

Q1. I enjoy trying to discover and write MATH 135 proofs.

- A) Strongly disagree
- B) Disagree
- C) Neither agree nor disagree
- D) Agree
- E) Strongly agree

Q2. When I have difficulties with MATH 135 proofs, I know I can handle them.

- A) Strongly disagree
- B) Disagree
- C) Neither agree nor disagree
- D) Agree
- E) Strongly agree

Q3. Consider the following statement.

$$\{2k : k \in \mathbb{N}\} \supseteq \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : 8 \mid (n + 4)\}$$

A well written and correct direct proof of this statement could begin with

- A) We will show that the statement is true in both directions.
- B) Assume that $8 \mid (n + 4)$ where n is an integer. (CORRECT)
- C) Let $m \in \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : 8 \mid (n + 4)\}$.
- D) Let $m \in \{2k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$.
- E) Assume that $8 \mid (2k + 4)$.

Notes:

1. A single counter example proves that $(\forall x \in S, P(x))$ is false.

Claim: Every positive even integer is composite.

This claim is false since 2 is even but 2 is prime.

2. A single example does not prove that $(\forall x \in S, P(x))$ is true.

Claim: Every even integer at least 4 is composite.

This is true but we cannot prove it by saying "6 is an even integer and is composite." We must show this is true for an arbitrary even integer x . (Idea: $2 \mid x$ so there exists a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $2k = x$ and $k \neq 1$.)

3. A single example does show that $(\exists x \in S, P(x))$ is true.

Claim: Some even integer is prime.

This claim is true since 2 is even and 2 is prime.

4. What about showing that $(\exists x \in S, P(x))$ is false?

Idea: $(\exists x \in S, P(x))$ is false $\equiv \forall x \in S, \neg P(x)$ is true. This idea is central for proof by contradiction which we will see later.

Negating Quantifiers.

~~1~~. Negate the following.

1. Everybody in this room was born before 2010.

Negation: Somebody in this room was not born before 2010.

2. Someone in this room was born before 1990. (1987).

Negate: Everyone in this room was born after 1990.

3. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| < 5$.

Negate: $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| \geq 5 \equiv \neg (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| < 5)$

4. $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| \leq 5$
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| > 5$.

NB A proof that a statement is false is called a disproof.

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



Q: Prove or disprove: If $a|bc$ then $a|b$ or $a|c$.

Sol'n: This is false! A ^{counter} example is given by

$a=6, b=2, c=3$. Then $a|bc$. BUT $6 \nmid 2$ and $6 \nmid 3$.

Fix: Include that a must be prime. Proof is an exercise.

Which of the following are true?

1. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1$

FALSE (Choose $x=0$
 $y=0$)

2. $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1$

TRUE ($x=1, y=0$)

3. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1$

4. $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1$

[3] TRUE: PF: Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary. Then choose

$$y = \sqrt[3]{x^3 - 1}. \text{ Then}$$

$$x^3 - y^3 = x^3 - (\sqrt[3]{x^3 - 1})^3 = x^3 - (x^3 - 1) = 1. \quad \square$$

[4] FALSE. Idea: Negate and show the negation is true.

$$\neg (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 = 1)$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 - y^3 \neq 1.$$

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary. Take $y = x$. Then

$$x^3 - y^3 = x^3 - x^3 = 0 \neq 1. \quad \square$$

Notation Cheat Sheet

1. $+$ Addition
2. $-$ Subtraction
3. \times, \cdot Multiplication
4. $\div, /$ Division
5. \mathbb{N} Natural Numbers
6. \mathbb{Z} Integers (Zählen)
7. \mathbb{Q} Rational Numbers (Quoziente)
8. \mathbb{R} Real Numbers
9. \neg Not, Negation
10. \vee Or
11. \wedge And
12. $|$ Divides
13. \Rightarrow Implies (If... Then)
14. \Leftrightarrow , (iff) If and Only If
15. \in In
16. \notin Not In
17. $\{\}, \emptyset$ Empty Set
18. \cap Intersection (Of Sets)
19. \cup Union (Of Sets)
20. \subset Subset
21. \subseteq Subset Or Equal
22. \subsetneq Proper/Strict Subset (Subset Not Equal)
23. \supset Contains
24. \supseteq Contains Or Equal
25. \supsetneq Properly/Strictly Contains (Contains Not Equal)
26. \forall For All
27. \exists There Exists

List all elements of the set:

$$\{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n > 1 \wedge ((m \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge m > 0 \wedge m \mid n) \Rightarrow (m = 1 \vee m = n))\} \\ \cap \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \mid 42\}$$