

HW 3

MTH 230

1.) $x^2 + y^2 = 11$

prove for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x^2 + y^2 \neq 11$

$x^2 = 11 - y^2$, $x^2 \geq 0$ by properties of even exponentiation
 $\Rightarrow 11 - y^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 11 \geq y^2$, $y^2 \leq 11$ W.B.O.G.

- proof by cases:

- (1) let $x=0$, $0^2 + y^2 = 11 \Rightarrow y^2 = 11 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{11} \notin \mathbb{Z}$
- (2) let $x=1$, $1^2 + y^2 = 11 \Rightarrow y^2 = 10 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{10} \notin \mathbb{Z}$
- (3) let $x=2$, $2^2 + y^2 = 11 \Rightarrow y^2 = 7 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{7} \notin \mathbb{Z}$
- (4) let $x=3$, $3^2 + y^2 = 11 \Rightarrow y^2 = 2 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$

2.) $\sum_{n=1}^N (2n-1) = N^2$, $\forall N \in \mathbb{Z}$, $N \geq 1$

(base case), $n=1$

$2n-1 = N^2 \Leftrightarrow 2 \cdot 1 - 1 = 1^2 \Leftrightarrow 1 = 1 \checkmark$

(IH) Assume that $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $1 \leq k < N$

$\sum_{n=1}^k 2n-1 = k^2$, Now we must demonstrate equality for $k+1$

If $\sum_{n=1}^k 2n-1 = 1+3+\dots+2k-1 = k^2$

$\Rightarrow \left(\sum_{n=1}^k 2n-1 \right) + (k+1) = 1+3+\dots+(2k-1) + 2k+1 = (k^2) + (2k+1)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{k+1} (2n-1) + (k+1) = \cancel{k^2 + 2k + 1} + k^2 + (2k+1)$

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

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

thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, it follows that $\forall n > 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^n 2i-1 = n^2$

3) Prove for all n $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

(base case) for $n=1$, $\sum_{i=1}^1 i^2 = 1^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1(1+1)(2+1)}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$

(I.H.) Assume that for some k , $1 \leq k < n$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6}$$

holds true

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum_{i=1}^k i^2 \right) + (k+1)^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + (k+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + \frac{6(k+1)^2}{6} = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1) + 6(k+1)^2}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k(2k+1) + 6(k+1))}{6} = \frac{(k+1)(2k^2 + 7k + 6)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(2k+3)(k+2)}{6} \checkmark$$

thus, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction,
for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ holds true

4.) Prove that every Integer can be written as $3k$, $3k+1$, or $3k-1$ for an Integer k .

Using modular arithmetic, $n = 3k \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$n = 3k+1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $n = 3k+2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

and $n = 3k-1 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

let us examine the cases of

- Case 1

by the Euclidean Division theorem

If

Prove that Every ^{Integer} ~~Number~~ n , can be $3k, 3k-1, 3k+1$

base cases: for $n=0, n=3k, k=0$ ✓

for $n=1, n=3k+1, k=0$ ✓

for $n=2, n=3k-1, k=1$ ✓

Assume that for $n=m, n=m-1, n=m-2$, the statement holds. We want to show that this holds for $n=m+1$

If $m=3k$ then $n=m+1 \Rightarrow n=3k+1 = 3(k+1)-1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ✓

If $m=3k+1$ then $m+1 = 3k+2 = 3(k+1)-1$

$\Rightarrow m+1$ is $3q-1$ and thus $\equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

If $m=3k-1$ then $m+1 = 3k \Rightarrow \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

thus by mathematical Induction this property holds for all integers.

5.) let $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$, show $\exists s \in \mathbb{N}$

such that (a) $\exists t \in \mathbb{N}, ps = qt$

pf:

~~Assume that p, q are coprime~~

We want to show that $ps = qt$

which we can equivalently state as

want: $\left(\frac{s}{t} = \frac{q}{p} \right)$, let s be $\frac{\text{lcm}(p, q)}{p}$ and let

t be $\frac{\text{lcm}(p, q)}{q}$. Back substituting yields

$$\frac{\text{lcm}(p, q)}{p} \cdot p = \frac{\text{lcm}(p, q)}{q} \cdot q \Leftrightarrow \text{lcm}(p, q) = \text{lcm}(p, q) \quad \square$$

5.)

(b) $p \cdot s' = q \cdot t'$, let $S := \{ (s, t) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid p \cdot s = q \cdot t, p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \}$

We can observe that $S \neq \emptyset$ as there exist multiple trivial solutions.

Since S is a set of well founded sets / by the well ordering principle there exists a minimal element for where $p \cdot s' = q \cdot t'$ and $s' \geq 0$. \square

6.) Show that any positive Integer can be written as a sum of unique powers of 3, but allowing both positive and negative signs

base case, for $n = 1$, $3^0 = 1 \checkmark$

(IH) Assume for any positive Integer less than n can be expressed as a sum of unique powers of 3, with coefficients 1 or -1.

consider a positive Integer n ,

we can always find the closest power of 3 that is less than or equal to n

if $3^k = n$, we are done.

if $3^k < n$ consider $\frac{n}{3^k}$ where $n = 3^k \cdot q + r$

$$0 \leq r < 3^k$$

Case 1

$$r=0$$

$3^k \mid n$ by (IH) n can be written as a sum and difference of powers of 3.

Case 2: $0 < r < 3^k$

by (IH) r can be expressed as a unique sum of powers of 3 by the two following cases

either $0 < r < \frac{3^k}{2}$ or $\frac{3^k}{2} < r < 3^k$

If ① $n = 3^k \cdot q + r$, use (IH) to express r

If ② let $s = 3^k - r$

$$0 < s < \frac{3^k}{2}, \quad n = 3^k \cdot q + r = 3^k \cdot q + 3^k - s = 3^k(q+1) - s$$

by (IH) s can be expressed as a sum of unique powers of 3 all less than 3^k with coefficients 1 or -1

by Principle of Mathematical Induction