

proof Techniques ($P \rightarrow Q$)

Hypothesis and conclusion

my claim: If it rains, I will stay home.

How to prove it?

We cannot prove the statement until it's raining.

if raining hypothesis is true.

to prove that, if an integer n is even,

then $3n+2$ is also even.

hypothesis: n is even

conclusion: $3n+2$ is even

Let n be even.

Let $n = 2k$, where k is an integer

$$\therefore 3n+2$$

$$= 3(2k) + 2$$

$$= 2(3k+1)$$

$\therefore 3n+2$ is even

Since k is an integer

$3k+1$ must also be an integer

$\therefore 2(3k+1)$ must be even

$\therefore 3n+2$ is even

prove that, If n is an integer, and

$3n+2$ is even, then n is also even.

Hypothesis:- $3n+2$ is even

conclusion:- n is even

Let, $3n+2$ be even

Let, $3n+2 = 2k$, where k is an integer

$$\therefore 3n+2 = 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n = 2k - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{2k-2}{3}$$

Let $3n+2$ be even, but n is odd

Let $n = 2k+1$, where k is an integer

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore 3n+2 &= 3(2k+1)+2 \\
 &= 6k+3+2 \\
 &= 6k+5 \\
 &= 6k+4+1 \\
 &= 2(3k+2)+1
 \end{aligned}$$

Since k is an integer, $(3k+2)$ must be integer

$\therefore 2(3k+2)+1$ must be odd

$\therefore 3n+2$ is odd

this contradicts with our assumption that $3n+2$ is even.

$\therefore n$ cannot be odd

$\therefore n$ is even

proof by contrapositive $(\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$

Hypothesis: $3n+2$ is even

Conclusion: n is even

It is sufficient to prove that,

if n is odd, then $3n+2$ is odd
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Let n be odd

Let $n = 2k+1$, where k is an integer.

$$\therefore 3n+2 = 3(2k+1)+2$$

$$= 6k+3+2$$

$$= 2(3k+2)+1$$

Since k is an integer,

$3k+2$ must be an integer

$\therefore 2(3k+2)+1$ must be odd

$\therefore 3n+2$ is odd.

(proved)

□

Indirect proof

prove by contradiction

(condition ના અવરોધ રજા)

prove by contraposition

(conditions અવરોધ)

□ contradiction

$p \rightarrow \neg q$

prove by contradiction that $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number

Let $\sqrt{2}$ be a rational number

Let $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$, when p, q are integers, $q \neq 0$
and p, q has no common factors
other than 1

$$\therefore \frac{p^2}{q^2} = 2$$

$$= p^2 = 2q^2$$

Since q^2 is an integer, $2q^2$ must be even

$\therefore p^2$ is even and p is even

Let $p = 2k$, where k is an integer

$$\therefore (2k)^q = 2^q k^q$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k^q = 2 \cdot 2k^q$$

$$\Rightarrow q^q = 2k^q$$

Since k^q is an integer, $2k^q$ must be even

$\therefore q^q$ is even, and thus q is even

$\therefore 2$ is a common factor of p and q

This contradicts with our assumption, that p, q has no common factors other than 1

$\therefore \sqrt{2}$ cannot be rational

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

(proved)

Not a proof

prove that, the products of two rational number is rational.

Hypothesis:- r_1 and r_2 are two rational numbers.

conclusion:- $r_1 r_2$ is rational.

Let $R_1 = \frac{p_1}{q_1}$, $R_2 = \frac{p_2}{q_2}$ where p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2 are integers

$$\therefore R_1 R_2 = \frac{p_1}{q_1} \times \frac{p_2}{q_2} = \frac{p_1 p_2}{q_1 q_2} \text{ and } q_1, q_2 \neq 0$$

Since p_1, p_2 are integers $p_1 p_2$ is also integers

Since q_1, q_2 are non zero integers, $q_1 q_2$ is also a non zero

integer

$\therefore \frac{p_1 p_2}{q_1 q_2}$ is rational

$\therefore R_1 R_2$ is rational

(proved)

[note: irrational proof a indirect proof etc]

prove that, if m, n, p are integers, and $m+n$ and $n+p$ are even then $m+p$ is also even.

Hypothesis: $m+n$ and $n+p$ are even.

Conclusion: $m+p$ is even.

Let $m+n = 2k_1$ and $n+p = 2k_2$

where k_1, k_2 are integers

$$\therefore m = 2k_1 - n \quad p = 2k_2 - n$$

$$\therefore m+p = 2k_1 - n + 2k_2 - n$$

$$= 2(k_1 + k_2 - n)$$

Since k_1, k_2, n are integers

$(k_1 + k_2 - n)$ must be an integer

$\therefore 2(k_1 + k_2 - n)$ must be even

$\therefore m+p$ even (proved)

by contrapositive

prove that, If n is irrational, then $\frac{1}{n}$ is also irrational

Hypothesis :- n is irrational

conclusion :- $\frac{1}{n}$ is irrational

it is sufficient that,

If $\frac{1}{n}$ is rational, then n is also rational.

Let $\frac{1}{n} = \frac{p}{q}$, where p, q are integer and $q \neq 0$
and p, q has no common factor other than 1

Here p cannot be zero in that case,

$$\frac{1}{n} = \frac{0}{q} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{\frac{p}{q}} = \frac{q}{p}$$

Since q, p are integer and $p \neq 0$

$\therefore \frac{q}{p}$ must be rational

$\therefore n$ is rational.

by contradiction.

prove that, the sum of an irrational and a rational number is irrational.

Hypothesis :- x is an irrational number and y is a rational number.

conclusion :- $(x+y)$ is irrational

Let $y = \frac{p}{q}$ where, p, q are integers and $q \neq 0$.

Let $x+y$ be rational and $x+y = \frac{p'}{q'}$, where p', q' are integers $q' \neq 0$.

$$\therefore x + \frac{p}{q} = \frac{p'}{q'}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{p'}{q'} - \frac{p}{q} \\ = \frac{p'q - pq'}{qq'}$$

Since p, q, p', q' are integers $p'q - pq'$ is an integer.

Since q, q' are non zero integers qq' is a

non zero integer.

$$\therefore \frac{p'q - pq'}{qq'} = n \text{ is rational.}$$

this contradict to the hypothesis that n is irrational.

$\therefore n+y$ cannot be rational

$\therefore n+y$ is irrational

▣ vacuous proof

$$P(0), \text{ where } P(n) \equiv (n > 1) \rightarrow (n^2 > n)$$

$$F \rightarrow ? F \Rightarrow T$$

▣ Trivial proof

$$P(0), \text{ where } P(n) \equiv \forall a \forall b ((a \geq b) \rightarrow (a^n \geq b^n))$$

$$? \quad T \Rightarrow T$$