

Theorem 1.8

Suppose a, b, c are integers. If a, b are even and c is odd then the equation $ax + by = c$ does not have an integer solution.

Proof - By contradiction

Suppose that there are even integers x_0, y_0 and an odd integer c_0 such that $ax_0 + by_0 = c_0$

$\Rightarrow \exists k_0, l_0, t_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$x_0 = 2k_0, y_0 = 2l_0, c_0 = 2t_0 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a(2k_0) + b(2l_0) = 2t_0 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ak_0 + 2bl_0 = 2t_0 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(ak_0 + bl_0 - t_0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s_0 = 1 \quad \text{where } s_0 = ak_0 + bl_0 - t_0 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \text{ is even} \quad \text{a contradiction. } \times$$

Definition - A real number r is rational iff there are integers s, t , such that $r = \frac{s}{t}$ and r is irrational iff r is not rational.

Theorem 1.9: If r is a real number such that $r^2 = 2$ then r is irrational.

proof by contradiction

Suppose that $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $r^2 = 2$ and r is rational

$\Rightarrow \exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z}, t \neq 0$ such that $r = \frac{s}{t}$
where s, t have no common divisor greater than 1

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = 2 = \frac{s^2}{t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 = 2t^2, \text{ so } s^2 \text{ is even}$$

$\Rightarrow s$ is even ... (1)

s^2 is even $\Rightarrow s$ is even
by contrapositive
suppose s is odd $\Rightarrow s = 2s + 1$
 $\Rightarrow s^2 = 4s^2 + 4s + 1$
 $= 2(s^2 + 2s) + 1$
 $\Rightarrow s^2$ is odd \times .

$$\Rightarrow s = 2l, l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 = 4l^2 = 2t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 = 2l^2 \text{ is even}$$

$\Rightarrow t$ is even ... (2)

\Rightarrow from (1), (2) s, t are both divisible by 2

i.e. 2 is a common divisor of s, t \times .

a contradiction

To prove $P \Rightarrow Q$

Direct Method

Assume P

\vdots

Logical sequence
of steps

\vdots

Conclude Q

Contrapositive Method

Assume $\sim Q$

\vdots

logical sequence
of steps

\vdots

conclude $\sim P$.

contradiction
method

Assume P and $\sim Q$

\vdots

Logical sequence
of steps

\vdots

Reach a contradiction

Roll's theorem.

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, differentiable on (a, b)
and $f(a) = f(b)$ then there is $c \in (a, b)$
such that $f'(c) = 0$

Theorem 1.10: Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

If $x \neq y$ then $e^x \neq e^y$.

proof:- Direct method

Suppose $x \neq y$ then either $x > y$ or $y > x$

So we can assume $x > y \Rightarrow r = x - y > 0$

$\Rightarrow \exists r > 0$ such that $x = y + r$

$\Rightarrow e^x = e^{y+r} = e^y \cdot e^r$

$\Rightarrow e^r > 1$ since $e > 1$

$\Rightarrow e^x = e^y \cdot e^r > e^y \Rightarrow e^x \neq e^y$.

Contrapositive Method.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppos } e^x = e^y &\Rightarrow \ln e^x = \ln e^y \\ &\Rightarrow x = y. \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction Method

$$\begin{aligned} \text{suppose } e^x = e^y \text{ and } x \neq y. \\ \Rightarrow \ln e^x = \ln e^y \\ \Rightarrow x = y \quad \times \text{ a contradiction} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.11 Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ then $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 + (a-c)^2 + (b-c)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 2ab + b^2 + a^2 - 2ac + c^2 + b^2 - 2bc + c^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 \geq 2ab + 2ac + 2bc$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + ac + bc.$$

Theorem 1.13 Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$x = 1 \quad \text{iff} \quad x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Direct} \quad \text{suppose } x = 1 \Rightarrow x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 2 = 1 - 3(1)^2 + 4(1) - 2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftarrow \text{Suppose } x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 2 = 0 &\Rightarrow (x-1)(x^2 - 2x + 2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ or } x = 1 \pm i \\ &\Rightarrow x = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.14 :-

prove that there do not exist prime numbers a, b, c such that $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$.

Proof:
This is equivalent to.

If a, b, c are primes then $a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$

By contradiction

Suppose that a, b, c are primes and $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$.

either a, b are both odd

$\Rightarrow a^3, b^3$ are odd

$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3$ is even

$\Rightarrow c^3$ is even

$\Rightarrow c$ is even

$\Rightarrow c = 2$ \times .

If at least one of a, b is even say $b = 2$

$\Rightarrow b^3 = c^3 - a^3$

$\Rightarrow 8 = (c-a)(c^2 + ca + a^2)$

$\Rightarrow c^2 + ca + a^2 \geq 12$ \times .

Theorem 1.16 :-

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x^2 - x - 2 < 0$ then $-1 < x < 2$

Proof Suppose $x^2 - x - 2 < 0$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(x+1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-2 < 0 \text{ and } x+1 > 0 \quad \text{Or} \quad x+2 > 0 \text{ and } x+1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 2 \text{ and } x > -1 \quad \text{Or} \quad x > 2 \text{ and } x < -1$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 < x < 2 \quad \text{Or} \quad \text{a contradiction}$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 < x < 2.$$

Theorem 1.17

prove that there do not exist natural numbers m and n such that $\frac{7}{17} = \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}$.

proof: By contradiction

Suppose that there are natural numbers m, n such that $\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} = \frac{7}{17}$.

Case 1 $m=2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} = \frac{7}{17}$ (but $\frac{1}{n}$ is positive)
a contradiction

Case 2:- $n=2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7}{17}$ a contradiction

Case 3:- $m \geq 5, n \geq 5 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} < \frac{7}{17}$
a contradiction

Case 4:- One of m and n must be 3 or 4

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7}{17} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{51} \neq \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\text{also } \frac{7}{17} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{11}{68} \neq \frac{1}{k}$$

all cases imply a contradiction