

Discrete Structures

CH 01: Logic and Proofs

QUIZ

- What is a proposition?
- What is a conjunction, disjunction?
- What is a conditional statement?
- What is a tautology, contradiction, logical equivalence?
- What are quantifiers?

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Nested Quantifiers

- Nested quantifiers, where one quantifier is within the scope of another, such as

$$\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0)$$

is the same thing as $\forall x Q(x)$, where $Q(x)$ is $\exists y P(x, y)$, where $P(x, y)$ is $x + y = 0$.

Nested Quantifiers

- **EXAMPLE 1:**

Assume that the domain for the variables x and y consists of all real numbers.

The statement $\forall x \forall y (x + y = y + x)$ says that $x + y = y + x$ for all real numbers x and y .

- The statement $\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0)$ says that for every real number x there is a real number y such that $x + y = 0$.

Nested Quantifiers

- **EXAMPLE 2:**

Translate into English the statement

$$\forall x \forall y ((x > 0) \wedge (y < 0) \rightarrow (xy < 0))$$

where the domain for both variables consists of all real numbers.

- **Solution:**

“The product of a positive real number and a negative real number is always a negative real number.”

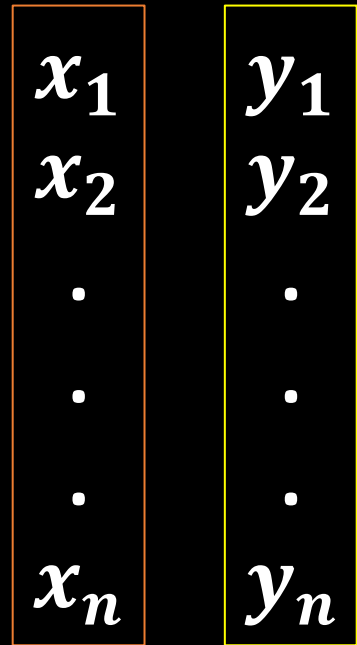
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- THINKING OF QUANTIFICATION AS LOOPS:
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For every x and for every y , $p(x, y)$ is true

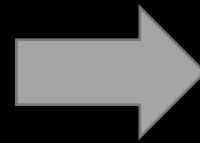
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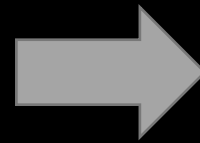
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TABLE 1 Quantifications of Two Variables.		
Statement	When True?	When False?
$\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$ $\forall y \forall x P(x, y)$	$P(x, y)$ is true for every pair x, y .	There is a pair x, y for which $P(x, y)$ is false.
$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$	For every x there is a y for which $P(x, y)$ is true.	There is an x such that $P(x, y)$ is false for every y .
$\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$	There is an x for which $P(x, y)$ is true for every y .	For every x there is a y for which $P(x, y)$ is false.
$\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$ $\exists y \exists x P(x, y)$	There is a pair x, y for which $P(x, y)$ is true.	$P(x, y)$ is false for every pair x, y .

Nested Quantifiers

- **EXAMPLE 4:**

Let $Q(x, y)$ denote “ $x + y = 0$.” What are the truth values of the quantifications $\exists y \forall x Q(x, y)$ and $\forall x \exists y Q(x, y)$, where the domain for all variables consists of all real numbers?

- **Solution:**

$$x + y = 0$$

$\exists y \forall x Q(x, y)$	There is a real number y such that for every real number x , $Q(x, y)$.	False
$\forall x \exists y Q(x, y)$	For every real number x there is a real number y such that $Q(x, y)$.	True

Nested Quantifiers

- **EXAMPLE 6:**

Translate the statement

“The sum of two positive integers is always positive” into a logical expression.

- **Solution:**

$$\forall x \forall y ((x > 0) \wedge (y > 0) \rightarrow (x + y > 0)),$$

or

$\forall x \forall y (x + y > 0)$, where the domain for both variables consists of all positive integers

Nested Quantifiers

- **EXAMPLE 9:** Translate the statement

$$\forall x \left(C(x) \vee \exists y (C(y) \wedge F(x, y)) \right)$$

into English, where $C(x)$ is “ x has a computer,” $F(x, y)$ is “ x and y are friends,” and the domain for both x and y consists of all students in your school.

- **Solution:** The statement says that for every student x in your school, x has a computer or there is a student y such that y has a computer and x and y are friends. In other words, every student in your school has a computer or has a friend who has a computer.

Nested Quantifiers

- **EXAMPLE 14:**

Express the negation of the statement $\forall x \exists y (xy = 1)$ so that no negation precedes a quantifier.

- **Solution:** $\exists x \forall y (xy \neq 1)$.

Exercises

1. Translate these statements into English, where the domain for each variable consists of all real numbers.

a) $\forall x \exists y (x < y)$

b) $\forall x \forall y ((x \geq 0) \wedge (y \geq 0)) \rightarrow (xy \geq 0)$

c) $\forall x \forall y \exists z (xy = z)$

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a) For every real number x there exists a real number y such that x is less than y .

b) For every real number x and real number y , if x and y are both nonnegative, then their product is nonnegative.

c) For every real number x and real number y , there exists a real number z such that the product of x and y is equal to z

Exercises

15. Use quantifiers and predicates with more than one variable to express these statements.
- a) Every computer science student needs a course in discrete mathematics.
 - c) Every student in this class has taken at least one computer science course.

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a) Every computer science student needs a course in discrete mathematics.

c) Every student in this class has taken at least one computer science course.

a) $\forall x P(x)$, where $P(x)$ is "*x needs a course in discrete mathematics*" and the domain consists of all computer science students

c) $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$, where $P(x, y)$ is "*x has taken y*," the domain for x consists of all students in this class, and the domain for y consists of all computer science classes

Exercises

19. Express each of these statements using mathematical and logical operators, predicates, and quantifiers, where the domain consists of all integers.

b) The difference of two positive integers is not necessarily positive.

d) The absolute value of the product of two integers is the product of their absolute values.

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d) The absolute value of the product of two integers is the product of their absolute values.

$$\text{b) } \neg \forall x \forall y ((x > 0) \wedge (y > 0) \rightarrow (x - y > 0))$$

$$\text{d) } \forall x \forall y (|xy| = |x||y|)$$

Exercises

24. Translate each of these nested quantifications into an English statement that expresses a mathematical fact. The domain in each case consists of all real numbers.

a) $\exists x \forall y (x + y = y)$

Exercises

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a) $\exists x \forall y (x + y = y)$

a) There is a real-number x , that is added to any real number y , does not change the value of y . (Addition identity – 0)

Exercises

26. Let $Q(x, y)$ be the statement “ $x + y = x - y$.” If the domain for both variables consists of all integers, what are the truth values?

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a) $Q(1, 1)$ | d) $\exists x Q(x, 2)$ | e) $\exists x \exists y Q(x, y)$ |
| i) $\forall x \forall y Q(x, y)$ | h) $\forall y \exists x Q(x, y)$ | |

Exercises

26. Let $Q(x, y)$ be the statement “ $x + y = x - y$.” If the domain for both variables consists of all integers, what are the truth values?

- a) $Q(1, 1)$ d) $\exists x Q(x, 2)$ e) $\exists x \exists y Q(x, y)$
i) $\forall x \forall y Q(x, y)$ h) $\forall y \exists x Q(x, y)$

a) This is false, since $1 + 1 \neq 1 - 1$.

d) This is false, since the equation $x + 2 = x - 2$ has no solution.

e) This is true, since we can take $x = y = 0$.

i) False

h) False

Exercises

28. Determine the truth value of each of these statements if the domain of each variable consists of all real numbers.

a) $\forall x \exists y (x^2 = y)$

Exercises

28. Determine the truth value of each of these statements if the domain of each variable consists of all real numbers.

a) $\forall x \exists y (x^2 = y)$

a) This is true, since for a given real x , $y = x^2$.
For example, if $x = 5$, then $y = 5^2 = 25$

Exercises

29. Suppose the domain of the propositional function $P(x, y)$ consists of pairs x and y , where x is 1, 2, or 3 and y is 1, 2, or 3.

Write out these propositions using disjunctions and conjunctions.

b) $\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$

d) $\forall y \exists x P(x, y)$

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b) $\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$

d) $\forall y \exists x P(x, y)$

$$\text{b) } P(1, 1) \vee P(1, 2) \vee P(1, 3) \vee P(2, 1) \vee P(2, 2) \vee P(2, 3) \vee P(3, 1) \\ \vee P(3, 2) \vee P(3, 3)$$

$$\text{d) } (P(1, 1) \vee P(2, 1) \vee P(3, 1)) \wedge (P(1, 2) \vee P(2, 2) \vee P(3, 2)) \\ \wedge (P(1, 3) \vee P(2, 3) \vee P(3, 3))$$

Exercises

46. Determine the truth value of the statement $\exists x \forall y (x \leq y^2)$ if the domain for the variables consists of

a) the positive real numbers.

b) the integers.

c) the nonzero real numbers.

Exercises

46. Determine the truth value of the statement $\exists x \forall y (x \leq y^2)$ if the domain for the variables consists of

a) the positive real numbers.

b) the integers.

c) the nonzero real numbers.

a) False, try $x = 1$ and $y = 0.5$

b) True, try $x = -1$ and $y = \text{any integer}$

c) True, try $x = -1$ and $y = \text{any real number}$

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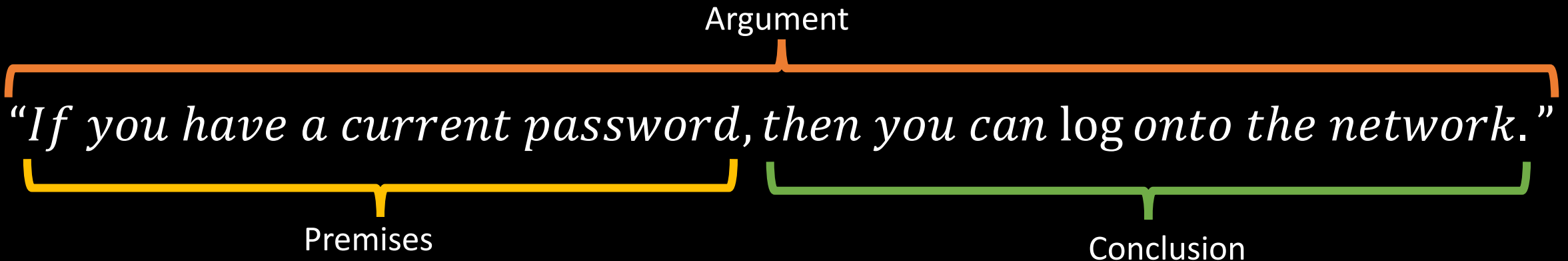
Proof Methods and Strategy

Rules of Inference

- **Definition:**

Argument: is a sequence of propositions.

- All but the final proposition in the argument are called *premises*
- The final proposition is called the *conclusion*.
- An argument is valid if the truth of all its premises implies that the conclusion is true.



Rules of Inference

- To determine if the argument is valid, we use rules of inference

TABLE 1 Rules of Inference.

Rule of Inference	Tautology	Name
$\begin{array}{l} p \\ p \rightarrow q \\ \hline \therefore q \end{array}$	$(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$	Modus ponens
$\begin{array}{l} \neg q \\ p \rightarrow q \\ \hline \therefore \neg p \end{array}$	$(\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$	Modus tollens
$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ q \rightarrow r \\ \hline \therefore p \rightarrow r \end{array}$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$	Hypothetical syllogism
$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ \neg p \\ \hline \therefore q \end{array}$	$((p \vee q) \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q$	Disjunctive syllogism

$\begin{array}{l} p \\ \hline \therefore p \vee q \end{array}$	$p \rightarrow (p \vee q)$	Addition
$\begin{array}{l} p \wedge q \\ \hline \therefore p \end{array}$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$	Simplification
$\begin{array}{l} p \\ q \\ \hline \therefore p \wedge q \end{array}$	$((p) \wedge (q)) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$	Conjunction
$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ \neg p \vee r \\ \hline \therefore q \vee r \end{array}$	$((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r)) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$	Resolution

Rules of Inference

“If it is raining, then I will drink tea”

“it is raining”

“Therefore, I will drink tea”

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$$p$$

$$\therefore q$$

Modus ponens:

$$(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$$

Rules of Inference

“If it is raining, then I will drink tea”

“I don’t drink tea”

“Therefore, it is not raining”

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$$\neg q$$

$$\therefore \neg p$$

Modus tollens:

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

Rules of Inference

“If it is raining, then I will drink tea”

$$p \rightarrow q$$

“if I drink tea, then I will read a book”

$$q \rightarrow r$$

“Therefore, if it rains, then I will read a book”

$$\therefore p \rightarrow r$$

Hypothetical syllogism:

$$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$$

Rules of Inference

“I will drink tea, or I will read a book”

$$p \vee q$$

“I will not drink tea”

$$\neg p$$

“Therefore, I will read a book”

$$\therefore q$$

Disjunctive syllogism:

$$((p \vee q) \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q$$

Rules of Inference

“I will drink tea”

p

Addition:

“Therefore, I will drink tea or
I will read a book”

$\therefore p \vee q$

$p \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

Rules of Inference

“I will drink tea and I will read a book”

$p \wedge q$

“Therefore, I will drink tea”

$\therefore p$

Simplification:

$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$

Rules of Inference

“It is raining, or I will drink tea”

$$p \vee q$$

“It is not raining, or I will read a book”

$$\neg p \vee r$$

“Therefore, I will drink tea, or I will
read a book”

$$\therefore q \vee r$$

Resolution:

$$((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r)) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$$

Rules of Inference

“I will drink tea”

p

“I will read a book”

q

“Therefore, I will drink tea and read a book”

$\therefore p \wedge q$

Conjunction:

$((p) \wedge (q)) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$

Rules of Inference

- Rules of Inference for Quantified Statements.

TABLE 2 Rules of Inference for Quantified Statements.	
<i>Rule of Inference</i>	<i>Name</i>
$\frac{\forall xP(x)}{\therefore P(c)}$	Universal instantiation
$\frac{P(c) \text{ for an arbitrary } c}{\therefore \forall xP(x)}$	Universal generalization
$\frac{\exists xP(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some element } c}$	Existential instantiation
$\frac{P(c) \text{ for some element } c}{\therefore \exists xP(x)}$	Existential generalization

Rules of Inference

- Universal modus ponens:

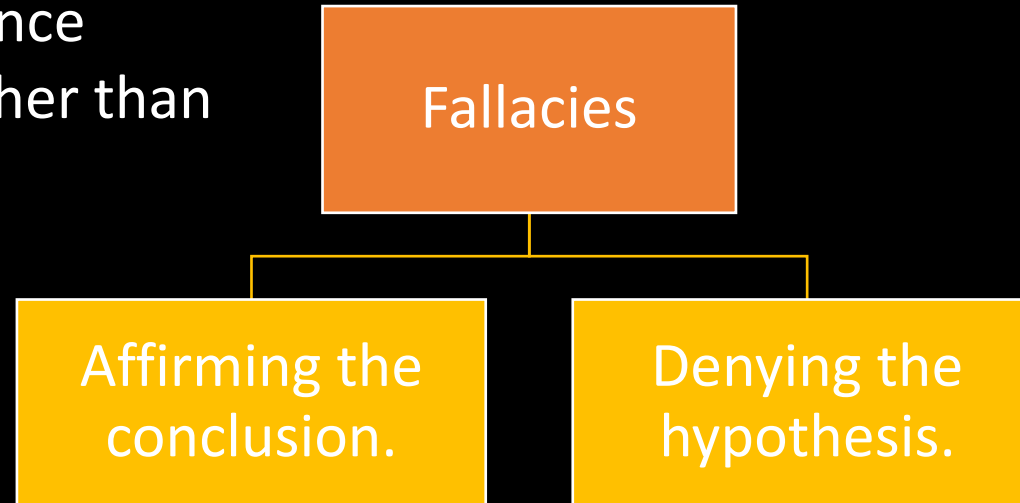
$$\begin{array}{l} \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \\ P(a), \text{ where } a \text{ is a particular element in the domain} \\ \hline \therefore Q(a) \end{array}$$

- Universal modus tollens:

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \\ \neg Q(a), \text{ where } a \text{ is a particular element in the domain} \\ \hline \therefore \neg P(a) \end{array}$$

Rules of Inference

Fallacies are rules of inference based on contingencies rather than tautologies.



The proposition $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge q) \rightarrow p$ is not a tautology, because it is false when p is false and q is true.

The proposition $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow \neg q$ is not a tautology, because it is false when p is false and q is true.

“If I have an iPhone, then I have a good camera”
“I have a good camera”
 \therefore “I have an iPhone”

“If I have an iPhone, then I have a good camera”
“I do not have an iPhone”
 \therefore “I do not have a good camera”

Exercises

2. Find the argument form for the following argument and determine whether it is valid. Can we conclude that the conclusion is true if the premises are true?

*If George does not have eight legs, then he is not a spider.
George is a spider.*

∴ George has eight legs.

Exercises

2. Find the argument form for the following argument and determine whether it is valid. Can we conclude that the conclusion is true if the premises are true?

p q

*If George does not have eight legs, then he is not a spider.
George is a spider. } $\neg q$*

\therefore George has eight legs.

$\neg p$

This is modus tollens. We conclude that the conclusion of the argument (third statement) is true, given that the hypotheses (the first two statements) are true.

Exercises

3. What rule of inference is used in each of these arguments?

a) Alice is a mathematics major. Therefore, Alice is either a mathematics major or a computer science major.

c) If it is rainy, then the pool will be closed. It is rainy. Therefore, the pool is closed.

e) If I go swimming, then I will stay in the sun too long. If I stay in the sun too long, then I will sunburn. Therefore, if I go swimming, then I will sunburn.

Exercises

3. What rule of inference is used in each of these arguments?

p
Alice is a mathematics major. Therefore, Alice is either a mathematics major
or a computer science major.
 q

p
—
 $\therefore p \vee q$

Addition rule

Exercises

3. What rule of inference is used in each of these arguments?

p q p q
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$$p \rightarrow q$$
$$p$$
$$\hline$$
$$\therefore q$$

Modus ponens

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p q q

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r p r

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$$q \rightarrow r$$

$$\therefore p \rightarrow r$$

Hypothetical syllogism

Exercises

6. Use rules of inference to show that the hypotheses “If it does not rain or if it is not foggy, then the sailing race will be held and the lifesaving demonstration will go on,” “If the sailing race is held, then the trophy will be awarded,” and “The trophy was not awarded” imply the conclusion “It rained.”

Exercises

“If it does not rain or if it is not foggy, then the sailing race will be held and the lifesaving demonstration will go on,”

“If the sailing race is held, then the trophy will be awarded,” and

“The trophy was not awarded”

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Exercises

p q r
 “If it does not rain or if it is not foggy, then the sailing race will be held and the lifesaving demonstration will go on,” } s

r f
 “If the sailing race is held, then the trophy will be awarded,” and

$\neg f$
 “The trophy was not awarded”

imply the conclusion “It rained.”
 $\neg p$

$$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \wedge s)$$

$$r \rightarrow f$$

$$\neg f$$

$$\therefore \neg p$$

Exercises

$$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \wedge s)$$

$$r \rightarrow f$$

$$\neg f$$



$$\therefore \neg p$$

$$r \rightarrow f$$

$$\neg f$$



$$\therefore \neg r$$

Modus tollens

Exercises

$$\begin{array}{l} (p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \wedge s) \\ r \rightarrow f \\ \neg f \\ \hline \therefore \neg p \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} r \rightarrow f \\ \neg f \\ \hline \therefore \neg r \\ \text{Modus tollens} \end{array}$$

Exercises

$$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \wedge s)$$

$$\neg r$$

$$\therefore \neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

Modus tollens

Exercises

$$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \wedge s)$$

$$\neg r$$

$$\therefore \neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

Modus tollens

$$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \wedge s)$$

$$r \rightarrow f$$

$$\neg f$$

$$\therefore \neg p$$

p : "it does not rain "

$\neg p$: "it rained"

Exercises

15. For each of these arguments determine whether the argument is correct or incorrect and explain why.

a) All students in this class understand logic. Xavier is a student in this class. Therefore, Xavier understands logic.

c) All parrots like fruit. My pet bird is not a parrot. Therefore, my pet bird does not like fruit.

Exercises

15. For each of these arguments determine whether the argument is correct or incorrect and explain why.

x P c
All students in this class understand logic. Xavier is a student in this class.
Therefore, Xavier understands logic.
 $P(c)$

$$\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(c)}$$

Universal instantiation

Exercises

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$\forall x P(x)$ $L(x)$ c $\neg P(c)$ $\neg L(c)$
All parrots like fruit. My pet bird is not a parrot. Therefore, my pet bird does not like fruit.

$$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow L(x))$$

$$\neg P(c)$$

$$\therefore \neg L(c)$$

Invalid argument, fallacy of denying the hypothesis $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow \neg q$

Exercises

19. Determine whether each of these arguments is valid. If an argument is correct, what rule of inference is being used? If it is not, what logical error occurs?

a) If n is a real number such that $n > 1$, then $n^2 > 1$. Suppose that $n^2 > 1$. Then $n > 1$.

Exercises

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a) If n is a real number such that $n > 1$, then $n^2 > 1$. Suppose that $n^2 > 1$. Then $n > 1$.

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall n((n > 1) \rightarrow (n^2 > 1)) \\ n^2 > 1 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore n > 1$$

Invalid argument, fallacy of affirming the conclusion. $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge q) \rightarrow p$
Try n be a negative number

TASK

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3 (b, d)
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19 (b)

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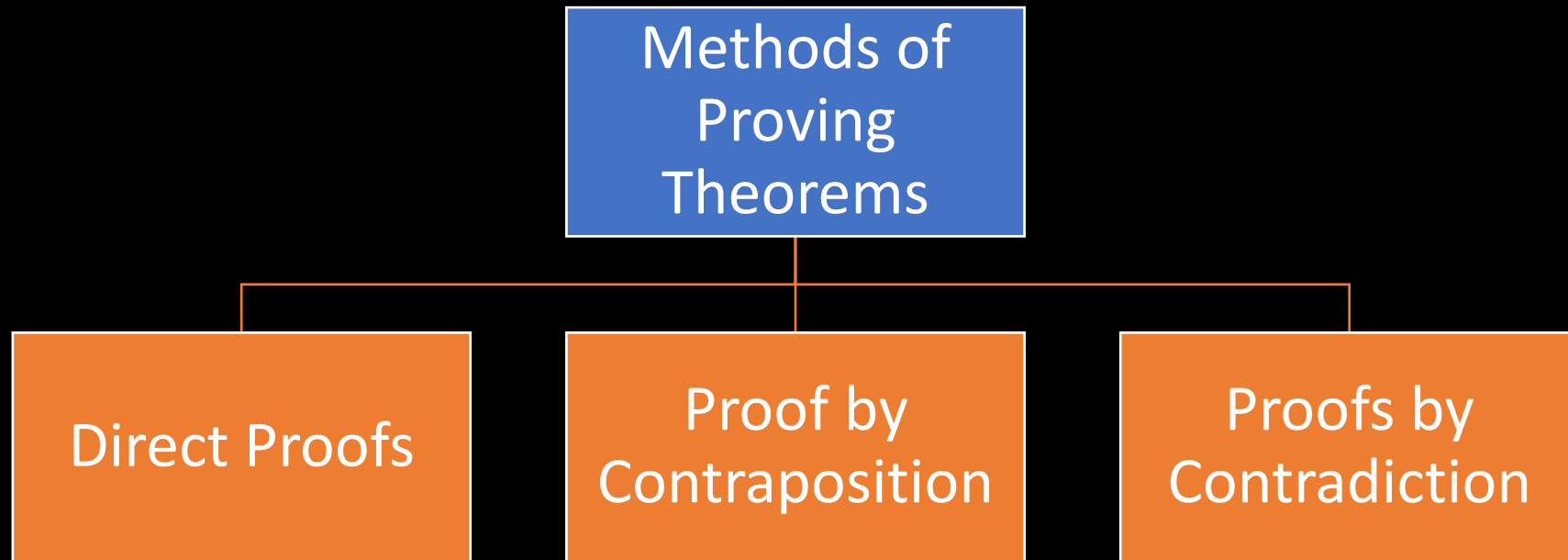
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Proof Methods and Strategy



Introduction to Proofs

- A **theorem** is a statement that can be shown to be true.
- A **proof** is a valid argument that establishes the truth of a theorem.



Introduction to Proofs

- A **direct proof** of a conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$ is constructed by:
 1. Assume that p is true.
 2. Use p to show that q must be true.
- **EXAMPLE 1:** Give a direct proof of the theorem “If n is an odd integer, then n^2 is odd.”

1. $\because n$ is odd
2. $\because n = 2k + 1$, for some integer k
3. $\because n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$
4. Suppose $2k^2 + 2k = x$
5. $\because n^2 = 2x + 1$, which has the same form of $n = 2k + 1$, which is an odd number.

Introduction to Proofs

- **Proofs by contraposition** (indirect proof) make use of the fact that the conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$ is equivalent to its contrapositive, $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$.
 - The conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$ is proved by showing that its contrapositive, $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$, is true.
- **EXAMPLE 3**: Prove that if n is an integer and $3n + 2$ is odd, then n is odd.

1. Suppose $p = "3n + 2 \text{ is odd}"$, and $q = "n \text{ is odd}"$
2. \therefore we have $p \rightarrow q$
3. To prove by contraposition, we need to prove $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ is true by direct proof
4. $\because \neg q$ means " n is even"
5. $\therefore n = 2k$
6. $\therefore q = 3 * (2k) + 2 = 6k + 2 = 2(k + 1)$
7. \because any even number has the form of $2x$. Suppose that $k + 1 = x$.
8. $\therefore q = 2x$, which has the form of even, and therefore it is not odd.

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- **Proof by contradiction** assumes the theorem is false, and then show that the assumption itself is false, and is therefore a contradiction.
 - Assume that p is true and q is false, then prove that $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow F$.
- **EXAMPLE 11**: Prove that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational by giving a proof by contradiction.

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2. $\neg p$ means that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational
3. $\therefore \sqrt{2}$ is rational
4. $\therefore \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$, which is the same as $2 = a^2/b^2$
5. $\therefore a^2 = 2b^2$, this means that a^2 is even number because it has the form $a = 2k$
6. $\therefore (2k)^2 = 2b^2 \rightarrow 4k^2 = 2b^2 \rightarrow 2k^2 = b^2$
7. $\therefore b^2 = 2k^2$, then b is even.
8. $\therefore b$ and a are both even numbers
9. $\therefore a$ and b have a common factor of 2
10. \therefore if we have $\frac{a}{2} \div \frac{b}{2} = \frac{c}{d}$, where c and d have no common factors
11. $\therefore \sqrt{2} = \frac{c}{d}$, which is false. (suppose $c = 1$ and $d = 2$)

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“Proof”: We use these steps, where a and b are two equal positive integers.

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3. $a^2 - b^2 = ab - b^2$	Subtract b^2 from both sides of (2)
4. $(a - b)(a + b) = b(a - b)$	Factor both sides of (3)
5. $a + b = b$	Divide both sides of (4) by $a - b$
6. $2b = b$	Replace a by b in (5) because $a = b$ and simplify
7. $2 = 1$	Divide both sides of (6) by b

We are proving that $a = b$,
So, if we divide both sides by $(a-b)$, which is 0, it will be an invalid division.

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1. $\because x$ is odd and y is odd
2. $\because x = 2k + 1$, and $y = 2n + 1$ for some integers k and n
3. $\because x * y = (2k + 1) * (2n + 1) = 4kn + 2k + 2n + 1 = 2(kn + k + n) + 1$
4. Suppose that $(kn + k + n)$ is some number b
5. $\because x * y = 2b + 1$, which has the form of an odd number
6. $\because x * y$ is odd

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1. Given that $n = (k + 1)^2 - k^2$
2. $\therefore (k + 1)^2 - k^2 = (k^2 + 2k + 1) - k^2 = 2k + 1$
3. $\therefore n = 2k + 1$ has the form of an odd number
4. $\therefore n$ is odd

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To apply proof by contraposition, we need to prove $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ is true. So, we prove that $(x < 1) \text{ and } (y < 1) \rightarrow x + y < 2$

1. $\because x < 1$ and $y < 1$, then both numbers range from $-\infty$ to (not including) 1
2. $\because x + y$ will never reach 2 (try any number in the range)
3. $\because x + y < 2$

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We will use contraposition proof. Prove that if m and n are both odd, then mn is odd

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2. $\because m = 2x + 1, n = 2y + 1$, where x and y are integers
3. $\because m * n = (2x + 1) * (2y + 1) = 4xy + 2x + 2y + 1 = 2(xy + x + y) + 1$
4. Suppose $xy + x + y$ is some integer k
5. $\because m * n = 2k + 1$, which is an odd number
6. $\because m * n$ is odd in case that m and n are odd
7. \because if $m * n$ is even, then m or n (or both) is even

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So, for $p \leftrightarrow q$, we prove both:

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1. $\because n$ is even
2. $\because n = 2k$, for some integer k
3. $\because 7n + 4 = 7(2k) + 4 = 14k + 4 = 2(7k + 2)$, has the form of even number
4. $\because 7n + 4$ is even $\rightarrow (1)$

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Use contraposition, prove that if n is odd, then $7n + 4$ is odd

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2. $\because n = 2k + 1$ for some integer k
3. $\because 7n + 4 = 7 * (2k + 1) + 4 = 14k + 7 + 4 = 14k + 10 + 1 = 2(7k + 5) + 1$
4. Suppose that $7k + 5 = x$
5. $\because 7n + 4 = 2x + 1$, which has the form of odd number
6. $\because 7n + 4$ is odd in case that n is odd
7. \because if $7n + 4$ is even, then n is even \rightarrow (2)

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From (1) and (2) we conclude that n is even if and only if $7n + 4$ is even.

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The statement says $\forall x(x = a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ for any positive integer x and any integers a, b, c

We need to find an example that contradicts that rule.

Suppose $x = 7$, can we write 7 to be the sum of any three squared integers?

Suppose $a = 0, b = 1, c = 2$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0 + 1 + 4 = 5 \neq 7$$

Suppose any 3 numbers, square them, and sum them.

You will not get any combination that will result in 7.

Thus, our counter example is 7 cannot be written as the sum of three squares.

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