

Correction n°1  
**Logic and Mathematical Proof**

**Solution 1**

1/ Using quantifiers, we write the propositions as follows:

1.  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, 102 = 3k$
2.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 = y^3 \implies x = y$
3.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, n < m$

2/ The negation of propositions:

1.  $(\mathbf{P}_1)$  is false because  $\exists x = -1 \in \mathbb{R}, (-1 + 1)^2 = 0$ . Thus  $\bar{\mathbf{P}}_1 : \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, (x + 1)^2 \leq 0$
2.  $(\mathbf{P}_2)$  is false and  $\bar{\mathbf{P}}_2 : \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 \neq -1$
3.  $(\mathbf{P}_3)$  is false because  $2x^2 + 3x = 0$  has two solutions  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $\bar{\mathbf{P}}_3 : \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, 2x^2 + 3x = 0$
4.  $(\mathbf{P}_4)$  is false and  $\bar{\mathbf{P}}_4 : \exists(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, (xz = yz) \wedge (x \neq y)$

3/ The contrapositive of the propositions:

1.  $(n \neq 2)$  and  $(n \text{ is even}) \implies n \text{ is not prime}$
2.  $\forall n \geq 2, n \text{ is odd, then } (n^2 - 1) \text{ is divisible by } 8.$

**Solution 2**

1• Simplification of propositions :

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet [P \implies (Q \implies R)] &\iff [P \implies (\bar{Q} \vee R)] & \bullet [(P \wedge Q) \implies R] &\iff \overline{(P \wedge Q)} \vee R \\ &\iff \bar{P} \vee (\bar{Q} \vee R) & &\iff (\bar{P} \vee \bar{Q}) \vee R \end{aligned}$$

According to the associativity of the connective **or** ( $\vee$ ), we deduce that the two propositions are equivalent:  $[P \implies (Q \implies R)] \iff [(P \wedge Q) \implies R]$

2• The truth table of  $\overline{(P \implies Q)} \iff (P \wedge \bar{Q})$  is

$P$	$Q$	$\bar{Q}$	$P \implies Q$	$\overline{P \implies Q}$	$P \wedge \bar{Q}$	$\overline{(P \implies Q)} \iff (P \wedge \bar{Q})$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$

The table show that  $\overline{P \implies Q}$  and  $P \wedge \bar{Q}$  have the same truth table. Therefore, the two propositions are equivalent. ie  $\overline{(P \implies Q)} \iff (P \wedge \bar{Q})$  is true.

### Solution 3

Let us show by exhaustion that:

If  $x$  is a real number, then  $|x + 3| - x > 2$

We consider two cases:  $x \geq -3$  and  $x < -3$ .

**case 1:  $x \geq -3$ .** Then  $|x + 3| = x + 3$ , so we have  $|x + 3| - x = x + 3 - x = 3 > 2$ , so the proposition holds.

**case 2:  $x < -3$ .** Then  $|x + 3| = -(x + 3)$ , so we have  $|x + 3| - x = -x - 3 - x = -2x - 3$ . Since  $x < -3$ , we must have  $-x > 3$ , so  $-2x - 3 > 2(3) - 3 = 3 > 2$ . Therefore, the proposition holds.

Since the proposition holds in all cases, it must be true. Hence if  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $|x + 3| - x > 2$ .

### Solution 4

Let us show by contradiction that:

If  $n^2 + 5$  is odd, then  $n$  is even, for every integer  $n$ .

Suppose by contradiction, that  $n^2 + 5$  is odd and  $n$  is also odd. By definition, there exists integers  $k$  and  $\ell$  so that,  $n^2 + 5 = 2k + 1$  and  $n = 2\ell + 1$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2k + 1 &= n^2 + 5 \\ &= (2\ell + 1)^2 + 5 \\ &= 4\ell^2 + 4\ell + 1 + 5 \\ &= 2(2\ell^2 + 2\ell + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $2k + 1$  is even. This is clearly impossible, and hence we cannot have that  $n^2 + 5$  is odd and  $n$  is also odd. Thus, if  $n^2 + 5$  is odd, we must have  $n$  is even

### Solution 5

Let us show by induction that:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n^3 + 2n \text{ is divisible by } 3$$

Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition :  $n^3 + 2n$  is divisible by 3

**1. base case:** When  $n = 0$ , we have  $0^3 + 2(0) = 0 + 0 = 0$  and 0 is divisible by 3.

Thus,  $P(0)$  is correct.

**2. induction hypothesis :** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , Assume that  $P(n)$  is correct. That means :  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}, n^3 + 2n = 3k$ , We will now show that  $P(n + 1)$  is correct :

Where,

$$\begin{aligned} (n + 1)^3 + 2(n + 1) &= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 + 2n + 2 \\ &= n^3 + 2n + 3(n^2 + n + 1) \\ &= 3k + 3(n^2 + n + 1) \\ &= 3(k + n^2 + n + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $m = k + n^2 + n + 1$ , then  $\exists m = k + n^2 + n + 1 \in \mathbb{N}, (n + 1)^3 + 2(n + 1) = 3m$ .

We deduce that  $(n + 1)^3 + 2(n + 1)$  is divisible by 3. Thus,  $P(n + 1)$  is correct.

**3. Conclusion :** By mathematical induction,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n^3 + 2n$  is divisible by 3.