

Math 55 Quiz 4  
GSI: Jeremy Meza  
October 16, 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is wrong with the following proof? (*2 points*).

**Claim:** All integers are perfect squares.

**Proof:** Clearly 1 is a perfect square. Suppose the claim works for integers up to and including  $k$ . Then if we write  $k + 1 = ab$ , the IH tells us that  $a = m^2$  and  $b = n^2$  for some integers  $m, n$ . Thus,  $k + 1 = m^2n^2 = (mn)^2$  and  $k + 1$  is a perfect square. Thus, by induction we conclude that all integers are perfect squares.

2. Prove that every natural number greater than 1 has a prime factorization. (*8 points*).