

Math 55 Quiz 2 DIS 106

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1. Show that there exists a unique positive integer x such that $x^2 + 6x = 16$.

Notice that $2^2 + 6 \times 2 = 16$, hence $x^2 + 6x = 16$ has a solution for positive integer x .
For uniqueness, suppose that $x^2 + 6x = 16$ for some positive integer x , then

$$(x - 2)(x + 8) = x^2 + 6x - 16 = 0$$

Hence $x - 2 = 0$ or $x + 8 = 0$; in other words $x = 2$ or -8 . x is positive hence is not -8 , so $x = 2$. This shows that 2 is the unique positive integer solution for x .

2. Prove or disprove that for all sets A, B ,

(a) $A \cap B \subseteq A \cup B$

(b) $A \cap (\overline{A} \cup B) = B$

(a) This is true. Suppose $x \in A \cap B$. This means that $x \in A$ and $x \in B$. Hence $x \in A$ or $x \in B$, so $x \in A \cup B$.

(b) This is false. Suppose $U = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $A = \{1, 2\}$, $B = \{2, 3\}$. Then $A \cap (\overline{A} \cup B) = \{2\} \neq \{2, 3\} = B$