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Math 300

- ▶ Recall, when asked to *symbolically write* a statement, do so **using quanifiers**.
- ▶ Unless otherwise stated, in a proof you may use any previous result (or Exercise) provided you reference the result.
- ▶ If you need, look at the LaTeX here to remind yourself how to Latex:

 $n|a \text{ (i.e., } n \text{ divides } a), n \nmid a \text{ (i.e., } n \text{ does not divide } a), \text{ and } a \equiv b \pmod{n} \text{ (i.e., } a \text{ is congruent to } b \text{ modulo } n).$ 

Exercises

**Exercise 1.** A variant of Exercise 3.2.1d.

**Theorem 1**. The integer n is odd if and only if  $n^3$  is odd.

**ER 1i.** Sybolically write Theorem 1.

ER 1ii. Prove Theorem 1. You may use any result in §1.3 (Ch. 1 Summary p. 31-32) and/or the

definition of even/odd. You may not use Exercise 3.2.1 a,b, or c.

**Exercise 2.** A variant of Exercise 3.2.5.

**Conjecture 2**. For all integers a and b, if ab is even, then a is even or b is even.

**ER 2i.** Sybolically write Conjecture 2.

**ER 2ii.** Determine if Conjecture 2 is true or false. If Conjecture 2 is true, then write a formal proof of Conjecture 2. If Conjecture 2 is false, then provide a counterexample that shows (and clearly explains) why Conjecture 2 if false.

**Exercise 3.** A variant of Exercise 3.2.7.

**Conjecture 3**. For each integer *a*, we have that  $a \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$  if and only if  $(a^2 + 4a) \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ . **ER 3i.** Sybolically write Conjecture 3, using the biconditional ( $\iff$ ). Next sybolically write Conjecture 3 as the conjection ( $\land$ ) of two conditional ( $\implies$ ) statements.

**ER 3ii.** For each of the two conditional statements in Part (3i), determine if the conditional statement is true or false. If the conditional statement is true, write a proof. If it is false, provide a counterexample.

ER 3ii. Is Conjecture 3 true or false? Explain.

Exercise 4. A variant of Exercise 3.2.16.

Let  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$  be real numbers. The **mean**,  $\overline{y}$ , of these four numbers is defined to be the sum of the four numbers divided by 4. That is,

$$\overline{y} = \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4}{4}.$$

Prove that there exists a 
$$y_i$$
 with  $1 \le i \le 4$  such that  $\overline{y} \le y_i$ .  
Hint: One way is to let  $y_{\text{max}}$  be the largest of  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$ .

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