

# DIS 1A

## PROOFS

### → DIRECT PROOF

to prove  $P \Rightarrow Q$ , assume  $P$  and show  $Q$  is true

### → CONTRAPOSITION

to prove  $P \Rightarrow Q$ , assume  $\neg Q$  and show  $\neg P$  is true.

↳ direct proof of the contrapositive  $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$

### → CONTRADICTION

to prove  $P$ , assume  $\neg P$  and expose a contradiction

### → PROOF BY CASES

when there exist multiple cases and we can't assume which is true, we must prove for each one

### → INDUCTION (coming soon!)

^ examples of each  
in the notes

## PROOF ADVICE

→ if you get stuck, consider trying a different approach instead.

→ unpack definitions and properties given in the problem, and take advantage of theorems we see in class

! be careful to not assume what you're trying to prove

✓ good practice to start by stating your method of proof / outlining your plan.

↳ this makes it easier to read your proof.