

1. The sum of two odd integers is even.

Let x, y be odd integers $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2a+1 \\ y &= 2b+1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{where } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x+y = 2a+2b+2$$

$$x+y = 2(a+b+1)$$

$a+b+1$ is an integer by closure
 $\therefore x+y$ is even by definition

Excellent

2. If $a \equiv_n b$ and $b \equiv_n c$, then $a \equiv_n c$.

$$a \equiv_n b \Leftrightarrow n \mid b-a \Leftrightarrow b-a = nx$$

$$b \equiv_n c \Leftrightarrow n \mid c-b \Leftrightarrow c-b = ny \quad \text{where } x, y \text{ are } \in \mathbb{Z}$$

if we add nx and ny together,

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

$$(c-a) = n(x+y) \quad \text{where } x+y \text{ is an integer}$$

$$\therefore (c-a) = n(x+y) \Leftrightarrow n \mid c-a \Leftrightarrow a \equiv_n c \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{by closure} \\ \text{by definition} \end{array}$$

Nice.

3. Determine whether the statements $P \Rightarrow (Q \vee R)$ and $(P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (P \Rightarrow R)$ are logically equivalent.

P	Q	R	$Q \vee R$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Rightarrow R$	$P \Rightarrow (Q \vee R)$ *	$(P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (P \Rightarrow R)$ *
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	T	T

Since the columns marked with * are the same in all conditions, $P \Rightarrow (Q \vee R)$ and $(P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (P \Rightarrow R)$ are logically equivalent. \square

Great

4. There is no smallest positive real number.

Well, suppose there was a smallest positive real number, and call it x , so $x > 0$. But multiplying both sides by $\frac{1}{2}$ gives us $\frac{x}{2} > 0$, so $\frac{x}{2}$ is also a positive real number. Also I'm pretty sure $2 > 1$, and multiplying both sides by x (since it's greater than 0) gives $2x > 1x$, and multiplying by $\frac{1}{2}$ now gives $x > \frac{x}{2}$, so $\frac{x}{2}$ is a positive real smaller than x , a contradiction. \square

5. For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, *induction*

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

Suppose $n=1$. Then $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = \frac{1 \cdot (2)}{2} = 1$, making the statement true for $n=1$. Suppose the statement is true for some integer k . So $\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$.

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

$$2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^k i + (k+1) \right) = k(k+1) + 2(k+1) \quad \text{factoring,}$$

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

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

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

Good.

making the statement true for $(k+1)$. So by induction, for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. \square

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

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