

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

$$S : \sqrt{7} \in \mathbb{Q}'$$

$$\neg S : \sqrt{7} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

We prove  $S$  by **contradiction**. That is:

Suppose  $S$ ;

$\neg S \rightarrow N \mid S$ , where  $N$  is some **nonsense**.

We assume  $\sqrt{7}$  to be rational, that implies  $\sqrt{7} = \frac{p}{q}$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge q \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$  and that  $p, q$  are relatively prime, i.e. coprime integers  $\Rightarrow \nexists d \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\} : d \mid p \wedge d \mid q$ .

$$\sqrt{7} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$7 = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^2$$

$$7 = \frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$$7q^2 = p^2 \Rightarrow 7 \mid p^2$$

**Assumption:**  $7 \mid p^2 \Rightarrow 7 \mid p$

$$A : 7 \mid p^2 \Rightarrow 7 \mid p$$

$$A' : 7 \nmid p \Rightarrow 7 \nmid p^2$$

Let  $p = 7a + 1$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ :  $p^2 = (7a + 1)^2 \dots 7 \times (7a^2 + 7a) + 1$ . Let  $(7a^2 + 7a) = z \Rightarrow 7z + 1 \Rightarrow 7 \nmid 7z + 1 \Rightarrow 7 \nmid p^2$ . The assumption is **true**.

Thus,  $7 \mid p^2 \Rightarrow 7 \mid p \Rightarrow p = 7a$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$7q^2 = (7a)^2$$

$$7q^2 = 49a^2$$

$$q^2 = 7a^2 \Rightarrow 7 \mid q^2 \Rightarrow 7 \mid q$$

**Contradiction with the assumption:**  $p, q$  are not relatively prime, symbolically:

$$\exists d \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\} : d \mid p \wedge d \mid q \Rightarrow \sqrt{7} \neq \frac{p}{q} \Rightarrow \sqrt{7} \notin \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow \sqrt{7} \in \mathbb{Q}'.$$

**Conclusion:**  $\sqrt{7}$  is an irrational number.