

1. Prove that $n^2 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Theorem 1: if n is even then n^2 is even.

Proof by:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \in E, 2|n &\implies 2|n^2 \text{ by theorem 1} \\ 2|n^2 &= 2 \pmod{0} \neq 2 \pmod{3} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

2. Fermat's Last theorem is a famous theorem in Math that was unproven for 200 years. The theorem says $\forall n > 2, a, b, c \in \mathbb{N} \implies a^n + b^n \neq c^n$. Another way to state this is $a^n + b^n = c^n$ has no integer solutions for n larger than 2. Use this theorem to prove that $\sqrt[n]{2}$ is irrational for n larger than 2.

Proof by:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[n]{2} \in \mathbb{Q} &\implies \exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z} : \gcd(a, b) = 1 \\ &\implies \sqrt[n]{2} = \frac{a}{b} \implies a^n = 2b^n \\ &\implies a^n = b^n + b^n \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Thus, this contradicts Fermat's Last theorem implying $\sqrt[n]{2}$ is irrational for $n > 2$.

Note: this is essentially [zscoder's proof](#). No real credit here; I couldn't figure it out myself at first. It's pretty simple though, so I couldn't formulate something else that was better without adding unnecessary steps (originally completed in hw3).

3. Prove that for any $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} : a|bx + cy \iff a|b \wedge a|c$

4. Prove that for any $n, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, n|a - b \iff a \% n = b \% n$

5. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that

$$a \sim b \iff a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

is an equivalence relation for any n .

6. The greatest common divisor of natural numbers a, b ; $\gcd(a, b)$, is the largest number δ such that $\delta|a \wedge \delta|b$

(a) Let $\delta = \gcd(b, a \% b)$, prove that $\delta|a \wedge \delta|b$

(b) Use part (a) to show that $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$

7. We defined the identity function

$\text{id} : A \rightarrow A$, $\text{id}(x) = x$, has property: $\forall f : A \rightarrow A$, $\text{id} \circ f = f \circ \text{id} = f$

Prove that id is the only function that can have this property.