

Homework 5

Math 254

Due in class Friday, February 25. Make sure to copy the proposition for each proof and then clearly indicate where your proof starts and ends.

Prove the following statements with a contrapositive proof.

1. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. If both xy and $x + y$ are even, then x and y are even.
2. Suppose $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. If a^2 is not a multiple of 4, then a is odd.

Prove the following statements using either a direct or a contrapositive proof.

3. Suppose $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x \neq 0$. If $x \nmid yz$, then $x \nmid y$ and $x \nmid z$.
4. Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If x divided by n has a remainder r , then $x \equiv r \pmod{n}$. Hint: Use the division algorithm (see Fact 1.5 on page 30 in the book).
5. If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $(a + b)^3 \equiv a^3 + b^3 \pmod{3}$.