

# EECS 203 Exam 1 Review

Day 2

# Today's Review Topics

- Proof Methods
  - Direct Proof
  - Proof by Contrapositive
  - Proof by Contradiction
  - Proof by Cases
- Sets

# Proof Methods

# Proofs Overview

- Direct Proof - Prove  $p \rightarrow q$  by showing that **if  $p$  is true, then  $q$  must also be true.**
- Proof by Contraposition - Prove  $p \rightarrow q$  by showing that **if not  $q$ , then not  $p$ .**
  - Assume not  $q$  and arrive at not  $p$
- Proof by Contradiction
  - Prove  $p$  by **assuming  $\neg p$  and arriving at a contradiction, therefore proving  $p$  is true (can think of this as  $\neg$ -intro from natural deduction)**
  - Prove  $p \rightarrow q$  by **assuming  $p$  and  $\neg q$  and arriving at a contradiction, therefore  $\neg(p \text{ and } \neg q)$  is true which is equivalent to saying  $p \rightarrow q$  is true**

# Overview Cont.

- Proof by Cases
  - Prove that a predicate is true by **separating into all possible cases and showing that the predicate is true in each individual case.**
  - Proof by cases is similar to the idea of  $\vee$  - elimination.

NOTE: Proof by Induction will not be covered in Exam 1

# Proof Methods Table

$p \rightarrow q$	Assumptions	Want to Reach
Direct Proof	$p$	$q$
Proof By Contrapositive	$\neg q$	$\neg p$
Proof By Contradiction	$p \wedge \neg q$	$F$

# Proving + Disproving Quantified Statements

	<b>Prove</b>	<b>Disprove</b>
<b><math>\forall xP(x)</math></b>	Show that <b>arbitrary</b> x <b>satisfies</b> $P(x)$	Find a <b>counterexample</b> x which does not satisfy $P(x)$
<b><math>\exists xP(x)</math></b>	Find an <b>example</b> x which satisfies $P(x)$	Show that an <b>arbitrary</b> x <b>does not satisfy</b> $P(x)$

NOTE: The above does not show proof by example. Proof by example is **never** valid.

# WLOG

**Without Loss of Generality (WLOG)** – used when the same argument can be made for multiple cases

**Example:** Show that if  $x$  and  $y$  are integers and both  $x \cdot y$  and  $x + y$  are even, then both  $x$  and  $y$  are even.

**Proof:** Use a proof by contraposition. Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are not both even. Then, one or both are odd. Without loss of generality, assume that  $x$  is odd. Then  $x = 2m + 1$  for some integer  $k$ .

*Case 1:*  $y$  is even. Then  $y = 2n$  for some integer  $n$ , so  
 $x + y = (2m + 1) + 2n = 2(m + n) + 1$  is odd.

*Case 2:*  $y$  is odd. Then  $y = 2n + 1$  for some integer  $n$ , so  
 $x \cdot y = (2m + 1)(2n + 1) = 2(2m \cdot n + m + n) + 1$  is odd.



Prove that if  $n$  is an odd integer, then  $n^2$  is odd.

Prove that if  $a \cdot b < 0$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $(a / b) < 0$ .

Prove that if  $n = ab$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a \leq \sqrt{n}$  or  $b \leq \sqrt{n}$ .

Prove that if  $3n + 2$  is odd, then  $n$  is odd.

**Prove or Disprove:** For all rational numbers  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $x^y$  is also rational.

**Prove or Disprove:** There exists an integer  $n$  such that  
 $4n^2 + 8n + 16$  is prime

Which of the following describe the proof method(s) used to show the following statement?  
Mark all that apply.

**Statement:** If  $x$  is rational and  $y$  is irrational, then  $x + y$  is irrational.

**Proof:** Assume that  $x$  is rational,  $y$  is irrational, and  $x + y$  is rational. Notice that  $y = (x + y) - x$ . Since both  $x + y$  and  $x$  are rational, and the difference of two rational numbers is also rational, this means that  $y$  is rational. But we assumed  $y$  was irrational. So it must be the case that whenever  $x$  is rational and  $y$  is irrational,  $x + y$  is irrational.

- (a) Proof by contrapositive
- (b) Proof by cases
- (c) Proof by contradiction
- (d) Direct Proof
- (e) Exhaustive proof    Proving all cases possible

# Identify the mistakes in the following proof, multiple answers

We prove that  $0 = 2$  as follows.

S1. We have  $4x^2 = 4x^2$ .

S2. Rewriting the left and right hand sides, we get  $(-2x)^2 = (2x)^2$ .

S3. Taking the square root, we get  $-2x = 2x$ .

S4. Adding  $x^2 + 1$  on both sides gives  $-2x + x^2 + 1 = 2x + x^2 + 1$ .

S5. By algebra, this can be written as  $(x - 1)^2 = (x + 1)^2$ .

S6. Taking the square root, we get  $x - 1 = x + 1$ .

S7. Subtracting  $x - 1$  on both sides, we get  $x - 1 - (x - 1) = x + 1 - (x - 1)$ , i.e.,  $0 = 2$ .



# 5 Minute Break

<https://paveldogreat.github.io/WebGL-Fluid-Simulation/>



# Sets and Set Proofs

# Overview/Definitions

Set: An unordered collection of distinct objects

Subset ( $\subseteq$ ): A set  $A$  is considered to be a **subset** of  $B$  if every element in  $A$  is also in  $B$  (Note that, with this definition,  $A$  is a subset of itself)

Proper Subset ( $\subsetneq$ ): A set  $A$  is considered to be a **proper subset** of  $B$  if  $A$  is a subset of  $B$ , and  $B$  contains at least one element not in  $A$ .

Power set ( $P(S)$ ): A set containing all of the subsets of  $S$  as **elements** in the set.

Inclusion-Exclusion Principle:  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

# Sets Question 1

Which of the following are valid subsets of the set  $S$  where  $S = \{1, \{2\}, \emptyset\}$ ? Select all that apply.

- A.  $\emptyset$
- B.  $\{\emptyset\}$
- C.  $1$
- D.  $\{1\}$
- E.  $\{2\}$

## More definitions and Sets Question 2

**Cardinality:** The number of elements in a set, denoted  $|A|$

**Note that power sets of sets with  $n$  elements are of cardinality  $2^n$**

**Cartesian Product:**  $A \times B$  is the set of all pairs of elements from  $A$  and  $B$ , i.e.  $(a,b)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Note that  $|A \times B| = |A| * |B|$

What is the cardinality of  $\{E,E,C,S\} \times \{2,0,3\}$ ?

## Sets Question 3

Prove that if  $C \subseteq \text{comp}(A - B)$ , then  $A \cap C \subseteq B$ . Note that  $\text{comp}()$  is the complement of the set.

Good luck studying!