

1. The product of any two odd integers is odd.

Let odd integer $x = 2a + 1$ and odd integer $y = 2b + 1$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{Then, } x \cdot y = (2a + 1)(2b + 1) = 4ab + 2a + 2b + 1$$

$$4ab + 2a + 2b + 1 = \underline{2(2ab + a + b) + 1}$$

$(2ab + a + b)$ is an integer by closure,
so the product of x and y
is odd $(2m + 1)$. \square

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2. Show that if $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $5|p^2$ then $5|p$.

Well, as long as we know that for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ exactly one of the following is true:

$$n \equiv_5 0$$

$$n \equiv_5 1$$

$$n \equiv_5 2$$

$$n \equiv_5 3$$

$$n \equiv_5 4$$

then we just consider these possibilities.

$$n \equiv_5 0 \Rightarrow n^2 \equiv_5 0, \text{ or } 5|n^2$$

$$n \equiv_5 1 \Rightarrow n^2 \equiv_5 1, \text{ or } 5|(n^2 - 1)$$

$$n \equiv_5 2 \Rightarrow n^2 \equiv_5 4, \text{ or } 5|(n^2 - 4)$$

$$n \equiv_5 3 \Rightarrow n^2 \equiv_5 4, \text{ or } 5|(n^2 - 4)$$

$$n \equiv_5 4 \Rightarrow n^2 \equiv_5 1, \text{ or } 5|(n^2 - 1)$$

So if we know $5|p^2$ for some $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, the only possibility is that $5|p$. \square

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

P	Q	$Q \Rightarrow P$	$\neg Q$	$P \vee \neg Q$
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	T	T
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Since $Q \Rightarrow P$ and $P \vee \neg Q$ have the same truth values for all possible circumstances, then they are logically equivalent. \square

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4. $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

Well, suppose $\sqrt{3}$ is rational. We then can write $\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}$ where p and q are co-prime integers and $q \neq 0$. Squaring both sides, $3 = \frac{p^2}{q^2}$, and multiplying q^2 on both sides, $3q^2 = p^2$. Due to q^2 being an integer, we can say 3 divides p^2 and thus 3 divides p . This means for some integer m , $3m = p$. We will plug this value for p in such that $3q^2 = (3m)^2$ and $3q^2 = 9m^2$. I will divide both sides by 3 so that $q^2 = 3m^2$. Due to m being an integer, we can say 3 divides q^2 and thus 3 divides q . We have just shown that p and q have a common factor of three, which is a contradiction to the assumption the variables are co-prime. Thus, by contradiction, $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

Nice!

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

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

By induction

Prove Base case where $n=1$

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

The statement holds true for $n=1$. Assume this is true for ~~all~~ ^{some} $n=k$, such that:

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

Now, it also needs to hold for $n=k+1$, so we will add $k+1$ to both sides

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = \frac{k^2+k}{2} + \frac{2k+2}{2} \quad \text{[Common denominators]}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = \frac{k^2+3k+2}{2} \quad \text{[add together]}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \text{[factor]}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)}{2} \quad \text{[manipulate]}$$

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

This takes the same form $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ for $n=k+1$ thus true!

By induction, the statement holds true for ~~any~~ ^{any} $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$