

CSE215

Foundations of Computer Science

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Today

- Definitions and facts about numbers
- Direct proof

Symbols

- Integers \mathbb{Z}
- Natural numbers \mathbb{N}
- Real numbers \mathbb{R}
- $|x|$
- sum Σ
- $a \mid b$
- $b \bmod a$

Formal definitions

- Even/Odd numbers
- Rational/Irrational numbers
- Prime/Composite numbers

Even/odd numbers

We say an integer n is even if: $\exists k \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $n = 2k$

How can you define an odd number?

Rational/Irrational numbers

We say a real number r is rational if $\exists m, n \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $r = n/m$.
(and n and m have no common divisor).

Prime/Composite numbers

We say a natural number n is prime if $n > 1$, and

$$\forall r, s \in \mathbf{N}, n = rs \rightarrow (r = 1 \vee s = 1)$$

$$d \mid n$$

We say a non-zero integer d divides an integer n , if

$$\exists k \in \mathbf{Z}, \text{ such that } n = k * d.$$

Direct proof

Methods of mathematical proof

Statements	Method of proof
Proving existential statements (Disproving universal statements)	Constructive proof Non-constructive proof
Proving universal statements (Disproving existential statements)	Direct proof Proof by mathematical induction Well-ordering principle Proof by exhaustion Proof by cases Proof by contradiction

Even + odd = odd

Proposition

- Sum of an even integer and an odd integer is odd.

- Proof.
 - Suppose n is an even number, and m is an odd number, we need to show $n+m$ is odd
 - since n is an even number, $n = 2k$ for some integer k
 - since m is an odd number, $m = 2k'+1$ for some integer k'
 - Thus $n+m = 2(k+k')+1$ which shows $n+m$ is odd.
- QED.

n is odd $\Rightarrow n^2$ is odd

Proposition

- The square of an odd integer is odd.

- Proof.
 - Suppose n is an odd number. We want to show that n^2 is an odd number.
 - Since n is odd, $n = 2k+1$ for some integer k
 - $n^2 = 4k^2+4k+1 = 2(2k^2+2k) + 1$
 - Thus n^2 is odd
- QED.

Odd = difference of squares

Proposition

- Every odd integer is equal to the difference between the squares of two integers

Workout

- Write a formal statement.

\forall integer k , \exists integers m, n such that
 $(2k + 1) = m^2 - n^2$.

- Try out a few examples.

$$1 = 1^2 - 0^2$$

$$-1 = 0^2 - (-1)^2$$

$$3 = 2^2 - 1^2$$

$$-3 = (-1)^2 - (-2)^2$$

$$5 = 3^2 - 2^2$$

$$-5 = (-2)^2 - (-3)^2$$

$$7 = 4^2 - 3^2$$

$$-7 = (-3)^2 - (-4)^2$$

- Find a pattern.

$$(k + 1)^2 - k^2 = (k^2 + 2k + 1) - k^2 = 2k + 1 = \text{odd}$$

- Proof.
 - Suppose x is an odd number, we need to show:
 - There exists two integers m and n such that $x = m^2 - n^2$
 - Since x is odd, we can write $x = 2k+1$ for some integer k
 - Let $m = k+1$, and $n = k$. Then, we have $m^2 - n^2 = 2k+1 = x$
- QED.

If $a|b$ and $b|c$, then $a|c$

Proposition

- (Transitivity) For integers a, b, c , if $a|b$ and $b|c$, then $a|c$.

- Proof.
 - Suppose a, b, c are three integers and $a|b, b|c$.
 - Since $a|b$, we have $b = ak$ for some integer k
 - Since $b|c$, we have $c = bk'$ for some integer k'
 - Thus, $c = a(k \cdot k')$
 - Thus $a|c$.
- QED.

Summation

Proposition

- $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = n(n + 1)/2.$

Proof

- **Formal statement.** \forall natural number n , prove that $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = n(n + 1)/2$.
- $S = 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n$
 $\implies S = n + (n - 1) + (n - 2) + \cdots + 1$
(addition on integers is commutative)
 $\implies 2S = \underbrace{(n + 1) + (n + 1) + (n + 1) + \cdots + (n + 1)}_{n \text{ terms}}$
(adding the previous two equations)
 $\implies 2S = n(n + 1)$ (simplifying)
 $\implies S = n(n + 1)/2$ (divide both sides by 2)

Break if time allows

Exercises

To finish by 12h50

Problem 4. [5 points]

Prove that the sum of the squares of any two consecutive odd integers is even.

- Proof.
- We need to prove the following:
 - for any integer n , $(2n+1)^2 + (2n+3)^2$ is even
- We know $(2n+1)^2 + (2n+3)^2 = 8n^2 + 20n + 2 = 2(4n^2 + 10n + 1)$
- Thus, $(2n+1)^2 + (2n+3)^2$ is even
- QED.

Problem 5. [5 points]

Suppose that x and y are real numbers. Prove that $x = y$ if and only if $xy = (x + y)^2/4$.

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 - Assume $a^2 \mid b$ and $b^3 \mid c$
 - We have $b = k a^2$ for some integer k , and $c = k' b^3$ for some integer k' .
 - Thus, $c = (k' k^3) a^6$
- QED

- Proof.
- Suppose that x and y are real numbers.
- We need to prove (1) $x = y \rightarrow xy = (x+y)^2/4$ and (2) $xy = (x+y)^2/4 \rightarrow x = y$
- #1 is clearly true
- To show #2, we assume $xy = (x+y)^2/4$. Thus $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 = 0$. Thus, $(x-y)^2 = 0$. Thus $x = y$
- QED

That is all for today

- Proof techniques — direct proof. Mostly used for proving “for all x , $P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$ ”.

Thank you!