

# 1 Some basic proofs

**Definition 1.** We say that  $p$  is an even integer, if there exists an integer  $q$  that satisfies  $2q = p$ .

**Definition 2.** We say that an integer  $p$  is not even, when there exists no integer  $q$  such that  $2q = p$ . Since  $p = 2q + 1$  satisfies this condition, it is not even.

**Definition 3.** We say that an integer  $r$  is a multiple of and integer  $p$  if there exists an integer  $q$  such that  $pq = r$ .

**Proposition 1.** *The square of an even integer is even.*

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be an even number, by definition 1 there exists an integer  $q$  that satisfies  $a = 2q$ , it follows that  $a^2 = 2aq$ . Since  $a^2$  equals twice  $aq$  and is thus even, we have proved that the square of an even number is even.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *For any integer  $n$  if  $n^2$  is odd then  $n$  is odd.*

*Proof.* By definition 2  $n^2 = (2a + 1)(2a + 1)$  is odd, which implies  $n^2 = 2a(2a + 1) + (2a + 1)$ ,  $n^2$  is thus odd. Since  $n^2 = (2a + 1)(2a + 1)$  then  $n = 2a + 1$  and is thus odd, as required.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** *For real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  if  $0 \leq a < b$  then  $a^2 < b^2$ .*

*Proof.* For  $a > 0$  it follows that  $a < b \Rightarrow a^2 < ab$  and  $a < b \Rightarrow ab < b^2$ , and hence  $0 < a < b \Rightarrow a^2 < b^2$ . For  $a = 0$  it follows that  $a = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 = 0$ , and since  $b > 0 \Rightarrow b^2 > 0$  it follows that  $a^2 < b^2$ . It is now proved that  $0 \leq a < b \Rightarrow a^2 < b^2$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *For all real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  if  $|a| < |b|$  then  $a^2 < b^2$ .*

*Proof.* Since proposition 3 and  $|a|^2 = a^2$  is true, it follows that if  $|a| < |b|$  then  $a^2 < b^2$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.** *There are no integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $14m + 21n = 100$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose for contradiction that there exists integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $14m + 21n = 100$  this implies  $7(2m + 3n) = 100$ .

By definition 3 that means if such integers exist, it would imply that there exists an integer  $q$  such that  $7q = 100$ . There exists no such integer. Thus there is no integer  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $14m + 21n = 100$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.** *If  $a^2 \geq 7a$  then  $a \geq 7$  or  $a \leq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $a \not\leq 0$  then  $a^2 \cdot a^{-1} \geq 7a \cdot a^{-1}$  which equals  $a \geq 7$ . If  $a \leq 0$  then  $a^2 \geq 7a$  is true since  $a^2$  is non-negative and  $7a$  is non-positive. Thus  $a^2 \geq 7a$  then  $a \geq 7$  or  $a \leq 0$ .  $\square$

## 2 Quantifiers

**Proposition 6.** *The statement  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \geq m$  is false.*

*Proof.* Consider for contradiction that  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \not\geq m$  is true if  $m > 1$ , it follows that  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \geq m$  is false.  $\square$

**Proposition 7.** *The statement  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \leq n$  is true.*

*Proof.* Consider for contradiction that if  $m = n$  or  $m < n$  then the statement  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \not\leq n$  is false, and  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \leq n$  is thus true.  $\square$

**Proposition 8.** *The statement  $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \leq n$  is false.*

*Proof.* Consider for contradiction  $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \not\leq n$ , since it is certainly true that there exists a positive integer  $m = n + 1$  for all  $n$ .  $\square$