



# Prove Props. 2.10, 2.21, 2.33. Do Project 2.28. Prove Props. 2.18(iii) by induction, and 2.18.1(i, ii).

## Prop. 2.10.

The equation  $x^2 = -1$  has no solution in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Proof.

Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

The proposition can be rewritten as:

There does not exist any  $m$  where  $m^2 = -1$ .

Assume there *does* exist a  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $m^2 = -1$ .

**Proposition 2.9** states that if  $m \neq 0$ , then  $m^2 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We know  $m \neq 0$  because for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \cdot 0 = 0$ , and  $0 \neq -1$ , therefore  $m \neq 0$ .

Therefore, proposition 2.9 implies that  $-1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

However, we know  $-1 \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof.

By **proposition 2.3**, we know  $1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $-1 \in \mathbb{N}$  cannot *both* be true, since **proposition 2.2** states for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , only one of the following is true:  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $-m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m = 0$ .

Therefore,  $-1 \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

By contradiction, there cannot exist a  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $m^2 = -1$ .

## Prop. 2.21.

There exists no integer  $x$  such that  $0 < x < 1$ .

Proof.

Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Assume there *does* exist an  $k$  where  $0 < k < 1$ .

We rewrite the assumption as follows:

There exists an  $k$  where  $0 < k$  and  $k < 1$

$\Rightarrow$  There exists an  $k$  where  $(k - 0) \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(1 - k) \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow$  There exists an  $k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(1 - k) \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $A$  be the assumption (for which we will be proving by contradiction):

There exists an  $k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(1 - k) \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In order to prove assumption  $A$  is false, we can prove that there is *no*  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $(1 - k) \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For this, we use induction - let  $P(n)$  be the statement:

$(1 - n) \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

Prove  $P(1)$ .

- $(1 - 1) \notin \mathbb{N}$
- $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$

$0 \notin \mathbb{N}$  is true, by Axiom 2.1(iii).

Induction step.

We assume  $P(n)$  is true:

$(1 - k) \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

Prove  $P(n + 1)$ .

- $(1 - (n + 1)) \notin \mathbb{N}$
- $(1 - n - 1) \notin \mathbb{N}$
- $(-n) \notin \mathbb{N}$

$(-n) \notin \mathbb{N}$  is true, because  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  by the induction axiom, and by **proposition 2.2**, if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(-n) \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore, since for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(1 - k) \notin \mathbb{N}$ , and since the contrapositive of a true statement holds, there exists no  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $(1 - k) \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore, assumption  $A$  is false by contradiction. That is, there *does not* exist a  $k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(1 - k) \in \mathbb{N}$ , so there cannot be an  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $0 < x < 1$ .

**Prop. 2.33.**

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(\forall a \in A) b \leq a$ . Then  $A$  has a smallest element.

The well-ordering principle states that every non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  has a smallest element.  
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### Project 2.28.

Determine for which natural numbers  $k^2 - 3k \geq 4$ . Prove it.

Reduce the original expression:

$$k(k - 3) \geq 4$$

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### Prop. 2.18(iii).

$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k^3 + 5k$  is divisible by 6.

Proof.

$m$  is divisible by  $n$  if there exists a  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m = jn$ .

$P(k) = k^3 + 5k$  is divisible by 6.

Prove  $P(1)$ .

$$(1)^3 + 5(1) = 1 + 5 = 6.$$

6 is divisible by 6, therefore  $P(1)$  is true.

Assume  $P(k)$  is true for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

There exists a  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $k^3 + 5k = 6n$

Prove  $P(k + 1)$ .

Show there exists a  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $(k + 1)^3 + 5(k + 1) = 6m$ .

We rewrite the left-hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} & (k + 1)^3 + 5(k + 1) \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 5k + 5 \\ &= (k^3 + 5k) + 3k^2 + 3k + 6 \\ &= 6n + 3k^2 + 3k + 6 \\ &= 6n + 3(k^2 + k) + 6 \end{aligned}$$

We now prove that  $3(k^2 + k)$  is divisible by 6.

Intermediate proposition: If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is divisible by 2, then  $3n$  is divisible by 6.

Proof.

If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is divisible by 2, then there exists a  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $n = 2l$ .

We multiply both sides by 3 to obtain  $3n = 6l$ , and since this follows the definition of divisibility,  $3n$  is divisible by 6.

Therefore,  $3(k^2 + k)$  is divisible by 6, that is, there exists a  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $6d = 3(k^2 + k)$ .

We now rewrite the left-hand side as:

$$6n + 6d + 6 = 6(n + d + 1)$$

We let  $q = (n + d + 1) \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$(k + 1)^3 + 5(k + 1) = 6q$  where  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ , therefore  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Prop 2.18(iii) proved by mathematical induction.

## Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ for the following propositions.

### Prop 2.18.1(i).

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Proof.

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Prove  $P(1)$ .

- $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$
- $1 = \frac{1(2)}{2}$
- $1 = 1$

Therefore  $P(1)$  is true.

Induction step.

Assume  $P(n)$  is true.

Prove  $P(n + 1)$ .

- $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i = \frac{(n+1)((n+1)+1)}{2}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n i + (n + 1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$
- $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n + 1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$
- $n(n + 1) + 2(n + 1) = (n + 1)(n + 2)$

- $n^2 + n + 2n + 2 = n^2 + 2n + n + 2$
- $n^2 + 3n + 2 = n^2 + 3n + 2$

Therefore  $P(n + 1)$  is true.

$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  by mathematical induction.

**Prop 2.18.1(ii).**

$2 \mid n(n + 1)$

Proof.

We rewrite the proposition:

There exists  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $n(n + 1) = 2z$

By **proposition 2.18.1(i)**,  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \in \mathbb{N}$  because the sum of natural numbers is in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

If we let  $z = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ , then multiplying both sides by 2 results in  $2z = n(n + 1)$ .

Since there exists a  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $n(n + 1) = 2z$ ,  $n(n + 1)$  is divisible by 2.