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1. Prove or disprove $(\forall x P(x)) \vee (\forall x Q(x)) \equiv \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$

Answer: Consider the predicates:

$P(x) \equiv x$ is even and $Q(x) \equiv x$ is odd for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$\forall x P(x)$ states that all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ are even, which is *false*.

$\forall x Q(x)$ states that all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ are odd, which is *false*.

Therefore: $(\forall x P(x)) \vee (\forall x Q(x))$ is *false*.

$\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$ states that, for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, x is either even or odd, which is *true*.

Therefore $(\forall x P(x)) \vee (\forall x Q(x))$ is not logically equivalent to $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$

As a more general case, consider $P(x) = \neg Q(x)$

Then: $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \forall x (\neg Q(x) \vee Q(x))$
which is a tautology.

$(\forall x P(x)) \vee (\forall x Q(x)) \equiv (\forall x \neg Q(x)) \vee (\forall x Q(x))$
which is true only in a domain in which $Q(x)$ is true (or false) for all elements.

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2. Prove that if $A \times B = \emptyset$ then either $A = \emptyset$ or $B = \emptyset$

Answer: Proof by cases:

Case 1: Neither A nor B are empty.

Assume $A = \{a\}$ and $B = \{b\}$

Then: $A \times B = \{(a, b)\} \neq \emptyset$

Case 2: A is empty and B is not empty.

Assume $A = \emptyset$ and $B = \{b\}$

Then: $A \times B = \emptyset$

Case 3: A is not empty and B is empty.

Assume $A = \{a\}$ and $B = \emptyset$

Then: $A \times B = \emptyset$

Therefore if $A \times B = \emptyset$ then either $A = \emptyset$ or $B = \emptyset$

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3. Prove the following theorem:

An integer n is odd if and only if $n^2 + 2n$ is odd.

Answer: left-to-right: n is odd $\rightarrow n^2 + 2n$ is odd.

If n is odd then $n = 2k + 1$ where k is some integer.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } n^2 + 2n &= (2k + 1)^2 + 2(2k + 1) \\ &= 4k^2 + 8k + 2 + 1 \\ &= 2 \times (2k^2 + 4k + 1) + 1 \\ &= 2m + 1 \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer.}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore: If n is odd then $n^2 + 2n$ is odd.

right-to-left: $n^2 + 2n$ is odd $\rightarrow n$ is odd

If $n^2 + 2n$ is odd then $n^2 + 2n = 2k - 1$

Then: $n^2 + 2n + 1 = (n + 1)^2 = 2k$

Therefore: $(n + 1)^2$ is even and n must be odd.

Therefore: An integer n is odd if and only if $n^2 + 2n$ is odd.

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4. A *perfect square* is an integer whose square root is also an integer. Therefore 4 is a perfect square since $\sqrt{4} = 2$, 9 is a perfect square since $\sqrt{9} = 3$, and 16 is a perfect square since $\sqrt{16} = 4$

Prove or disprove the following theorem:

Th: if $k > 1$ then $2^k - 1$ is not a perfect square.

Answer: Proof by contradiction:

Assume that $2^k - 1$ is a perfect square for $k > 1$.

If $2^k - 1$ is a perfect square then $2^k - 1 = n^2$

Then, since 2^k must be even, $n^2 = n \times n$ must be odd.

Therefore: n is odd and $n = 2 \times j + 1$ where j is some integer.

Therefore: $2^k - 1 = (2 \times j + 1)^2 = 4 \times j^2 + 4 \times j + 1$

and: $2^k = 4 \times j^2 + 4 \times j + 2 = 2 \times (2 \times j^2 + 4 \times j + 1)$

Since $2 \times j^2 + 4 \times j + 1$ is the sum of two even numbers and 1,

then $2 \times j^2 + 4 \times j + 1$ must be odd.

Therefore: $2 \times (2 \times j^2 + 4 \times j + 1)$ is divisible by 2 but not by 4

Therefore: 2^k is divisible by 2 but not by 4.

This is a contradiction for $k \geq 2$, hence for $k > 1$.

Therefore: if $k > 1$ then $2^k - 1$ is not a perfect square.

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5. Prove that if f and $f \circ g$ are one-to-one functions then g is one-to-one.

Answer: Contrapositive proof

A contrapositive statement of

If f and $f \circ g$ are one-to-one functions then g is one-to-one.

is: If g is not one-to-one then f and $f \circ g$ are not one-to-one

If: $g : A \rightarrow B$ and $f : B \rightarrow C$ then $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$

If $g : A \rightarrow B$ is not one-to-one then, by definition, there are distinct elements $a_1 \in A$ and $a_2 \in A$ such that $g(a_1) = g(a_2)$.

Under these conditions $f(g(a_1)) = f(g(a_2))$ and $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$ is not one-to-one.

This is true regardless of whether $f : B \rightarrow C$ is one-to-one or not.

Therefore: If f and $f \circ g$ are one-to-one functions then g is one-to-one.

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6. Prove or disprove the statement:

Every positive integer can be written as the sum of the squares of three integers.

Example: $9 = 2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2$

Answer: A counter example is 7, i.e., 7 cannot be written as the sum of three squares.

Proof by cases:

1. The inclusion of a single instance of the square of any single integer $n \geq 3$ will result in a square that is greater than 7.
2. The inclusion of 2 twice results in $2^2 + 2^2 + i^2 = 8 + i^2$ which is greater than 7.
3. We are left with:
 1. $0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 = 0 \neq 7$
 2. $1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 = 1 \neq 7$
 3. $1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = 2 \neq 7$
 3. $1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = 2 \neq 7$
 4. $1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 3 \neq 7$
 5. $2^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = 5 \neq 7$
 6. $2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 6 \neq 7$

Therefore 7 cannot be written as the sum of three integers squared.

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7. A person deposits $\$A$ in an account that yields $R\%$ interest, with the interest compounded annually at the end of each year.
- a. Set up a recurrence relation for the total amount in account at the end of n years. Be sure to specify the initial term.

Answer: The amount after $n - 1$ years is multiplied by $1 + \frac{R}{100.0}$ to give the amount after n years, since $R\%$ of the value must be added to account for the interest. Thus we have

$$a_n = \left(1 + \frac{R}{100.0}\right) \times a_{n-1}$$

The initial condition is $a_0 = A$

- b. Find an explicit formula for the amount in the account at the end of n years.

Answer: Since we multiply by $\left(1 + \frac{R}{100.0}\right)$ for each year, the solution is

$$a_n = A \times \left(1 + \frac{R}{100.0}\right)^n$$

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8. Prove that if x^3 is irrational then x is irrational.

Answer:

a. Use a proof by contraposition:

The contrapositive equivalent of : If x^3 is irrational then x is irrational.

is: If x is rational then x^3 is rational.

If x is rational then $x = \frac{m}{n}$ where m and n are integers.

Then $x^3 = \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^3 = \frac{m^3}{n^3}$ where both m^3 and n^3 are integers because both m and n are integers.

Therefore $x^3 = \frac{m^3}{n^3}$ is the quotient of integers and is, therefore, rational.

Therefore if x is rational then x^3 is rational.

Therefore if x^3 is irrational then x is irrational. \square

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9. Prove that, if x is a real number, then $\lceil x \rceil - \lfloor x \rfloor = 1$ if x is not an integer and $\lceil x \rceil - \lfloor x \rfloor = 0$ if x is an integer.

Answer: If x is not an integer, then $\lceil x \rceil$ is the integer just larger than x and $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the integer just smaller than x .

Therefore $\lceil x \rceil - \lfloor x \rfloor = 1$.

If x is an integer, then $\lceil x \rceil = x$ and $\lfloor x \rfloor = x$
so $\lceil x \rceil - \lfloor x \rfloor = 0$.

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10. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ where A and B are finite sets with $|A| = |B|$ prove that f is one-to-one if and only if f is onto.

Answer:

Proof of: f is one-to-one $\rightarrow f$ is onto

If f is one-to-one then every $a \in A$ is assigned to a unique $b \in B$.

Then every $a \in A$ is assigned to a different $b \in B$

Since $|A| = |B|$ every unique element $b \in B$ is an image of a unique $a \in A$.

Therefore f is onto.

Proof by contradiction of: f is onto $\rightarrow f$ is one-to-one

Since f is onto every $b \in B$ is an image of some $a \in A$.

If f is not one-to-one then at least two elements of A must have the same $b \in B$ as their image.

Then $|A| \geq |B| + 1$ and $|A| \neq |B|$

Since $|A| = |B|$ we must have that f is one-to-one.