

Chapter - 1

Deductive proof: A deductive proof consists of a sequence of statements whose truth leads us from some initial statement, called the hypothesis or the given statement (s), to a conclusion statement.

If H then C / H implies C / H only if C / C if H /
Hypothesis Conclusion Whenever H holds, C follows

Theorem 1.3: If $x \geq 4$, then $2^x \geq x^2$.

Solution: First, notice that the hypothesis H is " $x \geq 4$ ". This hypothesis has a parameter, x , and thus is neither true ~~nor~~ false. Rather, its truth depends on the value of the parameter x ; e.g., H is true for $x = 6$ and false for $x = 2$.

Likewise, the conclusion C is " $2^x \geq x^2$ ". This statement also uses parameter x and is true for certain values of x and not others. For example, C is false for $x = 3$, since $2^3 = 8$, which is not as large as $3^2 = 9$. On the other hand, C is true for $x = 4$,

Since $2^4 = 4^2 = 16$. For $x=5$, the statement is also true, since $2^5 = 32$ is at least as large as $5^2 = 25$. Thus, we can say that $2^x > x^2$ will be true whenever $x > 4$.

Here, as $2^x > x^2$

$$\text{So, } 2^{x+1} > (x+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x \cdot 2 > (x+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \cdot 2 > (x+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 > \left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore 2 > \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2$$

Theorem 1.4: If x is the sum of the squares of four positive integers, then $2^x > x^2$.

Solution: Let a, b, c and d be the four positive integers.

$$\text{So, } x = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } a > 1, b > 1, c > 1, d > 1 \dots (2)$$

from (2) and properties of arithmetic, we

$$\text{get, } a^2 > 1, b^2 > 1, c^2 > 1, d^2 > 1 \dots (3)$$

from (1), (3) and properties of arithmetic, we get, $x > 4 \dots (4)$

x is at least, $1+1+1+1=4$

from (4) and theorem 1.3, we get,

$$2^x > x^2 \dots (5)$$

Additional forms of proof:

Proofs about sets: $R \cup (S \cap T) = (R \cup S) \cap (R \cup T)$

* # The contrapositive: Every if-then statement has an equivalent form that in some circumstances is easier to prove. The contrapositive of the statement "if H then C " is "if not C then not H ". A statement and its contrapositive are either both true or both false, so we can prove either to prove the other.

Statement	Justification
① x is in $R \cup (S \cap T)$	Given
② x is in R or x is in $S \cap T$	(1) and definition of union
③ x is in R or x is in both S and T	(2) and definition of intersection

① x is in $R \cup S$	③ and definition of union
⑤ x is in $R \cup T$	③ and definition of union
⑥ x is in $(R \cup S) \cap (R \cup T)$	④, ⑤ and definition of intersection

Again,

Statement	Justification
① x is in $(R \cup S) \cap (R \cup T)$	Given
② x is in $R \cup S$	① and definition of intersection
③ x is in $R \cup T$	① and "u u u"
④ x is in R or x is in both S and T	②, ③ and reasoning about unions
⑤ x is in R or x is in $S \cap T$	④ and definition of intersection
⑥ x is in $R \cup (S \cap T)$	⑤ and definition of union

* Converse & Contrapositive: The converse of an if-then statement is the "other direction", that is, the converse of "if H then C " is "if C then H ". Unlike, the contrapositive, which is logically equivalent to the original, the converse is not equivalent to the original statement.

Example 1.11: "If $x > 4$, then $2^x > x^2$ " \rightarrow main statement
"If not $2^x > x^2$ then not $x > 4$ " \rightarrow Contrapositive
 \Rightarrow "If $2^x < x^2$ then $x < 4$ " \rightarrow Another form of "

#Proof by contradiction: Completing the proof by showing that something known to be false, starting ^{by} assuming the hypothesis is true and the conclusion false.

Example: Prove that $\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

\Rightarrow Let $\sqrt{5}$ be a rational number.

So, $\sqrt{5} = \frac{p}{q}$ [$p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q \neq 0$ and p, q are co-prime and $q > 1$]

$$\Rightarrow 5 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \quad [\text{squaring both sides}]$$

Multiplying both sides by q , we get,

$$\Rightarrow 5q = \frac{p^2}{q}$$

Here, $5q$ are clearly is an integer but $\frac{p^2}{q}$ is not as p and q are co-prime numbers and $q > 1$.

$$\text{So, } 5q \neq \frac{p^2}{q}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{5} \neq \frac{p}{q}$$

\therefore Therefore, $\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

Proof by counterexamples: It shows that a given statement can't possibly be correct by showing an instance that contradicts a universal statement.

Theorem 1.13: All primes are odd.

→ The integer 2 is a prime, but is even.

Theorem 1.14: There is no pair of integers a and b such that $a \bmod b = b \bmod a$.

Soln: There is three cases. ① $a > b$, ② $a < b$, ③ $a = b$.

$$a \bmod b = pb + q, \quad q \in [0, b-1]$$

If $a > b$ then

$a \bmod b = c$ is a unique integer between 0 and $b-1$

$$\text{and } b \bmod a = b$$

$$\text{So, } b \bmod a > a \bmod b$$

If $a < b$, then

$b \bmod a = a'$ is a unique integer between 0 and $a-1$

$$\text{and } a \bmod b = a$$

$$\therefore a \bmod b > b \bmod a$$

If $a = b$ then,

$$a \bmod b = a \bmod a = 0$$

$$b \bmod a = b \bmod b = 0$$

So, if $a \neq b$, then there is no pair of integers a and b such that $a \bmod b = b \bmod a$.

Theorem 1.15: $a \bmod b = b \bmod a$ if and only if $a = b$.

→ Same as 1.14

Inductive proof: It is essential when dealing with recursively defined objects. It is used to prove a statement is true for all values of n .

Basis step: $S(i)$ is true for $i = 0$ or 1
 $i \rightarrow$ Particular integer

Inductive step: If $S(n)$ is true, $S(n+1)$ is also true.

Theorem 1.16: For all $n \geq 0$: $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

Soln.

Base step: for $n=0$,

$\sum_{i=1}^0 i^2$ has no terms, so the sum is 0.

$$\sum_{i=1}^0 i^2 = 0$$

Inductive step: Let, $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\{2(n+1)+1\}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(2n^3 + 3n^2 + 6n^2 + 9n + 4n + 6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(2n^3 + 9n^2 + 13n + 6) \dots \dots (1)$$

We can also write,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 + (n+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + (n+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}\{(n^2+n)(2n+1) + 6n^2 + 12n + 6\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}\{2n^3 + n^2 + 2n^2 + n + 6n^2 + 12n + 6\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(2n^3 + 9n^2 + 13n + 6) \dots \dots (2)$$

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Example: If $x \geq 4$, then $2^x \geq x^2$

Soln:

Base step: for $x=4$, $2^x = 2^4 = 16$
 $x^2 = 4^2 = 16$
 $\therefore 2^x = x^2 \dots (1)$

Inductive step: For $x \geq 4$

Let, $2^{x+1} \geq (x+1)^2 \rightarrow x = x+4$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x \cdot 2 \geq (x+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \cdot 2 \geq x^2 + 2x + 1 \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 \geq x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \geq 2x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 2 + \frac{1}{x} \quad [\text{dividing both sides by } x]$$

For $x \geq 4$, the maximum value of $(2 + \frac{1}{x})$ is

2.25 , so, L.H.S. \geq R.H.S.

$$\therefore 2^x \geq x^2$$