

§ 1.7. HW # 27.

Pf. Assume there is a rational root  $r$

by def of rational #:  $r = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b \neq 0$

$$r^3 + r + 1 = 0$$

simplified form

$$\text{left: } \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{a^3}{b^3} + \frac{a}{b} + 1 = 0$$

multiply by  $b^3$

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$$a^3 + ab^2 + b^3 = 0$$

Case 1. if  $a=0$

$$a^3 + ab^2 + b^3 = 0 + 0 + b^3 \neq 0$$

$$b \neq 0, b^3 \neq 0$$

this is a Contradiction.

Case 2. if  $a \neq 0$

$$a^3 \neq 0, ab^2 \neq 0, b^3 \neq 0$$

$$a^3 + ab^2 + b^3 \neq 0$$

this is a Contradiction.

there is no rational root for  $r^3 + r + 1 = 0$

$$a = 2k$$

$$a^3 = (2k)^3 = 8k^3 = 2 \cdot (4k^3)$$

textbook:

Case 1.  $a$  is even,  $b$  is odd.

[  $a^3$  is even,  $ab^2$  is even  
 $b^3$  is odd

even + even + odd = odd  $\neq 0$

Case 2.  $a$  is odd,  $b$  is even

[  $a^3$  is odd,  $ab^2$  is odd  
 $b^3$  is even

odd + odd + even = even

odd  $\neq 0$

$\mathbb{Z}$ : 

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| even | odd |
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§ 1.8 proof by Strategies.

1. proof by cases.

If we can prove each case is true, then the whole thing is true!

Ex. If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $n^2 + 3n + 5$  is odd.  $= 2M + 1$

Pf. Case 1. let  $n$  is even

$$n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n^2 + 3n + 5 = (2k)^2 + 3(2k) + 5$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4k^2 + 6k + 5 \\
 &= 4k^2 + 6k + \overbrace{4+1} \\
 &= 2(2k^2 + 3k + 2) + 1, \text{ since } k \in \mathbb{Z}, 2k^2 + 3k + 2 = M \in \mathbb{Z} \\
 &= 2M + 1 \text{ is odd.}
 \end{aligned}$$

case 2. let  $n$  is odd.

$$n = 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n^2 + 3n + 5 &= (2k+1)^2 + 3(2k+1) + 5 \\
 &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 6k + 3 + 5 \\
 &= 4k^2 + 10k + 8 + 1 \\
 &= 2(2k^2 + 5k + 4) + 1 \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, 2k^2 + 5k + 4 = M \in \mathbb{Z} \\
 &= 2M + 1 \text{ is odd}
 \end{aligned}$$



Ex. Prime numbers: an integer greater than 1 whose only factors are 1 and itself.

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, \dots}_{\text{odd}}$$

Belief: there are infinitely many prime numbers.

Need to prove it!

Contradiction! Assume there are finite prime numbers.

"complete" list for the prime #'s:  $2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots, N$

prime ✓

Composite }

Where " $N$ " is the "largest" prime #.  $\leftrightarrow$  Strategy: try to find another prime # that is  $> N$ .

$$X = \underbrace{2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times \dots \times N}_{\text{Composite \# and Even!}} + 1$$

odd (there is a possibility that  $x$  is prime and  $x > N$ )

if  
Case 1.  $x$  is prime #.

then  $x > N$  it contradicts to  $N$  being largest prime #.

Case 2. if  $x$  is a composite # (You can find other factors) completely.  $\rightarrow$  are prime if factor  $18 < 9 < 3$   
 $18 = 2(3^2)$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{array}{r} x = \overbrace{(2)(3)(5) \dots (N)} + \textcircled{1} \\ \hline 2 \qquad \qquad \qquad 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 2 \overline{) 1} \\ \underline{0} \\ 1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{remainder} = 1$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \underbrace{\frac{(2)(3)(5)\dots(N)}{2}}_{\text{integer}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{\text{remainder}=1} \Rightarrow \text{remainder} = 1$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = \frac{(2)(3)(5)\dots(N)+1}{3} = \underbrace{\frac{(2)(3)\dots(N)}{3}}_{r=0} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3}}_{r=1} \Rightarrow \text{remainder} = 1$$

$$\frac{x}{N} = \frac{(2)(3)\dots(N)+1}{N} = \underbrace{\frac{(2)(3)\dots(N)}{N}}_{r=0} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{N}}_{r=1} \Rightarrow \text{remainder} = 1$$

It reaches the contradiction,  $x$  is not a composite,  $x$  is prime.  
 (When  $x$  divided by any of  $\{2, 3, 5, \dots, N\}$ , remainder = 0)  
 but this is not the case, we have  $r=1$  for all possible prime #s.

$x > N$  since  $x = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot N + 1$  then there is

No complete list of prime #s.

$\Rightarrow$  there are infinitely many prime #s.  $\square$

## 2. Backward Reasoning (Mostly in Inequality)

Ex. If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 \geq xy$ .

If  $n$  is even, then  $n^2$  is even  
 Forward reasoning (direct proof)

Backward reasoning:  
 (Not an official pf)

$$12 \left( \frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 - xy \right) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + 9y^2 - 12xy \geq 0$$

$$(2x)^2 - 12xy + (3y)^2 \geq 0$$

$$(2x - 3y)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$\text{formula: } a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a+b)^2 = (a+b)(a+b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 2x \\ b &= 3y \\ 2ab &= 2 \cdot 2x \cdot 3y \\ &= 12xy \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftarrow$  start for my proof.

⇒ Use backward reasoning to do the official pf. .

⇒ pf. Since  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $(2x-3y)^2 \geq 0$

Divide by 12

$$\frac{4x^2}{12} - \frac{12xy}{12} + \frac{9y^2}{12} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x^2}{3} - xy + \frac{3y^2}{4} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{3y^2}{4} \geq xy$$

□.

Ex. If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\frac{(x+y)}{2} > \sqrt{xy}$

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