

Homework #5. Methods of proof

1. Prove, that the following statement is false:

There exist an integer $x > 1$ such that $\frac{x^8 + x^4 - 2x^2 + 6}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 3} + 2x^2 - 2$ is prime

2. Find mistake in proof:

Theorem: The difference between any odd integer and any even integer is odd.

Proof: Suppose n is any odd integer, and m is any even integer. By definition of odd, $n = 2k + 1$ where k is an integer, and by definition of even, $m = 2k$ where k is an integer. Then $n - m = (2k + 1) - 2k = 1$. However, 1 is odd. Therefore, the difference between any odd integer and any even integer is odd.

3. Prove: For all integer n , $0.5 + 8\left(n^2(2n^2 + 3) + 1\right) - \frac{\cos 2n}{2} + \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 n}$ is a perfect square.
4. Assume that m and n are both integers and that $n \neq 0$. Explain why $(10m + 15n) / (4n)$ must be a rational number.
5. Prove that if one solution for a quadratic equation of the form $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ is rational (where b and c are rational), then the other solution is also rational.
6. Prove that if a real number $x=c$ satisfies a polynomial equation of the form $r_3x^3 + r_2x^2 + r_1x + r_0 = 0$ where r_0, r_1, r_2 , and r_3 are rational numbers, then $x=c$ satisfies an equation of the form $n_3x^3 + n_2x^2 + n_1x + n_0 = 0$ where n_0, n_1, n_2 , and n_3 are integers.
7. Suppose a, b , and c are integers and x, y , and z are nonzero real numbers that satisfy the following equations:
$$\frac{xy}{x+y} = a, \quad \frac{xz}{x+z} = b \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{yz}{y+z} = c$$
Is x rational? If so, express it as a ratio of two integers.
8. Prove that alphabet based on Hamming distance 3 is enough for code, fixing 1-error.
9. Prove, that every "while" loop can be transformed to "for (;) {}" loop.