

## Biconditional Statements

- To prove a theorem that is a biconditional statement of the form  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , we show that  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $q \rightarrow p$  are both true.
- Sometimes iff is used as an abbreviation for "if and only if," as in "an integer  $n$  is odd iff  $n^2$  is odd."

## Week 5. Minimal HW. Proofs.

- ① Prove that  $e$  is irrational.

Suppose  $e$  is rational  $e = \frac{p}{q}$ ,  $p > 0$ ,  $q > 1$  since  $e$ 's not integer

$$e = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}, \quad e_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!}. \quad \text{Then } e - e_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} + \frac{1}{(n+2)!} + \dots < \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left( \frac{1}{(n+1)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right)$$

$$n = q, \quad 0 < e - e_n < \frac{1}{q \cdot q}$$

$$0 < q!(e - eq) < \frac{1}{q} < 1$$

$$q!e = \frac{q!p}{q!} = (q-1)!p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore, there exists an integer strictly between 0 and 1. Since this is absurd,  $e$  cannot be expressed as a ratio of integers.

- ② Use a direct proof to show that every odd integer is the difference of two squares.

$n = \text{odd}$  when  $n = 2k+1$  for some integer  $k$ .

$$l = k+1 \quad s = k$$

$$(k+1)^2 - k^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1 - k^2 = \underline{2k+1} \\ = n$$

- ③ Use a proof by contradiction to prove that the sum of an irrational number and a rational number is irrational.

Assume that the sum ( $s$ ) of an irrational ( $i$ ) and a rational ( $r$ ) numbers is rational. We take  $s = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $r = \frac{c}{d}$  where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are integers, and  $b, d \neq 0$ , then by algebra  $s + (-r) = \frac{ad - bc}{bd} = \text{rational number}$ , but  $s + (-r) = r + i - r = i$  says that  $i$  is rational. We proved that  $s$  is irrational. This contradicts our hypothesis that  $i$  is irrational.

④ Prove or disprove that the product of two irrational numbers is irrational.

$\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

$\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2$  is rational. By this we disproved the proposition

⑤ Use a proof by contraposition to show that if  $x+y \geq 2$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers, then  $x \geq 1$  or  $y \geq 1$ .

We'll prove  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

$$x < 1 \quad y < 1 \Rightarrow x+y < 2 \Rightarrow \neg p$$

⑥ Prove Show that if  $n$  is an integer and  $n^3+5$  is odd, then  $n$  is even using,

a) a proof by contraposition

b) a proof by contradiction.

$\neg q$ , then  $\neg p \quad \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

$n$  is odd, then  $n^3+5$  is even.  $n = 2k+1$

$$(2k+1)^3 + 5 = 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 6 = 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 + 3k + 3) = 2a$$

We proved that  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$  is T, by that we proved that  $p \rightarrow q$  by contraposition.

⑦ The barber is the one who shaves all those men who do not shave themselves. The question is, does the barber shave himself?

$U$  - set of all men in the community

$S: U \rightarrow \{T, F\} \quad \forall x \in U: B(x) \Leftrightarrow x$  is shaved by b

$\forall x \in U: (\neg S(x)) \Leftrightarrow B(x)$

$B(b) \Leftrightarrow S(b)$

From these it follows that:  $S(b) \Leftrightarrow B(b) \Leftrightarrow (\neg S(b))$

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This is a contradiction, so the initial premises are contradictory and cannot both hold.