

## PROOFREADING EXERCISES

The following sentences are all based on actual student writing. Can you find the errors in them? (Some have more than one.)

- (1) So we have that,  $x = y$ .
- (2) Let  $a \in A$  then for some  $b \in B$  we have  $a < b$ .
- (3) Consider the matrix  $M$ , it can be rewritten in the following way.
- (4) We have  $x \in A$  this implies it is positive.
- (5) From the hint we know that  $ab = c$ , multiplying by  $a^{-1}$  gives  $b = a^{-1}c$ .
- (6) When  $p$  is an prime number, it is 2 or it is odd.
- (7) Assume that  $p$  is not prime, let  $p = xy$  with  $1 < x \leq y$ .
- (8) Clearing denominators allows you to obtain  $a^2 = bc$ .
- (9)  $f(x)$  is continuous over the interval  $[0, 1]$ .
- (10) We also now that  $a$  is even.
- (11) Let  $x \in S$  then we have  $x > 0$ .
- (12) There is some  $x$  not in  $S$ , else we would have  $x > 0$ .
- (13) Now assume that  $H \subset G$ , then we have that every element of  $H$  is in  $G$ .
- (14) From the last equation, we get  $x = 8$ .
- (15) Let  $x \in H$ , we need to show  $x > 0$ .
- (16) Let  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  be a totally ordered sequence, the following argument shows it has an upper bound.
- (17) When  $f(x)$  is a polynomial, then it is integrable.
- (18) We know  $(A + B)$  is invertible.
- (19) It's not a trivial result since, 0 and 1, the two obvious choices can fail to have the property.
- (20) To show that  $x = y$ . First, suppose  $x > y$ .
- (21) The smallest prime factor of  $n$  is at least 100.
- (22) We need only two show that  $x \leq 0$ .
- (23) Assume that  $a = b$ , we will get a contradiction.
- (24) Pick two consecutive Fibonacci numbers,  $F_n$  and  $F_n + 1$ .
- (25) Let  $p$  be a odd prime number.
- (26) The Pythagorean theorem says that for some right triangle with sides  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ ,  $a^a + b^b = c^c$ .
- (27) Since  $p$  is prime,  $(p - 1) > 0$ .
- (28) Then we can apply the concept  $e^{x+y} = e^x e^y$ .
- (29) We need to find  $a$  and  $b$  to solve our equation.
- (30) Let  $n = 0$  then we can suppose  $m > n$ .
- (31) For  $i > 0$   $a_i = 0$ , which is a contradiction.
- (32) Consider  $x_n$  we will show that it is positive.
- (33) The theorem is true for any  $x$  a positive number.
- (34) When  $x_n > 0$ ,  $\forall n$  we can write  $x_n = y_n^2$ .
- (35) If  $n$  equals to an even number than it can be written as  $2m$  for some integer  $m$ .
- (36) This number is also prime so it is in the set.

- (37) There are an infinite possible ways that the digits might be wrong.
- (38) However, I can't stop the paper yet, there are some drawbacks.
- (39) Very little is known about Pythagoras because none of his writings have survived and that it is unknown which work credited to him was actually his work.
- (40) An increasing sequence converges if and only it's bounded above.
- (41) Much of work credited to Euclid is probably due to his students.
- (42) This method is not very affective.
- (43) Although we may think there are examples beyond those in our list, it turns out that there isn't.
- (44) The subtraction of two odd numbers is even.
- (45) The Pythagorean theory has many proofs.
- (46) Not only has integrals been used to compute areas, but for other applications too.
- (47) All off these functions are differentiable.
- (48) Lambert proved that pi is Irrational.
- (49) Lindemann proved pi as transcendental.
- (50) Now, that we have seen how to derive the formula. Hopefully it is less mysterious.
- (51) The fundamental theorem of calculus was invented by Newton and Leibniz.
- (52) Lets inscribe a triangle in the circle.
- (53) The equation is illustrated on the following picture.
- (54) First we establish some notaiton to make the concept percise.
- (55) A consequence of the theorem is that the size of each finite field is a prime power.
- (56) We can see that sine the number is positive its a square.
- (57) The diagram below can help when we are lacking of explaining the algebra.
- (58) Another definition I need to include is an isometry which is a function that doesn't change distances like a rotation.
- (59) Euler's proof was originally found in Stark's book in 1970.
- (60) There arent any simple proofs known of this theorem.

- (1) By a simple rearrangement,  $\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$  becomes  $ab \leq \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2$ .
- (2) His article was titled "On the Dynamics of Moving Bodies."
- (3) Pick two integers  $n$  and  $m$ .
- (4) The most basic divergent series is the harmonic series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}.$$

- (5) Consider an infinite series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .
- (6) We need to consider the negative terms and the positive terms.
- (7) To solve for  $x$ , subtract 1 from both sides.
- (8) The conclusion is quite surprising, so let's consider it more carefully.
- (9) For all intensive purposes, we may assume  $f(x)$  is smooth.
- (10) Applications of polynomials are many in linear algebra.
- (11) Another theorem involves solutions to equation  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ .
- (12) We start with  $x^2 - y^2$ . Which is the same as  $(x+y)(x-y)$ .
- (13) Let  $x$  be the closest integer  $\pi$ , so  $x = 3$ .
- (14) We need to show a solution to  $y' = xy$ .
- (15) The coefficients in  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  are infinitely often integers.
- (16) Choose a positive integer  $a$  and let  $b$  be defined by  $\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{a} = 1$ .
- (17) Set  $A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{a_n\}$ .
- (18) That transformation is a non-intuitive change in variables.
- (19) Cramér published a text in Swedish Probability Theory and its Applications.
- (20) The Prime Number Theorem was conjectured by Gauss when he was a teenager.
- (21) We have  $a_n \rightarrow 0$ . Which implies the error can be arbitrarily small.
- (22) Let's now define the Pythagorean Theorem.
- (23) The circle is inscribed by three polygons each at least twice the area of the circle.
- (24) Simplifying, we have  $(ab/ac) = b/c$ .
- (25) Now let's look into the proof of that inequality.
- (26) The triangle has sides length  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .
- (27) There are further applications of this method in [1].
- (28) Solving the equation gives several solutions:

$$x = 23 \pm 9$$

Or

$$x = 0.$$

- (29) Any nonempty set of positive integers contains such a smallest element.
- (30) Dividing both sides by  $x$  we get  $3x + 1 < 5$ .
- (31) Before we prove this Newton's theorem, we need a preliminary result.
- (32) It's time to take an in depth look at an example.
- (33) The equation  $\sum_{n=1}^N n^2$  can be written in closed form as follows.
- (34) A power series can be thought of as a "polynomial" with infinite degree.
- (35) This is another benefit of adopting the modular point of view.
- (36) By L'Hôpital's Rule, the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x/e^x = 0$ .
- (37) The sum  $1 - 1/2 + 1/3 - 1/4 + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1}/n + \cdots$  represents the alternating harmonic series.
- (38) The evaluation of  $1 - 1/3 + 1/5 - 1/7 + 1/9 - \cdots$  is due to Leibniz.
- (39) The Taylor series for  $\ln(x+1)$  is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1}/n$ .

- (40) Cryptography plays a crucial role in our web based world.
- (41) Riemann, a German mathematician introduced a geometric viewpoint to analysis.
- (42) The value of the integral is  $\pi = 3.14$ .
- (43) The transpose of the matrix is invertible, so it is invertible.
- (44) Now we can apply Green's thm.
- (45) The partial sums of this divergent series are  $\infty$ .
- (46) This leads to an infinite sequence of terms  $q_1, q_2, q_3$ , ect.
- (47) Mathematicians could give many reasons why are such series interesting.
- (48) For any positive integers m and n, let  $s_m = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k$  and  $t_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k$ .
- (49) We see that  $|a_n - 2| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Which implies  $a_n$  is positive for large  $n$ .
- (50) At least two of the numbers leave the same remainder value when divided by 7.
- (51) Many of the topics presented here are very deep topics.
- (52) The average of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is  $\frac{1}{n}(x_1 + x_2 + \dots x_n)$ .
- (53) Since  $f(a, b) = \pi/(a + b)$  the proof is compete.
- (54) Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be the radii of three mutually tangent circles and let  $r$  be the radii of a fourth circle.
- (55) The reciprical of any root is also a root.
- (56) Given two tangent circles, then we want to find the intersection of their boundaries.
- (57) The line parallel to  $L$  which passes through the origin is  $y = 2x$ .
- (58) Factoring a large number by trial division could take a whole life time to complete.
- (59) One example is the hyperbolic metric (Which will be discussed in more details later).
- (60) The formula is given by

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{R}$$

Where  $R$  is the radius.