

## 4.1 Direct Proof and Counterexample I: Introduction

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1. a)  $-17 = 2(-9) + 1$  Yes.
- b)  $0 = 2(0)$  Yes.
- c)  $2k - 1 = 2(k - 1) + 1$  Yes.
2. a)  $6m + 8n = 2(3m + 4n)$  Yes.
- b)  $10mn + 7 = 2(5mn + 3) + 1$  Yes.
- c)  $m^2 - n^2 = (m + n)(m - n)$  Yes. (divisible by  $(m + n)$  and  $(m - n)$ ).
3. a)  $4rs = 2(2rs)$  Yes.
- b)  $6r + 4s^2 + 3 = 2(3r + 2s^2 + 1) + 1$  Yes.
- c)  $r^2 + 2rs + s^2 = (r + s)^2$  Yes. (divisible by  $(r + s)$ )
5. Let  $m = 1$  and  $n = -1$ .  $\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{-1} = 0$ , and 0 is an integer.
7. Let  $x = 59$ .  $2^{59} = 576460752303423488$  and  $59^{10} = 9765625000000000$ .  $2^{59} > 59^{10}$
9.  $25 = 5^2$ ,  $16 = 4^2$ , and  $9 = 3^2$ .  $25 = 16 + 9$ , thus there is a perfect square that can be written as a sum of other perfect squares.
10. Let  $n = 3$ .  $2(9) - 5(3) + 2 = 5$ , and 5 is prime.
11. Let  $a = -1$  and  $b = 1$ .  $-1 < 1$  but  $(-1)^2 = 1 < 1 = (1)^2$ . Disproven.
12. Let  $n = 1$ .  $\frac{1-1}{2} = 0$ , and 0 is even. Disproven.
13. Let  $m = 0$  and  $n = 1$ .  $2(0) + 1 = 1$ , and 1 is odd, but 0 is not odd. Disproven.
14. Let  $a = b = 0$ .  $(0 + 0)^2 = 0^2 + 0^2$ . The statement holds.
- Let  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$ .  $(1 + 2)^2 = 9 \neq 5 = 1^2 + 2^2$ . The statement does not hold.
- The property is true for some integers and false for others.
15. Let  $a = 1$  and  $n = 0$ .  $-1^0 = -1 \neq 1 = (-1)^0$  The statement does not hold.
- Let  $a = n = 1$ .  $-1^1 = (-1)^1$  The statement holds.
- The property is true for some integers and false for others.
17.  $2 = 1^2 + 1^2$                        $4 = 2^2$                        $6 = 2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2$   
 $8 = 2^2 + 2^2$                        $10 = 3^2 + 1^2$                        $12 = 2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2$   
 $14 = 3^2 + 2^2 + 1^2$                        $16 = 4^2$                        $20 = 4^2 + 2^2$   
 $22 = 3^2 + 3^2 + 2^2$                        $24 = 4^2 + 2^2 + 2^2$
18.  $1 - 1 + 11 = 11$  (*prime*)       $4 - 2 + 11 = 13$  (*prime*)       $9 - 3 + 11 = 17$  (*prime*)  
 $16 - 4 + 11 = 23$  (*prime*)       $25 - 5 + 11 = 31$  (*prime*)       $36 - 6 + 11 = 41$  (*prime*)  
 $49 - 7 + 11 = 53$  (*prime*)       $64 - 8 + 11 = 67$  (*prime*)       $81 - 9 + 11 = 83$  (*prime*)  
 $100 - 10 + 11 = 101$  (*prime*)
26. Let  $m = 2k$  and  $n = 2j + 1$ , where  $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the definition of even and odd,  $m$  is even and  $n$  is odd.  $m - n = 2k - 2j + 1 = 2(k - j) + 1$ , which is odd by definition.
27. Let  $m = 2k + 1$  and  $n = 2j + 1$ , where  $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the definition of odd,  $m$  and  $n$  are odd.  
 $m + n = 2k + 2j + 2 = 2(k + j + 1)$ , which is even by definition.
28. Let  $n = 2k + 1$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the definition of odd,  $n$  is odd.  
 $n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$ , which is odd by definition.
29. Let  $n = 2k + 1$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the definition of odd,  $n$  is odd.  
 $3n + 5 = 3(2k + 1) + 5 = 6k + 8 = 2(k + 4)$ , which is even by definition.
35.  $m^2 - 1 = (m + 1)(m - 1)$ , thus  $m^2 - 1$  is divisible by  $m + 1$  and  $m - 1$ .

46. Let  $m = 2k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the definition of even,  $m$  is even. Let  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 $mj = 2k(j) = 2(kj)$ , which is even by definition.
48. Let  $m = 2k$  and  $n = 2j$ , where  $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the definition of even,  $m$  and  $n$  are even.  
 $m - n = 2k - 2j = 2(k - j)$ , which is even by definition.
49. Let  $m = 2k + 1$  and  $n = 2j + 1$ , where  $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the definition of odd,  $m$  and  $n$  are odd.  
 $m - n = 2k + 1 - 2j - 1 = 2(k - j)$ , which is even by definition.