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Proof:



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Russell 1910, Principia Mathematica

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Intuitive Ambiguous



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Precise Explicit





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Theorem

Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ be an even integer.

Then x + 5 is odd.

Proof

Let x be an even integer.

Let y = 2n + 5.

Assume y = x + 5 is not an odd integer.

Then:

$$y = x + 5 = 2n$$

where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then:

x = 2n - 5

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1. D: $\alpha \cap \beta = \Lambda := . \alpha \cup \beta \in 2$

Let gcd(21n + 4, 14n + 3) = a. So for some co-prime positive integers x, y we have

$$21n + 4 = ax \qquad (1)$$

$$14n + 3 = ay \qquad (2$$

Multiplying (1) by 2 and (2) by 3 and then subtracting (1) from (2) we get

$$42n + 9 - (42n + 8) = 3ay - 2ax$$

$$\implies a(3y-2x) = 1.$$

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 $\beta \epsilon 2 . \equiv . x \neq y$.









fraction is irreducible, as needed.

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Hi, how are

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Solving Math Word Problems

We've TRAINED a system that solves grade school math problems with nearly twice the accuracy of a fine-tuned GPT-3 model. It solves about 90% as many problems as real kids: a small sample of 9-12 year olds



[problem]



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Direct Proof

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Then by definition:

x = 2n

for some integer *n*.

Let y = 2n + 5.

Then:

- y = 2n + 5

 - = 2r + 1

$= 2n + 2 \times 2 + 1$ = 2(n+2)+1

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Example based on [Shuster et al 2021]

















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Theorem

The sum of any finite number of even integers is even.

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Proof

By induction: for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let P(n)...



NaturalProofs [Welleck et al 2021]: 20k theorems and proofs from ProofWiki









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- An integer $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ is odd if and only if:
 - $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

where the notation denotes congruence modulo 2.





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Even Integer Odd Integer Integer Proof by Contradiction

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Correct and useful?



Human Evaluation



Proof

Derivative of Even Function is Odd

Let f be a differentiable real function such that f is even.

Then its derivative f' is an odd function.




















Human-machine collaboration



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$$f(x) = f(-x) \quad \text{Defin}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}f(-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -f'(-x)$$

Hence the result by definition of odd function.



inition of Even Function

differentiating both sides with respect to x

Chain Rule for Derivatives



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Reasoning Errors (\downarrow)



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Proof: 0 < 1 $\rightarrow -1 < 0$

Real Zero is Less than Real One

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Invalid reasoning

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Grounding





x+y = y+x



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Grounding















Sledgehammer [Paulson 2010] - calls out to external provers







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theorem algebra_absxm1pabsxpabsxp1eqxp2_0leqxleq1:
 fixes x :: real assumes "abs (x - 1) + abs x + abs (x + 1) = x + 2"
 shows "0 < le x < and x < le 1"
proof -
 have c0: "x \<le> -1 \<Longrightarrow> False"
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 have c6: "-1 < x \<Longrightarrow> x < 0 \<Longrightarrow> False"
 proof -
     assume c7: "-1 < x" assume c8: "x < 0"
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Real theorem





Vast search space!!

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lf gcd(n, 40) = 10 and lcm(n,4) = 280,prove that *n* is 70.













We know that $gcd(a, b) \cdot lcm(a, b) = ab$, hence $10 \cdot 280 = n \cdot 40$.

Then $n = 10 \cdot 280/40 = 70$,

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Formal Proof Sketch











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Natural Proof Draft

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Verified Formal Proof



by (smt (z3) prod_gcd_lcm_nat) then have c2: "n = 10*280/40"by auto

using assms

by auto

have c1: " $10 \times 280 = n \times 40$ "









Verified Formal Proof





Paired data doesn't exist! Formal Proof Sketch Natural Proof Draft ???

























Can learn tasks in-context

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Formal Proof Sketch

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    show ?thesis using c5 < ··· >
  qed
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Flexibility Data

















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Best of both worlds!

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THOR with Expert Iteration [Wu et al 2022]







Achieves state-of-the art on miniF2F









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