

1.3.15

Prove $A \cap (B \setminus C) = (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C)$

Recall $R \cap S = \{x : x \in R, x \in S\}$ and $R \setminus S = \{x : x \in R, x \notin S\}$. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap (B \setminus C) &= \{x : x \in A, x \in B \setminus C\} \\ &= \{x : x \in A, x \in B, x \notin C\} \\ &= \{x : x \in A \cap B, x \notin C\} \\ x \notin C &\rightarrow x \notin A \cap C \quad \text{since } A \cap C \subseteq C \\ \text{Thus: } &= \{x : x \in A \cap B, x \notin A \cap C\} \\ &= (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C) \\ &= (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

1.3.19

Given $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ are invertible, show $(g \circ f)^{-1} = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})$

Recall that the composition of mappings is associative i.e. $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f) \circ (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}) &= g \circ (f \circ f^{-1}) \circ g^{-1} \\ &= g \circ Id_B \circ g^{-1} \\ &= g \circ g^{-1} \\ &= Id_C \\ (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}) \circ (g \circ f) &= f^{-1} \circ (g^{-1} \circ g) \circ f \\ &= f^{-1} \circ Id_B \circ f \\ &= f^{-1} \circ f \\ &= Id_A \\ \text{Thus: } (g \circ f)^{-1} &= (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

1.3.26

define $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ if $a^2 + b^2 \leq c^2 + d^2$. Show \sim is reflexive and transitive but not symmetric.

Reflexive: w.t.s $(a, b) \sim (a, b)$
 observe that: $a^2 + b^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 Thus \sim is reflexive

Transitive: $(a, b) \sim (c, d), (c, d) \sim (e, f) \Rightarrow (a, b) \sim (e, f)$
 observe that: $(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 \leq c^2 + d^2$
 $(c, d) \sim (e, f) \Rightarrow c^2 + d^2 \leq e^2 + f^2$
 thus $a^2 + b^2 \leq c^2 + d^2 \leq e^2 + f^2$
 $\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 \leq e^2 + f^2$
 and so \sim is transitive

Not symmetric: $(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Rightarrow (c, d) \sim (a, b)$
 $(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 \leq c^2 + d^2$
 $(c, d) \sim (a, b) \Rightarrow c^2 + d^2 \leq a^2 + b^2$
 $a^2 + b^2 \leq c^2 + d^2 \Rightarrow c^2 + d^2 \leq a^2 + b^2$

thus we have a contradiction and so \sim is not symmetric □

2.3.6

prove $4 \cdot 10^{2n} + 0 \cdot 10^{2n-1} + 5$ is divisible by 99 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Proof by mathematical induction:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } n = 1, \text{ then } 4 \cdot 10^2 + 9 \cdot 10 + 5 &= \\ &= 400 + 90 + 5 \\ &= 495 \\ &= 5 \cdot 99 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the base step is true. Now assuming $n=k$ is true, w.t.s. that $n=k+1$ is true.

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \cdot 10^{2(k+1)} + 9 \cdot 10^{2(k+1)-1} + 5 &= \\ &= 4 \cdot 10^{2k+2} + 9 \cdot 10^{2k+1} + 5 \\ &= 100(4 \cdot 10^{2k}) + 100(9 \cdot 10^{2k-1}) + 5 \\ &= 100(4 \cdot 10^{2k} + 9 \cdot 10^{2k-1}) + 5 - 500 + 5 \\ &= 100(4 \cdot 10^{2k} + 9 \cdot 10^{2k-1}) + 5 - 495 \\ &= 100(99 \cdot a) - 495, a \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{because } n=k \text{ is assumed true} \\ &= 100a \cdot 99 - 5 \cdot 99 \\ &= (100a - 5)99 \\ &= 99b, b \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by mathematical induction, the hypothesis $4 \cdot 10^{2n} + 0 \cdot 10^{2n-1} + 5$ is divisible by 99 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. □

2.3.15

find r and s s.t. $\gcd(r, s) = ra + sb$ given $a = 234$ and $b = 165$

First, we need to find the gcd of a and b which we will do using the Euclidean algorithm. Then working backwards, we will determine r and s .

$$\begin{aligned}234 &= 165 \cdot 1 + 69 \\165 &= 69 \cdot 2 + 27 \\27 &= 15 \cdot 1 + 12 \\15 &= 12 \cdot 1 + 3 \\12 &= 3 \cdot 4\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the $\gcd(a, b)$ is 3. Now we will find $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned}3 &= 15 - 12 \\&= (69 - (2)27) - (27 - 15) \\&= 69 - (2)27 - 27 + 15 \\&= 69 - (3)27 + 15 \\&= 234 - 165 - (3)(165 - (2)69) + 69 - (2)27 \\&= 234 - 165 - (3)165 + (6)69 + 69 - (2)27 \\&= 234 - (4)165 + (7)69 - (2)27 \\&= 234 - (4)165 + (7)(234 - 165) - (2)(165 - (2)69) \\&= 234 - (4)165 + (7)234 - (7)165 - (2)(165 - (2)69) \\&= 234 - (4)165 + (7)234 - (7)165 - (2)165 + (4)69 \\&= 234 - (4)165 + (7)234 - (7)165 - (2)165 + (4)234 - 4(165) \\&= (1 + 7 + 4)234 + (-4 - 7 - 2 - 4)165 \\&= (12)234 + (-17)165 \\&= 2808 - 2805 \\&= 3 \Rightarrow r = 12, s = -17 \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

2.3.19

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ be relatively prime. If xy is a perfect square, prove that x and y must be perfect squares

I will prove this proposition by first proving a **lemma**: if n is a perfect square then each of the factors in its prime factorization must have an even power.

Because n is a perfect square we can say $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ such that $n = m^2$. By the fundamental theorem of arithmetic (FTA), both n and m have a unique prime factorization up to order of factors. Thus we can say:

$$m = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$$

Now since $n = m^2$ we have

$$n = m^2 = (p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k})^2 = p_1^{2a_1} p_2^{2a_2} \dots p_k^{2a_k} \quad (1)$$

And so by the uniqueness of the FTA, this must be *the* prime factorization of n . Now if $a_i, i \in [0, k]$ is odd then $2a_i$ is even. Similarly if a_i is even then $2a_i$ is also even. Thus all the factors in the prime factorization of n must have even power.

Now we w.t.s that given $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and xy is a perfect square $\Rightarrow x, y$ are perfect squares. Assume for contradiction that x is *not* a perfect square. Then \exists some p_i in the prime factorization of x with an odd power. For xy to be a perfect square then p_i must also divide y so that p_i will have even power in the prime factorization of xy . This contradicts the assumption that $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and thus we say that x and y must *both* be perfect squares.