

# Solution, HW3

Q1. Given,  $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$ .

Possible values of  $x$  and  $y$

$x$	$y$
0	0
1	1
2	2
$\vdots$	$\vdots$

As  $x^2$  and  $y^2$  are always non-negative conclusion will hold for negative values of  $x, y$

Case 1:  $x=0, y=1$

$$\text{L.H.S} = 2 \times 0 + 5 \times 1 = 5 \neq \text{R.H.S} \quad \text{No solution}$$

Case 2:  $x=0, y=0$

$$\text{L.H.S} = 2 \times 0 + 5 \times 0 = 0 \neq \text{R.H.S} \quad \text{No solution}$$

Case 3:  $x=1, y=1$

$$\text{L.H.S} = 2 \times 1 + 5 \times 1 = 2 + 5 = 7 \neq \text{R.H.S} \quad \text{No solution}$$

Case 4:  $x=2, y=1$

$$\text{L.H.S} = 2 \times 4 + 5 \times 1 = 8 + 5 = 13 \neq \text{R.H.S} \quad \text{No solution}$$

Case 5:  $x=2, y=0$

$$\text{L.H.S} = 2 \times 4 + 5 \times 0 = 8 + 0 = 8 \neq \text{R.H.S} \quad \text{No solution}$$

Proved

Q2

If  $x^2 - 2a + 7$  is even, then  $x$  is odd.

$P$   $Q$

So,  $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$  [contrapositive]

$\neg Q$ :  $x$  is not odd  $\equiv x$  is even

$\neg P$ :  $x^2 - 2a + 7$  is not even

$\equiv x^2 - 2a + 7$  is odd

Let's consider  $x = 2k$ ,  $k$  is an integer

$$\text{So, } x^2 - 2a + 7 = 4k^2 - 4k + 7$$

$$= 2(2k^2 - 2k + 3) + 1$$

integer: L

$$= 2L + 1 \equiv \text{ODD}$$

The statement is proved in contrapositive sense.



Q3.

Given

If  $3n^r + 4n + 1$  is even, then  $3n + 1$  is even or  $n + 1$  is even

$P$ :  $3n^r + 4n + 1$  is even

$q$ :  $3n + 1$  is even

$r$ :  $n + 1$  is even

$$P \rightarrow (q \vee r)$$

$$\neg (q \vee r) \rightarrow \neg P$$

$$\Rightarrow \neg q \wedge \neg r \rightarrow \neg P$$

So,  $\neg P$ :  $3n^r + 4n + 1$  is odd

$$\neg q: 3n + 1 \text{ is odd} = 2j + 1$$

$$\neg r: n + 1 \text{ is odd} = 2k + 1$$

$$\text{So, } 3n^r + 4n + 1 = 3n^r + 3n + n + 1$$

$$= 3n(n + 1) + 1(n + 1)$$

$$= (3n + 1)(n + 1)$$

Replacing the value:

$$3n^r + 4n + 1 = (2j + 1)(2k + 1)$$

$$= 4jk + 2j + 2k + 1$$

$$= 2(jk + j + k) + 1$$

Integer:  $L$

$$= 2L + 1 \equiv \text{ODD}$$

Proved



Q4. We apply proof by contradiction. Given,

no natural number  $n$  is both even and odd

Let's assume that, the opposite/negation is true

That is:  $n$  is both even and odd

↳ natural number

So,  $n = 2k$ , when  $n$  is even

$n = 2j+1$ , when  $n$  is odd

We know that even + odd is always

So,

$$2k = 2j+1, \text{ as } n \begin{cases} 2k \\ 2j+1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(k-j) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{2 \times \text{Integer}}_{\text{Even}} = \underbrace{1}_{\text{odd}}$$

contradiction

Thus, "natural number  $n$  is both even and odd," is a wrong statement

So, no natural number  $n$  is both even and odd

Proved

Q5. Part a)

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \text{L.H.S} = 1 + 3 + \dots + (2n-1) & \text{R.H.S} = n^2 \\ = 1 & = 1 \end{array} \quad n=1$$

So, Basic step: for  $n=1$ , the given statement is true.

Inductive step: Let's assume that for  $n=k$  the given statement is true.



That is,  $1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)=k^2 \dots \dots \textcircled{2}$

Now, we have to show that the given statement is true for  $n=k+1$  as well. That is, we have to show that

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

$$\Rightarrow 1+3+5+\dots+(2k+1)=(k+1)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, L.H.S} &= \underbrace{1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)}_{k^2} + (2(k+1)-1) \\ &= k^2 + 2k+1 = (k+1)^2 = \text{R.H.S}\end{aligned}$$

*Proved*

**Part b:** Basic step:  $n=1$ ,  $4^1-1=3$ , so, 3 is divisible by 3 multiple

Inductive step: Let's assume that for  $n=k$  the given statement is true, that is,  $4^k-1$  is a multiple of 3.  $4^k-1=3m$ , where  $m$  is an integer

Now, we have to show that  $4^n-1$  is divisible/multiple of 3 for  $n=k+1$ . So,

$$4^{k+1}-1 = 4^k \cdot 4 - 1 = 4^k(3+1)-1$$

$$= 3 \cdot 4^k + 4^k - 1 = 3 \cdot 4^k + \underbrace{3m}_{\text{for } n=k \text{ part}}$$

$$= 3 \cdot (4^k + m)$$

*Integer: L*

$$\equiv 3L \quad \text{multiple of 3}$$



Part c: Given.  $2+4+6+\dots\dots+2n=n(n+1)$

Basic step: For  $n=1$ , L.H.S =  $2 \times 1 = 2$   
R.H.S =  $1(1+1) = 2$   
So, L.H.S = R.H.S

Inductive step: Let's assume that for  $n=k$  the given statement is true. That is,

$$2+4+6+\dots\dots+2k=k(k+1)$$

Now, we have to show that for  $n=k+1$  the given statement is true as well.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{L.H.S} &= \underbrace{2+4+6+\dots\dots+2k}_{k(k+1)} + 2(k+1) \\ &= k(k+1) + 2(k+1) = (k+1)(k+2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{R.H.S} &= n(n+1) \\ &= (k+1)(k+1+1), \text{ for } n=k+1 \\ &= (k+1)(k+2) = \text{L.H.S}\end{aligned}$$

That is, the given statement is true for  $n=k+1$  as well.

Proved

Part d: L.H.S =  $-1+2+5+\dots+(3n-4)$

$$= -1, \text{ for } n=1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{R.H.S} &= \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)(3n-5) = \frac{1}{2}(3-5) = \frac{1}{2} \times (-2) \\ &= -1 = \text{L.H.S}\end{aligned}$$

Assume that the given statement is true for  $n=k$ . That is

$$-1+2+5+\dots\dots+(3k-4) = \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)(3k-5)$$



Now, we have to show that the given statement is true for  $n = k+1$ . That is,

$$-1 + 2 + 5 + \dots + (3(k+1)-4) = \frac{(k+1)(3(k+1)-4)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)(3k-2)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \underbrace{-1 + 2 + 5 + \dots + (3k-4)}_{\frac{k}{2}(3k-5)} + (3(k+1)-4) \\ &= \frac{k}{2}(3k-5) + (3k-1) \\ &= \frac{k(3k-5) + 2(3k-1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{3k^2 - 5k + 6k - 2}{2} = \frac{3k^2 + k - 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{3k^2 + 3k - 2k - 2}{2} = \frac{3k(k+1) - 2(k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(3k-2)}{2} = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

so, the given statement is proved.