

MATH 51 Homework #6

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Section 1.7

4.

Prove that the negative of an even number is even.

$$\text{Assume } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and is even} \quad (1)$$

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (2)$$

$$n = 2k \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore -n = (-1)n = 2(-1k) \quad (4)$$

$$\because -1 \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow -1 * k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (5)$$

$$\therefore -n \text{ is even} \quad (6)$$

6.

Prove that the product of two odd numbers is odd.

$$\text{Assume } n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (1)$$

$$\exists k \exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (2)$$

$$n = 2k + 1, m = 2j + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$n * m = (2k + 1)(2j + 1) = 4jk + 2k + 2j + 1 \quad (4)$$

$$2(2jk + k + j) + 1 = 2i + 1, i \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (5)$$

$$i = 2jk + k + j \quad (6)$$

$$\therefore \text{Product of two odd numbers is odd} \quad (7)$$

16.

Prove that if $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x + y + z$ is odd, then at least one of x, y, z is odd.

$$\text{Assume } x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } x, y, z \text{ are all even.} \quad (1)$$

$$\exists a \exists b \exists c \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 2a, y = 2b, z = 2c \quad (2)$$

$$x + y + z = 2a + 2b + 2c = 2(a + b + c) \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore x + y + z \text{ is not odd} \quad (4)$$

By proof of contraposition if $x+y+z$ is odd, then at least one of x, y , and z is odd.

28.

Prove that if n is a positive integer, then n is even if and only if $7n + 4$ is even.

$$\text{Assume } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and is positive and even} \quad (1)$$

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k \quad (2)$$

$$7n + 4 = 7(2k) + 4 = 14k + 4 = 2(7k + 2) \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore n \text{ is even} \rightarrow 7n + 4 \text{ is even} \equiv \text{true} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Assume } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ is not even} \quad (5)$$

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k + 1 \quad (6)$$

$$7n + 4 = 7(2k + 1) + 4 = 14k + 11 = 2(7k + 5) + 1 \quad (7)$$

$$\therefore n \text{ is not even} \rightarrow 7n + 4 \text{ is not even} \equiv \text{true} \quad (8)$$

$P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$ proven by direct proof and $Q(x) \rightarrow P(x)$ proven by contraposition.

32.

$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

(i) a is less than b

(ii) the average of a and b is greater than a

(iii) the average of a and b is less than b

$$\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} i \rightarrow ii \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \quad (1)$$

$$a < b \quad (2)$$

$$a + a < b + a \quad (3)$$

$$2a < b + a \quad (4)$$

$$a < (b + a)/2 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} ii \rightarrow iii \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \quad (6)$$

$$a < (b + a)/2 \quad (7)$$

$$2a < b + a \quad (8)$$

$$a < b \quad (9)$$

$$a + b < 2b \quad (10)$$

$$(a + b)/2 < b \quad (11)$$

$$\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} iii \rightarrow i \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \quad (12)$$

$$(a + b)/2 < b \quad (13)$$

$$a + b < 2b \quad (14)$$

$$a < b \quad (15)$$

We have proved that these three statements are all valid arguments as biconditionals.