

43 Prove that if n is an odd integer,
then $n^4 \bmod 16 = 1$.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 n^4 &= (2k+1)^4 && (2k+1)^4 \\
 &= (2k+1)^2 (2k+1)^2 && 16k^4 + _ + _ + _ + _ \\
 &= (4k^2 + 4k + 1)(4k^2 + 4k + 1) \\
 &= 16k^4 + 16k^3 + 4k^2 + 16k^3 + 16k^2 + 4k + 4k^2 \\
 &\quad + 4k + 1 \\
 &= 16k^4 + 32k^3 + 24k^2 + 8k + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 4k + 1$$

$$= 4k + 3$$

If $n = 2k + 1$ continued.

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

$$16k^4 + 32k^3 + 16k^2 + 8k + 8k + 1$$

$$\text{mod } 16 = 0$$

$$16k^4 + 32k^3 + 16k^2 + 8k(k+1) + 1$$

$k(k+1) \text{ mod } 2 = 0$ since k and $k+1$ are consecutive integers

$$\therefore 8k(k+1) \text{ mod } 16 = 0$$

Hence $8k(k+1) = 16l$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$n^4 = 16k^4 + 32k^3 + 16k^2 + 16l + 1$$

$$= 16(k^4 + 2k^3 + k^2 + l) + 1$$

$$= 16r + 1 \quad r \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore n^4 \text{ mod } 16 = 1.$$

Absolute Value

For any real number x

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & , x \geq 0 \\ -x & , x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Lemma 1: For any real number r ,

$$-|r| \leq r \leq |r|.$$

Proof: - Case 1 ($r \geq 0$)

By definition, $|r| = r$

Since $r \geq 0$, and $-|r| \leq 0$

So $-|r| \leq r \leq |r|$

Case 2 ($r < 0$), By definition $|r| = -r$

$$-|r| = r$$

$|r| \geq 0$ and $r < 0$

$$\therefore -|r| \leq r$$

Hence $r < |r|$

$$\therefore -|r| \leq r \leq |r|$$

Triangle Inequality

For all real number x and y ,

$$|x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

Proof :- Case 1 ($x+y \geq 0$)

$$|x+y| = x+y \text{ by definition.}$$

$$\text{By Lemma 1, } x \leq |x|, y \leq |y|$$

$$x+y \leq |x| + |y|$$

$$\Rightarrow |x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

Case 2 ($x+y < 0$)

$$|x+y| = -(x+y) = -x - y$$

$$= (-x) + (-y)$$

$$\underline{\underline{|ab| = |a||b|}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{|-x| = |-1||x| = |x|}}$$

$$-x \leq |-x| = |x|$$

$$-y \leq |-y| = |y|$$

$$(-x) + (-y) \leq |x| + |y|$$

$$|x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

$$\therefore |x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

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 , if $|r| \leq c$, then
 $-c \leq r \leq c$

Proof :- $|r| \leq c$
Case 1 ($r \geq 0$) By definition $|r| = r$
 $|r| \leq c$
 $\Rightarrow r \leq c$
 $c \geq 0$ and $r \geq 0$
 $-c \leq 0$ and $r \geq 0$
 $\therefore -c \leq r \leq c$
Case 2 ($r < 0$) By definition $|r| = -r$
 $-r \leq c$
 $r \geq -c$

$$c \geq 0$$

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Since $r \leq |r|$ by Lemma 1

and $|r| \leq c$

Hence $r \leq c$

$$-c \leq r \leq c$$

4.5 Floor and Ceiling.

For any real number x

Floor of x : $\lfloor x \rfloor$ = Largest integer less than or equal to x .

$$\lfloor 1.2 \rfloor = 1$$

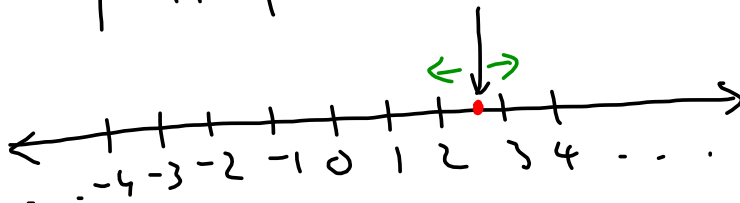
$$\lfloor -2.1 \rfloor = -3$$

$$\lfloor 2 \rfloor = 2$$

Ceiling of x : $\lceil x \rceil$ = Smallest integer greater than or equal to x .

Ex: $\lceil 2.1 \rceil = 3$ $\lceil -4 \rceil = -4$

$$\lceil -4.3 \rceil = -4$$



Formal definition

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = n \quad \text{iff} \quad n \leq x < n+1$$

$$\lceil x \rceil = n \quad \text{iff} \quad n-1 < x \leq n$$

Theorem - For all real numbers x , and integers m ,

$$\lfloor x+m \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + m$$

Proof - Let $\lfloor x \rfloor = n \Rightarrow n \leq x < n+1$

$$n+m \leq x+m < n+m+1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor x+m \rfloor = n+m \\ = \lfloor x \rfloor + m$$

Prove or disprove

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lfloor x+y \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$$

$$x=1.5 \quad \lfloor x \rfloor = 1$$

$$y=1.5 \quad \lfloor y \rfloor = 1$$

$$x+y=3 \quad \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$$

$$\lfloor x+y \rfloor = 3 \quad = 2$$

21For all odd integers n , show that

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

Proof :- Let $n = 2k+1$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{2k+1}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil k + \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil$$

$$\text{since } k \leq k + \frac{1}{2} < k+1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\lceil k + \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil = k+1$$

$$\frac{n+1}{2} = \frac{2k+1+1}{2} = \frac{2k+2}{2} = k+1$$

$$\text{Hence, } \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil = \frac{n+1}{2}.$$

Theorem :- For any integer n ,

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor = \begin{cases} n/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Proof :- Case 1 n is even,
 $n = 2k$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{2k}{2} \right\rfloor = \lfloor k \rfloor = k$$

$$\frac{n}{2} = \frac{2k}{2} = k \quad \text{Hence } \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor = \frac{n}{2} \text{ when } n \text{ is even.}$$

Case 2 n is odd, $n = 2k+1$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{2k+1}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor k + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$\text{Since } k \leq k + \frac{1}{2} < k+1$$

$$\text{hence, } \left\lfloor k + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor = k$$

$$\frac{n-1}{2} = \frac{2k+1-1}{2} = \frac{2k}{2} = k. \quad \text{Therefore, } \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor = \frac{n-1}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd.}$$

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$$\lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 1$$

Proof :- let $\lfloor x \rfloor = n \Rightarrow n \leq x < n+1$
 $2n \leq 2x < 2n+2$
 $\Rightarrow \lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2n \text{ or } 2n+1$

$$x - \lfloor x \rfloor \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x - n \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2x - 2n \geq 1$$

$$2x \geq 2n+1$$

$$2n+1 \leq 2x < 2n+2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2n+1$$

$$= 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 1$$

$$a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a - b \text{ odd}$$

$$b - c \text{ even}$$

$$a - b = 2k + 1 \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$b - c = 2l \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a - c &= (a - b) + (b - c) \\ &= 2k + 1 + 2l \\ &= 2(k + l) + 1 \\ &= 2t + 1 \quad t \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

40 $n(n^2 - 1)(n + 2)$ is always divisible by 4.

$$n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n(n^2 - 1)(n + 2)$$

$$n(n - 1)(n + 1)(n + 2)$$

$$(n - 1)n(n + 1)(n + 2)$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} n \text{ odd} \\ n + 1 \text{ and } n - 1 \end{array} \right.$$

we even

$$n + 1 = 2k \quad n - 1 = 2l$$

$$4 \mid n(n^2 - 1)(n + 2)$$

$$a \mid b \text{ (circled)} = c$$

$$\text{(circled)} \quad a \mid b$$

$$a \text{ "divides" } b$$

$$b = ak \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\frac{b}{a} = k$$

4.6 Indirect Arguments

Proofs by
Contradiction

Proofs by
Contraposition.

Proofs by Contradiction

Question Prove a statement p .

Step 1 :- Construct the negation of the statement $\sim p$.

Step 2 :- Assume $\sim p$ is true and try to prove it. In the process, arrive at a contradiction.

Step 3 :- Due to the contradiction $\sim p$ is not true, hence its negation which is p is true.

Q Use proof by contradiction to show that the sum of any rational number and any irrational number is an irrational number.

Proof :- On the contrary, suppose $\exists a \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, such that $a+b \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$a = \frac{p}{q}, \quad p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad q \neq 0$$

$$a+b = \frac{r}{s}, \quad r, s \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad s \neq 0$$

$$\frac{p}{q} + b = \frac{r}{s}$$

$$b = \frac{r}{s} - \frac{p}{q} = \frac{rq - ps}{sq} \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \begin{array}{l} rq - ps \in \mathbb{Z} \\ sq \in \mathbb{Z} \\ sq \neq 0 \end{array}$$

Contradiction since $b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

Therefore, the original statement is true.

Q Prove that for all integers n , if n^2 is odd then n is odd.

Proof :- On the contrary, suppose $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$, such that if n^2 is odd then n is even.

$$\text{Let } n^2 = 2k+1 \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n^2 - 1 = 2k$$

$$(n-1)(n+1) = 2k$$

$$\text{suppose } n = 2l$$

$$(n-1)(n+1) = (2l-1)(2l+1)$$

$$= 4l^2 - 1$$

$$= 2t+1 \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t+1 = 2k$$

$$1 = 2(k-t)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \mid 1$$

Contradiction.

Hence, the original statement is true.

$\sqrt{2} = 1.414 \dots$
 Q Show that $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

Proof :- On the contrary, assume $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

$$\therefore \sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q} \quad p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0$$

$$\gcd(p, q) = 1$$

$$2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$$2q^2 = p^2 \Rightarrow p^2 \text{ is even} \Rightarrow p \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 2k \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2q^2 = (2k)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2q^2 = 4k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 = 2k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 \text{ is even} \Rightarrow q \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow q = 2t \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(p, q) \geq 2$$

Contradiction as the assumption was $\gcd(p, q) = 1$.

Therefore, $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Proof by Contraposition.

Given a statement which we have to prove.

Step 1 - Suppose the statement is $p \rightarrow q$.

Step 2 - Construct the contrapositive $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$ of the statement.

Step 3 Prove the contrapositive.

Q Prove that for all integers n , if n^2 is odd, then n is odd.

Proof: Contrapositive - If n is not odd i.e. n is even, then n^2 is not odd, i.e. n^2 is even.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } n &= 2k & k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n^2 &= 4k^2 = 2(2k^2) \\ &= 2t & t \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore n^2$ is even.

Hence the original statement is true.

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Proof by Contraposition:

Contrapositive - For all integers a, b , and c , if $a \mid b$, then $a \mid bc$.

$$a \mid b \Rightarrow b = ak, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$bc = akc$$

$$bc = a(kc)$$

$$bc = at$$

$$\text{where } t = kc \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \mid bc$$

Hence the statement is true.

Proof by Contradiction :-

On the contrary suppose $\exists$ integers a, b , and c , such that if $a \nmid bc$, then $a \mid b$.

$$a \nmid bc$$

$bc = ak$ has no solutions for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$b = a\left(\frac{k}{c}\right)$$

Claim :- $\frac{R}{c} \notin \mathbb{Z}$. On the contrary if $\frac{R}{c}$ is an integer then

$$\frac{R}{c} = d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$k = dc \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Contradiction since $k \notin \mathbb{Z}$

Since $\frac{R}{c} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ hence $a \nmid b$.

which is a contradiction.

Therefore, the original statement is true.

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5, 7

29, 31

Any even number is the sum of
two primes.

$$10 = 7 + 3$$

$$12 = 7 + 5$$

17 Prove by contradiction

For all integers a , if $a \bmod 6 = 3$ then
 $a \bmod 3 \neq 2$.

Proof :- On the contrary, suppose $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z}$,
such that if $a \bmod 6 = 3$, then $a \bmod 3 = 2$.

$$a \bmod 6 = 3 \Rightarrow a = 6k + 3, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ = 3(2k + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \bmod 3 = 0$$

Contradiction.

Hence, the original statement is true.

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If a product of two positive real numbers is greater than 100, then at least one of the numbers is greater than 10.

Proof :- Contrapositive :- If both real numbers are less than or equal to 10, then their product is less than or equal to 100.

Suppose $m, n \in \mathbb{R}$. $0 < m \leq 10$, $0 < n \leq 10$

$$0 < mn \leq 100$$

Therefore, the statement is true.