

Language Problem:

e.g.

considers the following statements:

- i) If my checkbook is on my office table,
then I Paid my phone bill.
- ii) I was looking at the phone bill for payment
at breakfast ii) I was looking at the
phone bill for payment in my office

iii) If I was looking at the phone bill at breakfast, then the checkbook is on breakfast table.

iv) I did not pay my phone bill.

v) If I was looking at the phone bill in my office, then the check-book is on my office table.

Ques: where was my checkbook?

→ let.

p: my checkbook is on my office table.

q: I paid my phone bill.

g: I was looking at the phone Bill for payment at breakfast.

s: I was looking at the phone bill for payment in my office.

t: The check book is on the breakfast table.

S: I was looking at the phone bill in my office.

Hence, in a symbolic notation, the given argument takes the form

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$$q \vee s$$

$$q \rightarrow t$$

$$\sim g$$

$$s \rightarrow p$$

We now consider the following argument.

B₁ : S → P hypothesis

B₂ : P → Q hypothesis

B₃ : S → Q from B₁, B₂ 2 by hypothesis
Syllogism

B₄ : ~Q hypothesis

B₅ : ~S from B₃, B₄ 2 by modus tollens

B₆ : S ∨ S hypothesis

B₇ : S from B₅, B₆ 3rd by disjunction

B₈ : S → T

B₉ : T follows from B₇, B₈ 2 by modus ponens

Conclusion: The checkbox was on the breakfast table.

⇒ Proof Techniques:-

Any theorem that a problem is a statement that can be shown to be true.

e.g. If x is an integer, and x is odd, then x^2 is odd

or equivalently,

For all integers x, if x is odd, then x^2 is odd.

This statement can be shown to be true.

Now.

~~As facts.~~~~eg. 6 is an even integer~~

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~~as implication $x^2 + 1 = 0$ has no solns in real no.'s.~~~~eg. for eg, for all integers x , if x is even,
then $x+1$ is odd.~~~~Biimplication
eg. for all integers x , x is even if and only if
 x is divisible by 2.~~

\Rightarrow Here, A proof may consist of previously known facts, proved results (Q) previous statements of the proof.

\Rightarrow These are several known techniques for constructing a proof.

- 1) Direct Proof.
- 2) Indirect Proof.
- 3) Proof by contradiction
- 4) Proving Biimplication
- 5) Proving Equivalent statement.
- 6) Errors in the proof.

\rightarrow i) Direct Proof

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It includes ~~the~~ proof of those theorems that can be expressed in the form,

$$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) , D \text{ is the domain of discourse}$$

Premises Conclusion

CQ. For all Integers x , if x is odd, then x^2 is odd.

→ Let us verify that the theorem is true for certain values of x .

If $x = 3 \Rightarrow x^2 = 9$ so x^2 is odd.

$x = -5 \Rightarrow x^2 = 25$ " " "

It means the theorem is true.

→ But we must prove that the theorem is true for an arbitrary value of the domain of discourse.

Let $P(x) = "x$ is an odd integer"

$Q(x) = "x^2$ is an odd integer"

Then symbolically,

$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$, the domain of discourse is the set of all integers

here we will start the proof by assuming 'a' is a particular but arbitrarily chosen element of \mathbb{Z} .

for 'a', we assume that $P(a)$ is true, then we show that $Q(a)$ is true.

PROOF

\Rightarrow let 'a' be an integer, such that 'a' is odd.

so we can write, $a = 2n + 1$ for some integer 'n'

$a = 2n + 1$, for some integer 'n'

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = (2n+1)^2$$

$$= 4n^2 + 4n + 1$$

$$= 2(2n^2 + 2n) + 1$$

let $m = 2n^2 + 2n$, because n = integer

$\Rightarrow m$ ($= 2n^2 + 2n$) is also integer

\therefore we can write,

$a^2 = 2m + 1$, for some integer 'm'

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = \text{odd}$$

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PROOF: let 'a' be an odd integer then

'a' is an odd integer.

$\Rightarrow a = 2n + 1$, for some integer 'n'

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = (2n+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 4n^2 + 4n + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 2(2n^2 + 2n) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 2m + 1, \text{ where } m = 2n^2 + 2n \text{ is an integer}$$

$\Rightarrow a^2$ is an odd integer.

\Rightarrow for all integers 'x', if 'x' is odd, then x^2 is odd.

2) Indirect Proof:

→ considers the implication $P \rightarrow Q$. This implication is equivalent to the implication $\sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$. This means that in order to show that $P \rightarrow Q$ is true, we can also show that the implication $\sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$ is true.

→ to show $\sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$ is true, we have to show $\sim Q$ is true & prove that $\sim P$ is true.

→ This type of proof is called Indirect proof.

Eg: Prove that n is an integer, $n^2 + 3$ is odd then n is even

→ Let $P(n) = n^2 + 3$ is an odd integer
 $Q(n) = n$ is an even integer

If $\forall n (P(n) \rightarrow Q(n))$ the domain of discourse is the set of all integers.

Now

assume that n is a particular but arbitrarily chosen element of \mathbb{Z} .

for this n , will show that $P(n) \rightarrow Q(n)$ is true.

→ it is logically equivalent to $\sim Q(n) \rightarrow \sim P(n)$.
so we have to show that it is true.

→ suppose $\sim Q(n)$ is true
we have to show $\sim P(n)$ is true.

→ Because $\sim Q(n)$ is true, n is not even
 $\Rightarrow n$ is odd

so $n = 2k+1$ for some integer k . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 + 3 &= (2k+1)^2 + 3 && \text{put } n = 2k+1 \\&= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 3 \\&= 4k^2 + 4k + 4 \\&= 2(2k^2 + 2k + 2)\end{aligned}$$

let us write $t = 2k^2 + 2k + 2$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 + 3 = 2t, \text{ for some int } t$$

$\Rightarrow n^2 + 3$ is an even integer

$\Rightarrow n^2 + 3$ is not an odd ".

$\Rightarrow \sim P(n)$ is true.

$\Rightarrow \sim Q(n) \rightarrow \sim P(n)$ is true.

$\Rightarrow P(n) \rightarrow Q(n)$

$\therefore H_n(P(n) \rightarrow Q(n)),$ in the domain of all integers

\Rightarrow by the rule universal generalization
if $n^2 + 3$ is odd.

$\Rightarrow n$ is even

3) Proof by contradiction:

→ In this, we assume that the conclusion is not true and then arrive at a contradiction.

e.g. Show that $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

→ Let us assume that $\sqrt{2}$ is not an irrational number.

⇒ $\sqrt{2}$ is rational number,

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}, \quad \Rightarrow a \& b = \text{integers}$$
$$b \neq 0.$$

here we assume that $\frac{a}{b}$ = lowest term

⇒ a & b have no common factors other than one if it have then, on dividing

$$\therefore \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2})^2 = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 2b^2$$

⇒ a^2 is an integer

⇒ a is an integer (by 1st eg.)

We can write $a = en$, for some integer 'n'

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 4n^2$$

Now substitute the value of a^2 into $a^2 = 2b^2$ to obtain

$$\text{implies} \Rightarrow 2b^2 = a^2 = 4n^2 \\ \Rightarrow b^2 = 2n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = \text{even}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \text{even}$$

$\Rightarrow a$ & b both are even.

\Rightarrow both have 2 as a common factor

This contradicts our assumption that a & b have no common factors other than 1.

\rightarrow we now arrived at a contradiction
 $\rightarrow \sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

4) \Rightarrow Proving Biimplications: $\forall x (P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x))$

in the domain \mathbb{Z}

ex: considers the following theorem

An integer x is even, if and only if $x+1$ is odd.

$\rightarrow P(x)$: x is even

$Q(x)$: $x+1$ is odd.

So for all integers x , $P(x)$ iff $Q(x)$.

$\forall x (P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x))$; In the domain \mathbb{Z} .

Proof:

Assume that 'x' is a particular but arbitrary integer such that x is even and show that $x+1$ is odd.

→ Then assume that $x+1$ is odd and prove that x is even.

→ ^{1st} Assume that x is even

$$\Rightarrow x = 2n, \text{ for some integers } n.$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 = 2n+1$$

$\Rightarrow x+1$ is an odd integer

→ Let us now suppose that $x+1$ is odd

$$\Rightarrow x+1 = 2m+1 \text{ for some integer } m$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2m$$

$\Rightarrow x$ is an even integer

\Rightarrow we conclude that an integer x is even iff $x+1$ is odd.

5) Proving Equivalent statements:

→ consider the following statements:

let x be an integer.

~~Q1~~ p : x is divisible by 6.

~~Q2~~ q : x is divisible by 2 & 3.

~~Q3~~ r : x is an even number & x is divisible by 3.

We can prove that, $p \Leftrightarrow q \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{In words} \\ p \rightarrow q \\ p \rightarrow r \end{array} \right\}$ p, q & r are equivalent statement

We have cycle $p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r \rightarrow p$

Let

- i) if x is divisible by 6.
- ii) if x is divisible by 2 & 3.
- iii) if x is an even number & x is divisible by 3.

Proof: To prove that these statements are equivalent we shall show that,

$$(i) \rightarrow (ii), (iii) \rightarrow (iii) \text{ & } (iii) \rightarrow (i)$$

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$$(ii) \rightarrow (iii) \rightarrow (iii) \rightarrow (i)$$

1) (i) \rightarrow (ii)

Suppose x is divisible by 6

Then $x = 6n$, for some integers n .

$$\text{Then } x = 6n = 2 \cdot 3n = 3 \cdot 2n$$

it follows x is divisible by 2 & 3.

2) (ii) \rightarrow (iii)

Suppose x is divisible by 2 & 3.

because x is divisible by 2

$\rightarrow x$ is an even integer

Hence, x is an even integer.

and x is divisible by 3.

3) (iii) \rightarrow (i)

Suppose that x is an even no. & x is divisible by 3.
because x is an even integers.

$$x = 2n, \text{ for some integer } n.$$

$\rightarrow 3$ divides $2n$

thus $2n = 3t$ for some integer t .

Now,

$$n = 3n - 2n$$

This implies that

$$n = 3n - 3t$$

that is,

$$n = 3(n - t)$$

let $n - t = s \Rightarrow n = 3s$, s is an integer.

It follows that,

$x = 2n = 2 \cdot 3s = 6s$, for some integer s .

$\Rightarrow x$ is divisible by 6.

5) Errors (fallacies) in the proofs!

- As we know, proof may consist of previously known facts, proves results or previous statement of the proof.
- However, if we are not careful, errors can occurs in the proofs.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eg. } 1 &= \sqrt{1} \\ &= \sqrt{(-1) \cdot (-1)} \\ &= \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{-1} \\ &= (\sqrt{-1})^2 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

but we know that $1 = -1$, is not true.
so here, there is some error. & error is in the equality $\sqrt{(-1) \cdot (-1)} = \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{-1}$.

→ here we are using $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a}\sqrt{b}$ for all real numbers
however it's true when a & b are non-negative real numbers.