



# Foundations of Computing I

## Pre-Lecture Problem

Prove:  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

There MUST be an application of the Direct Proof Rule to prove this implication.

Where do we start? We have no givens...

1.1  $p \wedge q$  Assumption

1.100  $p \vee q$

100.  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

⊙  
DPR

Done it!!!  
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## Example

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Given  $p \wedge q$ , prove  $p \vee q$

1.  $p \wedge q$  given

qq.  $p$   $\wedge$  Elim: 1

100.  $p \vee q$   $\vee$  Intro: qq

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Elim  $\wedge$ : 1.1

1.3.  $p \vee q$

Intro  $\vee$ : 1.2

1.  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$  Direct Proof Rule

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1.2  $q \rightarrow r$   $\wedge$  Elim: 1.1

1.100.1  $p$  Assumption

1.100.2  $p \rightarrow q$   $\wedge$  Elim: 1.1

1.100.100  $r$  ⊙

1.100  $p \rightarrow r$  DPR

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(1.2)  $p \rightarrow q$   $\wedge$  Elim: 1.1

(1.3)  $q \rightarrow r$   $\wedge$  Elim: 1.1

(1.4.1)  $p$  Assumption

(1.4.2)  $q$  MP: 1.2, 1.4.1

(1.4.3)  $r$  MP: 1.3, 1.4.2

(1.4)  $(p \rightarrow r)$  Direct Proof Rule

(1)  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$  Direct Proof Rule

$p$	$q$	$r$	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow r$	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F
T	F	T	F	T	F
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## One General Proof Strategy

1. Look at the rules for introducing connectives to see how you would build up the formula you want to prove from pieces of what is given
2. Use the rules for eliminating connectives to break down the given formulas so that you get the pieces you need to do 1.
3. Write the proof beginning with what you figured out for 2 followed by 1.

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## CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

### Lecture 8: More Proofs



### Aside: Why do we need proofs? (again!)

- $(0.5) + (0.2)(0.3) = (0.5 + 0.2)(0.5 + 0.3)$   
 $= (0.7)(0.8)$   
 $= 0.56$
- Solve for  $x$  in the inequality:  $|x| + |x-1| < 2$ .  
**Combining the terms of the left side**, we find that the inequality is equivalent to  $|2x - 1| < 2$ . So,  $-1/2 < x < 3/2$ .

### Inference rules for quantifiers

$\exists$ Introduction
$P(c)$ for some $c$
$\therefore \exists x P(x)$

$\forall$ Elimination
$\forall x P(x)$
$\therefore P(a)$ for any $a$

$\forall$ Introduction
"Let $a$ be arbitrary" ... $P(a)$
$\therefore \forall x P(x)$

Define  $a$   
 $\exists x P(x)$   
 $\exists x P(a)$

$\exists$ Elimination
$\exists x P(x)$
$\therefore P(c)$ for some special** $c$

\* in the domain of  $P$

\*\* By special, we mean that  $c$  is a name for a value where  $P(c)$  is true. We can't use anything else about that value, so  $c$  has to be a NEW variable!

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 $2 = 2 * 1$   
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 3.  $\exists a (\text{Even}(a))$   $\exists$  Intro: 2

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Okay, you might say, but now we have "definition of multiplication"! Isn't that cheating?

Well, sort of, but we're going to trust that basic arithmetic operations work the way we'd expect. There's a fine line, and you can always ask if you're allowed to assume something (though the answer will usually be no...).

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BTW, this justification isn't really good enough...

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6.4. $(a \leq 2 \wedge b \leq 2) \vee (a \leq 2 \wedge b > 2) \vee (b \leq 2 \wedge a > 2) \vee (a > 2 \wedge b > 2)$	Distributivity on 5
6.5. $a \leq 2 \wedge b \leq 2$	Combining 6.2, 6.3, 6.4
6.6. $a = 1 \wedge b = 2$	Simplifying 5 via 4 & 6.2 & 6.3
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Still skipping steps...

**Proofs using Quantifiers**

“There exists an even primeish number”

First, we translate into predicate logic:  
 $\exists x \text{ Even}(x) \wedge \text{Primeish}(x)$

We've already proven Even(2) and Primeish(2); so, we can use them as givens...

1. Even(2)	Prev. Slide
2. Primeish(2)	Prev. Slide
3. Even(2) $\wedge$ Primeish(2)	$\wedge$ Intro: 1, 2
4. $\exists x$ (Even(x) $\wedge$ Primeish(x))	$\exists$ Intro: 3

**Ugh...so much work**

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Even(x)  $\equiv \exists y (x = 2y)$   
Primeish(x)  $\equiv \forall a \forall b ((a < b \wedge ab = x) \rightarrow (a = 1 \wedge b = x))$

Note that  $2 = 2 \cdot 1$  by definition of multiplication. It follows that there is a  $y$  such that  $2 = 2y$ ; so, two is even. (by def.)

Consider two arbitrary non-negative integers  $a, b$ .  
Suppose  $a < b$  and  $ab = 2$ . Note that when  $b > 2$ , the product is always greater than 2. Furthermore,  $a < b$ . So, the only solution to the equation is  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$ . So,  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  were arbitrary, it follows that 2 is primeish.

Since 2 is even and primeish, there exists a number that is even and primeish.

This is the same proof, but infinitely easier to read and write....

**Even and Odd**

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**Formal proof of:  $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$**

<b>1.</b>	Let $a$ be arbitrary	<b>Defining a</b>
<b>2.1.</b>	Even( $a$ )	<b>Assumption</b>
<b>2.2.</b>	$\exists y (a = 2y)$	<b>Definition of Even by 2.1</b>
<b>2.3.</b>	$a = 2c$	$\exists$ Elim: 2.2
<b>2.4.</b>	$a^2 = 4c^2 = 2(2c^2)$	<b>Algebra</b> <i>(header!!!!)</i>
<b>2.5.</b>	$\exists y (a^2 = 2y)$	$\exists$ Intro: 2.4
<b>2.6.</b>	Even( $a^2$ )	<b>Definition of Even by 2.5</b>
<b>2.</b>	$\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$	<b>Direct Proof Rule</b>

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Let  $a$  be arbitrary. 1. Let  $a$  be arbitrary

Suppose  $a$  is even. 2.1. Even( $a$ )

Since  $a$  is even, there is a  $c$  s.t.  $a = 2c$ .  
Then  $a^2 = (2c)^2 = 4c^2 = 2(2c^2)$

		2.2. $\exists y (a = 2y)$
		2.3. $a = 2c$
		2.4. $a^2 = 4c^2 = 2(2c^2)$
		2.5. $\exists y (a^2 = 2y)$
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	2. $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$	

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Then,  $a = 2c$  for some  $c$ , by definition of even. 2.2.  $\exists y (a = 2y)$

Squaring both sides, we see  $a^2 = 4c^2 = 2(2c^2)$ . 2.3.  $a = 2c$

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Since  $a$  was arbitrary, we've shown the square of every even number is even. 2.5.  $\exists y (a^2 = 2y)$

2.6. Even( $a^2$ )

2.  $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

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Since this is English, we can combine lines like this as long as we use key words.

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Initialize variables. [Header/Intro of the proof] Let  $a$  be an arbitrary even number.

Explain why  $a^2$  is even. [Body of the proof] Then,  $a = 2c$  for some  $c$ , by definition of even.  
Squaring both sides, we see  $a^2 = 4c^2 = 2(2c^2)$ .

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Now, Prove "The square of every odd number is odd."

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Prove: "The square of every odd number is odd."

WIS:  $\forall x (\text{odd}(x) \rightarrow \text{odd}(x^2))$

Let  $a$  be an arb. odd num.  
 Suppose  $a$  is odd. Then, by def. of odd,  
 $a = 2q + 1$  for some  $q$ .  
 Note  $a^2 = (2q + 1)^2 =$

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Prove: "The square of every odd number is odd."

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary odd number.  
 Then,  $x = 2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$  (depending on  $x$ ).  
 Therefore,  $x^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$ .  
 Since  $2k^2 + 2k$  is an integer,  $x^2$  is odd.

"How can I USE a statement?"

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$\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \vee \text{Odd}(x))$   
 Choose a particular  $x$  we care about.

$\exists y (16 = 4y)$   
 Assert that one exists. \*We can't assert any other properties though!!!!\*

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"Since every integer is either even or odd, it follows that 5 is even or odd..."

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$(\exists y (16 = 4y)) \rightarrow (\exists y (16 = 2y))$   
 Suppose the left side and prove the right side.

$\forall x ((\exists y (x = 4y)) \rightarrow (\exists y (x = 2y)))$   
 Define an "arbitrary  $x$ " and prove it for that  $x$ .

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"Suppose  $16 = 4y$  for some  $y$ . Then, note that  $16 = 2(2y)$ . Thus, there is an  $x$  such that  $16 = 2x$  (namely,  $2y$ )."

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## Counterexamples

To *disprove*  $\forall x P(x)$  prove  $\neg \forall x P(x)$  :

- $\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$
- To prove the existential, find an  $x$  for which  $P(x)$  is **false**
- This example is called a **counterexample**.

## Counterexample...example

Disprove "Every non-negative integer has another number smaller than it."

$$\forall x \exists y (y < x)$$

Tell the reader that we're about to use a "counterexample".

We claim  $\forall x \exists y (y < x)$  is false. So, we show the negation,  $\exists x \forall y (y \geq x)$ , is true.

Use  $\exists$  Intro.

Use  $\forall$  Intro.

Prove the  $\forall$  statement.

Conclude the proof.

## Counterexample...example

Disprove "Every non-negative integer has another number smaller than it."

$$\forall x \exists y (y < x)$$

Tell the reader that we're about to use a "counterexample".

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Use  $\exists$  Intro.

Consider  $x = 0$ .

Use  $\forall$  Intro.

Let  $y$  be arbitrary.

Prove the  $\forall$  statement.

Since  $y$  is non-negative,  $y \geq 0$ . So, the claim is true.

Conclude the proof.

Thus, the original claim is false.