

Find the Mistake

All of the following problems contain a mistake. Identify and correct each one.

1. **Section 2.2:** The negation of “ $1 < a < 5$ ” is “ $1 \geq a \geq 5$.”
2. **Section 2.2:** “ P only if Q ” means “if Q then P .”
3. **Section 3.2**
 - (a) The negation of “For all real numbers x , if $x > 2$ then $x^2 > 4$ ” is “For all real numbers x , if $x > 2$ then $x^2 \leq 4$.”
 - (b) The negation of “For all real numbers x , if $x > 2$ then $x^2 > 4$ ” is “There exist real numbers x such that if $x > 2$ then $x^2 \leq 4$.”
 - (c) The negation of “For all real numbers x , if $x > 2$ then $x^2 > 4$ ” is “There exists a real number x such that $x > 2$ and $x^2 < 4$.”
4. **Section 3.2:** The contrapositive of “For all real numbers x , if $x > 2$ then $x^2 > 4$ ” is “For all real numbers x , if $x \leq 2$ then $x^2 \leq 4$.”
5. **Section 3.3:** Statement: \exists a real number x such that \forall real numbers y , $x + y = 0$. Proposed negation: \forall real numbers x , if y is a real number then $x + y \neq 0$.
6. **Section 4.1:** A person is asked to prove that the square of any odd integer is odd. Toward the end of a proof the person writes: “Therefore $n^2 = 2k + 1$, which is the definition of odd.”
7. **Section 4.1:** *Prove:* The square of any even integer is even.
Beginning of proof: Suppose that r is any integer. Then if m is any even integer, $m = 2r \dots$
8. **Section 4.1:** *Prove directly from the definition of even:* For all even integers n , $(-1)^n = 1$.
Beginning of proof: Suppose n is any even integer. Then $n = 2r$ for some integer r . By substitution, $(-1)^n = (-1)^{2r} = 1$ because $2r$ is even....
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Beginning of proof: Suppose n is any even integer. Then $n = 2r$ for some integer r . By substitution, $(-1)^{2r} = ((-1)^2)^r \dots$
10. **Section 4.3:** *Prove:* For all integers a and b , if a and b are divisible by 3 then $a + b$ is divisible by 3.
Beginning of proof: Suppose that for all integers a and b , if a and b are divisible by 3 then $a + b$ is divisible by 3. By definition of divisibility,
11. **Section 4.3:** *Prove:* For all integers a , if 3 divides a , then 3 divides a^2 .
Beginning of proof: Suppose a is any integer such that 3 divides a . Then $a = 3k$ for any integer $k \dots$
12. **Section 4.3:** *Prove:* For all integers a , if $a = 3b + 1$ for some integer b , then $a^2 - 1$ is divisible by 3.
Beginning of proof: Let a be any integer such that $a = 3b + 1$ for some integer b . We will prove that $a^2 - 1$ is divisible by 3. This means that $a^2 - 1 = 3q$ for some integer q . Then $(3b + 1)^2 - 1 = 3q$, and, since q is an integer, by definition of divisibility, $a^2 - 1$ is divisible by 3....

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13. **Section 4.4:** *Prove:* For all integers a , $a^2 - 2$ is not divisible by 3.

Beginning of proof: Suppose a is any integer. By the quotient-remainder theorem with divisor $d = 3$, there exist unique integers q and r such that $a = 3q + r$, where $0 < r \leq 3$

14. **Section 4.6:** *Prove by contradiction:* The product of any irrational number and any rational number is irrational.

Beginning of proof: Suppose not. That is, suppose the product of any irrational number and any rational number is rational....

15. **Section 4.6:** The negation of “ n is not divisible by any prime number greater than 1 and less than or equal to \sqrt{n} ” is “ n is divisible by any prime number greater than 1 and less than or equal to \sqrt{n} .”

16. **Section 5.2:** The equation $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ is true for $n = 1$ because $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$ is true.

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$$1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2} \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{2}{2} \Rightarrow 1 = 1.$$

18. **Section 5.2:** *Prove by mathematical induction:* For all integers $n \geq 1$,

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}.$$

Beginning of proof: Let the property $P(n)$ be

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \text{ for all integers } n \geq 1 \dots$$

19. **Section 6.1:** Given sets A and B , to show that A is a subset of B , we must show that there is an element x such that x is in A and x is in B .
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21. **Section 7.2:** To prove that $F: A \rightarrow B$ is one-to-one, assume that if $F(x_1) = F(x_2)$ then $x_1 = x_2$.
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23. **Section 8.2:** Define a relation R on the set of all integers by $a R b$ if, and only if, $ab > 0$. To show that R is symmetric, assume that for all integers a and b , $a R b$. We will show that $b R a$.