

- (1) Use a direct proof to show that: if  $n$  is an even number then  $(3n+5)$  is odd. (2 marks)

0.5 We suppose that  $n$  is even then  $n = 2k$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 Then  $3n+5 = 3(2k)+5 = 6k+5 = 6k+4+1$   
 $= 2(3k+2) + 1$   
 1.5  $= 2M + 1$  with  $M = (3k+2) \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 So  $(3n+5)$  is odd

- (2) Let  $a, b, c$  be real numbers. Prove by contraposition that: if  $5a - 2b + 3c > 7$  then  $a > 2$  or  $b < 3$  or  $c > 1$ . (3 marks)

The contraposition of our statement is:  
 " if  $a \leq 2$  and  $b \geq 3$  and  $c \leq 1$  then  $5a - 2b + 3c \leq 7$  "

As  $a \leq 2$  then  $5a \leq 10$   
 Also  $b \geq 3$  then  $-2b \leq -6$   
 $c \leq 1$  then  $3c \leq 3$   
 by summation, we get  
 $5a - 2b + 3c \leq 10 - 6 + 3 = 7$

- (3) Assume that  $\sqrt{5}$  is irrational number. Give a proof by ~~contraposition~~ <sup>Contradiction</sup> to show that  $\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{3}$  is an irrational number. (2 marks)

We suppose that  $x = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{3}$  is rational number.

1 Then  $3x = 3 - \sqrt{5} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{5} = 3 - 3x$   
 As the sum of 2 rational numbers is rational number  
 We get  $\sqrt{5}$  is rational number  $\downarrow$   
 It is a contradiction with  
 the assumption  $\sqrt{5} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

1 So  $\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{3} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ .

(4) Using proof by induction, show that:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2^2} + \frac{3}{2^3} + \dots + \frac{n}{2^n} = 2 - \frac{n+2}{2^n} \text{ for } n \geq 1. \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

Put  $P(n) : \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2^2} + \frac{3}{2^3} + \dots + \frac{n}{2^n} = 2 - \frac{n+2}{2^n}$

• Basis step:  $n = 1$

$$\frac{1}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} 2 - \frac{1+2}{2} = 2 - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

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So  $P(1)$  is true.

• Inductive step: Let  $k \geq 2$ , we assume that  $P(k)$  is true

(we have:  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2^2} + \frac{3}{2^3} + \dots + \frac{k}{2^k} = 2 - \frac{k+2}{2^k}$ )

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Now we prove that  $P(k+1)$  remains true.

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{k+1}{2^{k+1}} \stackrel{?}{=} 2 - \frac{(k+1)+2}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{k}{2^k} + \frac{k+1}{2^{k+1}} = 2 - \frac{k+2}{2^k} + \frac{k+1}{2^{k+1}}$$

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$$= 2 - \frac{2k+4}{2^{k+1}} + \frac{k+1}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{k+3}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$\triangle - (2k+4) + k+1 = -k-3 = -(k+3)$$

We deduce that  $P(n)$  is true for every  $n \geq 1$ .