

Answers to Concept Quiz 4.1

1. **Principle of Mathematical Induction.** Let $P(n)$ be a statement for every positive integer n . Suppose that we want to prove that $P(n)$ is true for all positive integers n , that is, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}(P(n))$ (Here, \mathbb{N} starts with 1). If we show that Step 1:

$P(1)$ is true.

and Step 2:

For every positive integer k , if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k + 1)$ is true.

Then $P(n)$ is true for all positive integers n .

2. **Inductive Sets.** Give the definition of an inductive set.

A subset T of the integers \mathbb{Z} is an *inductive set* provided that for every integer k , if $k \in T$, then $k+1 \in T$.

Can a finite, nonempty set of integers be an inductive set?

No.

Is the empty set, $\emptyset = \{\}$ an inductive set?

Yes.

Is the set of even integers an inductive set?

No.