

Day 1 Logic & Proof writing Overview

— See Gilles Notes — Chapter 1.

Objectives:

- Negating Statements
- Proof writing form basics.

Notation: Sets, (use capital letters)

$$x \in A$$

$$y \notin A.$$

membership

$$B \subseteq A$$

subset

$$B \subset A$$

proper (not equal to)
subset

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

\mathbb{Q} ~ rational numbers.

\mathbb{R} ~ real number.

Quantifiers:

$\forall x \in S$ "for all x in the set S ..."

$\exists x \in S$ "there exists an x in S ..."

$\exists! x \in S$ "there exists a unique x in S ..."

Logical Connectives: usually to use words.

$p \wedge q$

$p \vee q$

$p \Rightarrow q$ "if p , then q ."

$\overline{p} \equiv \neg p$, "not p "

Basic Logical Equivalences

- verified via truth table in MATH 245.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad p \Rightarrow q \equiv (\neg q) \Rightarrow (\neg p) \equiv (\neg p) \vee q$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \neg(p \vee q) \equiv (\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)$$
$$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv (\neg p) \vee (\neg q).$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{ ~~$\neg \forall x \in S, p(x) \equiv \exists x \in S, \neg p(x)$~~$$

$$\neg \forall x \in S, p(x) \equiv \exists x \in S, \neg p(x).$$

$$\neg \exists x \in S, p(x) \equiv \forall x \in S, \neg p(x).$$

Examples: Negate the given statements. Which are true?

(A) $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 < 0$. false

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 \geq 0$. true

(B) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, 2x+1=0 \vee x < 0$. false

$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, 2x+1 \neq 0 \wedge x \geq 0$. true

BASIC Proof Forms.

Statement: $\forall x, P(x)$.

Direct Proof: Assume x is arbitrary.

\vdots
Conclude $P(x)$.

$\exists x, P(x)$.

Direct Proof: Present your x .

\vdots
Conclude $P(x)$.

Statement: $p \Rightarrow q.$

direct: Assume $p.$
 \vdots

Show $q.$

contrapositive: Suppose $\neg q.$
 \vdots

Show $\neg p.$

contradiction Suppose p and $\neg q.$
 \vdots

Conclude FALSE.

Definitions Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We say n is even iff $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ st. $n = 2k$.

We say n is odd iff $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ st. $n = 2k + 1$.

— Every integer is either even or odd and not both.

Example Proof: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ if n is odd, then $7n$ is odd.

proof: Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Suppose n is odd.

So $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ st. $n = 2k + 1$.

$$\text{So } 7n = 7(2k + 1)$$

$$7n = 14k + 6 + 1$$

$$7n = 2(7k + 3) + 1.$$

Since $7k + 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $7n$ is odd.

Converse: Prove $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if T_n is odd, then n is odd.

proof: Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ (arbitrary).

Suppose n is even (Proceed by contraposition).

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $n = 2k$.

So $T_n = 14k = 2(7k)$.

Since $7k \in \mathbb{Z}$, T_n is even.

Remark: we just proved:

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, n is odd iff T_n is odd.

Prove: $\forall \varepsilon \in (0, 1), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, if $\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} < n$, then $\frac{1}{n+1} < \varepsilon$.

Proof: Suppose $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Suppose $\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} < n$.

Then $1 - \varepsilon < \varepsilon n$

$$1 < (n+1)\varepsilon$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{n+1} < \varepsilon.$$

Proof by Induction

Statement: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, p(n)$.

- direct proofs work much of the time
- proof by induction (weak).

① Prove $p(0)$. (BASE CASE)

② Prove: $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, p(k) \Rightarrow p(k+1)$.

(Inductive step ~ typically direct).