

DEFINITIONS, PROOFS AND INDUCTION

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Definition of an odd number

Pick the correct definition.

Definition

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. We say that n is odd if

- 1 $n = 2a + 1$
- 2 $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2a + 1$
- 3 $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2a + 1$

For next week

For Monday (Sep 24), watch the videos:

- Absolute value, distance and inequalities: 2.4

For Wednesday (Sep 26), watch the videos:

- Limits: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6

True or false

Is the following statement true or false? Prove it!

Let $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$. If none of n and m are multiple of 5, then $n + m$ is not multiple of 5.

A bad proof

What's wrong with the following proof?

Theorem

The sum of two odd numbers is even.

Proof.

3 is odd.

5 is odd.

3+5=8 is even. \square

Write a correct proof!

Prove the following statements

Statement 1

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y > 0$$

Statement 2

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, y^2 > x$$

\forall and \exists

Are the following statements true or false? Prove it!

- 1 $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall p \in \mathbb{N}, p \leq n$
- 2 $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, p \leq n$

Definition: one-to-one functions

A *one-to-one* (or injective) function is a function which maps two different elements to two different values.

Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function.

Which of the following statements mean that f is one-to-one?

- 1 $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$
- 2 $\exists x_1, x_2 \in D, f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$
- 3 $\forall x_1, x_2 \in D, f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$
- 4 $\forall x_1, x_2 \in D, x_1 \neq x_2 \implies f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$
- 5 $\forall x_1, x_2 \in D, x_1 = x_2 \implies f(x_1) = f(x_2)$
- 6 $\forall x_1, x_2 \in D, f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) \implies x_1 \neq x_2$
- 7 $\forall x_1, x_2 \in D, f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$

Use mathematical symbols to write that f is not injective.

Is f one-to-one?

Definition

A function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be one-to-one when

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in D, f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$$

or equivalently when

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in D, x_1 \neq x_2 \implies f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$$

Prove that:

- 1 $f(x) = 3x + 5$ is one-to-one.
- 2 $f(x) = x^2$ is not one-to-one.

Is the plane just a line?

What's wrong with the following induction proof?

Theorem

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ greater than or equal to 2, n points of the plane are always aligned.

Proof:

- Base case: when $n = 2$ the property is obviously true.
- Induction step: we assume that the property is true for some $n \geq 2$ and we want to show that it also holds for $n + 1$. Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n+1} be $n + 1$ points of the plane. By the induction hypothesis, we have
 - A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are on the same line D .
 - A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{n+1} are on the same line D' .

Then A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n are at the same time on D and D' so that $D = D'$.

Thus A_1, \dots, A_{n+1} are on the same line. \square

A bad proof using induction

Theorem

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, 7 divides $9^n - 2^{n+1}$.

Proof:

We assume that the property is true for some n and we show that it also holds for $n + 1$.

By our induction hypothesis, $\exists a \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $9^n - 2^{n+1} = 7a$.

Then, $9^{n+1} - 2^{n+2} = 9 \times 9^n - 2 \times 2^{n+1}$

$$= 9 \times (9^n - 2^{n+1} + 2^{n+1}) - 2 \times 2^{n+1}$$

$$= 9 \times (9^n - 2^{n+1}) + 9 \times 2^{n+1} - 2 \times 2^{n+1}$$

$$= 9 \times 7 \times a - 7 \times 2^{n+1}$$

$$= 7 \times (9a - 2^{n+1})$$

But... $9^2 - 2^3 = 73 = 7 \times 10 + 3$... What went wrong? \square

Ok, ok... but is there any good induction proof?

Yes, of course! You can try to prove the following statements using induction:

- 1 For n greater than or equal to 1,

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

- 2 For n greater than or equal to 1, the sum of the n first odd numbers equals n^2 .
- 3 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, 7 divides $9^n - 2^n$.