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Math/CS 231

Practice Proofs

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1. Prove that if  $m$  is an even integer,  $m + 7$  is odd. Do this proof in two ways (out of three): direct proof, indirect proof, or proof by contradiction.

**Proof Method 1** (circle one): Direct proof

Indirect Proof

Proof by contradiction

**Proof Method 2** (circle one): Direct proof

Indirect Proof

Proof by contradiction

2. Using induction, prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $2^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 3; that is,  $3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1$ .

3. Given sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  in the same universe, determine if each of the following statements is true or false. If it is true, then prove it. If it is false, then give a counterexample.

(a)  $C \subseteq A$  and  $C \subseteq B \rightarrow C \subseteq A \cup B$

(b)  $C \subseteq A \cup B \rightarrow C \subseteq A$  and  $C \subseteq B$