

# Week 3 Proofs

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## Inference

Rules of Inference deduce new true statements and conclusions from premises.

one standard rule: show premise, show how premises connect, and show how premises connect to conclusion

Modus Ponens - method of approving

Modus Tollens - method of denying

Hypothetical syllogism - chain together two conditional statements

Disjunctive syllogism - conclude one alternative is true when you know at least one of two things must be true and one of them is false.

Critical Row -  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $T$  and  $q$  is  $T$

## Definitions

- Prime Numbers

A prime integer cannot be factored by an integer that is not itself or one

if  $n$  is prime  $\iff$

$$(n > 1) \wedge (\forall r, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+, (n = rs) \rightarrow (r = 1 \wedge s = n) \vee (s = 1 \wedge r = n))$$

Thus, a prime integer is greater than one, and is factorized by 2 variables; and for all instances those are 1 and itself.

- Composite Numbers

A composite number is factored by 2 integers that are not 1 and itself

if  $n$  is composite  $\iff$

$(n > 1) \wedge (\forall r, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+, (n = rs) \rightarrow (1 < r < n) \wedge (1 < s < n))$  Thus, a composite number is factored by 2 integers that are both  $\in (1, n)$

- Even Numbers

$n$  is even  $\iff \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} (n = 2k)$

Thus, there exists an integer  $k$  that is half of  $n$

- Odd Numbers

$n$  is odd  $\iff \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} (n = 2k + 1)$

Thus, there exists a  $k$  integer such that it is -1 of an even integer

This will be used in proofs later on next week. Remember for exam and homework. Homework needs to be a pdf uploaded.