n = 2(k + 1)$.

Then,

$$\lfloor nx \rfloor - n\lfloor x \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{2(k+1)}{2} \rfloor - n\lfloor 0.5 \rfloor \quad (1)$$

$$= k + 1 - 0 \quad (2)$$

$$= k + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$> k \quad (4)$$

Then it follows that the statement $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \lfloor nx \rfloor - n\lfloor x \rfloor \leq k$ is false.

Question 3