

1. Prove or disprove the statement "All birds can fly."

FALSE. Counterexample: Penguin

2. Prove or disprove the claim $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})[(x - y)^2 > 0]$

FALSE. Counterexample: $x = y = 1 \Rightarrow (x - y)^2 = 0$

3. Prove that between any two unequal rationals there is a third rational.

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}, x < y$.

Then $x = \frac{p}{q}, y = \frac{r}{s}$, where $p, q, r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then $\frac{x+y}{2} = \frac{\frac{p}{q} + \frac{r}{s}}{2} = \frac{\frac{ps+qr}{qs}}{2} = \frac{ps+qr}{2qs} \in \mathbb{Q}$. But $x < \frac{x+y}{2} < y$.

4. Explain why proving $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ and $\psi \Rightarrow \phi$ establishes the truth of $\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi$.

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$(\neg\psi) \Rightarrow (\neg\phi)$ is true in all cases except when $(\neg\phi)$ is false and $(\neg\psi)$ is true or, equivalently, when (ϕ) is true and (ψ) is false.

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6. Prove that if five investors split a payout of \$2M, at least one investor receives at least \$400,000.

Suppose no investor receives \$400,000. Then the maximum any one investor could receive is \$399,999.99.

But then the maximum all five could receive would be \$1,999,999.95. This contradicts the original premise that they split \$2M.

7. Prove that $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

Suppose $\sqrt{3}$ is rational. Then $\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}$ where $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ with no common factors.

$$3 = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$$q^2 = 3p^2$$

If p is even then q is also even and p, q have common factors. If p is odd then q is also odd.

So, let $p = 2n + 1$ and $q = 2m + 1$ for $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(2n + 1)^2 = 3(2m + 1)^2$$

$$4n^2 + 4n + 1 = 12m^2 + 12m + 3$$

$$2n^2 + 2n = 6m^2 + 6m + 1$$

$$2(n^2 + n) = 2(3m^2 + 3m) + 1$$

But the left side of the equation is even, implying p is even

This is a contradiction, establishing the truth of the statement $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

8. Write down the converse of the following conditional statements:

(a) If the Dollar falls the Yuan will rise. If the Yuan rises the Dollar will fall.

(b) If $x < y$ then $-y < -x$. (For x, y real numbers.) If $-y < -x$ then $x < y$. (For x, y real numbers.)

(c) If two triangles are congruent they have the same area. If two triangles have the same area they are congruent

- (d) The quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has a solution whenever $b^2 \geq 4ac$. (Where a, b, c, x denote real numbers and $x \neq 0$.) **If $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has a solution then $b^2 \geq 4ac$**
- (e) Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If the opposite sides of $ABCD$ are pairwise equal, then the opposite angles are pairwise equal. **Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If the opposite angles of $ABCD$ are pairwise equal, then the opposite sides are pairwise equal.**
- (f) Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If all four sides of $ABCD$ are equal, then all four angles are equal. **Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If all four angles of $ABCD$ are equal, then all four sides are equal.**
- (g) If n is not divisible by 3 then $n^2 + 5$ is divisible by 3. (For n a natural number) **If $n^2 + 5$ is divisible by 3 then n is not divisible by 3.**
9. Discounting the first example, which of the statements in the previous question are true, for which is the converse true, and which are equivalent? Prove your answers.
- (a) ~~If the Dollar falls the Yuan will rise. If the Yuan rises the Dollar will fall.~~
- (b) If $x < y$ then $-y < -x$. (For x, y real numbers.) **If $-y < -x$ then $x < y$. (For x, y real numbers.)**
 The conditional is true:
 Suppose $x < y$ and $-y \geq -x$. Then $\frac{-y}{-1} \geq \frac{-x}{-1}$ and $y \leq x$.
 This is a contradiction.
 The converse is also true:
 Suppose $-y < -x$ and $x \geq y$. Then $\frac{-y}{-1} > \frac{-x}{-1}$ and $y > x$.
 This is a contradiction.
- (c) If two triangles are congruent they have the same area. **If two triangles have the same area they are congruent**
 The conditional is true:
 Let X and Y be two congruent triangles with heights h and h' and bases of length b and b' respectively. The area of X is $\frac{1}{2}bh$ and the area of Y is $\frac{1}{2}b'h'$. The triangles are congruent so $h = h'$ and $b = b'$. It follows that $\text{Area}(X) = \text{Area}(Y)$. The converse is false:
 Consider the right triangle A with base of length 2 and height 1 and triangle B with base of length 4 and height $\frac{1}{2}$. Both A and B have the same area ($\frac{1}{2}(2)(1) = \frac{1}{2}(4)(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$), but they are not congruent.
- (d) The quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has a solution whenever $b^2 \geq 4ac$. (Where a, b, c, x denote real numbers and $x \neq 0$.) **If $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has a solution then $b^2 \geq 4ac$**
 The conditional is true:
 Suppose $b^2 \geq 4ac$ and $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has no solution.
 The quadratic formula stipulates that the solution of a quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is given by $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. If $b^2 \geq 4ac$ then the quadratic formula has a real solution, which is a contradiction. In the same way, we can show the converse is true.
- (e) Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If the opposite sides of $ABCD$ are pairwise equal, then the opposite angles are pairwise equal. **Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If the opposite angles of $ABCD$ are pairwise equal, then the opposite sides are pairwise equal.**
 The conditional is true:
 Suppose the opposite sides of $ABCD$ are pairwise equal and the opposite angles are not pairwise equal. Let α and β be unequal angles such that $\beta < \alpha$. Let C' be the line segment extending β degrees from side B to meet the opposite side D to form a side D' . But $D' < D$ so D' is less than the opposite side B . This contradicts the equality of opposite sides. The converse is true:
 Suppose the opposite angles of $ABCD$ are pairwise equal and the opposite sides are not pairwise equal. Let C' be a line segment that is unequal to its opposite side A such that $C' < A$. The side B joining A and C' extends β degrees from side A . But β is less than the opposite angle. This contradicts the equality of opposite angles.

- (f) Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If all four sides of $ABCD$ are equal, then all four angles are equal.) Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral. If all four angles of $ABCD$ are equal, then all four sides are equal. Both the conditional and converse are true. This follows from the previous result.
- (g) If n is not divisible by 3 then $n^2 + 5$ is divisible by 3. (For n a natural number) If $n^2 + 5$ is divisible by 3 then n is not divisible by 3. The conditional is true:
 Suppose n is not divisible by 3 and $n^2 + 5$ is not divisible by 3. This means there is no x such that $n = 3x$ and there is no y such that $n^2 + 5 = 3y$. The contrapositive of this statement is that if $n^2 + 5 = 3y$ then $n = 3x$ for integers x and y . $n^2 = 3y - 5$ and $n^2 = 9x^2$, so $3y - 5 = 9x^2$.
 $5 = 3y - 9x^2 = 3(y - 3x^2)$
 $y - 3x^2 = \frac{5}{3}$
 But this means x and y are not both integers, since integer values for $y - 3x^2$ would equal an integer. The contrapositive is false, which is logically equivalent to saying the original statement is false. The statement " n is not divisible by 3 and $n^2 + 5$ is not divisible by 3" is, therefore, false by contradiction. The converse can be proven in a similar manner.
10. Prove or disprove the statement "An integer n is divisible by 12 if and only if n^3 is divisible by 12." Consider $n^3 = 24$. n^3 is divisible by 12 but $n = \sqrt[3]{24}$ is not divisible by 12.
11. Let r, s be irrationals. For each of the following, say whether the given number is necessarily irrational, and prove your answer.
- (a) $r + 3$
 Yes. Suppose $r + 3$ is rational. $r + 3 = \frac{p}{q}$ for integers p and q . Then $r = \frac{p}{q} - 3 = \frac{p-3q}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$. Contradiction.
- (b) $5r$
 Yes. Suppose $5r$ is rational. $5r = \frac{p}{q}$ for integers p and q . Then $r = \frac{p}{5q} \in \mathbb{Q}$. Contradiction.
- (c) $r + s$
 No. Consider $a = 2 + \sqrt{2}$ and $b = 2 - \sqrt{2}$ both a and b are irrational but $a + b = 4$ is rational.
- (d) rs
 No. Consider $a = \sqrt{3}$ and $b = \sqrt{12}$ both a and b are irrational but $ab = 6$ is rational.
- (e) \sqrt{r}
 Yes. Suppose \sqrt{r} is rational. $\sqrt{r} = \frac{p}{q}$ for integers p and q . Then $r = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \in \mathbb{Q}$. Contradiction.
- (f) r^s
 No. Consider $a = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$. If a is irrational, then $a^{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}} = 2$, which is rational.
12. Let m and n be integers. Prove that:
- (a) If m and n are even, then $m + n$ is even.
 If m and n are even then $m = 2p$ and $n = 2q$ for integers p and q .
 $m + n = 2p + 2q = 2(p + q)$ which is even.
- (b) If m and n are even, then mn is divisible by 4.
 If m and n are even, then $m = 2p$ and $n = 2q$ for integers p and q .
 $mn = 2p(2q) = 4pq$ which is divisible by 4.
- (c) If m and n are odd, then $m + n$ is even.
 If m and n are even then $m = 2p + 1$ and $n = 2q + 1$ for integers p and q .
 $m + n = 2p + 1 + 2q + 1 = 2(p + q + 1)$ which is even.
- (d) If one of m and n is even and the other is odd, then $m + n$ is odd.
 $m = 2p$ and $n = 2q + 1$ for integers p and q .
 $m + n = 2p + 2q + 1 = 2(p + q) + 1$ which is odd.
- (e) If one of m and n is even and the other is odd, then mn is even.
 $m = 2p$ and $n = 2q + 1$ for integers p and q .
 $mn = 2p(2q + 1) = 4pq + 2p = 2(2pq + p)$ which is even (since $2pq + p$ is an integer).