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Directions No calculators. Please put all phones, etc., away.

1. (12 points) This problem concerns the following statement.

P : There is a number $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ for which $m|n$ for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- (a) Is the statement P true or false? Explain.

True There is a number $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ for which $m|n$ for any $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. That number is $n=0$. Given any $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $0 = m \cdot 0$, so $n = m \cdot c$ for $c=0$ and hence $m|n$.

- (b) Write the statement P in symbolic form.

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, m|n$$

- (c) Form the negation $\sim P$ of your answer from (b), and simplify.

$$\sim(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, m|n) =$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, m \nmid n$$

- (d) Write the negation $\sim P$ as an English sentence.
(The sentence may use mathematical symbols.)

For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, there is a number $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ for which $m \nmid n$.

2. (2 points) Complete the first and last lines of each of the following proof outlines.

Proposition: If P , then Q .
Proof: (Direct)
Suppose P
 \vdots
Therefore Q . ■

Proposition: If P , then Q .
Proof: (Contrapositive)
Suppose $\sim Q$
 \vdots
Therefore $\sim P$. ■

Proposition: If P , then Q .
Proof: (Contradiction)
Suppose $P \wedge \sim Q$
 \vdots
Therefore $C \wedge \sim C$. ■

3. (12 points) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Prove: If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, then $ab \equiv b^2 \pmod{n}$.

[Use direct proof.]

Proof (Direct)

Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, which means $n \mid (a-b)$.

Consequently there is an integer c for which

$$a - b = nc$$

Now multiply both sides of this equation by b .

$$(a-b)b = ncb$$

$$ab - b^2 = n(cb)$$

From this the definition of divides yields

$$n \mid (ab - b^2).$$

Therefore $ab \equiv b^2 \pmod{n}$. ▣

4. (12 points) Suppose $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove: If $a \nmid bc$, then $a \nmid b$ and $a \nmid c$.

[Use contrapositive.]

Proof (Contrapositive)

Suppose that it is not true that $a \nmid b$ and $a \nmid c$

Then $a \mid b$ or $a \mid c$.

CASE I Suppose $a \mid b$. Then $b = ak$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,

But $b = ak$ means $bc = a(kc)$ which means $a \mid bc$.

CASE II Suppose $a \mid c$. Then $c = al$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$

But $c = al$ means $bc = a(lb)$, which means $a \mid bc$,

In either case we get $a \mid bc$.

Therefore it is not the case that $a \nmid bc$. ▣

5. (12 points) Prove: If $4|(a^2+b^2)$, then a and b are not both odd.

[Use contradiction.]

Proof For The sake of contradiction, suppose $4|(a^2+b^2)$ but it is not the case that both a and b are not both odd. In other words $4|(a^2+b^2)$ and a and b are both odd. Consequently

$$a^2 + b^2 = 4k \quad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and $a = 2m+1$ and $b = 2n+1$ for $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Plugging these into the above equation yields

$$(2m+1)^2 + (2n+1)^2 = 4k$$

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

$$4m^2 + 4m + 4n^2 + 4n + 2 = 4k$$

$$2m^2 + 2m + 2n^2 + 2n + 1 = 2k$$

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

So an even number equals an odd number. This is a contradiction. \square

6. (12 points) Suppose $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove: If $a|b$ and $a|(b+c)$, then $a|c$.

Proof (Direct) Suppose $a|b$ and $a|(b+c)$

Then $b = ak$ and $b+c = al$ for $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Thus $b = ak$ and $b = al - c$

Therefore $ak = al - c$, and consequently

$$c = al - ak = a(l - k)$$

Then $c = am$ for $m = l - k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Therefore $a|c$. \square

7. (14 points) Suppose $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove: $n^2 + 3$ is odd if and only if $n + 2$ is even.

Proof:

(\Rightarrow) If $n^2 + 3$ is odd, then $n + 2$ is even.

(Contrapositive) Suppose $n + 2$ is not even.

Thus $n + 2$ is odd, so $n + 2 = 2k + 1$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,
and thus $n = 2k - 1$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 + 3 &= (2k - 1)^2 + 3 = 4k^2 - 4k + 1 + 3 \\ &= 4k^2 - 4k + 4 = 2(2k^2 - 2k + 2)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $n^2 + 3$ is even, so it is not odd.

(\Leftarrow) If $n + 2$ is even, then $n^2 + 3$ is odd.

(Direct) Suppose $n + 2$ is even, so
 $n + 2 = 2k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $n = 2k - 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Consequently } n^2 + 3 &= (2k - 2)^2 + 3 \\ &= 4k^2 - 8k + 4 + 3 \\ &= 4k^2 - 8k + 6 + 1 \\ &= 2(2k^2 - 4k + 3) + 1.\end{aligned}$$

So $n^2 + 3 = 2b + 1$ for $b = 2k^2 - 4k + 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$,

Therefore $n^2 + 3$ is odd. \blacksquare

8. (12 points) Prove or Disprove: There is a set X for which $\mathbb{N} \in X$ and $\mathbb{N} \subseteq X$.

TRUE

Proof Let $X = \{\mathbb{N}, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$
 $= \{\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$

Then $\mathbb{N} \in X$ and $\mathbb{N} \subseteq X$. ■

9. (12 points) Prove or Disprove: For all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $a|b$ and $b|a$ then $a = b$.

This is FALSE.

Here is a counterexample:

Let $a = 2$ and $b = -2$.

Then $a|b$ is $2|-2$, which is true.

Also $b|a$ is $-2|2$, which is true.

However, $a \neq b$.