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VCE Specialist Mathematics ½

Proofs I [2.1]

Workbook

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Learning Objectives:

- SM12 [2.1.1] - Number sets
- SM12 [2.1.2] - Statements and operations
- SM12 [2.1.3] - Proving number sets



Section A: Sets and Notations



Context

- ▶ We will learn about proofs involving number sets later in this workbook.
- ▶ We need to first revise/preview the different number sets encountered in Specialist Mathematics.

What is a set?



Set

$\{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$

$\{value_1, value_2, \dots\}$

- ▶ A set is simply a collection of multiple values.



Let's look at some questions together!



Question 1 Walkthrough.

Interpret the following set and simplify:

$$\{x | x^2 = 4\}$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$$\{-2, 2\}$$



Your Turn!

Question 2

Interpret the following set and simplify:

$$(x-1)(x-3)$$

$$\{x: x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0\}$$

$$\{1, 3\}$$

Question 3 Additional Question.

Interpret the following set and simplify:

$$\{x: |x| = 8\}$$

modulus
absolute value

$$\{-8, 8\}$$

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Interval Notation

➤ Between a and b .

$$1 < x \leq 3 \rightarrow x \in (1, 3]$$

➤ Between a and b inclusive.

$$(a, b) \quad > <$$

$$[a, b] \quad \geq \leq$$

$$1 - 3$$

➤ The interval of real numbers between a and b inclusive, but excluding c .

$$[a, b] \setminus \{c\} \quad \{2\}$$

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Question 4 Walkthrough.

Express each of the following subsets of R in interval notation.

a. $\{x: -\frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq 3\pi\}$

$$x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 3\pi\right]$$

b. $\{x: x \neq -2\}$

$$x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2\}$$

c. $\{x: x < 3\} \cap \{x: x \neq -2\}$

$$x \in (-\infty, 3) \setminus \{-2\}$$



Your Turn!

Question 5

Express each of the following subsets of R in interval notation.

a. $\{x: x > 5\}$

$$x \in (5, \infty)$$

b. $\{x: -1 \leq x < 6\} \cap \{x \neq 5\}$

$$x \in [-1, 6) \setminus \{5\}$$

c. $\{x: x < 4\} \cap \{x: x \neq 0\}$

$$x \in (-\infty, 4) \setminus \{0\}$$

Question 6 Additional Question.

Express each of the following subsets of R in interval notation.

a. $\{x: x < 3\} \cap \{x: x \geq 2\}$

b. $\{x: x^2 \leq 4\} \cap \{x: x \neq 2\}$

How could we combine two sets?



Operation of Sets

➤ Negation: Everything **but**

$$\neg A \text{ or } A'$$

➤ Intersection

$$A \cap B \leftarrow \text{and}$$

➤ Union

$$A \cup B \leftarrow \text{or}$$

➤ Difference

$$A \setminus B \text{ — Remove}$$

➤ Product

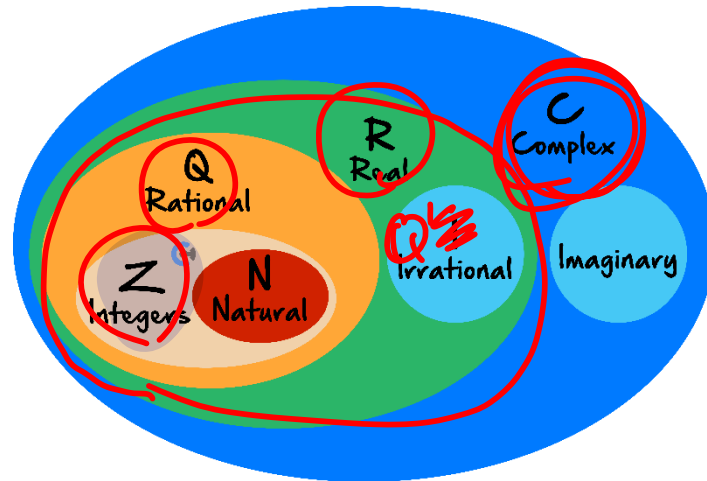
$$A \times B = \{(a, b), a \in A, b \in B\}$$

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A quick recap of number sets!



Number Sets



$$N \subseteq Z \subseteq Q \subseteq R \subseteq C$$

► Naturals (N)

$$N = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \text{(+ve) integers}$$

► Integers (Z)

$$Z = \text{+ve or -ve whole number}$$

► Rationals (Q)

$$Q = \frac{a}{b} \quad \begin{matrix} a \in Z \\ b \in Z \end{matrix}$$

► Real (R)

$$R = \text{we can draw on a number}$$

► Complex (C)

$$C = \text{Real or imaginary}$$

$$i \quad \sqrt{-1}$$



Let's look at some questions together!

Question 7 Walkthrough.

For the following numbers, state all the number sets they are an element of.

a. $\sqrt{3}$

$\mathbb{R}, (\mathbb{Q}'), \mathbb{C}$

b. $\frac{1}{3}$

$\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$

c. 3

$\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$

d. $3-i$

$\mathbb{Q}, \sqrt{-1}$
 \mathbb{C}

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Recall!



Active Recall: Determining Number Sets



- N is the set of natural number (1, 2, 3, ...)
- Z is the set of integer (whole number)
- Q is the set of rational ($\frac{a}{b}$ ~~$\frac{a}{b}$~~ \mathbb{Z})
- R is the set of real number (number line)
- C is the set of complex (real or imaginary)

Your Turn!

Question 8

For the following numbers, state all the number sets they are an element of.

a. -4

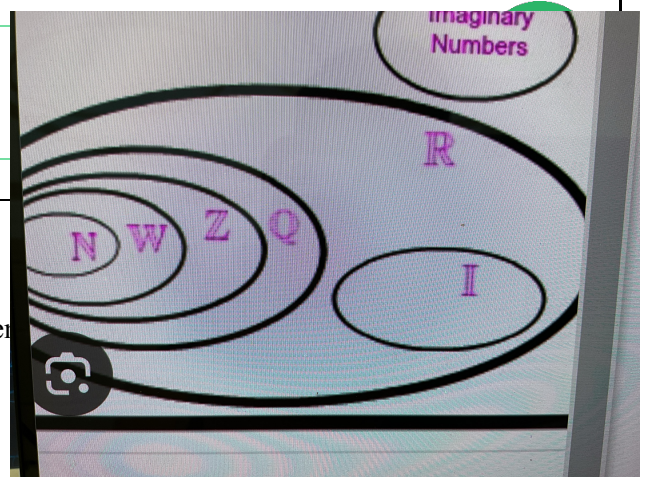
$\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$

b. $\frac{5}{12}$

$\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$

c. $-4 + i$

\mathbb{C}



Question 9 Additional Question.

For the following numbers, state all the number sets they are an element of.

a. e

b. 10

c. i

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Sub-Section: Rationalising the Denominator



Context

- Take a look at the fraction below:

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} + 3}{\sqrt{2} - 1}$$

- How can we express this in the form of $\frac{a+\sqrt{b}}{c}$?

- VCAA loves these types of questions!

- EG: 2022 VCAA Specialist Exam 1.

The graph of $y = f(x)$ for $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{24}, \frac{\pi}{48}\right]$ is rotated about the x -axis to form a solid of revolution.

Find the volume of this solid. Give your answer in the form $\frac{(a-\sqrt{b})\pi}{c}$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. 3 marks

Rationalising the Denominator



- Aim: To remove surds in the denominator.

$$\frac{1}{a - \sqrt{b}} = \frac{1}{a - \sqrt{b}} \times \frac{a + \sqrt{b}}{a + \sqrt{b}}$$

- Multiply the top and bottom by the conjugate of the denominator.

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Discussion: How does this work? What does $(a - \sqrt{b}) \times (a + \sqrt{b})$ equal to?



Difference of perfect squares

Let's look at some questions together!

Question 10 Walkthrough.

Rationalise the denominator for the following:

$$\frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{7}} \times \frac{2 - \sqrt{7}}{2 - \sqrt{7}}$$

$$= \frac{2 - \sqrt{7}}{(2 + \sqrt{7})(2 - \sqrt{7})}$$

$$= \frac{2 - \sqrt{7}}{4 - 7} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{7}}{-3}$$

Recall!

Active Recall

- To rationalise the denominator, we multiply the numerator and denominator by conjugate denominator and expand.



Your Turn!



Question 11

Rationalise the denominator for the following.

a. $\frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{5-\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{5-\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{5+\sqrt{2}}{5+\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(1+\sqrt{2})(5+\sqrt{2})}{(5-\sqrt{2})(5+\sqrt{2})} = \frac{5+6\sqrt{2}+2}{25-2}$

$= \frac{7+6\sqrt{2}}{23}$

b. $\frac{5-\sqrt{6}}{7+\sqrt{6}} = \frac{5-\sqrt{6}}{7+\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{7-\sqrt{6}}{7-\sqrt{6}} = \frac{35-12\sqrt{6}+6}{49-6}$

$= \frac{41-12\sqrt{6}}{43}$

Question 12 Additional Question.

Rationalise the denominator for the following. Write your answer in the form $\frac{a+b\sqrt{c}}{d}$.

$$\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{6-\sqrt{2}}$$



TIP: We will need this skill again when we look at complex numbers later!



Key Takeaways

- ✓ A set is a collection of multiple values.
- ✓ When using interval notation, square brackets are used to include the endpoints and round brackets are used to exclude the endpoints.
- ✓ Common number sets that are encountered in Specialist Mathematics are N (positive whole numbers), Z (integers), Q (rational numbers), R (real numbers) and C (complex numbers).
- ✓ To rationalise a fraction with a surd in the denominator, we can first multiply the numerator and denominator by the conjugate of the denominator and simplify by expanding.

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Section B: Statements

Sub-Section: Operation of Statements

What is a statement?

Context

- Before we start looking at proof questions, we need to learn about statements.

Statements and its Operations

- Statements can be very general.

$A = \text{Doing SM12}$

$B = \text{Doing MM12}$

- Negation: Everything but

$\neg A$

NOT doing SM12

- Intersection

$A \wedge B$

doing SM12 & MM12

- Union

$A \vee B$

doing SM12 or MM12

NOTE: We can use \cup notation instead of \vee .

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Let's look at some questions together!

Question 13 Walkthrough.

Consider the following statements:

$A = \text{Doing SM12}$

$B = \text{Liking Maths}$

Write down the statement for:

a. $\neg A$

b. $A \wedge B$

c. $A \vee B$

Recall!

Active Recall

- For two statements A and B $\neg A$ is the statement not A $A \wedge B$ is the statement A and B
 and $A \vee B$ is the statement A or B.
- Handwritten notes:*
 - "negation" with an arrow pointing to $\neg A$
 - "intersection" with an arrow pointing to $A \wedge B$
 - "Union" with an arrow pointing to $A \vee B$
 - A green question mark icon is next to the text.

Your Turn!

Question 14

Consider the following statements:

A = Travelling to Argentina

B = Learning Spanish

Write down the statement for:

a. $\neg A$

Not trav. to A.

b. $A \wedge B$

Trav to A & learn S.

c. $A \vee \neg B$

Trav to A OR not learning S

Question 15 Additional Question.

Consider the following statements:

$$A = \text{Taking Accounting } \frac{1}{2}$$

$$B = \text{Taking Accounting } \frac{3}{4}$$

Write down the statement for:

a. $\neg A$

b. $A \wedge \neg B$

c. $A \vee B$

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Sub-Section: De Morgan's Law

Context

- We can do expanding and factorising involving the symbols \neg , \wedge and \vee .

Exploration: De Morgan's Law

- Consider the statements:

$A = \text{I Like Chocolate}$

$B = \text{I Like Strawberry}$



- Consider $\neg(A \wedge B)$. Write it in words below!

opposite of like ^{both} chocolate and strawberries

- Consider $\neg A \vee \neg B$. Write it in words below!

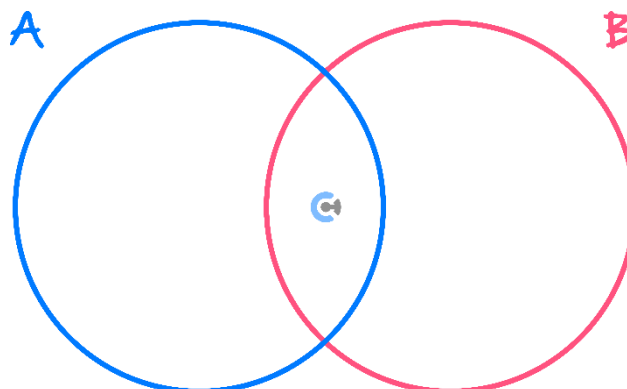
Not like chocolate or not liking strawberries

- Hence, we can say,

$$\neg(A \wedge B) = \neg A \vee \neg B$$

- we can also say,

$$\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$$



NOTE: If you expand or factorise negation, the union and intersection flips!



De Morgan's Law

$$\neg(A \wedge B) = \neg A \vee \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$$



Let's look at some questions together!



Question 16 Walkthrough.

Using De Morgan's Law, write down the statement below in a different way.

Negation of "Sam doesn't like SM or MM."

A: Sam doesn't like SM
B: Sam doesn't like MM

$$\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

Sam likes SM and Sam likes MM

Recall!



Active Recall

➤ $\neg(A \wedge B) = \neg A \vee \neg B$ and $\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$



Your Turn!



Question 17

Using De Morgan's Law, write down the statement below in a different way.

Negation of "Bobby has an iPhone but doesn't have a Mac."

$$\neg (A \wedge B)$$

$$\neg A \vee \neg B$$

Bobby doesn't have an iPhone

OR

bobby has a Mac

Question 18 Additional Question.

Using De Morgan's Law, write down the statement below in a different way.

Negation of "Bobby can speak Portuguese and English."



Key Takeaways

- ✓ We can do the following operations involving statements: $\neg A$ meaning "not A ," $A \wedge B$ meaning " A or B ," and $A \vee B$, meaning " A and B ."
- ✓ De Morgan's Laws state that $\neg(A \wedge B) = \neg A \vee \neg B$ and $\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$.
- ✓ We notice that in De Morgan's Laws, the intersections and unions flip.

Section C: Proving Number Sets

Sub-Section: Conditional Statements

Context

- Conditional statements will be the most important for us when doing a question involving proof.
- Check out this question from the sample Specialist Mathematics 3/4 exam. The "If ..., then ..." statement is an example of a conditional statement.

Question 1

Consider the following statement.

'For all integers n , if n^2 is even, then n is even.'

Which one of the following is the contrapositive of this statement?

- A. For all integers n , if n^2 is odd, then n is odd.
- B. There exists an integer n such that n^2 is even and n is odd.
- C. There exists an integer n such that n is even and n^2 is odd.
- D. For all integers n , if n is odd, then n^2 is odd.
- E. For all integers n , if n is even, then n^2 is even.

Discussion: If you are living, what must you be doing?

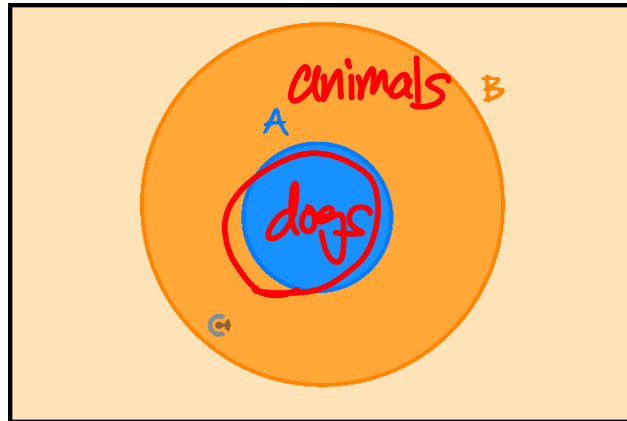
→ breathing
→ heart beating
→ moving
→ eating
→ smelling

⇒
moving ← living
If living
then moving

NOTE: Visually, imply is the same as "subset".



Conditional Statements



➤ Notation for "implies" \Rightarrow
 $A \Rightarrow B$
 "Hypothesis \Rightarrow Conclusion"
 H
 A is a ~~subset~~ of B. If "H" then "C"

Let's look at some questions together!

Question 19 Walkthrough.

Write a conditional statement from each of the following:

All students at Contour Education are hard-working and diligent.

\downarrow
 If
 Contour student \Rightarrow hard-working & diligent

NOTE: Order Matters!



Recall!



Active Recall: What is the relationship between the hypothesis and the conclusion?



$H \Rightarrow C$

Your Turn!



Question 20

Write a conditional statement from each of the following:

Students doing SM12 are all brave.

SM12 students \Rightarrow brave

Question 21 Additional Question.

Write a conditional statement from each of the following:

You must do well enough in English in order to study Law at University.

Sub-Section: Even and Odd Numbers



Context

- Exam 1 of Specialist Mathematics 3/4 usually has a proof question. Here is a question from the sample exam. After this workbook, you will be proving the statement!

Question 4 (3 marks)

Use proof by contradiction to prove that if n is odd, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $n^3 + 1$ is even.

Exploration: Even and Odd Numbers

- Write out a few **even** numbers:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 \times 1 & 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 3 \end{array}$$

- We can rewrite them in the following way:

- Do you notice a pattern?

$$\boxed{\text{Even} = 2k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

- Now write out a few **odd** numbers:

$$-1, 3, 5, 7$$

- We can rewrite them in the following way:

- There is a similar pattern for odd numbers!

$$\boxed{\text{Odd} = 2k + 1, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}}$$



Proofs involving Even and Odd numbers

► Simply show:

$$\text{Even} = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Odd} = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Let's look at some questions together!

Question 22 Walkthrough.

Prove that if n is even then n^2 is also even.

H

C

Since n is even

$$\text{let } n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = \underline{2 \times (2k^2)}$$

$2k^2$ is an integer

Hence $2 \times (2k^2)$ is even

$\therefore n^2$ is even

NOTE: Start with the hypothesis by saying "let..."



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Recall!

Active Recall: Odd and Even Numbers

- An even number can be written in the form $n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- An odd number can be written in the form $n = 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- It is important to include $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Your Turn!

Question 23

Prove that if n is odd, then n^2 is also odd.

n is an odd number

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

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

$$= 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$$= 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$$

$$2k^2 + 2k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Hence n^2 is odd

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Question 24 Additional Question.

Prove that if two numbers a and b are odd, then their sum is even.

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

$$b = 2m + 1 \quad , \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= 2k + 1 + 2m + 1 \\ &= 2k + 2m + 2 \\ &= 2(k + m + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$k + m + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore a + b$ is even

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Sub-Section: Divisibility



Context

- Even numbers are divisible by 2. How about divisibility by other numbers? Check out this divisibility question from the sample exam.

Question 3 (4 marks)

Prove by mathematical induction that the number $9^n - 5^n$ is divisible by 4 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Exploration:

- Write out a few numbers that are divisible by 3.

- Notice that these numbers can be written in the form:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 9, & 27, & 30 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 3 \times \underline{3} & 3 \times \underline{9} & 3 \times \underline{10} \end{array}$$

- Therefore, any number that is divisible by 3 can be written in the form:

$$n = 3k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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Let's look at some questions together!

Question 25 Walkthrough.

Prove that if n is a multiple of 3, n^2 must be divisible by 9

$$n = 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n^2 = (3k)^2 = 9k^2$$

$$k^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Hence n^2 is divisible by 9

NOTE: For a number n to be divisible by a , n MUST be an integer multiple of a , that is you MUST be able to write $n = a \times \text{INTEGER}$

Recall!!

Active Recall

► If n is divisible by a , then n can be written as _____

$$a \cdot k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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Your Turn!



Question 26

Prove the following statement: If n is a multiple of 4, n^2 must be divisible by 8.

$$n = 4k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n^2 = (4k)^2 = 16k^2 = 8 \times (2k^2)$$

$2k^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\therefore n^2$ is divisible by 8

Question 27 Additional Question.

Prove the following statements:

a. If n is a multiple of 3, then $n^2 + 10n + 9$ is divisible by ~~3~~ **9**

b. If n is a multiple of 3, then $n^2 - 1$ is not divisible by 3.

c. If n is divisible by 3 and m is divisible by 10, then $5n + 7m$ is divisible by 5.



Divisibility Proof - Splitting by Cases

check
➤ For divisibility of 2, we split the cases into 2.

any number: Case 1: $2k$ ✓ $2k + 1$ ✓

➤ For divisibility of n we split the cases into _____.

Case 1: $nk, nk + 1, nk + 2 \dots nk + (n - 1)$

any number: 3 : $3k, 3k + 1, 3k + 2$

Let's look at some questions together!

Question 28 Walkthrough.

Prove the following statement:

For any integer n , $(n + 1)(n + 2)$ is an even number (divisible by 2).

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$

CASE 1: n is even
 $n = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $(n+1)(n+2)$
 $= (2k+1)(2k+2)$
 $= 2(2k+1)(k+1)$
 \mathbb{Z}
 \Rightarrow even when n is even

CASE 2: n is odd
 $n = 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $((2k+1)+1)((2k+1)+2)$
 $= (2k+2)(2k+3)$
 $= 2(k+1)(2k+3)$
 \mathbb{Z}
 \Rightarrow even when n is odd

$(n+1)(n+2)$
 $\geq n^2 + 3n + 2$
 $2 \times$ _____
 \Rightarrow Always even

NOTE: Split the case into two because we are checking the divisibility of 2.

Recall!

Active Recall: Splitting by cases

- For a proof question where we want to show something is divisible by 3, we can split it into three cases where

$$n=3k, n=3k+1, n=3k+2$$

Your Turn!

Question 29

Prove the following statement: For any integer n , $(n+1)(n+2)n$ is divisible by 3.

CASE 1 : $n=3k$ $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(3k+1)(3k+2) \times (3k)$$

$$3 \times (3k+1)(3k+2)(k)$$

\therefore div. by 3

CASE 2 : $n=3k+1$ $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(3k+1+1)(3k+1+2)(3k+1)$$

$$= (3k+2)(3k+3)(3k+1)$$

$$= 3 \times (3k+2)(k+1)(3k+1)$$

\therefore div. by 3

CASE 3 : $n=3k+2$ $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(3k+2+1)(3k+2+2)(3k+2)$$

$$(3k+3)(3k+4)(3k+2)$$

$$= 3 \times (k+1)(3k+4)(3k+2)$$

\therefore div by 3

\Rightarrow Always divisible by 3

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Question 30 Additional Question.

Prove the following statement below:

Prove that if $n = m^2$ for some integer m , then $n = 4k$ or $n = 4k + 1$ for some integer k .

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Sub-Section: Rational Numbers



Proving Rationals (\mathbb{Q})

- Write out a few rational numbers:

$$\frac{7}{3}$$

- Write out a few numbers that are not rational numbers!

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \qquad \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

- Not all fractions are rational numbers! What is the general form for a rational number?

$$n = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

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Let's look at some questions together!

Question 31 Walkthrough.

Prove the following conditional statement:

If x is a rational number, $\frac{x+2}{x+3}$ is also a rational number.

$$x = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x+3} = \frac{\frac{a}{b} + 2}{\frac{a}{b} + 3} = \frac{\frac{a+2b}{b}}{\frac{a+3b}{b}} = \frac{a+2b}{a+3b}$$

$$\frac{a+2b}{a+3b}$$

WANT

$$\begin{cases} \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \end{cases}$$

$$a+2b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a+3b \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

Hence, $\frac{x+2}{x+3}$ is rational

Recall!

Active Recall: Rational numbers

► A rational number can be written in the form:

$$\frac{a}{b}$$

$$a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$b \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

Question 32

Prove the following conditional statement:

If x and y are rational numbers, $\frac{xy}{x+y}$ is also a rational number.

$$\text{let } x = \frac{a}{b}, y = \frac{c}{d}$$

$$a, c \in \mathbb{Z} \quad b, d \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d}}{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d}} \quad \begin{matrix} \times bd \\ \times bd \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{ac}{ad+bc}$$

$$ac \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$ad+bc \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

\therefore Rational

Question 33 Additional Question.

Prove the following statement below:

If x and y are rational numbers and y is not equal to zero, then x/y is also a rational number.

Key Takeaways



- ✓ Adding, subtracting and multiplying integers result in integers.
- ✓ An even number can be expressed as $2k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and an odd number can be expressed as $2k + 1$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- ✓ If n is divisible by a , then $n = a \times k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, meaning $n = a \times \text{INTEGER}$.
- ✓ Where helpful, we can approach a proof involving divisibility by considering different cases.



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Learning Objective: [2.1.1] - Number sets

Key Takeaways

- ❑ A set is a collection of multiple values.
- ❑ When using interval notation, square brackets are used to include the endpoints and round brackets are used to exclude the endpoints.
- ❑ Common number sets that are encountered in Specialist Mathematics are N (positive whole numbers), Z (integers), Q (rational numbers), R (real numbers) and C (complex numbers).
- ❑ To rationalise a fraction with a surd in the denominator, we can first multiply the numerator and denominator by the conjugate of the denominator and simplify by expanding.

Learning Objective: [2.1.2] - Statements and operations

Key Takeaways

- ❑ We can do the following operations involving statements: $\neg A$ meaning "not A ", $A \wedge B$ meaning " A or B ", and $A \vee B$, meaning " A and B ".
- ❑ De Morgan's Laws state that $\neg(A \wedge B) = \neg A \vee \neg B$ and $\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$.
- ❑ We notice that in De Morgan's Laws, the intersection/union flips.

Learning Objective: [2.1.3] - Proving number sets

Key Takeaways

- Adding, subtracting and multiplying integers result in integers.
- An even number can be expressed as $2k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and an odd number can be expressed as $2k + 1$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- If n is divisible by a , then $n = a \times k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, meaning $n = a \times \text{INTEGER}$.
- Where helpful, we can approach a proof involving divisibility by considering different cases.



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