

Mock Lecture: Proofs of Physics

→ Test date decide Friday?

→ Highschool v.s. Uni Physics (Free v.s. Hard)

- You see the same questions from class in the test.

- In Uni, you have to depend on your ability to understand physics, not whether or not you've done the question before.

→ Two "hardest" courses in Uni for Waterloo Engineering: Proofs / Physics.

A direct proof

- Most of the time, you will have to prove a sentence true or false.

- Most sentences have a hypothesis ("if" clause) and a conclusion ("then" clause)

- Ex. If I like all apples, then I like red apples.

x is an integer, $x \neq -1$. If $x+1$ is even, then x is odd.

If a block is on a table, then there is normal force on the block.

- Divisibility. Suppose a and b are integers. If $a|b$, then there exists an integer k such that $ka = b$. Then converse is true.

Ex. $2|4$, $5|0$, $3|12$, $5 \nmid 8$, $-5|10$