

• Prove that $2^{1/3}$ is irrational.

Let $q: 2^{1/3}$ is irrational

$\neg q: 2^{1/3}$ is not irrational i.e. rational

Let us suppose that $\neg q$ is true.

$\therefore \exists$ integers a and b such that

$$2^{1/3} = \frac{a}{b} \text{ where } \gcd(a, b) = 1$$

$$\therefore 2 = \frac{a^3}{b^3}$$

$$\text{or } a^3 = 2b^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 \text{ is even}$$

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i.e. $a = 2k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore 8k^3 = 2b^3$$

$$\text{or } b^3 = 4k^3$$

$$\Rightarrow b \text{ is even}$$

$\therefore \gcd(a, b) \neq 1$ as 2 is common factor to both a & b

$\therefore \neg q$ is false

$\therefore q$ is true

$\Rightarrow 2^{1/3}$ is irrational.

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p : there is a positive integer n

$$\text{s.t. } n^2 + n^3 = 100$$

$\neg p$ be true.

i.e. \exists a +ve integer n s.t.

$$n^3 + n^2 = 100$$

$$\text{or } n^2(n+1) = 100.$$

n^2 divides 100

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow k \text{ s.t. } 100 &= k * n^2 \\ &= (n+1) * n^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$n^2 \mid 100 \quad n = (1, 2, 5, 10)$$

For each +ve integer n in this set
 k is not $1+n$.

Contradiction.

- Prove that there are no solution in integers x and y to the eqn. $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$

Ans: Let p : there are no solution in integers x and y to the eqn. $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$

Then ~~let~~ $\neg p$: there are solⁿ in integers x & y to the eqn. $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$

Let p be not true

i.e. $\neg p$ is true

i.e. \exists solⁿ in integers x & y to the eqn. $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$

First for the sum of $2x^2$ & $5y^2$ be 14 (i.e. even) and $2x^2$ is even $5y^2$ have to be even.

\exists some integer k s.t. $2x^2 = 2k$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = k$$

$$5y^2 = 2k$$

$k = \frac{5}{2}y^2$ which is not an integer

If this ~~is an~~ integer then

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$y = 2z$ for some integer x

$$\therefore 2x^2 + 5 \times 4z^2 = 14$$

$$\text{or } x^2 + 10z^2 = 7$$

But $10z^2 > 7$ if $z \neq 0$

So we must have $z = 0$

$$\therefore x^2 = 7, \text{ a contradiction}$$

\therefore Our assumption is false

\therefore p is true.

• By principle of induction prove that $7^n - 1$ is divisible by 6 for all integers $n \geq 0$

• Let $P(n) : 7^n - 1$ is divisible by 6 for all integers $n \geq 0$

$n=0$ $7^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$ divisible by 6

$n=1$ $7^1 - 1 = 7 - 1 = 6$ divisible by 6

$\therefore P(n)$ is true for $n=0$ & $n=1$.

Let $P(n)$ be true for $n=k$
i.e. $7^k - 1$ is divisible by 6

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i.e. $4^k - 1 = 6m$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

Now $P(k+1)$

$$= 4^{k+1} - 1$$

$$= 4 \cdot 4^k - 1$$

$$= 4(1 + 6m) - 1$$

$$= 6 + 6m$$

$$= 6(1+m) \text{ divisible by 6 for } m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore P(n)$ is true for $n = k+1$ whenever it is true for $n = k$.

$\therefore P(n)$ is true for $n \geq 0$ all integers

• Use principle of induction to prove that

$$3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 5^2 + \dots + 3 \cdot 5^n$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}(5^{n+1} - 1) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Let $P(n)$ be the mathematical expression:

$$3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 5^2 + \dots + 3 \cdot 5^n$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}(5^{n+1} - 1)$$

$$\underline{n=0} \quad \text{LHS} = 3$$
$$\text{RHS} = 3$$

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$$\text{For } n=1, \text{ LHS} = 3 + 3 \cdot 5 = 18$$

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{3}{4}(5^2 - 1)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times 24 = 18$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

$\therefore P(1)$ is true

Let $P(n)$ be true for some $n = k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\text{i.e. } 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 5^2 + \dots + 3 \cdot 5^k$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}(5^{k+1} - 1)$$

$$\text{Now } 3 + 3 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 5^2 + \dots + 3 \cdot 5^k + 3 \cdot 5^{k+1}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}(5^{k+1} - 1) + 3 \cdot 5^{k+1}$$

$$= 3 \left\{ \frac{5^{k+1}}{4} + 5 \cdot 5^k \right\} - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= 3 \cdot 5^{k+1} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} + 5 \right\} - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times 5^k \times 21 - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times 5^k \times (5 + 16) - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times 5^{k+1} + 3 \times 5^k \times 4 - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}(5^{k+2} - 1)$$

$\therefore P(k+1)$ is true.

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• If n is odd $n(n^2-1)$ is divisible by 24.

~~def~~ $f(n) = n(n^2-1) = n(n-1)(n+1)$
 $f(1) = 24$

Induction on odd nos. is easier
when expressed as $P(n_0)$ is true,
 $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+2)$

~~def~~ $f(n) = n(n^2-1)$ be divisible by 24.
 $f(1) = 0$ is divisible by 24.

$f(n+2) - f(n) = (n+2)\{(n+2)^2-1\} - n(n^2-1)$

$= (n+2)(n^2+4n+4-1) - n(n^2-1)$

$= n\{n^2+4n+3 - n^2+1\} + 2(n^2+4n+3)$

$= n(4n+4) + 2(n^2+4n+3)$

$= 6n^2 + 10n + 6$

$= 6(n+1)^2$

Since n is odd.

$(n+1)$ is even

i.e. $(n+1)^2$ is multiple of 4

$\therefore f(n+2) - f(n)$ ~~is~~ ^{is multiple of} 24

So is $f(n+2)$

Between every two rational nos. there is an irrational no.

Ans:

p : Between every two rational nos. there is an irrational no.

Let p be false.

Then $\neg p$ be true.

i.e. between every two rational nos. there does not exist an irrational no.

Let a & b be two unequal rational nos.

$$\text{Let } a = \frac{m}{n}, \quad b = \frac{p}{q} \quad m > np$$

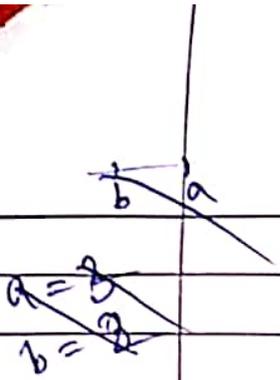
& let $a > b$.

$$\text{Then } a - b = \frac{m}{n} - \frac{p}{q}$$

$$= \frac{mq - np}{nq}$$

$$\therefore (mq - np) > 1, \quad a - b > \frac{1}{nq}$$

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$$a > b + \frac{1}{nq} > b$$

$$a > \frac{a + b}{\sqrt{2}nq} > b + \frac{1}{nq} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}nq}$$

We can construct $b + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}nq}$ in between
b and a i.e

$$b < b + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}nq} < a$$

which is irrational.