

§ 3.3 Proofs including quantifiers

Strategy: To prove a goal of form $\forall x P(x)$,
Let x be arbitrary, change goal to $P(x)$.

Form: Let x be arbitrary,
[proof of $P(x)$].

Since x is arbitrary, we have shown $\forall x P(x)$.

Ex: Suppose $A \cap B$ and C are disjoint, prove $A \cap C \subseteq B$.

Given

Goal

$$(A \cap B) \cap C = \emptyset$$

$$A \cap C \subseteq B. \rightarrow \text{re-express.}$$

$$\forall x (x \in A \cap C)$$

$$\forall x (x \in A \cap C \rightarrow x \in B).$$

$$\forall x (x \in A \wedge x \in C)$$

contradiction.

$$\forall x (x \in A, \forall x, x \in C).$$

$$x \notin B$$

$$\neg \exists y (y \in A \wedge y \notin B \wedge y \in C)$$

Proof: to show $A \cap C \subseteq B$, we must show that for every element of $A \cap B$ is in B . Let x be arbitrary, $x \in A \cap C$. Therefore $x \in A \wedge x \in C$. Suppose $x \notin B$. Since $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$, $x \in A \setminus B$. Since $x \in C$, $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap C$. This contradicts our assumption. So since x is arbitrary, we conclude that every element of $A \cap B$ is in B . \square .

Shortcut: to prove $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$

- Let x be arbitrary,
- Add $P(x)$ to given
- Change goal to $Q(x)$

Ex: $\forall x \in A (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ is a shortcut $\rightarrow x$

Let x be assumption.

Add $x \in A$ to givens,

Change goal to $P(x)$.

Ex: 3.3.2. If $A \cap B = A$, then $A \subseteq B$.

Given

Goal

$$A \cap B = A$$

$$A \cap B = A \rightarrow A \subseteq B.$$

$$x \in A$$

$$x \in B$$

Proof: Assume $A \cap B = A$, and $x \in A$, show $A \cap B = A$, we have $x \in A \cap B$, so $x \in B$. Since x is arbitrary, $x \in B$.

Therefore, if $A \cap B = A$, then $A \subseteq B$.

Ex: let A be a . $P(A) \neq \emptyset$

Given

Goal:

$P(A) \neq \emptyset$

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$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$

Prove: To show $P(A) \neq \emptyset$, we give an element of $P(A)$. Some $\emptyset \in A, \emptyset \in P(A)$.

Form: Let x be

[proof of P th value]

Therefore there exist x that $P(x)$.

Def: For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, write $a|b$ to mean $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} (b = ka)$

Ex: Prove that for all integer a, b, c , if $a|b, a|c$, then $a|(b+c)$.

Proof: Since $a|b$, there exist $k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ that $b = k_1 a$. $a|c$, so there is $k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ that $c = k_2 a$. Thus $b+c = k_1 a + k_2 a = (k_1 + k_2) a$. Since k_1, k_2 are all integers, so $a|(b+c)$. \square