

if-then

□ Deductive proof:

A deductive proof consists of a sequence of statements whose truth leads us from initial statement (hypothesis or given statement) to a conclusion statement.

* Each step of proof follows —

— accepted logical principle

— previous statements in the deductive proof

— given facts

Example (1.3) If $x \geq 4$, then $2^x \geq x^2$.

Solution: The hypothesis H is " $x \geq 4$ " which has a parameter x , and it's neither true nor false. Rather its truth depends on the value of x . For example, H is true for $x = 6$ and false for $x = 2$.

- Steps:
- 1) check x value for hypothesis
 - 2) " " " " conclusion

Likewise, the conclusion C is $2^x \leq x^x$. This statement also uses parameter x not others. For example, C is false for $x=3$, since $2^3=8$ which is less than $3^3=9$.

On the other hand, C is true for $x=4$ as $2^4=16$ and $4^4=16$.

For $x=5$, the statement is also true, since $2^5=32$ is greater than $5^5=25$. ~~The intuitive~~
Thus we can say that $2^x \leq x^x$ will be true whenever $x \geq 4$.

Example 1.4) If x is the sum of the squares of four positive integers, then $2^x \geq x^x$

Solution:

Let a, b, c and d be the four positive integers.

$$\text{So, } x = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } a \geq 1, b \geq 1, c \geq 1, d \geq 1 \dots (2)$$

* From (2) and properties of arithmetic; we get

$$a^2 \geq 1, b^2 \geq 1, c^2 \geq 1, d^2 \geq 1 \dots (3)$$

$$\{ \text{If } y \geq 1, y^2 \geq 1 \}$$

* From (1), (3) and properties of arithmetic,

$$\text{we get } x \geq 4 \dots (4)$$

$$x \text{ is at least } 1+1+1+1 = 4$$

* From (4) and theorem 1.3, we get

$$2^x \geq x^x \dots (5)$$

* Contrapositive: A statement and its
are equivalent contrapositive are

- either both true
- or both false

So we can prove either to prove
the other.

Ex: If H then C \approx ^{contrapositive} if not C then not H

* Converse:
not equivalent

if H then C
 \downarrow (converse)
if C then H

□ Proof by contradiction: completing the proof
showing that something known to be false,
starting by assuming the hypothesis true and
the conclusion false.

Ex: Prove that $\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

\Rightarrow Let $\sqrt{5}$ be a rational number.

$$\text{So, } \sqrt{5} = \frac{p}{q} \quad [p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0]$$

and p and q are coprime numbers
 $q > 1$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \quad [\text{squaring both sides}]$$

Multiplying both sides by q , we get,

$$\Rightarrow 5q = \frac{p^2}{q}$$

Hence, $5q$ clearly is an integer, but $\frac{p^2}{q}$ is not as p and q are coprimes and $q > 1$.

$$\text{So, } 5q \neq \frac{p^2}{q}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{5} \neq \frac{p}{q}$$

Therefore, $\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

↗ Disproof

□ Proofs by counterexamples:

shows that a given statement can't possibly be correct by showing an instance that contradicts a universal statement.

Theorem 1.13: All primes are odd.

→ The integer 2 is a prime, but is even.

Theorem 1.14: There is no pair of integers a and b such that

$$a \bmod b = b \bmod a$$

⇒ ① If $a > b$ then

$a \bmod b = c$ is a unique integer between 0 and $b-1$

$$\text{and } b \bmod a = b$$

$$\text{So, } b \bmod a > a \bmod b$$

② If $a < b$, then

$b \bmod a = c'$ is a unique integer between 0 and $a-1$

and $a \bmod b = a$

$\therefore b \bmod a < a \bmod b$

③ If $a = b$ then

$a \bmod b = a \bmod a = 0$

$b \bmod a = b \bmod b = 0$

So, if $a \neq b$, then there is no pair of integers a and b such that $a \bmod b = b \bmod a$

Theorem 1.15: $a \bmod b = b \bmod a$ if and only if $a = b$

→ same as 1.14

Induction:

used to prove a statement is true for all values of n .

2 steps:

Basis step: $S(i)$ is true for $i = 0$ or 1
 $i \rightarrow$ particular integer

Inductive step: if $S(n)$ is true,
 $S(n+1)$ is also true

Example: for all $n \geq 0$:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

\Rightarrow Base step: for $n = 0$,

$\sum_{i=1}^0 i^2$ has no terms, so the sum is 0.

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^0 i^2 = 0$$

Inductive step: Let, $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2(n+1)+1)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{(n^2 + 3n + 2)(2n + 3)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (2n^3 + 3n^2 + 6n^2 + 9n + 4n + 6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (2n^3 + 9n^2 + 13n + 6) \dots \dots (1)$$

We can also write,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 + (n+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + (n+1)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \{ (n^2 + n)(2n+1) + 6n^2 + 12n + 6 \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \{ 2n^3 + n^2 + 2n^2 + n + 6n^2 + 12n + 6 \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (2n^3 + 9n^2 + 13n + 6) \dots \dots (2)$$

[Proved]

Example: If $x \geq 4$ then $2^x \geq x^x$

→ Base step: for $x=4$, $2^x = 2^4 = 16$
 $x^x = 4^4 = 16$

$$\therefore 2^x = x^x \text{ --- (1)}$$

Inductive step: for $x > 4$

$$\text{Let } 2^{x+1} \geq (x+1)^x$$

$$\rightarrow 2^x \cdot 2 \geq x^x + 2x + 1$$

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$$\rightarrow 2x^x \geq x^x + 2x + 1$$

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$$\rightarrow x \geq 2 + \frac{1}{x} \quad [\text{dividing both sides by } x]$$

for $x \geq 4$, the maximum value of $(2 + \frac{1}{x})$ is 2.25, so, L.H.S \geq R.H.S

$$\boxed{\therefore 2^x \geq x^x}$$