

Ex. Hypotheses:  $\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$   
 $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$   
 Conclusion:  $\exists x (R(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$

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| 1.) $\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$ | HYPOTHESIS        |
| 2.) $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$ | HYPOTHESIS        |
| 3.) $P(a) \wedge \neg Q(a)$             | EXIST. INST. 1    |
| 4.) $P(a)$                              | SIMP. 3           |
| 5.) $P(a) \rightarrow R(a)$             | UNIV. INST. 2     |
| 6.) $R(a)$                              | MODUS PONENS 4, 5 |
| 7.) $\neg Q(a)$                         | SIMP. 3           |
| 8.) $R(a) \wedge \neg Q(a)$             | CONJUNCTION 6, 7  |
| 9.) $\exists x (R(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$ | EXIST. GEN 8      |

NOTE: SCOPE OF QUANTIFIERS

$$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \neq \forall x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x Q(x)$$

Ex.  $U = \{ \text{ALL PEOPLE} \}$   
 $P(x) = 'x \text{ HAS GREEN EYES}'$   
 $Q(x) = 'x \text{ IS 50 FEET TALL}'$

$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$  is FALSE

$\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x Q(x)$  is TRUE (why?)

IN ORDER TO ILLUSTRATE SOME METHODS OF PROOF WE FIRST MAKE A FEW DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE INTEGERS. WE DENOTE BY  $\mathbb{Z}$  THE SET OF INTEGERS.

GIVEN  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  WITH  $a \neq 0$ , WE SAY  $a$  DIVIDES  $b$  IFF  $b = ak$  FOR SOME  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . NOTATION:  $a|b$ .

$n$  IS CALLED EVEN IF  $2|n$ , AND ODD OTHERWISE. THUS  $n$  IS EVEN IFF  $\exists k: n = 2k$  AND  $n$  IS ODD IFF  $\exists k: n = 2k + 1$ .

### DIRECT PROOF OF $P \rightarrow Q$

ASSUME  $P$  IS TRUE THEN USE VALID RULES OF INFERENCE AND PREVIOUSLY PROVED THEOREMS TO SHOW  $Q$  IS TRUE.

EX. IF  $n$  IS ODD THEN  $n^2$  IS ODD.

PROOF:

ASSUME  $n$  IS ODD. THEN  $n = 2k + 1$  FOR SOME INTEGER  $k$ . THUS  $n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$ . SINCE  $2k^2 + 2k$  IS ITSELF AN INTEGER, THIS SHOWS  $n^2$  IS ALSO ODD, AS CLAIMED.

INDIRECT PROOF OF  $P \rightarrow Q$ 

PROVE THE CONTRADICTORY STATEMENT  
 $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$ , USUALLY DIRECTLY.

EX. IF  $5n+4$  IS ODD THEN  $n$  IS ODD.

PROOF

ASSUME  $n$  IS EVEN. THEN  $n = 2k$  FOR SOME INTEGER  $k$ . THUS  $5n+4 = 5(2k)+4 = 2(5k+2)$ . SINCE  $5k+2$  IS ITSELF AN INTEGER, THIS SHOWS  $5n+4$  IS ALSO EVEN. WE'VE SHOWN THAT IF  $n$  IS EVEN THEN  $5n+4$  IS EVEN. HENCE IF  $5n+4$  IS ODD, THEN  $n$  MUST BE ODD.

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A REAL NUMBER  $x$  IS CALLED RATIONAL IF  $x = a/b$  WHERE  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b \neq 0$ .

A REAL NUMBER WHICH IS NOT RATIONAL IS CALLED IRRATIONAL

LET  $\mathbb{R}$  DENOTE THE SET OF REAL NUMBERS,  $\mathbb{Q}$  THE SET OF RATIONAL NUMBERS, AND  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$  THE SET OF IRRATIONAL NUMBERS.

PROOF BY CONTRADICTION OF P

PROVE THE IMPLICATION  $TP \rightarrow Q$  WHERE  $Q$  IS SOME CONTRADICTION. SINCE  $Q$  IS NECESSARILY FALSE, THE ONLY WAY  $TP \rightarrow Q$  COULD BE TRUE IS IF  $TP$  WERE FALSE, I.E.  $P$  IS TRUE. OFTEN THE CONTRADICTION  $Q$  IS OF THE FORM  $Q = \neg TP$  FOR SOME PROPOSITION  $P$ .

EX.  $\sqrt{2}$  IS IRRATIONAL.

PROOF:

ASSUME THAT  $\sqrt{2}$  IS RATIONAL. THEN THERE EXIST  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b \neq 0$  SUCH THAT

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

NOW IF  $a$  AND  $b$  HAVE ANY COMMON FACTORS WE MAY CANCEL THEM TOP AND BOTTOM. THUS WE MAY ASSUME  $a$  AND  $b$  HAVE NO FACTORS IN COMMON TO BEGIN WITH.

THUS  $2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$ ,  $a^2 = 2b^2$ , AND  $a^2$  IS EVEN. THIS IMPLIES  $a$  IS EVEN. (RECALL WE SHOWED  $n$  ODD  $\rightarrow n^2$  ODD WHICH PROVES INDIRECTLY THAT  $n^2$  EVEN  $\rightarrow n$  EVEN.)

Thus  $a = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  
 Hence  $2b^2 = a^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2$ ,  $b^2 = 2k^2$ .  
 Therefore  $b^2$  is even and so  $b$  is even.

Now we have that  $a$  and  $b$  have no  
 common factors, and yet they are  
 both even. This contradiction shows  
 that our original assumption was  
 false, i.e.  $\sqrt{2}$  must be irrational.

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READ: VACUOUS AND TRIVIAL PROOFS P. 64  
 • PROOF BY CASES P. 67

OFTEN WE WISH TO PROVE A PROPOSITION  
 OF THE FORM  $\exists x P(x)$  WHERE  
 $P(x)$  IS SOME PROPOSITIONAL FUNCTION.  
 THESE ARE CALLED EXISTENCE PROOFS.

CONSTRUCTIVE EXISTENCE PROOF.

FIND, CONSTRUCT, OR DISPLAY AN ELEMENT  
 $a$  IN THE UNIVERSE FOR WHICH  $P(a)$  IS TRUE.

NON-CONSTRUCTIVE EXISTENCE PROOF.

USUALLY PROCESSED BY CONTRADICTION.

EX. THERE EXIST IRRATIONAL NUMBERS  $x$  AND  $y$  SUCH THAT  $x^y$  IS RATIONAL

PROOF:

EITHER  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$  IS RATIONAL OR IT IS NOT.  
 IF IT IS WE ARE DONE FOR THEN  $x = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $y = \sqrt{2}$  ARE IRRATIONAL WHILE  $x^y$  IS RATIONAL.

IF  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$  IS IRRATIONAL TAKE  $x = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$  AND  $y = \sqrt{2}$ . AGAIN WE HAVE  $x, y$  IRRATIONAL WITH

$$x^y = \left(\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^2 = 2$$

WHICH IS RATIONAL. ///

NOTE WE NEVER PRODUCE A PAIR  $x, y$  WITH  $x, y$  IRRATIONAL AND  $x^y$  RATIONAL. THIS IS A NON-CONSTRUCTIVE EXISTENCE PROOF.

READ • MISTAKES IN PROOFS P. 71

(1.6) SETSDEFN

A SET is ANY (UNORDERED) COLLECTION OF OBJECTS. THE OBJECTS BELONGING TO A SET ARE CALLED ITS MEMBERS OR ELEMENTS

THIS INTUITIVELY OBVIOUS DEFINITION LEADS DIRECTLY TO A PARADOX. SEE PROBLEM 30, P. 86.

WRITE  $x \in S$  TO SAY  $x$  IS A MEMBER OF SET  $S$ .

WE CAN SPECIFY A SET BY LISTING ITS MEMBER BETWEEN BRACES  $\{ \dots \}$ :

$$\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}, \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

SOME IMPORTANT SETS:

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \quad \text{NATURAL NUMBERS}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\} \quad \text{INTEGERS}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \quad \text{POSITIVE INTEGERS.}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{\text{RATIONAL NUMBERS}\}$$

$$\mathbb{R} = \{\text{REAL NUMBERS}\}$$

$$\mathbb{C} = \{\text{COMPLEX NUMBERS}\}$$

TWO SETS ARE CONSIDERED EQUAL IF THEY CONTAIN THE SAME MEMBERS. ORDER AND REPETITION IN THE LISTING ARE IRRELEVANT.

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

WE CAN ALSO SPECIFY A SET USING SET BUILDER NOTATION. LET  $P(x)$  BE A PROPOSITIONAL FUNCTION WITH UNIVERSE  $U$ . THE SET OF ALL  $x \in U$  SUCH THAT  $P(x)$  IS TRUE IS DENOTED

$$\{x \in U \mid P(x)\}$$

OR

$$\{x \mid P(x)\}$$

IF THE UNIVERSE IS UNDERSTOOD.

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq 8\}$$

$$\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \leq 8\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n > 0\}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z} : b \neq 0 \wedge x = \frac{a}{b}\}$$



DEFN: THE EMPTY SET is THE SET WITH NO MEMBERS:  $\emptyset = \{ \}$ .

DEFN:

WE SAY  $A$  is a SUBSET OF  $B$  if EVERY ELEMENT OF  $A$  is ALSO AN ELEMENT OF  $B$ .

$$\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

NOTATION:  $A \subseteq B$

WE SAY  $A$  is a PROPER SUBSET OF  $B$  if  $A \subseteq B$  BUT  $A \neq B$ .

NOTATION:  $A \subsetneq B$

RMK:  $\subseteq$ ,  $\subsetneq$ , vs.  $\subset$

OBSERVE THAT FOR ANY SET  $S$ :

$\emptyset \subseteq S : \forall x (x \in \emptyset \rightarrow x \in S)$   $F \rightarrow P$  is TAUTOLOGY

AND  
 $S \subseteq S : \forall x (x \in S \rightarrow x \in S)$   $P \rightarrow P$  is TAUTOLOGY

RMK: 'CONTAINS'

EX.  $S = \{1, 2\}$

THE SUBSETS OF  $S$  ARE

$$\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, S$$

THE SET OF SUBSETS OF  $S$  IS

$$\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, S\}$$

DEFN:

THE SET OF ALL SUBSETS OF  $S$  IS CALLED THE POWER SET OF  $S$ , AND IS DENOTED  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ .

DEFN:

IF  $S$  HAS  $n$  DISTINCT MEMBERS ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) WE SAY  $S$  IS FINITE, AND THAT  $n$  IS THE CARDINALITY OF  $S$ .

NOTATION:  $|S| = n$

IF  $S$  IS NOT FINITE IT IS CALLED INFINITE.

EX.  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}^+, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  ARE INFINITE SETS.