

**Proposition R.231:** Prove that  $A = \{m + n\sqrt{3} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is closed under multiplication.

**Proof:** Let  $A = \{m + n\sqrt{3} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , and let  $m + n\sqrt{3}$  and  $p + q\sqrt{3}$  be elements of  $A$ . See Figure 1 to see what a table looks like. Then

$$(m + n\sqrt{3})(p + q\sqrt{3}) = mp + mq\sqrt{3} + np\sqrt{3} + 3qn \quad (1)$$

$$= (mp + 3qn) + (mq + np)\sqrt{3}. \quad (2)$$

Since  $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $mp + 3qn$  and  $mq + np$  are both integers. Therefore,

$$(m + n\sqrt{3})(p + q\sqrt{3}) \in A,$$

and  $A$  is closed under multiplication.  $\square$

$A$	$B$	If $A$ then $B$ .
True	True	
True	False	
False	True	
False	False	

Figure 1: And here is a table inserted for no reason whatsoever