

**Theorem 1.** The set  $S = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} | n > -30\}$  is inductive.

*Proof.* To prove that  $S$  is inductive, we need to show that  $S$  is a subset of the integers and that if  $n \in S$ , then  $n + 1 \in S$ .

We first show that if  $n \in S$ , then  $n + 1 \in S$ . This follows from the fact that if  $n \in S$  then  $n > -30$  and so  $n + 1 > -29 > -30$ .

To show that  $S$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we notice from the definition of  $S$  that all elements of  $S$  must be integers, and so  $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ .

Having shown that if  $n \in S$ , then  $n + 1 \in S$  and that  $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ , we have proven that  $S$  is inductive.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** If the universal set is the natural numbers, then the truth set of the predicate  $P(n) =$  “4 divides  $(5^n - 1)$ ” is inductive.

*Proof.* We assume the universal set is the natural numbers, and will show that the truth set of the predicate  $P(n) =$  “4 divides  $(5^n - 1)$ ” is inductive. Call the truth set  $T$ . To prove that  $T$  is inductive, we need to show that it is a subset of the integers and that if  $n \in T$ , then  $n + 1 \in T$ .

To show that  $T$  is a subset of the integers, note that  $T$  is a subset of the universal set, which is a subset of the integers.

Next, we assume that  $n$  is in  $T$ , i.e.,  $5^n - 1 = 4a$  for some integer  $a$ , and we show that  $n + 1$  is in  $T$ , i.e.,  $5^{n+1} - 1 = 4b$  for some integer  $b$ . We can write  $5^{n+1} - 1$  as...

$$\begin{aligned} 5^{n+1} - 1 &= 5 \times 5^n - 5 + 4 \\ &= 5(5^n - 1) + 4 \\ &= 5(4a) + 4 \\ &= 4(5a + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since the integers are closed under multiplication and addition,  $5a + 1$  is an integer, and so 4 divides  $5^{n+1} - 1$ . Thus whenever  $n \in T$ ,  $n + 1 \in T$ .

Having shown that  $T$  is a subset of the integers, and that if  $n \in T$ ,  $n + 1 \in T$ , we have shown that  $T$  is inductive. We have thus proven that if the universal set is the natural numbers, then the truth set of the predicate  $P(n) =$  “4 divides  $(5^n - 1)$ ” is inductive.  $\square$