

1.(a) Suppose for contradiction that for some integer n d divides n and d divides $n+1$. So there are integers k and k' such that

$$n = dk \quad \text{and} \quad n+1 = dk'.$$

Hence $1 = (n+1) - n = d(k' - k)$ which implies

$$\frac{1}{d} = k' - k$$

is an integer. On the other hand, $0 < \frac{1}{d} < 1$ as $d > 1$.

Thus $0 < k' - k < 1$ which is a contradiction as there is no integer larger than 0 and less than 1. ■

(b) Suppose to the contrary that there is an integer $d > 1$ such that $d \mid n_1$ and $d \mid n_2$. Hence for some integers k_1 and k_2 we have

$$n_1 = dk_1 \quad \text{and} \quad n_2 = dk_2.$$

Thus $1 = r_1 n_1 + r_2 n_2 = d r_1 k_1 + d r_2 k_2 = d(r_1 k_1 + r_2 k_2)$.

Similar to part (a), we conclude that

$$0 < \frac{1}{d} = r_1 k_1 + r_2 k_2 < 1,$$

which is a contradiction. ■

2. Construction of a proof backwards:

$$(ac+bd)^2 \leq (a^2+b^2)(c^2+d^2) \iff$$

$$\cancel{a^2c^2} + \cancel{b^2d^2} + 2abcd \leq \cancel{a^2c^2} + a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 + \cancel{b^2d^2} \iff$$

$$2adbc \leq (ad)^2 + (bc)^2.$$

Proof. For any real numbers x and y we have

$$2xy \leq x^2 + y^2.$$

Let $x=ad$ and $y=bc$. So

$$2(ad)(bc) \leq (ad)^2 + (bc)^2.$$

$$\implies a^2c^2 + b^2d^2 + 2acbd \leq a^2c^2 + b^2d^2 + a^2d^2 + b^2c^2.$$

$$\implies (ac+bd)^2 \leq (a^2+b^2)(c^2+d^2). \quad \blacksquare$$

3. (a) We use the truth-table

P	0	$\neg P$	$(\neg P) \implies 0$
T	F	F	T
F	F	T	F

$(\neg P) \implies 0$ is true only in

the first row. In the first row P is true. ■

(b) You can use the truth-table or the following direct proof.

$$(P \wedge (\neg Q)) \Rightarrow 0 \equiv (\neg((\neg P) \vee Q)) \Rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{De Morgan's law})$$

$$(\neg((\neg P) \vee Q)) \Rightarrow 0 \vdash (\neg P) \vee Q \quad (\text{Part (a)})$$

$$(\neg P) \vee Q \equiv P \Rightarrow Q \quad (\text{Discussed } \otimes \text{ in class.})$$

(c) You can use the truth-table or the following direct proof.

$$(P \Rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R) \equiv (\neg P \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee R)$$

$$\equiv ((\neg P) \wedge (\neg Q)) \vee R \quad (\text{distribution law})$$

$$\equiv (\neg(P \vee Q)) \vee R \quad (\text{De Morgan's law})$$

$$\equiv (P \vee Q) \Rightarrow R. \quad (\text{Similar to } \otimes)$$

4. (a) $a \mid b_1 - b_2 \Rightarrow$ for some integer k , $b_1 - b_2 = ak$ Ⓘ

$a \mid c_1 - c_2 \Rightarrow$ for some integer k' , $c_1 - c_2 = ak'$ Ⓣ

Add Ⓘ and Ⓣ: $(b_1 + c_1) - (b_2 + c_2) = a(k + k')$.

So $a \mid (b_1 + c_1) - (b_2 + c_2)$. ■

(b) $b_1 c_1 - b_2 c_2 = (b_1 - b_2) c_1 + b_2 (c_1 - c_2)$ (Hint)

$$= akc_1 + ak'b_2 \quad (\text{Ⓘ and Ⓣ})$$

$$= a(kc_1 + k'b_2).$$

So $a \mid b_1c_1 - b_2c_2$ (note that $kc_1 + k'b_2$ is an integer.) ■

5.(a) (\Rightarrow) By the definition $\lfloor x \rfloor = n$ is largest integer less than or equal to x . Since $n+1 > n$, it cannot be less than or equal to x . Therefore $x < n+1$, i.e.

$$\lfloor x \rfloor \leq x < \lfloor x \rfloor + 1.$$

(\Leftarrow) Assume n is an integer such that

$$n \leq x < n+1.$$

Then since $n \leq x$ and $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the largest integer less than or equal to x , we have that $n \leq \lfloor x \rfloor$.

Since $x < n+1$, $\lfloor x \rfloor < n+1$. If not, then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x < n+1 \\ n+1 \leq \lfloor x \rfloor \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x < \lfloor x \rfloor \text{ which is a contradiction.}$$

Hence $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is an integer such that

$$n \leq \lfloor x \rfloor < n+1.$$

Therefore $n = \lfloor x \rfloor$ (there is no integer m such that $n < m < n+1$.) ■

(b) By part (a), we have

$$\lfloor -x \rfloor \leq -x < \lfloor -x \rfloor + 1.$$

Since x is NOT an integer, we have

$$\lfloor -x \rfloor < -x < \lfloor -x \rfloor + 1.$$

Thus
$$-\lfloor -x \rfloor > x > -\lfloor -x \rfloor - 1.$$

Again by part (a) we have $\lfloor x \rfloor = -\lfloor -x \rfloor - 1$. Hence

$$\lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor -x \rfloor = -1. \quad \blacksquare$$

(c) Let $y = x - \lfloor x \rfloor$. So $x = \lfloor x \rfloor + y$, $x + \frac{1}{2} = \lfloor x \rfloor + y + \frac{1}{2}$ and

$$2x = 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 2y.$$

Case $0 \leq y < \frac{1}{2}$.

$$0 \leq y < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 0 \leq y + \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x + \frac{1}{2} < \lfloor x \rfloor + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor x + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor \quad \textcircled{I} \quad (\text{By part (a)}).$$

$$0 \leq y < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 0 \leq 2y < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lfloor x \rfloor \leq 2x < 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor \quad \textcircled{II} \quad (\text{By part (a)})$$

$$\textcircled{I} \text{ and } \textcircled{II} \Rightarrow \lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor x + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor.$$

Case $\frac{1}{2} \leq y < 1$.

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq y < 1 \Rightarrow 1 \leq y + \frac{1}{2} < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \leq x + \frac{1}{2} < \lfloor x \rfloor + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor x + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \quad \textcircled{\text{III}} \quad (\text{By part (a)})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq y < 1 \Rightarrow 1 \leq 2y < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \leq 2x < 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 1 \quad \textcircled{\text{IV}} \quad (\text{By part (a)})$$

$$\textcircled{\text{III}} \text{ and } \textcircled{\text{IV}} \Rightarrow \lfloor 2x \rfloor = 2\lfloor x \rfloor + 1$$

$$= \lfloor x \rfloor + (\lfloor x \rfloor + 1)$$

$$= \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor x + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor. \quad \blacksquare$$

6. Construction of a proof backwards:

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq \frac{1}{3}(a+b+c)^2 \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq (a+b+c)^2 \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3a^2 + 3b^2 + 3c^2 \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2ac + 2bc \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

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

Proof. In the class we proved that for any real numbers a, b and c we have

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2ac + 2bc \leq 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b + c)^2 \leq 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{3} \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2. \quad \blacksquare$$