

# "Discrete Structures"

\* Lecture 10 \*

## → Methods of Proof ←

- 1) Direct proof    2) Indirect proof    3) by Contradiction    4) mathematical induction.

### 1) Direct proof

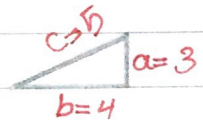
→  $P \rightarrow Q$ , means that if  $P$  occurred, So  $Q$  occurred.

Example: Prove that if  $n$  is even, So  $n^2$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow n &= 2K \\ n^2 &= 4K^2 \\ &= 2 \times 2K^2, \therefore n^2 \text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: prove that this triangle is right angled.

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \rightarrow \text{right} \\ \therefore a^2 + b^2 &= 9 + 16 = 25 = c^2 \\ \therefore \text{The triangle is right angled.} \end{aligned}$$



### 2) Indirect proof

→ To prove that:  $P \rightarrow Q$ , we get:  $\sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$

Example: prove that if  $n^2$  is odd  $\rightarrow n$  is odd « $\text{odd}(n^2) \rightarrow \text{odd}(n)$ »

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \text{we get: } \sim \text{odd}(n) &\rightarrow \sim \text{odd}(n^2) \\ \text{even}(n) &\rightarrow \text{even}(n^2) \\ n &= 2K \\ n^2 &= 4K^2 \\ &= 2 \times 2K^2 \\ &= 2m, \therefore n^2 \text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

### 3) Contradiction

→ To prove  $P$ , we get that  $\sim P$  is not true.

Example: Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational number

→ Let  $\sqrt{2}$  is rational number «Can be written in form of  $\frac{b}{a}$ , where  $b$  and  $a$  has no common factors.»

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow 2 = \frac{b^2}{a^2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$b^2 = 2a^2 = 2K$$

$\therefore b^2$  is even

$$\therefore b = 2M$$

$$\text{from (1): } a^2 = \frac{b^2}{2} = \frac{4M^2}{2} = 2M^2$$

$\therefore 2$  is common factor between  $a, b$

$\therefore \sqrt{2}$  Can't be rational number

$\therefore \sqrt{2}$  is irrational number.

### 4) mathematical Induction

- 1) prove that  $n$  is true at the first value  $n=1$   
2) Suppose that the relation is true at  $n=K$  «Inductive step»  
3) prove that the relation is true at  $n=K+1$

Example: prove that  $1+2+3+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

→ a)  $n=1$

$$\rightarrow \text{L.H.S.} = 1, \text{R.H.S.} = 1$$

b)  $n=K$

$$\rightarrow 1+2+3+\dots+K = \frac{K(K+1)}{2}$$

c)  $n=K+1$

$$\rightarrow 1+2+3+\dots+K+(K+1) = \frac{(K+1)(K+2)}{2}$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{K(K+1)}{2} + (K+1)$$

$$= \frac{K(K+1)+2(K+1)}{2} = \frac{K^2+3K+2}{2} = \frac{(K+2)(K+1)}{2} = \text{R.H.S.}$$



- follow mathematical induction.

Example 2: prove that  $1+5+9+\dots+(4n-3)=n(2n-1)$

→ a)  $n=1$

→ L.H.S. = 1, R.H.S. =  $1(2-1) = 1$

b)  $n=k$

→  $1+5+9+\dots+(4k-3)=k(2k-1)$

c)  $n=k+1$

→  $1+5+9+\dots+(4k-3)+4(k+1)-3=(k+1)(2k+1)$

L.H.S. =  $k(2k-1)+4k+1$

=  $2k^2+3k+1$

=  $(2k+1)(k+1) = \text{R.H.S.}$

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Example 3: prove that  $1^3+2^3+\dots+n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$

→ a)  $n=1$

→ L.H.S. = 1, R.H.S. =  $\frac{1(1+1)^2}{4} = 1$

b)  $n=k$

→  $1^3+2^3+\dots+k^3 = \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4}$

c)  $n=k+1$

→  $1^3+2^3+\dots+k^3+(k+1)^3 = \frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4}$

L.H.S. =  $\frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + (k+1)^3$

=  $\frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + 4(k+1)^3}{4} = \frac{(k+1)^2(k^2+4k+4)}{4}$

=  $\frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)(k+2)}{4}$

=  $\frac{(k+1)^2(k+2)^2}{4} = \text{R.H.S.}$

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Example 4: Prove that  $1+3^n < 5^n$

«Important.»

→ a)  $n=1$

→ L.H.S. = 4, R.H.S. = 5,  $4 < 5$  true

b)  $n=k$

→  $1+3^k < 5^k$

$$c) n = k+1$$

$$\rightarrow 1 + 3^{k+1} < 5^{k+1}$$

$$\therefore 1 + 3^k < 5^k, \quad 3 < 5$$

$$\therefore 3(1 + 3^k) < 5 \times 5^k$$

$$, \quad 3 + 3^{k+1} < 5^{k+1}$$

$$\therefore 1 + 3^{k+1} < 5^{k+1}$$

Example 5: prove that  $7^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 5

$$\rightarrow a) n=1$$

$$\rightarrow 7^1 - 2^1 = 5, \quad 5/5 \text{ "True."}$$

$$b) n=k$$

$$\rightarrow 7^k - 2^k = 5m$$

$$c) n = k+1$$

$$\rightarrow 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} = 5n$$

$$\text{from b: } 7^k - 2^k = 5m$$

( $\times 7$ )

$$7^{k+1} - 7 \cdot 2^k = 5Z$$

( $+ 5 \cdot 2^k$ )

$$7^{k+1} - 2 \cdot 2^k = 5Z + 5 \cdot 2^k$$

$$\therefore 7^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} = 5n$$