

Homework 4

CMPSC 360

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Question 1:

NEWS.KIT = I was reading the newspaper in the kitchen

GLASS.KIT = My glasses are on the kitchen table

GLASS.BREAK = I saw my glasses at breakfast

NEWS.LIV = I was reading the newspaper in the living room

GLASS.COFF = My glasses are on the coffee table

H1: NEWS.KIT \rightarrow GLASS.KIT

H2: GLASS.KIT \rightarrow GLASS.BREAK

H3: \neg GLASS.BREAK

H4: NEWS.LIV \vee NEWS.KIT

H5: NEWS.LIV \rightarrow GLASS.COFF

1. GLASS.KIT \rightarrow GLASS.BREAK

H2

2. \neg GLASS.BREAK

H3

3. \neg GLASS.KIT

Modus Tollens on 1 and 2

4. NEWS.KIT \rightarrow GLASS.KIT

H1

5. \neg NEWS.KIT

Modus Tollens on 4 and 3

6. NEWS.LIV \vee NEWS.KIT

H4

7. NEWS.LIV

Disjunctive Syllogism on 6 and 5

8. NEWS.LIV \rightarrow GLASS.COFF

H5

9. GLASS.COFF

Modus Ponens on 8 and 7

Therefore, the glasses are at on the coffee table.

Question 2:

H1: $(\neg v \vee \neg p) \rightarrow (s \wedge z)$

H2: $s \rightarrow o$

H3: $\neg o$

C: v

1. $s \rightarrow o$

H2

2. $\neg o$

H3

3. $\neg s$

Modus Tollens on 1 and 2

4. $(\neg v \vee \neg p) \rightarrow (s \wedge z)$

H1

5. $\neg v \rightarrow (s \wedge z)$

Additive rule on 4

6. $\neg v \rightarrow s$

Simplification of 5

7. $\neg \neg v$

Modus Tollens of 6 and 3

8. v

Double negation on 7

Question 3:

1. This is not a valid argument (a^2 is positive, but a could be $\pm a$)

2. This is a valid argument (the only solution for $\sqrt{0^2}$ is 0)

Question 4:

$P(x)$ = if x has taken CMPSC-360, then they can take CMPSC-465 next semester

$$\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ if } c \in U}$$

The argument is valid because of universal instantiation.

Question 5:

Proof:

Suppose $\frac{n}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n^3}{6}$, and we know that $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{n}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n^3}{6} &= \frac{2n}{6} + \frac{3n^2}{6} + \frac{n^3}{6} && \text{using algebra} \\ &= \frac{n}{6}(2 + 3n + n^2) && \text{simplifying the equation} \\ &= \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(n+2) && \text{factoring}\end{aligned}$$

By definition of divides, $n(n+1)(n+2) = 6c$ where $c \in \mathbb{N}$

A natural number n can either be 1 or $n+1$ where $n \geq 1$

Case 1: $n = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}n(n+1)(n+2) &= (1)(1+1)(1+2) && \text{substitute 1 for } n \\ &= (1)(2)(3) && \text{addition} \\ &= 6 && \text{multiplication}\end{aligned}$$

therefore, $6 = 6c$, which simplifies to $c = 1$.

Since $1 \in \mathbb{N}$, the case $n = 1$ is validated

Case 2: $n = n+1$

$$\begin{aligned}n(n+1)(n+2) &= (n+1) \cdot [(n+1)+1] \cdot [(n+1)+2] && \text{plugging in } n+1 \text{ for } n \\ &= (n+1)(n+2)(n+3) && \text{addition} \\ &= n^3 + 6n^2 + 11n + 6 && \text{algebra} \\ &= (n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n) + (3n^2 + 9n + 6) && \text{algebra} \\ &= n(n+1)(n+2) + 3(n+1)(n+2) && \text{factoring} \\ &= 6c + 3(n+1)(n+2) && \text{substitute } n(n+1)(n+2) \text{ for } 6c\end{aligned}$$

Case 2a: n is even, such that $n = 2a$ for some $a \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}6c + 3(n+1)(n+2) &= 6c + 3(2a+1)(2a+2) && \text{plugging in } 2a \text{ for } n \\ &= 6c + 3(2a+1)[2(a+1)] && \text{factoring out 2} \\ &= 6c + 6(2a+1)(a+1) && \text{multiplication} \\ &= 6[c + (2a+1)(a+1)] && \text{factoring out 6} \\ &= 6 \cdot k_1 \text{ for some } k_1 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ where } k_1 = [c + (2a+1)(a+1)]\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by definition of an even number, $6c + 3(n+1)(n+2)$ is divisible by 6

Case 2b: n is odd, such that $n = 2a+1$ for some $a \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}6c + 3(n+1)(n+2) &= 6c + 3(2a+1+1)(2a+1+2) && \text{plugging in } 2a+1 \text{ for } n \\ &= 6c + 3(2a+2)(2a+3) && \text{addition} \\ &= 6c + 3[2(a+1)](2a+3) && \text{factoring out 2} \\ &= 6c + 6(a+1)(2a+3) && \text{multiplication} \\ &= 6[c + (a+1)(2a+3)] && \text{factoring out 6} \\ &= 6 \cdot k_2 \text{ for some } k_2 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ where } k_2 = [c + (a+1)(2a+3)]\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by definition of an odd number, $6c + 3(n+1)(n+2)$ is divisible by 6

We notice that $n(n+1)(n+2)$ where $n = n+1$ is divisible by 6 in both cases

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Therefore, for all natural numbers n , $\frac{n}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n^3}{6}$ is a natural number. \square

Question 6:

- i) The assumption is that n is an odd natural number
- ii) We want to conclude that $n^2 - 1$ is always divisible by 8

Proof:

Suppose $n^2 - 1$, and n is an odd natural number

By definition of odd, we know that $n = 2a + 1$ such that $a \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 - 1 &= (2a + 1)^2 - 1 && \text{plugging in } 2a + 1 \text{ for } n \\ &= 4a^2 + 4a + 1 - 1 && \text{algebra} \\ &= 4a^2 + 4a && \text{subtraction} \\ &= 4a(a + 1) && \text{factoring out } 4a \end{aligned}$$

A natural number a can be either an even or odd natural number

Case 1: Suppose a is an even natural number. By definition of even we get $a = 2x; x \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} 4a(a + 1) &= 4(2x)(2x + 1) && \text{plugging in } 2x \text{ for } a \\ &= 8x(2x + 1) && \text{multiplication} \\ &= 8 \cdot k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ where } k = x(2x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, when a is even, the function is divisible by 8

Case 2: Suppose a is an odd natural number. By definition of odd we get $a = 2x + 1; x \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} 4a(a + 1) &= 4(2x + 1)(2x + 1 + 1) && \text{plugging in } 2x + 1 \text{ for } a \\ &= 4(2x + 1)(2x + 2) && \text{addition} \\ &= 4(2x + 1)[2(x + 1)] && \text{addition} \\ &= 8(2x + 1)(x + 1) && \text{multiplication} \\ &= 8 \cdot k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ where } k = (2x + 1)(x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, when a is odd, the function is divisible by 8

We notice that $4a(a + 1)$ is divisible by 8 for both cases.

Therefore, $n^2 - 1$ is always divisible by 8 when n is an odd natural number \square

Question 7:

- i) We know that $m \in \mathbb{Z}$
- ii) Assume that m is odd
- iii) Prove $3m + 7$ is even

Proof:

Suppose $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, and we know that m is odd

By definition of odd, we know that $m = 2a + 1$ such that $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} 3m + 7 &= 3(2a + 1) + 7 && \text{plugging in } 2a + 1 \text{ for } m \\ &= 6a + 3 + 7 && \text{multiplication} \\ &= 6a + 10 && \text{addition} \\ &= 2(3a + 5) && \text{factoring out } 2 \\ &= 2 \cdot k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ where } k = 3a + 5 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the definition of an even number, $3m + 7$ is even when m is odd. \square

Question 8:

Prove that the product of any two odd integers is odd.

Proof:

Suppose $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that a and b are odd

By definition of odd, $a = 2x + 1$ such that $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b = 2y + 1$ such that $y \in \mathbb{Z}$

so, $a \cdot b = (2x + 1)(2y + 1)$ substituting a for $2x + 1$ and b for $2y + 1$

$$= 4xy + 2x + 2y + 1 \text{ multiplication}$$

$$= 2(2xy + x + y) + 1 \text{ factoring out } 2$$

$$= 2k + 1 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ where } k = 2xy + x + y$$

Therefore, by the definition of an odd number, $a \cdot b$ is odd

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