

Skill Mastery Quiz 8
Communicating in Math (MTH 210-01)
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Name:

P2-2 For which of the following situations is it more appropriate to use induction (circle one).

1. For all integers a and b ,

$$(a + b)^2 \equiv (a^2 + b^2) \pmod{2}.$$

2. For each natural number n ,

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) = n^2.$$

Explain why you chose that statement to prove by induction.

The second statement makes more sense because it starts “For each natural number n .”

For the statement you chose, state what your steps would be in a proof by induction.

Let $P(n)$ be the predicate $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n - 1) = n^2$. We would first prove $P(1)$ or that $1 = 1^2$. Then we would let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume $P(k)$, or that

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2k - 1) = k^2$$

and show that $P(k + 1)$ is true, or that

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2(k + 1) - 1) = (k + 1)^2.$$

S1-1 Let $A = \{1, \{2\}, \{3, 4\}, 5\}$. From the list $\in, \notin, =, \neq, \subseteq, \not\subseteq, \subset, \subsetneq$, fill in a correct symbol for each of the following:

- $\{1\}$ ____ A There's a bunch of answers, one could use \notin, \neq, \subseteq , or \subset . I would have gone for \subset since that is phrased positively and is “stronger” than \subseteq . Note that this is a set for which every element is an element of A .
- $\{2\}$ ____ A A bunch of answers here too, one could use $\in, \neq, \not\subseteq$, or $\not\subset$. I would have gone for \in since this is phrased positively. Note this looks a lot like the first one, but in this case, one of the elements of A is $\{2\}$. We could say $\{\{2\}\} \subset A$ since that's a set containing an element of A .
- $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ____ A There are lots of correct answers here, but I would choose \neq . Though the order of elements doesn't affect what the set is, and repeated elements don't affect what the set is, the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ has different elements than the set A .

S2-1 Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ be the universal set. Let $A = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ and $B = \{1, 5, 7, 9\}$.

1. Find $A \cap B$

$A \cap B = \{5, 7\}$. This is the intersection, or “and” - so all of the elements that are both in A and in B .

2. Find $A \cup B$

$A \cup B = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9\}$ This is the union, so “or” - we take all of the elements that are in one or the other or both.

3. Find A^C

$A^c = \{1, 2, 8, 9, 10\}$. This is the complement, so everything that is in U that is not in A . Note $U = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$.

4. Find $A - B$.

$A - B = \{3, 4, 6\}$. This is A “minus” B , or all of the elements that are in A that aren't also in B .