

§ 1.7. proof

1. Direct proof.

$$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{\forall x} \quad p(x) \rightarrow Q(x) \\ \quad \quad \quad \underbrace{\quad \quad} \\ \quad \quad \quad T \quad \rightarrow \quad T \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{PFS} \end{array}$$

Even #: ^{Def.} if $n = 2 \cdot k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then n is even.

Odd #: Def if $n = 2k + 1$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then n is odd (When n divided by 2, the remainder is 1.)
or $n = 2k - 1$

Ex. If n is an odd integer, then $3n + 7$ is even. (3n+7 = 2 \cdot k)

Pf. by def, $n = 2k + 1$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} 3n + 7 &= 3(2k + 1) + 7 \\ &= 6k + 3 + 7 \\ &= 6k + 10 \\ &= 2(\underbrace{3k + 5}_{\in \mathbb{Z}}) \end{aligned}$$

Since $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $3k + 5 \in \mathbb{Z}$, Let $3k + 5 = M$, $M \in \mathbb{Z}$

$3n + 7 = 2 \cdot M$, $M \in \mathbb{Z}$, by def. $3n + 7$ is even. □

$\begin{matrix} 2k+1 \\ 2k-1 \end{matrix}$

or QED

Ex. If n is even, then $-5n - 3$ is odd.

Pf. by def $n = 2k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} -5n - 3 &= -5(2k) - 3 \\ &= -10k - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad -5n - 3 &= -10k - \underbrace{2 - 1} \\ &= 2(-5k - 1) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad -5n - 3 &= -10k - 4 + 1 \\ &= 2(-5k - 2) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $-5k - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$
let $M = -5k - 1$, $M \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$-5n - 3 = 2M - 1, \quad M \in \mathbb{Z}$$

By def, $-5n - 3$ is odd. □

2. Proof by Contrapositive

Recall: $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

Instead of proving directly from p to q , we can prove the $\neg q$ to $\neg p$ is true!

Ex. let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, If $5x-7$ is even, then x is odd.

Pf by Contrapositive:

let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, If x is even, then $5x-7$ is odd.

let $x = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} 5x-7 &= 5(2k)-7 = 10k-7 \\ &= 10k-8+1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2(5k-4)+1$$

$k \in \mathbb{Z}, 5k-4 \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $M = 5k-4, M \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$5x-7 = 2M+1, M \in \mathbb{Z}$$

by def, $5x-7$ is odd.

Pf by contrapositive shows that if $5x-7$ is even, then x is odd.

Direct pf. Let $5x-7 = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \overbrace{x+4x-7} &= 2k \\ -4x+7 &\quad -4x+7 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 2k - 4x + \overbrace{7}^{+6+1}$$

$$x = (2k - 4x + 6) + 1$$

$$x = 2(k - 2x + 3) + 1$$

$$k, x \in \mathbb{Z}, k - 2x + 3 = M \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x = 2M + 1, M \in \mathbb{Z}, x \text{ is odd. } \square$$

direct pf. $5x-7 = 2k$
 $\quad \quad \quad +7 \quad +7$

$$\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{2k+7}{5}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{5}k + \frac{7}{5} ?$$

Ex. let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, x^2 is odd \iff x is odd.
↔
if and only if

Note: \iff : Need to prove both directions!

Pf: \rightarrow if x^2 is odd then x is odd.

Pf by Contrapositive: if x is even, then x^2 is even.

let $x = 2k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$x^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 2 \cdot (2k^2) \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, 2k^2 \in \mathbb{Z} = M$$

$$x^2 = 2M, M \in \mathbb{Z}, x^2 \text{ is even.}$$

\leftarrow if x is odd then x^2 is odd.

Direct Pf. let $x = 2k+1$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= (2k+1)^2 = (2k+1)(2k+1) \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \\ &= 2(\underbrace{2k^2 + 2k}_M) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $2k^2 + 2k \in \mathbb{Z}$ let $2k^2 + 2k = M$, $M \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$x^2 = 2M + 1, M \in \mathbb{Z}, x^2 \text{ is odd.}$$

Ex let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, If $5x-7$ is odd, then $9x+2$ is even.

$5x-7 \text{ is odd} \xrightarrow{\text{lemma}} 9x+2 \text{ is even}$
 $\searrow \checkmark \rightarrow x \text{ is even?} \quad \boxed{??}$

lemma (try to prove) If $5x-7$ is odd, then x is even.

Pf by Contrapositive: if x is odd, then $5x-7$ is even.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 5x-7 &= 5(2k+1)-7 \\ &= 10k+5-7 \\ &= 10k-2 = 2(5k-1) \end{aligned}$$

observation! (Not Pf)
 try: $5x-7$ is odd

$x=1, 5(1)-7 = -2$ even
 $x=2, 5(2)-7 = 3$ odd \checkmark
 $x=3, 5(3)-7 = 8$
 $x=4, 5(4)-7 = 13$ \checkmark

Since $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $5k-1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $5k-1 = M$, $M \in \mathbb{Z}$

$5x-7 = 2M$, $M \in \mathbb{Z}$, $5x-7$ is even.

Lemma! if $5x-7$ is odd, then x is even:

Prove that if x is even, then $9x+2$ is even

Direct pf: let $x = 2k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} 9x+2 &= 9(2k)+2 = 18k+2 \\ &= 2(9k+1), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad 9k+1 = M \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9x+2 &= 2M, \quad M \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 9x+2 &\text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

We proved that if $5x-7$ is odd, then $9x+2$ is even. \square

Note: Build the lemma, need to be proved!

Alternative pf: Direct pf

$$\begin{aligned} 5x-7 &= 2k+1 \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ +4x & \quad 5x+4x-7 = 4x+2k+1 \\ +9 & \quad 9x-7+9 = 4x+2k+1+9 \\ & \quad 9x+2 = 4x+2k+10 \\ & \quad 9x+2 = 2(2x+k+5) \\ x, k &\in \mathbb{Z}, \quad 2x+k+5 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{let } 2x+k+5 = M, \quad M \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 9x+2 &= 2 \cdot M, \quad M \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 9x+2 &\text{ is even.} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

3. Proof by Contradiction.

$$\forall x \quad p(x) \rightarrow \boxed{Q(x)}$$

Assume Conclusion is False

Use False Conclusion to verify $p(x)$.

If we get the opposite $p(x)$, Assumption is wrong!
 \rightarrow Conclusion is true!

Ex. let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $5x-7$ is even, then x is odd. \Leftarrow

Pf by contradiction: Assume x is even. \square

Reach the contradiction
(Statement is good!
prove it)

didn't reach the contradiction
(Statement is not good.
Counter-example disprove it)

$$x = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5x-7 &= 5(2k)-7 = 10k-7 \\ &= 10k-8+1 \\ &= 2(5k-4)+1 \end{aligned}$$

$$k \in \mathbb{Z}, 5k-4 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ let } 5k-4 = M, M \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$5x-7 = 2M+1, M \in \mathbb{Z}$$

by def. $5x-7$ is odd. but it contradicts that $(5x-7)$ is even. \uparrow

which is the contradiction, the assumption is wrong.

x has to be odd. \square

Note: Show that ... } statement True!
prove that ...

Start with
Prove or disprove ... (Statement ?)
try to find counter example