

M413
Introduction to Analysis I
Assignment I

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Theorem 1. (*DeMorgan's Law*)

Let X be a set and \mathcal{A} be a family of subsets of X . Then

$$X \setminus \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (X \setminus A)$$

Proof. Let $x \in X$. Then $x \in X \setminus \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \Leftrightarrow x \notin \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \Leftrightarrow \exists A \in \mathcal{A}$ s.t. $x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A \Leftrightarrow x \notin \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (X \setminus A)$
 $\therefore X \setminus \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} (X \setminus A)$ \square

Problem 2. Prove that $3 + 11 + \dots + (8n - 5) = 4n^2 - n$.

Discussion 3. As with all induction proofs, we will start by showing the base case of $n = 1$. We will then assume true $\forall n \leq m$ where m is a fixed but unspecified natural number. At this point, we will then prove true for $m + 1$. It is important to note that $RHS_{m+1} = 4m^2 - 7m + 3$.

Proof. Suppose $n = 1$. Then $LHS = 3 = RHS = 4(1)^2 - 1$. So the proposition holds for $n = 1$. Now suppose the proposition holds $\forall n \leq m$. We will now show true for $m + 1$.

$LHS_{m+1} = 3 + 11 + \dots + (8m - 5) + (8(m + 1) - 5) = 4m^2 - m + 8m + 3 = 4m^2 + 7m + 3$. As shown in discussion, this is RHS_{m+1} , therefore we conclude that the proposition holds $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ by mathematical induction. \square

Problem 4. Prove that $7^n - 6n - 1$ is divisible by 8 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Discussion 5. We will start by showing the proposition holds true for $n = 1$. We will then assume the proposition holds $\forall n \leq m$ where m is a fixed but unspecified natural number. The notation $a|b$ as a divides b .

Proof. Suppose $n = 1$. Then $7^1 - 6(1) - 1 = 0$. However, $0 \nmid 8$, so the proposition can not hold for all n . \square