

Section 4.4:

20. Suppose  $a$  is an integer. If  $a \bmod 7 = 4$ , what is  $5a \bmod 7$ ? In other words, if division of  $a$  by 7 gives a remainder of 4, what is the remainder when  $5a$  is divided by 7?

We have:  $a \bmod 7 = 4$

For some integer  $r \Rightarrow a = 7r + 4$  (def. modulo)

$$\Rightarrow 5a = 5(7r + 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a = 35r + 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a = 35r + 14 + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a = 7(5r + 2) + 6$$

an integer

$$\text{and } 0 \leq 6 < 7$$

$$\therefore 5a \bmod 7 = 6$$

23. Prove that for all integers  $n$ , if  $n \bmod 5 = 3$  then  $n^2 \bmod 5 = 4$ .

Given some integer  $n$  such that  $n \bmod 5 = 3$

For some integer  $r \Rightarrow n = 5r + 3$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = (5r + 3)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 25r^2 + 30r + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 25r^2 + 30r + 5 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 5(5r^2 + 6r + 1) + 4$$

an integer

$$\text{and } 0 \leq 4 < 5$$

$$\therefore \boxed{n^2 \bmod 5 = 4}$$

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In 31-33, you may use the properties listed in Example 4.2.3.

32. Given any integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , if  $a - b$  is even and  $b - c$  is even, what can you say about the parity of  $2a - (b + c)$ ? Prove your answer.

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be some integers such  $a - b$  is even and  $b - c$  is even.

We have:  $2a - (b + c) = a + a - b - c$

$$= (a - b) + (a - c)$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a - b) \text{ is even} \\ \text{and} \\ (a - c) \text{ is even} \end{array} \right.$  and sum of two even number is even

$$\therefore 2a - (b + c) \text{ is even}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a - b \text{ is even} \\ b - c \text{ is even} \\ (a - b + b - c) \text{ is} \\ \text{even} \\ (a - c) \text{ is even} \end{array}$$

Prove the statement

39. The sum of any four consecutive integers has the form  $4k + 2$  for some integer  $k$ .

Let  $n$  be some integer

$\Rightarrow n, n + 1, n + 2, n + 3$  are 4 consecutive integers

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & n + (n + 1) + (n + 2) + (n + 3) \\ &= 4n + 1 + 2 + 3 \\ &= 4n + 6 \\ &= 4n + 4 + 2 \\ &= 4(n + 1) + 2 \\ &\quad \text{an integer} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n + 1 = k$

$$\Rightarrow n + (n + 1) + (n + 2) + (n + 3) = 4k + 2$$

$\therefore$  The sum of any four consecutive integers has the form  $4k + 2$  for some integer  $k$

Def. floor: Given any real number  $x$ , the floor of  $x$ ,  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ , is defined as  $\lfloor x \rfloor = n$  s.t.  
 $n \leq x < n+1$

Section 4.5:

Prove the statement

26. For all real numbers  $x$ , if  $x - \lfloor x \rfloor < 1/2$  then  $\lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor$ .

Let  $x$  be some real number s.t.  $x - \lfloor x \rfloor < \frac{1}{2}$

We have:  $x - \lfloor x \rfloor < \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2x - 2\lfloor x \rfloor < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2x < 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \quad (1)$$

We have:  $\lfloor x \rfloor \leq x$  (def. floor)

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\lfloor x \rfloor \leq 2x \quad (2)$$

$$(1)(2) \Rightarrow 2\lfloor x \rfloor \leq 2x < 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor$$

$\therefore$  For all real numbers  $x$ , if  $x - \lfloor x \rfloor < \frac{1}{2}$  then  $\lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor$

Section 4.6:

Prove each statement in 10-17 by contradiction.

10. The square root of any irrational number is irrational.

Negation:

$\exists$  irrational number  $x$ , s.t.  $\sqrt{x}$  is rational

by definition of rational numbers

$$\sqrt{x} = \frac{a}{b} \quad (a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0)$$

$$x = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$\therefore a^2, b^2 \in \mathbb{Z}, b^2 \neq 0$$

$\therefore x$  is rational, contradiction

Prove each of the statements in 23–29 in two ways: (a) by contraposition and (b) by contradiction.

26. For all integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , if  $a \nmid bc$  then  $a \nmid b$ . (Recall that the symbol  $\nmid$  means “does not divide.”)

a) contraposition:

$\forall a, b, c (a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}), \text{ if } a \mid b, \text{ then } a \mid bc$

According to the definition of divisibility,

$$b = ak, \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$bc = ak \cdot c = a(k \cdot c) \quad (k \cdot c \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\therefore a \mid bc$$

b) contradiction:

$\exists a, b, c (a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}). \text{ s.t. } a \nmid bc \text{ and } a \mid b$

According to the definition of divisibility,

$$\therefore a \mid b$$

$$\therefore b = ak, \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$bc = a(k \cdot c) \quad (k \cdot c \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\therefore a \mid bc, \text{ contradiction to } a \nmid bc$$

Section 4.7:

Determine which statements in 3–13 are true and which are false. Prove those that are true and disprove those that are false.

3.  $6 - 7\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

Proof by contradiction

negation:  $6 - 7\sqrt{2}$  is rational

According to the definition of rational numbers

$$6 - 7\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} \quad (a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0)$$

$$-7\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} - 6$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a - 6b}{b} \times -\frac{1}{7}$$

$$= -\frac{a - 6b}{7b}$$

$$\therefore a - 6b, 7b \in \mathbb{Z}, 7b \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sqrt{2}$  is rational,

contradiction to theorem  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational

30. The following "proof" that every integer is rational is incorrect. Find the mistake.

**"Proof (by contradiction):** Suppose not. Suppose every integer is irrational. Then the integer 1 is irrational. But  $1 = 1/1$ , which is rational. This is a contradiction. [Hence the supposition is false and the theorem is true.]"

Negation:

there exists one integer which is irrational

negation form incorrect

16. a. Use proof by contradiction to show that for any integer  $n$ , it is impossible for  $n$  to equal both  $3q_1 + r_1$  and  $3q_2 + r_2$ , where  $q_1, q_2, r_1$ , and  $r_2$ , are integers,  $0 \leq r_1 < 3, 0 \leq r_2 < 3$ , and  $r_1 \neq r_2$ .
- b. Use proof by contradiction, the quotient-remainder theorem, division into cases, and the result of part (a) to prove that for all integers  $n$ , if  $n^2$  is divisible by 3 then  $n$  is divisible by 3.
- c. Prove that  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational.

a. proof by contradiction

negation: there ~~is at least~~ exists integers,  $q_1, r_1, q_2, r_2$

s.t.  $3q_1 + r_1 = 3q_2 + r_2$   $0 \leq r_1 < 3, 0 \leq r_2 < 3, r_1 \neq r_2$

$$3q_1 + r_1 = 3q_2 + r_2$$

$$3(q_1 - q_2) = r_2 - r_1$$

$$\therefore r_2 - r_1 = -2, -1, 1 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\therefore q_1 - q_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, r_2 - r_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$3 \nmid r_2 - r_1 \text{ contradiction}$$

b. negation:

$\exists$  integer  $n$ , s.t.  $3 \mid n^2$  and  $3 \nmid n$

$$\therefore n^2 = 3 \cdot k, (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\therefore 3 \nmid n$$

According to the definition of quotient-remainder theorem,  $n = 3k_1 + 1$  or  $3k_1 + 2$  ( $k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

case ①:  $n = 3k_1 + 1 \ (k_1 \in \mathbb{Z})$

$$n^2 = 9k_1^2 + 6k_1 + 1$$

$$= 3(3k_1^2 + 2k_1) + 1$$

$$\therefore 3 \nmid n^2, \text{ contradiction}$$

case 2:  $n = 3k_1 + 2 \ (k_1 \in \mathbb{Z})$

$$n^2 = 9k_1^2 + 12k_1 + 4$$

$$= 3(3k_1^2 + 4k_1) + \cancel{4} \mid$$

$$= 3(3k_1^2 + 4k_1 + 1) + 1$$

$$\therefore 3 \nmid n^2, \text{ contradiction}$$

C. proof by contradiction

negation:  $\sqrt{3}$  is rational

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b} \ (a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0), \text{ } a, b \text{ have no common factor}$$

$$a^2 = 3b^2$$

by definition of divisibility,  $3 \mid a^2$

$\therefore$  from part (b)

$$\therefore 3 \mid a$$

$$\therefore a = 3k \ (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 9k^2$$

$$\therefore 9k^2 = 3b^2$$

$$b^2 = 3k^2 \quad \therefore 3 \mid b^2 \quad \therefore 3 \mid b \quad \text{contradiction}$$



For exercises 32–35 note that to show there is a unique object with a certain property, show that (1) there is an object with the property and (2) if objects A and B have the property, then  $A = B$ .

34. Prove that there is at most one real number  $a$  with the property that  $a + r = r$  for all real numbers  $r$ . (Such a number is called an additive identity.)

direct proof

for real numbers  $a_1, a_2$ , s.t.

$$\begin{cases} a_1 + r = r & \textcircled{1} \\ a_2 + r = r & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

by  $\textcircled{2}$ ,  $a_1 + a_2 + r = a_2 + r$

$$a_1 + a_2 = a_2$$

by  $\textcircled{1}$   $a_2 + a_1 + r = a_1 + r$

$$a_2 + a_1 = a_1$$

$\therefore$  there is at most one real number s.t.

$$a + r = r$$

$$a_2 = a_1 + a_2 = a_2 + a_1 = a_1$$

$$\therefore a_2 = a_1$$