

Assignment 1

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Discrete Structures.

1. Contrapositive Proofs:

a) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, 7 \nmid n^2 \Rightarrow 7 \nmid n$.

Contrapositive statement: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, 7 \mid n \Rightarrow 7 \mid n^2$

Proof: Let $n = 7k$, where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = (7k)^2 = 49k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \mid n^2$$

Hence, Proved.

b) $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, such that $mn = 100$

$$\Rightarrow m \leq 10 \text{ or } n \leq 10$$

Contrapositive statement: $m > 10 \text{ & } n > 10$

$$\Rightarrow mn \neq 100, \text{ where } m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Proof: Let $m = 10 + a$ and $n = 10 + b$,
where $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

$$mn = (10+a)(10+b)$$

$$= 100 + 10(a+b) + ab$$

$10(a+b) + ab \in \mathbb{N}$ since $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\Rightarrow mn = 100 + t, \text{ where } t \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow mn \neq 100$$

Hence, Proved.

c) $x \in \mathbb{R}$, such that $x \in (0, 1)$, then $x > x^2$.

(Contrapositive statement): $x^2 > x \Rightarrow x \notin (0, 1)$, ~~where~~
where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof: Case 1: $x > 0$

$$x^2 > x \Rightarrow x > 1$$

Case 2: $x < 0$

$$x^2 > x \Rightarrow x < 1$$

~~For $x^2 > x$, $x \in ((0, \infty) \cap (1, \infty)) \cup ((-\infty, 0) \cup (-\infty, 1))$~~

~~$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$~~

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~~For $x^2 > x$, $x \in ((-\infty, 0) \cap (-\infty, 1)) \cup ((0, \infty) \cap (1, \infty))$~~

~~$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$~~

~~$\Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (0, 1)$~~

~~$\Rightarrow x \notin (0, 1) \quad x \notin (0, 1)$~~

Hence, Proved

2. Equivalence Proofs:

1. $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. To prove: $|x+y| = |x| + |y| \Leftrightarrow xy \geq 0$

Proof: LHS \Rightarrow RHS:

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$

Case 1: $x = a, y = b$

$$|x+y| = \cancel{x} - \cancel{y} = a+b$$

$$|x| + |y| = \cancel{|x|} - \cancel{|y|} = a+b \Rightarrow |x+y| = |x| + |y|$$

$$xy = ab \geq 0$$

Case 2: $x = -a, y = -b$

$$|x+y| = |- (a+b)| = a+b$$

$$|x| + |y| = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow |x+y| = |x| + |y|$$

$$xy = (-a)(-b) = ab \geq 0$$

Case 3: $x = -a, y = b$

$$|x+y| = |b-a|$$

$$|x| + |y| = a + b$$

$$|x+y| \neq |x| + |y|$$

$$xy = -ab \leq 0$$

Case 4: $x = a, y = -b$

$$|x+y| = |a-b|$$

$$|x|+|y| = a+b$$

$$|x+y| \neq |x| + |y|$$

$$xy = -ab \leq 0$$

Hence, $LHS \Rightarrow RHS$ ($|x+y| = |x| + |y| \Rightarrow xy \geq 0$)

RHS \Rightarrow LHS

$$xy \geq 0$$

Case 1: $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

$$|x+y| = x+y$$

$$|x| + |y| = x+y = |x+y|$$

Case 2: $x \leq 0, y \leq 0$

$$|x+y| = -(x+y)$$

$$|x| + |y| = -x - y = |x+y|$$

$$\therefore xy \geq 0 \Rightarrow |x+y| = |x| + |y|$$

Hence, Proved.

2. $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, m|n$ and $n|m \Leftrightarrow m=n$

Proof: LHS \Rightarrow RHS:

$$m|n \Rightarrow m \leq n$$

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$$m \leq n \text{ and } n \leq m \Rightarrow m = n$$

$$\therefore m|n \text{ and } n|m \Rightarrow m = n$$

RHS \Rightarrow LHS:

$$m = n \Rightarrow m = n \times 1 \Rightarrow n|m$$

$$n = m \Rightarrow n = m \times 1 \Rightarrow m|n$$

$$\therefore m = n \Rightarrow m|n \text{ and } n|m$$

Hence, Proved.

3. Contradiction Proofs:

1. $A = \left\{ \frac{n-1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}$ does not have a maximum (largest) value.

Contradiction: $A : \left\{ \frac{n-1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}$ has a maximum largest value.

Proof: Let A have a largest value a

$$a = \frac{k-1}{k}$$

where $a = \frac{k-1}{k}$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$

Consider $\frac{(k+1)-1}{k+1} = \frac{k}{k+1} > \frac{k-1}{k}$

~~→~~ \Rightarrow For any k , $(k+1)$ will provide a higher value.

\Rightarrow A does not have a maximum value.

\Rightarrow The assumption was wrong.

Hence proved.

2. Mean of four distinct numbers is $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then at least one of the four integers is greater than $n+1$.

Contradiction: None of the four integers is greater than $n+1$.

Proof: Consider four distinct integers $a, b, c \& d$.

Consider, $a, b, c, d \leq n+1$.

For highest value of mean with given conditions

the four integers are:

$n-2, n-1, n, n+1$.

$$\text{mean} = \frac{n-2 + n-1 + n + n+1}{4} = n - \frac{1}{2} < n$$

Hence, a mean of n cannot be achieved given that none of the four distinct integers is greater than $n+1$.

\Rightarrow The Assumption was wrong

\Rightarrow At least one of the four numbers is greater than $n+1$.

Hence, Proved.

3. $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$, such that $2^r = 3$

Contradiction: $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$, such that $2^r = 3$

Proof: let $r = \frac{p}{q}$, where $p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \& q \neq 0$

$$2^{\frac{p}{2}} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^p = 3^2$$

But 2^p is even and $3^2 \cancel{=} 9$ is odd

$$\Rightarrow 2^p \neq 3^2$$

\Rightarrow The assumption is wrong

$\Rightarrow \nexists r \in \mathbb{Q}$, such that $2^r = 3$

Hence, Proved.

4. Existence Proofs:

1. Out of 367 people, at least two of them have the same birthday.

Contradiction

Proof: Assume no two of them have the same birthdays.

Number of unique possible birthdays : 366

Let the first 366 people uniquely have a different birthday out of the 366 possible birthdays.

The 367th person's birthday will also have to be one of these 366 days.

\Rightarrow 367th person will be sharing his/her birthday with ~~someone~~ someone else.

\Rightarrow Two people have the same birthday

\Rightarrow The assumption was wrong

\Rightarrow At least two of the 367 will have the same birthday.

2. $\{b_1, b_2, b_3 \dots b_n\} \in \mathbb{Z}$, such that $\sum b_k^2 < n$.

To Prove : at least one of the integers in the set is 0.

Proof : Assume $b_1, b_2 \dots b_n \neq 0$ (none of the integers is 0)

$$\Rightarrow b_k^2 \geq 1 \quad \forall k \in \{1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \dots + b_n^2 \geq 1 + 1 + 1 \dots n \text{ times}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \geq n$$

But $\sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 < n$

\Rightarrow Our assumption was wrong

\Rightarrow At least one of the integers is zero.