

Thought experiment

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

- _____ 1. The points $(-1, 1)$, $(2, -1)$, and $(3, 0)$ all lie on the same line.
- _____ 2. If x is an integer, then $x^2 \geq x$.
- _____ 3. If x is an integer, then $x^3 \geq x$.
- _____ 4. For all real numbers x , $x^3 = x$.
- _____ 5. There exists a real number x such that $x^3 = x$.
- _____ 6. $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.
- _____ 7. If $x + y$ is an odd number and $y + z$ is an odd number, then $x + z$ is an odd number.
- _____ 8. If x is an even integer, then x^2 is an even integer.
- _____ 9. If x is an integer, then x is even or x is odd.
- _____ 10. There are infinitely many primes.
- _____ 11. For any positive real number x there is a positive real number y such that $y^2 = x$.
- _____ 12. Every positive integer is the sum of distinct powers of 2.
- _____ 13. In a right angled triangle whose sides are a and b and whose hypotenuse is c , we have $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$.

Justify each of your answers. Once you are done, decide into which category your justification falls:

- (i) I am confident that the justification I gave is conclusive.
- (ii) I am not confident that the justification I gave is conclusive.
- (iii) I am confident that the justification I gave is not conclusive.
- (iv) I could not decide whether the statement was true or false.