

Activity 17 – Introduction to Proof  
disproofs

Prove the statements that are true and disprove the ones that are false.

(1)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, (x \notin \mathbb{Q} \wedge y \notin \mathbb{Q}) \implies xy \notin \mathbb{Q}.$

(2)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, (x \text{ is odd} \wedge y \text{ is odd}) \implies xy \text{ is odd}$

(3) For all integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , if  $a \nmid b$  and  $a \nmid c$  then  $a \nmid b + c$ .

(4) For all integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , if  $a \nmid b$  and  $a \nmid c$  then  $a \nmid bc$ .

(5)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \lfloor x \rfloor \cdot \lceil y \rceil = \lceil x \rceil \cdot \lfloor y \rfloor.$

(6)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, a \mid b \implies a \mid bc.$

(7)  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \mid m^2 \implies n \mid m.$

(8) If the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has two real solutions  
(where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are real) then  $ac < 0$ .