

When first writing Boolean algebra proofs, it is common to try to "use" subtraction, except that subtraction doesn't exist in a Boolean algebra. It is then common to try to define subtraction as adding the complement. This question shows why that definition also doesn't produce the desired result.

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Justify the correct steps of the following INVALID proof by filling in the corresponding blanks, and explain very briefly the error in the incorrect step.

"Given a Boolean algebra B , for all $a, b, c \in B$, if $a + c = b + c$, then $a = b$."

INVALID "PROOF":

Let $a, b, c \in B$ such that $a + c = b + c$.

So, $(a + c) + \bar{c} = (b + c) + \bar{c}$ by substitution.

So, $a + (c + \bar{c}) = b + (c + \bar{c})$ by ASSOCIATIVE LAW.

So, $a + 1 = b + 1$ by COMPLEMENT LAW.

So, $a = b$ by ERROR: $a + 1 = 1$, NOT a

Prove the following statement using an element proof.

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For all $A, B, C \subseteq U$, if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C^c$, then $A - C = A$.

LET $A, B, C \subseteq U$ SUCH THAT $A \subseteq B$ AND $B \subseteq C^c$

LET $x \in A - C$

SO $x \in A$ AND $x \notin C$ BY DEF'N OF $-$

SO $x \in A$

SO $A - C \subseteq A$ BY DEF'N OF \subseteq

LET $x \in A$

SO $x \in B$ BY DEF'N OF \subseteq

SO $x \in C^c$ BY DEF'N OF \subseteq

SO $x \notin C$ BY DEF'N OF c

SO $x \in A$ AND $x \notin C$

SO $x \in A - C$ BY DEF'N OF $-$

SO $A \subseteq A - C$ BY DEF'N OF \subseteq

SO $A - C = A$ BY DEF'N OF $=$

State the Quotient-Remainder Theorem. Use correct English.

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You may symbolic logic and set notation, if you use it correctly.

NOTE: You do NOT need to state the definitions of div and mod as part of the theorem.

FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ AND ALL $d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
THERE EXIST UNIQUE $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$
SUCH THAT $n = dq + r$ AND $0 \leq r < d$

Let $A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : 3 \mid n\}$ and $B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : 3 \mid n^2\}$. Prove that $B \subseteq A$.

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NOTE: A colon was used for "such that" in set builder notation to make the problem easier to read.

LET $x \in B$

SO $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ AND $3 \mid x^2$

SUPPOSE $x \notin A$

SO $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$ OR $3 \nmid x$

BUT $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, SO $3 \nmid x$

BY EXERCISE 26 IN SECTION 4.4, $x \bmod 3 \neq 0$

BY QRT, $x = 3q + 1$ OR $x = 3q + 2$ FOR SOME $q \in \mathbb{Z}$

CASE 1 ($x = 3q + 1$): $x^2 = (3q + 1)^2 = 9q^2 + 6q + 1 = 3(3q^2 + 2q) + 1$

WHERE $3q^2 + 2q \in \mathbb{Z}$ BY CLOSURE OF \mathbb{Z}

UNDER $+$ AND \times

SO $x^2 \bmod 3 = 1$

SO $3 \nmid x^2$ BY EXERCISE 26 IN SECTION 4.4

SO $x \notin B$

CASE 2 ($x = 3q + 2$): $x^2 = (3q + 2)^2 = 9q^2 + 12q + 4 = 3(3q^2 + 4q + 1) + 1$

WHERE $3q^2 + 4q + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ BY CLOSURE OF \mathbb{Z}

UNDER $+$ AND \times

SO $x^2 \bmod 3 = 1$

SO $3 \nmid x^2$ BY EXERCISE 26 IN SECTION 4.4

SO $x \notin B$

SO $x \notin B$

BUT $x \in B$ (CONTRADICTION)

SO $x \in A$ BY CONTRADICTION

SO $B \subseteq A$ BY DEF'N OF \subseteq

Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$.

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Let $A = \{x \in U : x \text{ is prime}\}$.

Let $B = \{x \in U : x \bmod 4 = 3\}$.

Let $C = \{x \in U : 3 \mid (x-6)\}$.

Find $A^c - (B \cup C)$.

NOTE: A colon was used for "such that" in set builder notation to make the problem easier to read.

$$A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$$

$$B = \{3, 7\}$$

$$A^c = \{1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10\}$$

$$C = \{3, 6, 9\}$$

$$B \cup C = \{3, 6, 7, 9\}$$

$$A^c - (B \cup C) = \{1, 4, 8, 10\}$$

Find and prove an explicit formula for the sequence defined recursively by

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$$a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 5 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, a_1 = -2$$

$$a_2 = 2(-2) + 5$$

$$a_3 = 2(2(-2) + 5) + 5 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot 5 + 5$$

$$a_4 = 2(2 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot 5 + 5) + 5 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 5 + 5$$

$$a_n = 2^{n-1}(-2) + \frac{5(2^{n-1}-1)}{2-1}$$

$$= -2 \cdot 2^{n-1} + 5 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 5$$

$$= 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 5$$

PROOF BY MI:

$$\text{BASIS STEP: } a_1 = 3 \cdot 2^{1-1} - 5 = -2 \checkmark$$

INDUCTIVE STEP: ASSUME $a_k = 3 \cdot 2^{k-1} - 5$ FOR SOME P.B.A. $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{k+1} &= 2(3 \cdot 2^{k-1} - 5) + 5 = 3 \cdot 2^k - 10 + 5 \\ &= 3 \cdot 2^k - 5 \end{aligned}$$

BY MI, $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 5$ FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Two of the following three statements are false.

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Identify clearly, and provide a counterexample for, each false statement. Show that your counterexample proves the statement is false.

NOTES: An explanation why a false statement is false is NOT enough. A counterexample is required.

You do NOT need to prove the true statement is true.

- [a] For all $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, if x and y are both prime, and $x - y > 2$, then $x - y$ is composite.
- [b] The sum of two positive irrational numbers is irrational.
- [c] For all $x, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, if $n \geq 2$, $(-x) \bmod n + x \bmod n = n$.

[a] $x=5, y=2$ ARE BOTH PRIME
 $x-y=3 > 2$ AND 3 IS NOT COMPOSITE

[b] $2+\sqrt{2}$ AND $2-\sqrt{2}$ ARE POSITIVE AND IRRATIONAL
 $(2+\sqrt{2})+(2-\sqrt{2})=4=\frac{4}{1}$ IS RATIONAL