## Intro to Proofs HW # 2

- 1. a.  $\forall x \exists y \ P(x,y)$ 
  - **b**.  $\exists x \exists y \ \neg P(x,y)$
  - **c**.  $\exists !x \ P(x, Alaska)$
  - **d**.  $\exists x \forall y \ (\neg(P(x,y) \oplus y = Illinois))$
- **2**. **a**.  $\neg(\forall x \forall y \ (x+y=y+x)) \Rightarrow \exists x \exists y \ (x+y\neq y+x)$ 
  - **b.**  $\neg(\forall x \exists y \ ((x \neq y) \land (x + y = 3)) \Rightarrow \exists x \forall y \ ((x = y) \lor (x + y \neq 3))$
- **3**. Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$(x+1)^{2} - x^{2}$$
$$x^{2} + 2x + 1 - x^{2}$$
$$2x + 1$$

Remember that every odd number can be written in the form 2k + 1 where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since the difference of the squares of some x and some x + 1 can be written in this form, it is odd. Therefore, since x can be substituted for any integer, we can get any and all odd integers from the difference of two squares.

**4.** Let  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . We can prove with contradiction by assuming the opposite where all  $x_n$  are less than the average.

$$x_n < \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n x_n}{n}$$

We can then add all the terms of  $x_n$  together. This gives us

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n < \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n x_n}{n} + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n x_n}{n} + \dots + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n x_n}{n}$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_n < \sum_{k=1}^n x_n$$

Obviously, a number can not be less than itself, proving that, by contradiction, at least one of the real numbers  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  is greater than or equal to the average of all  $x_n$ .

**5**. **a**. Let  $a, n, j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since a|(8n+7) and a|(4n+1), we can rewrite in the form:

$$8n + 7 = aj$$

$$\frac{aj - 7}{8} = n$$

$$\frac{ak - 1}{4} = n$$

$$\frac{aj - 7}{8} = \frac{ak - 1}{4}$$

$$\frac{aj - 7}{8} * 8 = \frac{ak - 1}{4} * 8$$

$$aj - 7 = 2ak - 2$$

$$aj - 2ak = 5$$

$$a(j - 2k) = 5$$

Since j-2k is an integer, this means that a divides 5.

**b.** Let  $a, n, j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since a|(9n+5) and a|(6n+1), we can rewrite in the form:

$$9n + 5 = aj$$

$$\frac{aj - 5}{9} = n$$

$$\frac{aj - 5}{9} = \frac{ak - 1}{6}$$

$$\frac{aj - 5}{9} * 18 = \frac{ak - 1}{6} * 18$$

$$2aj - 10 = 3ak - 3$$
$$2aj - 3ak = 7$$
$$a(2j - 3k) = 7$$

Since 2j - 3k is an integer, this means that a divides 7.

c. Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and be odd. This means it can be represented in the form 2k+1 where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let us compute  $n^4 + 4n^2 + 11$  and simplify.

$$n^{4} + 4n^{2} + 11$$

$$(2k+1)^{4} + 4(2k+1)^{2} + 11$$

$$16k^{4} + 32k^{3} + 24k^{2} + 8k + 1 + 16k^{2} + 16k + 4 + 11$$

$$16k^{4} + 32k^{3} + 40k^{2} + 24k + 16$$

$$8(2k^{4} + 4k^{3} + 5k^{2} + 3k + 2)$$

Since  $2k^4 + 4k^3 + 5k^2 + 3k + 2$  is an integer, we have proved that  $n^4 + 4n^2 + 11$  is equal to 8 times some integer when n is odd, meaning that  $8|(n^4 + 4n^2 + 11)$ .

**d**. We can prove this false by letting n = 1 substituting:

$$8|(n^4 + n^2 + 2n)$$

$$8|(1^4 + 1^2 + 2 * 1) \Rightarrow 8|(1 + 1 + 2) \Rightarrow 8|4$$

Obviously, 4 is not divisible by 8 meaning that the proposition is false.

**6.** We will prove by contradiction. Let  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and let p be odd. The equation  $x^2 + 2mx + 2p = 0$ , which we assume has integer solutions, can be written as

$$x^2 + 2mx = -2p$$

We can then do casework on the value of x depending on whether it is even or odd.

Case 1: Let n be an even integer and let us substitute for x. Since n is even, it will be in the form 2k such that  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$(2k)^{2} + 2m(2k) = -2p$$
$$4k^{2} + 4mk = -2p$$
$$-2k^{2} - 2mk = p$$
$$-2(k^{2} + mk)$$

p is in the form 2k, meaning that p is even in this case. This contradicts the assumption that p is odd.

Case 2: Let n be an odd integer and let us substitute for x. Since it is odd, it will be in the form 2k + 1 such that  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$(2k+1)^{2} + 2m(2k+1) = -2p$$
$$4k^{2} + 4k + 1 + 4mk + 2m = -2p$$
$$-2k^{2} - 2k - \frac{1}{2} - 2mk - m = p$$

Since  $-2k^2 - 2k - 2mk - m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and it is subtracted by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , p is not an integer, which contradicts the assumption that p is an integer.

As we can see in the above cases, when the solution is an even integer, p must be an even integer, and when the solution is an odd integer, p can not be an integer. This proves that, by contradiction, if p is odd, then there is no integer solution of  $x^2 + 2mx + 2p = 0$ .