

More examples

Prove: Let  $A, B$  be sets. Then  $A \cup B = A \cap B$  if and only if  $A = B$ .

Proof. ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume  $A \cup B = A \cap B$ .

Then  $A \subseteq A \cup B = A \cap B \subseteq B$   
Also  $B \subseteq A \cup B = A \cap B \subseteq A$ .

$\therefore A = B$

( $\Leftarrow$ )

Assume  $A = B$

Then  $A \cup B = A \cup A = A$   
 $A \cap B = A \cap A = A$

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$\therefore A \cup B = A \cap B$

Example  $A, B$  are sets.  $C \neq \emptyset$ .

Prove  $A \times C \subseteq B \times C$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$ .

Have to show  $(\Rightarrow)$ ,  $(\Leftarrow)$ .

$(\Rightarrow)$ : Assume  $A \times C \subseteq B \times C$ .

$\forall (x,y) \in A \times C$  then  $(x,y) \in B \times C$ . ✓

Need to show  $\forall a \in A$ , let  $c \in C$ ,  $C \neq \emptyset$ .

so that  $(a,c) \in A \times C \therefore (a,c) \in B \times C$

$\therefore a \in B, c \in C$

then  $a \in B$ .

$\therefore A \subseteq B$ .

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$C = \{5\}$

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$B = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$C = \{5\}$

$(\Leftarrow)$

Assume  $A \subseteq B$ .

Then  $\forall (x,y) \in A \times C$ .

then  $x \in A \wedge y \in C$

So  $x \in B \wedge y \in C$  by assumption

$\therefore (x,y) \in B \times C$

$\therefore (x,y) \in B \times C$

$\therefore A \times C \subseteq B \times C$ .

Note

$\forall A \subseteq B$ , then  $A \times C \subseteq B \times C$ . ✓

But  $A \times C \subseteq B \times C \not\Rightarrow A \subseteq B$  if  $C = \emptyset$

Example.  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $C = \emptyset$

$B = \{1\}$

But  $A \times C = \emptyset$

$B \times C = \emptyset$

$A \times C = B \times C$

$A \times C \subseteq B \times C$

§3.3. Proof by contrapositive To prove "If  $P(x)$  then  $Q(x)$ ." we prove "If  $\sim Q(x)$ , then  $\sim P(x)$ ."

Examples If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is such that  $15n$  is even, then  $9n$  is even.

An integer  $n$  is odd (even) if and only if  $n^2$  is odd (even).

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv (\sim Q \Rightarrow \sim P)$$

Proof Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove  
 $n$  is odd if and only if  $n^2$  is odd.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume  $n$  is odd, i.e.,  $n = 2l + 1$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Then } n^2 = (2l + 1)^2 = 4l^2 + 4l + 1 = 2(2l^2 + 2l) + 1$$

$$\therefore n^2 = 2m + 1 \quad \text{with } m = \boxed{2l^2 + 2l} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$\therefore n^2$  is odd.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume  $n^2$  is odd. Need to prove  $n$  is odd.

Assume  $n^2 = 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  Need to prove  $n = 2l + 1, l \in \mathbb{Z}$

We prove by using the contrapositive of the statement:

Assume  $\sim(n \text{ is odd})$   $n$  is even

$$n = 2l, \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore n^2 = 4l^2 = 2(2l^2) \quad m = 2l^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore \sim(n \text{ is odd})$   $n^2$  is even

§5.2 Proof by contradiction To prove  $P \Rightarrow Q$ , show that  $P \wedge \sim Q$  is impossible.

Also, to prove  $P$ , assume  $\sim P$  and derive a contradiction.

Examples The sum of a rational number and an irrational number is irrational. ✓

The number  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational. (If  $x = \sqrt{2}$ , then  $x$  is irrational.)

There are infinitely many prime numbers.

(If  $S$  is the set of primes, then  $S$  has infinitely many elements.)

If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  are positive, then  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} \neq \sqrt{x+y}$ .

$$\sim(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv \sim(P \vee \sim Q) \\ \equiv P \wedge Q$$

R	$\sim P$
T	F
F	T

IF Assume  $x = \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $x$  is irrational.

Assume  $x = \sqrt{2}$ .

$$x = \sqrt{2} \neq \frac{m}{n}, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore x$  is irrational

Indirect proof: Assume  ~~$x = \sqrt{2}$~~   $x = \frac{m}{n}$  is rational

then  $x \neq \sqrt{2}$

Proof by contradiction Assume  ~~$x = \sqrt{2}$~~   $x = \sqrt{2}$ , ✓

& Assume  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n}, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . (✗)

$P \wedge$

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	F	F

cannot happen

We may assume  ~~$m, n$~~  have no common factors.

Then  $2 = \frac{m^2}{n^2} \therefore 2n^2 = m^2$

So  $m^2$  is even and so is  $m$ . Thus  $m = 2k$  and  $2n^2 = m^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2$ .

$\therefore$  There is a contradiction !!!

$\therefore n^2 = 2k^2$  is even and so is  $n$ .

Thus  $m$  &  $n$  have a common

Example:

There are infinitely many prime numbers.

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If  $S$  is the set of prime numbers, then  $S$  is infinite.

Proof:

Assume  $S$  is the set of prime numbers and assume the contrary that

$S$  is finite.

So  $S = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ .

Consider

$$q = p_1 p_2 \dots p_n + 1$$

Case 1°  $q$  is a prime number.

then  $q \notin S$ , which is a contradiction.

Case 2°  $q$  is not a prime number

then  $q$  has a prime factor  $p$ .

and  $p \neq p_i$  for any  $i$ .

because  $p_i$  is not a factor of  $q$ .

$$\text{as } q = p_i m_i + 1$$

So  $p$  is a prime number not in  $S$ ,

which is a contradiction.

$n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is a prime

$$\nexists n = ab, \quad k a, b < n$$

$$a, b \in \mathbb{N}$$

Example The sum of a rational number and an irrational number is irrational.

Proof: Reformulate:

$$\text{If } x = \frac{m}{n}, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad n \neq 0$$

$$\text{and } y \neq \frac{a}{b} \text{ for any } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b \neq 0.$$

$$\text{then } x + y \neq \frac{r}{s} \text{ for any } r, s \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad s \neq 0$$

Proof: Assume  $x = \frac{m}{n}$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \neq 0$

Assume  $y \neq \frac{a}{b}$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b \neq 0$ .

Assume  $x + y = \frac{r}{s}$  for any  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s \neq 0$

$$\text{Then } y = (x + y) - x = \frac{r}{s} - \frac{m}{n}$$

$$= \frac{rn - ms}{sn} = \frac{p}{q} \quad \begin{array}{l} p = rn - ms \in \mathbb{Z} \\ q = sn \in \mathbb{Z} \\ sn \neq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore y \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$\therefore$  a contradiction

Example: If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y > 0$ , then  $\sqrt{x+y} \neq \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$ .

Proof: Assume  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y > 0$ .

Assume the contrary that  $\sqrt{x+y} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$ .

$$\text{Then } (\sqrt{x+y})^2 = (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2$$

$$\therefore x + 2\sqrt{xy} + y = x + y$$

$\therefore 2\sqrt{xy} = 0 \implies \sqrt{xy} = 0 \implies xy = 0$ . a contradiction

Hint on Homework.:

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$$S = \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \sqrt{n} \text{ is irrational} \}$$

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$$A = \{ 2m^2 : m \in \mathbb{N} \} \subseteq S$$

Reason:  $x \in A$ ,  $x = 2m^2$

So that  $\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{2}m$  is irrational

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To prove

$S$  has no maximum number.

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Assume  $x \in S$  is max.

i.e. if  $x \in S$  then  $x \leq N$ .

Hint. Then consider  $2N^2$ .