

## Methods of proof:

① Defn

- \* An integer  $n$  is even iff there is an integer  $k$  such that  $n = 2k$ .
- \* An integer  $n$  is odd iff there is an integer  $k$  such that  $n = 2k + 1$ .
- \* An integer  $n$  is perfect square iff there is an integer  $k$  such that  $n = k^2$ .
- \* ~~positive integer~~ An integer  $k$  divides an integer  $n$  and we write  $k | n$  iff there is an integer  $t$  such that  $n = k \cdot t$ .  
 $k$  is also called a divisor of  $n$  or  $n$  is a multiple of  $k$ .
- \* A positive integer  $p$  is prime iff  $p > 1$  and the only positive divisors of  $p$  are  $1$  and  $p$ .  
if  $p$  is not prime then it is called Composite.

## Direct method of proof.

to prove  $P \rightarrow Q$  is true. we assume  $P$  and prove  $Q$ .

See the table.

$P$	$Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Example:- Show that if  $n$  is even integer then

Proof:-  $n^2$  is even  
 $P$  :  $n$  is even  
 $Q$  :  $n^2$  is even

So we need to prove  $P \rightarrow Q$ .

So suppose  $P$  is true that is suppose  $n$  is odd  
and we prove  $Q$  that is  $n^2$  is even.

So : Suppose  $n$  is even  $\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  ;  $n = 2k$   
 $\Rightarrow n^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 2(2k^2)$   
 $= 2k'$   
where  $k' = 2k^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Ex:- (th 1.6) text.

If  $n$  is an odd integer then  $n^2$  is odd.

Using Direct Method.

Suppose  $n$  is odd  $\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  ;  $n = 2k + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow n^2 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow n^2 = 2k' + 1$  where  $k' = 2k^2 + 2k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow n^2$  is odd.

## Contrapositive Method of proof.

Since  $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$

So to prove  $P \rightarrow Q$  we instead prove  $\sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$  using direct method.

That is we suppose  $\sim Q$  and prove  $\sim P$ .

Ex:- Show that if  $n^2$  is even then  $n$  is even

$P$ :  $n^2$  is even

$Q$ :  $n$  is even

Our problem is to prove  $P \rightarrow Q$

Using contrapositive method

So we assume  $n$  is not even (i.e.  $n$  is odd)

i.e.  $n = 2k+1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

and show  $n^2$  is odd.

Now suppose  $n$  is odd

$$\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } n = 2k+1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow n^2 &= (2k+1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1 \\ &= 2k' + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 \text{ is odd.}$$

## Contradiction Method of Prove.

To prove  $P \rightarrow Q$  using contradiction method  
We assume  $P$  and  $\sim Q$  and then reach  
a Contradiction see table

Example:- Show that

$\forall n$  is even then  $n^2$  is even.

P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
<del>T</del>	<del>F</del>	<del>F</del>
F	T	T
F	F	T

Proof: by contradiction

Suppose  $P \wedge \sim Q$  that is suppose

$n$  is even and  $n^2$  is not even (i.e. is odd)

$$\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } n = 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 2(2k^2) = 2k'$$

$\Rightarrow n^2$  is even which contradict  
our assumption  $n^2$  is not even.

Ex:- (Th 107 page 25)

Suppose  $m, b \in \mathbb{R}, m \neq 0$  and suppose  $f(x) = mx + b$

prove that if  $x \neq y$  then  $f(x) \neq f(y)$

Proof:- using Contrapositive

Suppose  $\neg q$  that's suppose  $f(x) = f(y)$

and we need to prove  $x = y$

$$\text{So } f(x) = f(y) \implies mx + b = my + b$$

$$\implies mx = my$$

$$\implies x = y \text{ (done),}$$

Using contradiction

Suppose  $x \neq y$  and  $f(x) = f(y)$

$$\implies x \neq y \text{ and } mx + b = my + b$$

$$\implies mx = my$$

$$\implies x = y \quad \times \text{ a contradiction}$$