

* 2.2 More Methods of Proof

• Proof by Contradiction

- def: establishes $p \rightarrow q$ by assuming that p is true, q is false and then, derives contradiction.
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proposition of the form
 $r \wedge \neg r$ (r may be any propos)

- Point 1. this proof assumes that conclusion is negated.
2. Justified by noticing $p \rightarrow q$ and $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow (r \wedge \neg r)$ are equivalence.

• Proof by Contrapositive

- def: using that $p \rightarrow q$ and $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ are equivalent

• Proof by Cases (exhaustive proof)

- def: proof by using when the original hypothesis naturally divides itself into various cases.
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to prove $p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n$ is equal to p

- we prove $(p_1 \rightarrow q) \wedge (p_2 \rightarrow q) \wedge \dots \wedge (p_n \rightarrow q) \dots \textcircled{a}$
equals to $(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n) \rightarrow q$

◦ Process

1. Suppose that q is true.

□ If q is true, then all implications in \textcircled{a} are true, regardless of the truth value of the hypothesis.

2. Suppose that q is false.

□ If q is false, and all p_i are false, then \textcircled{a} are true.
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□ " and for some j , p_j is true, $p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n$ is true, so $(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n) \rightarrow q$ is false.

Since $p_j \rightarrow q$ is false, \textcircled{a} is false.

• Proofs of Equivalence

- def: prove by using the equivalence

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

- It can use the proof by cases

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$$(p_1 \rightarrow p_2) \wedge (p_2 \rightarrow p_3) \wedge \dots \wedge (p_{n-1} \rightarrow p_n) \wedge (p_n \rightarrow p_1)$$

• Extensive Proof

- Def: A proof of $\exists x P(x)$