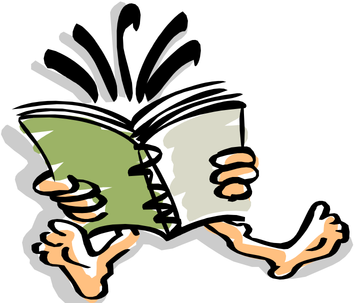
CS1101
Discrete Structures 1

Chapter 01
The Foundations: Proofs



Proofs Techniques (1/17)

Some Terminology

Definition 1. A **theorem** (fact/result) is a statement that can be shown to be true. We demonstrate that a theorem is true with a proof.

Definition 2. A **proof** is a valid argument that establishes the truth of a theorem.

Definition 3. A **lemma** is a ‘helping theorem’ or a result which is needed to prove a theorem. Complicated proofs are usually easier to understand when they are proved using a series of lemmas, where each lemma is proved individually.

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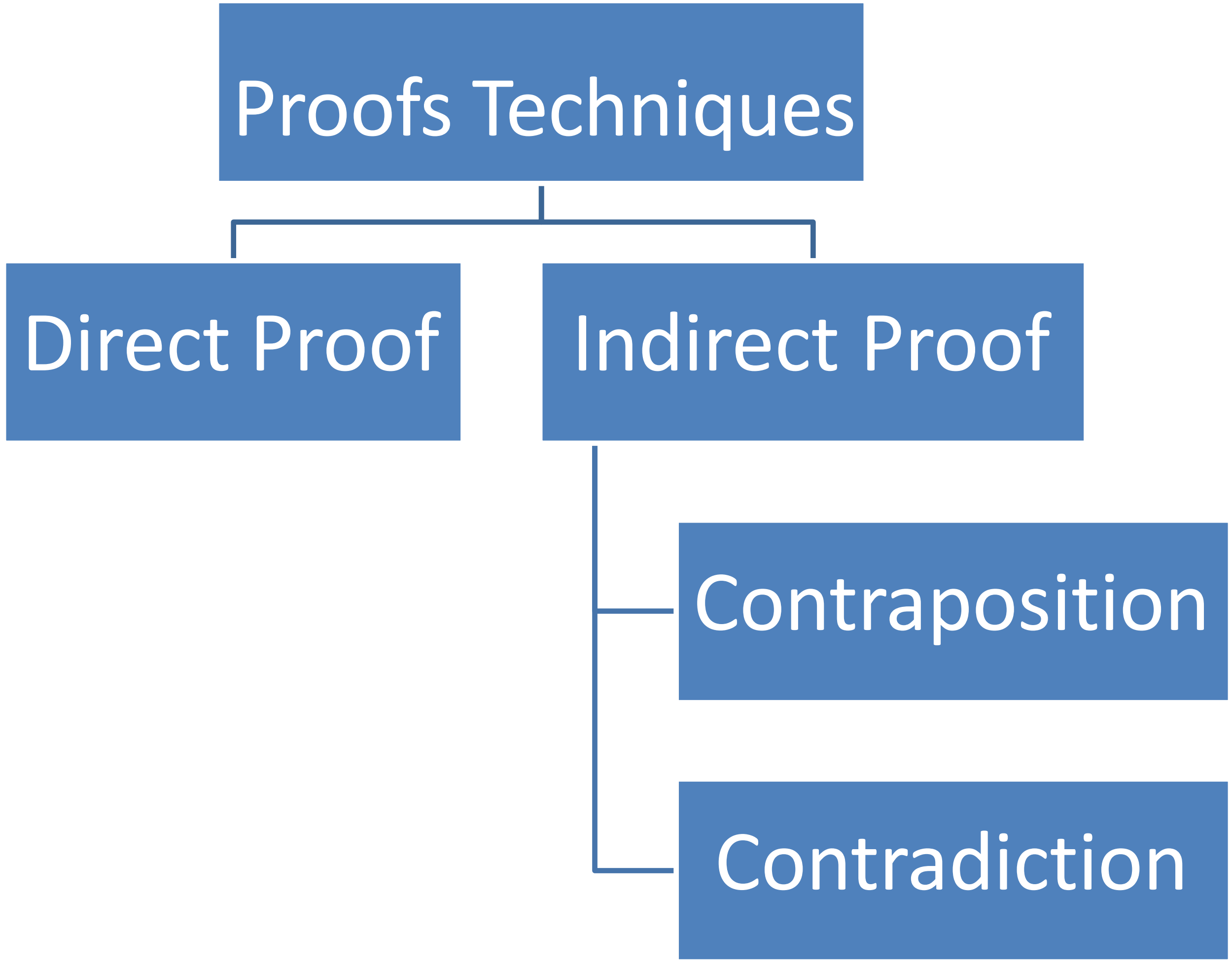

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Even Integer

$$2 * (Any\ Integer\quad) = even$$

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$$a = 2n, \qquad \text{where } n \text{ is integer}$$

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Even + 1 = Odd
Odd + 1 = Even

¬Even = Odd
¬Odd = Even

Odd Integer

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Prefect Square

if a is a prefect square, so you can write it as follows:

$$\boxed{a = (n)^2, \quad \text{where } n \text{ is integer}}$$

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Rational Number

if a is a $rational\ number$, so you can write it as follows:

$$a = \frac{n}{m},$$ where n, and m are integers

with NO common factor, and $m \neq 0$

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3. $\therefore p \rightarrow q$ is true.

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Indirect Proof (Contraposition)

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$$

1. We assume that $\neg q$ is true
2. We try to prove that $\neg p$ is also true
3. Then $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ is true.
4. The $p \rightarrow q$ is alsotrue.

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2. $(3n+2) = (3(2m)+2)$
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3. $\therefore \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ is true, then $p \rightarrow q$ is also true.

Indirect Proof (Contradiction)

A – We want to prove p.

We show that:

1. $\neg p \rightarrow F$ (i.e., a False statement)
2. We conclude that $\neg p$ is False since (1) is True and therefore p is True.

Indirect Proof (Contradiction)

B – We want to show $p \rightarrow q$

1. Assume the negation of the conclusion, i.e., $\neg q$
2. Show that $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow F$
3. Since $((p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow F) \Leftrightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$ we are done

(why?)

$$((p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow F) \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p \rightarrow q$$

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2. $(3n+2) = (3(2m)+2)$
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   $\therefore$ $(3n+2)$ is even, then p is false.

3. $\because p \wedge \neg q$ is false, then by contradiction $p \to q$ is true.

Example2

Prove that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational by giving a proof by contradiction.

Let p the proposition "$\sqrt{2}$ is irrational".

Suppose that $\neg p$ is true $\rightarrow$ then $\sqrt{2}$ is rational

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Rational Number

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Example2 Answer:

Let p the proposition "$\sqrt{2}$ is irrational".

1) To start a proof by contradiction, we suppose that $\neg p$ is true, then $\sqrt{2}$ is rational.
2) $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$, where a and b are intergers without common factor and $b \neq 0$
3) $2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$
4) $a^2 = 2b^2$, then a is even, and you can write $a = 2m$, where m is integer.
5) $(2m)^2 = 2b^2$, then $4m^2 = 2b^2$.
6) $b^2 = 2m^2$, then b is also even.
7) Because a and b are even, then a and b have a common factor 2.
8) Therefore, $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ is not rational, then $\neg p$ is false.
9) Therefore, p is true and $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.