

Proof: (Last Class)

Theorem: Let n be an integer.
If $n^3 + 5$ is odd, then n is even.

$A(x)$: x is odd

Domain \mathbb{Z}
Set of all integers

$\neg A(x)$: x is even

Methods of proofs:

Direct proof: Assume the premise
(whatever the assumption means)

Then use mathematical reasonings
to conclude that the claimed
conclusion is true.

Give a direct proof of its
Equivalent contrapositive statement.

Original statement

$$\forall x (A(x^3 + 5) \rightarrow \neg A(x)).$$

What did we prove

Equivalent contrapositive

$$\forall x (A(x) \rightarrow \neg A(x^3 + 5))$$

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

We gave a direct proof of this
contrapositive statement.

Proof by contraposition:

Assume the negation of the
claimed conclusion. Then, use
a sequence of logical reasoning
to conclude the negation of
premises.

Theorem 1: Let n be an integer.

Then n^2 is even if and only if n is even.

Proof: $\forall x (A(x^2) \rightarrow A(x))$ and

$\forall x (A(x) \rightarrow A(x^2))$

needs to prove.

$$\forall x (A(x^2) \rightarrow A(x))$$

(\Rightarrow) Forward direction

Domain is \mathbb{Z} biconditional

$A(x)$: x is even

$$\forall x (A(x^2) \leftrightarrow A(x)) \quad (p \leftrightarrow q)$$

How to prove? $(p \leftrightarrow q)$ is

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

Exercise

Prove that $(p \rightarrow q)$ and $(q \rightarrow p)$

$$\forall x (A(x) \rightarrow A(x^2))$$

(\Leftarrow) Backward direction.

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(for all integers x , [if x is even,
then x^2 is even])

Formal proof:

(\Rightarrow) Forward direction.

(for all integers x , [if x^2 is

even, then x is even)

By contraposition, we assume that x is odd.

Then there exists an integer k such that $x = 2k+1$

$$\text{Then } x^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$$

Then, x^2 is odd which is the negation of the premise.

This completes the proof of forward direction (\Rightarrow)

What did we do in proof by contraposition?

We assume the negation of conclusion and used mathematical reasonings to conclude negation of premise ($\neg p \rightarrow q$)

Assume p (the premise) and the negation of the conclusion ($\neg q$).

Then using the assumption $\neg q$ either you conclude $\neg p$, This will imply

$$p \wedge \neg p \rightarrow \text{contradiction}$$

OR, you conclude something that violates some basic/fundamental

Direct proof:

Assume that x is an even integer. Then there exists an integer k such that $x = 2k$.

$$\text{Then } x^2 = 4k^2 = 2 \cdot 2k^2.$$

As k^2 is an integer, therefore x^2 is an even integer.

This completes the proof of backward direction (\Leftarrow)

Coprime: Two distinct natural numbers x and y are coprime if they do not have any common divisor apart from 1.

4 and 6 \rightarrow both divisible by 2
Hence, not coprime

A and 5 \rightarrow coprime

9 and 10 \rightarrow 9 is divisible by 1, 3, and 9.
10 is divisible by 1, 2, 5, 10.

9 and 10 are coprime.

Conventions in mathematics

PROOF BY CONTRADICTION

Rational Numbers

$$\frac{p}{q}$$

$$p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$q \neq 0$$

Theorem 2: $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

Proof: Assume that $\sqrt{2}$ is a rational number.

Then there exists $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $y \neq 0$, x and y are coprime, and $\sqrt{2} = \frac{x}{y}$.

Then, $\frac{x^2}{y^2} = 2$, it means that

$$x^2 = 2y^2.$$

Then, x^2 is even.

Then, by Theorem 1, x is even.

Then there exists integer k such that $x = 2k$.

$$\text{Hence. } x^2 = 4k^2 = 2y^2$$

It means that $y^2 = 2k^2$.

Then, y^2 is even.

By Theorem 1, y is even.

Then, x and y both are divisible by 2.

This contradicts our assumption that x and y are coprime.

$(x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, y \neq 0) \wedge (x \text{ and } y \text{ are coprime}) \wedge (\sqrt{2} = \frac{x}{y})$

Put question: $\sqrt{7}$ is irrational

Think about:

$\sqrt{20}$ is irrational

Exercise

Theorem 3: If n is an integer,

then $n^2 \geq n$.

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

Three cases arise.

Case 1: $n = 0$

Case 2: $n > 0$ ($n \geq 1$)

Case 3: $n < 0$ ($n \leq -1$)

Case 1: If $n = 0$, then

$n^2 = 0 = 0 = n$. Hence proved.

$n^2 = n$

Case 2: $n \geq 1$.

Then $n^2 \geq n$. Hence statement is true.

Case 3: $n \leq -1$.

Then $n^2 \geq 1 > -1 \geq n$.

Then $n^2 > n$. Hence the statement true.

PROOF BY CASES

Divide the premise into

Case 2: $n > 1$.

Then $n^2 = \cancel{n} \cdot \cancel{n} \geq 1 \cdot n$
 $= n$

Statement: If n^2 is a natural number, then n is a natural number.

$\forall x (A(x^2) \rightarrow A(x))$

Then find an integer x such that $A(x^2)$ is true but $A(x)$ is false.

x is called

COUNTER-EXAMPLE

How to disprove that two compound propositions are logically equivalent?

Equivalent if and only if in the truth table, the values are the same

Theorem 2: Let x and y be two integers. If both xy and $x+y$ are even, then both x and y are even.

Proof: Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

Proof by contrapositive.

Case 1: x is odd and y is even.

$x = 2k+1$ for some k .

multiple cases.

Then give proof for each of the cases.

$A(x): x \geq 0$

~~$B(x): x \geq 0$~~

How to DISPROVE a statement?

$\exists x (A(x^2) \wedge \neg A(x))$ is true.

$x = -2$ $A(x^2)$ is true
 $4 \geq 0$

$A(x)$ is false $-2 < 0$

Both compound propositions are obtained from the same set of atomic propositions.

→ find a combination of truth values for which they give different outcome.

Premise: xy is even and $x+y$ is even.

Conclusion: x is even and y is even.

Negation of conclusion:

x is odd or y is odd.

Case 2: x is even and y is odd

(This case can be proved)

Domain
set of all integers

Then, $x+y = 2k+2l$ for some integer k and $y=2l$ for some integer l .

Then, $x+y = 2(k+l)+1$.

Then $x+y$ is odd.

Negation of premise is true.
(Hence statement is true)

Without loss of generality
assume that x is odd

Then two cases

y is even
 y is odd

In each of the three cases,

by switching the role of x and y in Case 1.)

Arguments are similar.
(Hence statement is true)

Case 3: x is odd and y is odd.

Then there are integers a, b
such that $x=2a+1$
 $y=2b+1$.

$$\begin{aligned} xy &= (2a+1)(2b+1) \\ &= 4ab + 2a + 2b + 1 \\ &= 2(ab+a+b) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then xy is odd

Implies the negation of
premise. Hence
statement is true