

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

Solution:

$$\frac{x^8 + x^4 - 2x^2 + 6}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 3} + 2x^2 - 2 = \frac{(x^4 - 2x^2 + 2)(x^4 + 2x^2 + 3)}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 3} + 2x^2 - 2 = x^4 - 2x^2 + 2 + 2x^2 - 2 = x^4$$

$x^4 = x * x^3 = x^2 * x^2$; $x, x^2, x^3 > 1$ and natural. QED

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.

Solution

The mistake in the “proof” is that the same symbol, k , is used to represent two different quantities. By setting $m = 2k$ and $n = 2k + 1$, the proof implies that $n = m + 1$, and thus it deduces the conclusion only for this one situation. When $m = 4$ and $n = 17$, for instance, the computations in the proof indicate that $n - m = 1$, but actually $n - m = 13$. In other words, the proof does not deduce the conclusion for an arbitrarily chosen even integer m and odd integer n , and hence it is invalid.

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

Solution

Giant statement can be composed to $\left(4n^2 + 3\right)^2$, which is a perfect square, because $4n^2 + 3$ is an integer.

4. Assume that a and b are both integers and that $b \neq 0$. Explain why $(10m + 15n) / (4n)$ must be a rational number.

Solution

Because m and n are integers, $10m + 15n$ and $4n$ are both integers (since differences and products of integers are integers). Also, by the zero product property, $4n^2 \neq 0$ because n is not a zero. Hence $(10m + 15n) / (4n)$ is a quotient of two integers with nonzero denominator, and so it is rational.

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.

Solution

Using the fact that if the solutions of the equation are r and s , then

$$x^2 + bx + c = (x - r)(x - s). \text{ After opening the brackets, we get } x^2 - (s + r)x + sr$$

So, $b = s + r$ and $c = sr$ rational, hence, if one of s and r is rational, then the other one also has to be rational, to get rational b and c

6. Prove that if a real number 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 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

Solution

Suppose c is a real number such that $r_3x^3 + r_2x^2 + r_1x + r_0 = 0$, where r_0, r_1, r_2 , and r_3 are rational numbers. By definition of rational, $r_0 = \frac{a_0}{b_0}$, $r_1 = \frac{a_1}{b_1}$, $r_2 = \frac{a_2}{b_2}$, and $r_3 = \frac{a_3}{b_3}$ for some integers, a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 , and nonzero integers b_0, b_1, b_2 , and b_3 . By substitution,

$$\begin{aligned} r_3c^3 + r_2c^2 + r_1c + r_0 &= \frac{a_3}{b_3}c^3 + \frac{a_2}{b_2}c^2 + \frac{a_1}{b_1}c + \frac{a_0}{b_0} = \\ \frac{b_0b_1b_2a_3}{b_0b_1b_2b_3}c^3 + \frac{b_0b_1b_3a_2}{b_0b_1b_2b_3}c^2 + \frac{b_0b_2b_3a_1}{b_0b_1b_2b_3}c + \frac{b_1b_2b_3a_0}{b_0b_1b_2b_3} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides by $b_0b_1b_2b_3$ gives $b_0b_1b_2a_3c^3 + b_0b_1b_3a_2c^2 + b_0b_2b_3a_1c + b_1b_2b_3a_0 = 0$. Let $n_3 = b_0b_1b_2a_3$, $n_2 = b_0b_1b_3a_2$, $n_1 = b_0b_2b_3a_1$, and $n_0 = b_1b_2b_3a_0$. Then n_0, n_1, n_2 , and n_3 are all integers (being products of integers). Hence c satisfies the equation $n_3x^3 + n_2x^2 + n_1x + n_0 = 0$ where n_0, n_1, n_2 , and n_3 are all integers. This is what was to be shown.

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.

Solution

Let's rewrite equations in such form:

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{a}, \quad (2) \quad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{b} \quad \text{and} \quad (3) \quad \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{c}$$

$$(1) - (3): (1^*) \quad \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{c}$$

$$(1^*) + (2): (2^*) \quad \frac{2}{x} = \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\text{Solving for } x: x = \frac{2abc}{ac + bc - ab}$$

Since a, b and c are integers, then x is also integer, with condition $ac + bc \neq ab$

8. Prove that alphabet based on Hamming distance 3 is enough for code, fixing 1-error.

Solution

Let this statement is not true.

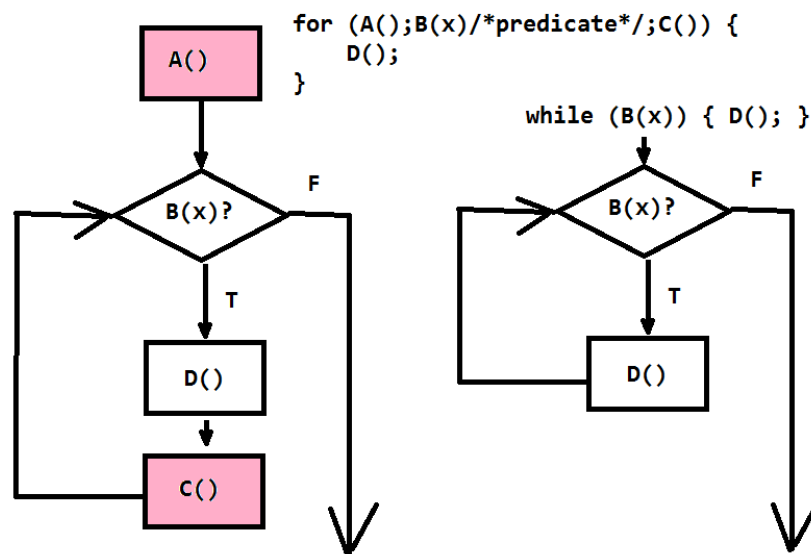
- $x_1 : d(x_1, err) == 1$, and moreover,
- there exist $x_2 \neq x_1 : d(x_2, err) == 1$

According to triangle inequality

- $3 \leq d(x_1, x_2) \leq d(x_1, err) + d(x_2, err) = 2$.
- $3 \leq 2$. Contradiction

9. Prove, that every “while” loop can be transformed to “for (;;) {}” loop.

Solution by construction:



Consider activity diagrams of both loops. If take empty `A()` and `C()` we will get equal control flow graphs. This is equivalent to

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for (; B(x); ) {
    D();
}
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