# Week 3 Part A highlights

- Determine what evidence is required to establish that a quantified statement is true or false.
- Use logical equivalence to rewrite quantified statements (including negated quantified statements)
- Use universal generalization to prove that universal statements are true
- Define predicates associated with integer factoring and primes
- Define "arbitrary"
- Write proofs in prose form
- Determine whether a proposition is true or false using valid reasoning (proofs) in multiple contexts
- Trace and/or construct a direct proof and proof by contrapositive
- Work to prove/disprove in parallel
- Evaluate which proof technique(s) is appropriate for a given proposition

### Some sets of numbers

 $\mathbb{N}$ The set of natural numbers  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ Recursively defined by Basis step: Recursive step:  $\mathbb{Z}$  $\{\ldots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$ The set of integers Recursively defined by Basis step: Recursive step:  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ The set of positive integers  $\{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ Set builder notation definition is  $\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x > 0\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x > 0\}$  $\mathbb{Z}^{\neq 0}$ The set of nonzero integers Set builder notation definition is  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (x < 0 \lor x > 0)\}$ 

Axioms: Statements assumed to be true

**Invariant**: A property that is true about our algorithm no matter what. Rosen p375

**Theorem**: Statement that can be shown to be true, usually an important one. Rosen p81

Less important theorems can be called **proposition**, fact, result.

A less important theorem that is useful in proving a theorem is called a **lemma**.

A theorem that can be proved directly after another one has been proved is called a **corollary** 

**Proof:** Series of steps, each of which follows logically from axioms, or previously proved theorems, whose final step should result in the statement of the theorem being proven.

#### Some axioms about the numbers (zyBook 4.3.1)

- Rules of Algebra. For example, if x, y, and z are real numbers and x = y, then x + z = y + z.
- The set of integers is closed under addition, multiplication, and subtraction.
- Every integer is either even or odd.
- If x is an integer, there is no integer between x and x + 1. In particular, there is no integer between 0 and 1.
- The relative order of any two real numbers. For example 1/2 < 1 or  $4.2 \ge 3.7$ .
- The square of any real number is greater than or equal to

## **Application: Factoring**

Goal: Exchange information (e.g. key for cipher) with a stranger (Amazon, Venmo) without other observers accessing it

Mathematical tool: It is much easier to multiply two large numbers than to factor a large number.

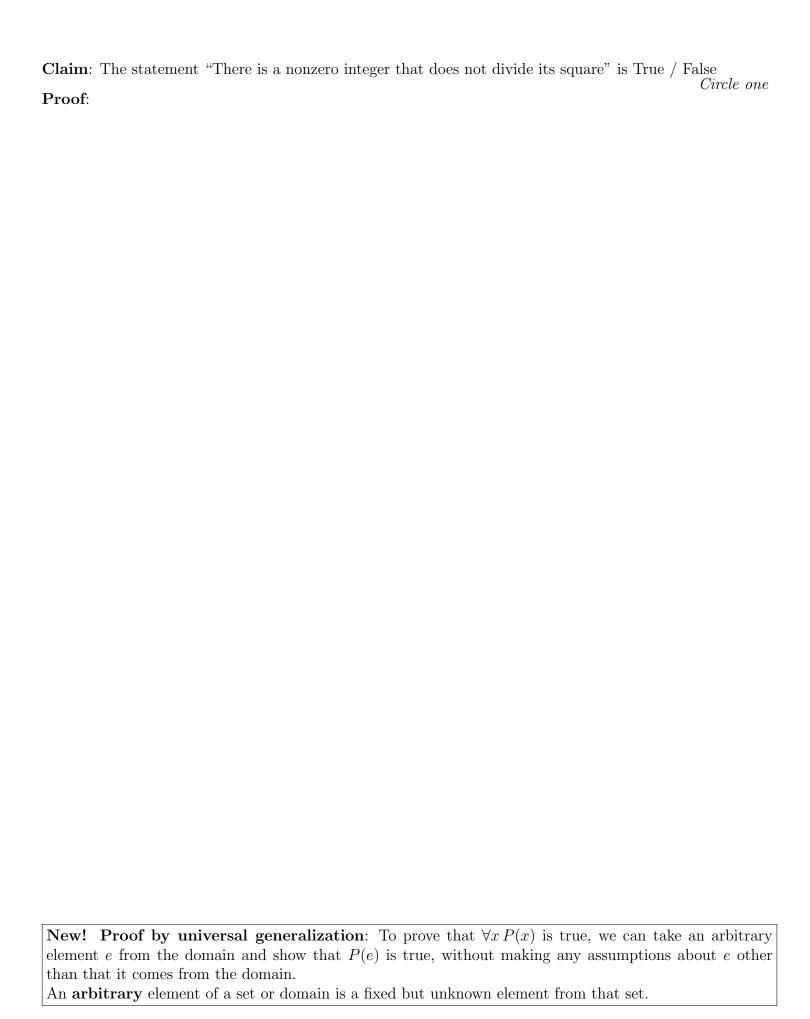
Key idea behind RSA (Rivest Shamir Adelman) Algorithm:

- Amazon picks two primes > 200 digits each, publishes their product
- Anyone can encrypt their credit card using this product.
- There are no known methods to decrypt without factoring into the original primes.
- Current algorithms for factoring products of large primes take billions of years

| <b>Definition</b> (Rosen p. 238): When $a$ and $b$ integer $c$ such that $b = ac$ . | are integers and $a$ is nonzero, $a$ divides $b$ means there is an |
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| Symbolically, $F(a, b) = $  | and is a predicate over the domain                                 |
| Other (synonymous) ways to say that $F(a, b)$                                       | ) is true:   |
| a is a <b>factor</b> of $b$ $a$ is a <b>divisor</b> of                              | a b b is a <b>multiple</b> of $a a b $ $b $ <b>mod</b> $a = 0$     |
| Translate these quantified statements by man  | ching to English statement on right.                               |
| $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z}^{\neq 0} \ (\ F(a,a)\ )$                                  |  |
| $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z}^{\neq 0} \ (\ \neg F(a, a) \ )$                           |  |
| $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}^{\neq 0} \ (\ F(a, a) \ )$                                |  |
| $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}^{\neq 0} \ (\ \neg F(a, a) \ )$                           |  |

Claim: Every nonzero integer is a factor of itself.

**Proof**:



#### **Definitions**

- An integer x is **even** if \_\_\_\_\_
- An integer x is **odd** if \_\_\_\_\_

Prove: If n is even, then  $n^2$  is even

Prove: If x is even integer and y is an odd integer, then  $x^2 + y^2$  is an odd integer

**New! Proof of conditional by direct proof**: To prove that the conditional statement  $p \to q$  is true, we can assume p is true and use that assumption to show q is true.





Work to prove / disprove statement (sometimes in parallel ...)

**Prove or disprove:** If x and y are two distinct positive integers, such that xy is a perfect square, then x and y are perfect squares.

**Prove or disprove:** For every integer n, if  $n^2$  is not divisible by 4, then n is odd.

• Write the logical form:

• Do you believe the statement? Try a few examples.

• Map out possible strategies to prove the statement

- Write a strategy to consider:

- What assumptions can we make for this strategy?

- What evidence do we need to provide?

• Map out possible strategies to disprove the statement

$$(p \to q) \equiv \neg (p \land \neg q)$$

$$\neg (p \land q) \equiv \neg p \lor \neg q$$

$$q \vee \neg p \equiv p \to q$$

$$(p \to q) \equiv \neg (p \land \neg q) \qquad \qquad \neg (p \land q) \equiv \neg p \lor \neg q \qquad \qquad q \lor \neg p \equiv p \to q \qquad \qquad \neg \exists x \, P(x) \equiv \forall x \, \neg (P(x))$$

To prove that  $\exists x P(x)$  is **false**, write the universal statement that is logically equivalent to its negation and then prove it true using universal generalization.

To prove that  $p \wedge q$  is true, have two subgoals: subgoal (1) prove p is true; and, subgoal (2) prove q is true.

To prove that  $p \wedge q$  is false, it's enough to prove that p is false.

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