



Direct Proof

CSE 311: Foundations of
Computing I
Lecture 6

Announcements

- HW1 solutions at the front
- HW2 due Wednesday, 11:59 pm
- Thank you for your feedback!

Review: Predicate Logic

3 Parts

1. Predicate – Function that outputs true or false.

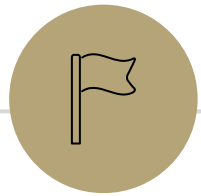
$\text{Prime}(x) := x \text{ is prime}$

2. Domain of Discourse – Set of possible inputs to a predicate.

E.g. Integers

3. Quantifiers – A statement about when a predicate is true

For all: \forall There exists: \exists



Theorems and Proofs



Theorems and Proofs

Definition:

A **theorem** is a statement that can be shown to be true.

A **proof** is a valid argument that establishes a
statement to be true.

Theorems and Proofs

Examples of theorems include...

- Given a right triangle with side lengths a, b and hypotenuse c ,
 $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ *Pythagorean Theorem*
- There are infinitely many prime numbers.
- There exists a problem that cannot be solved by a program.

↑
Halting problem

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there exists

for all



Integer

Definition:

An **integer** is a real number with no fractional part

E.g. $-17, 0, 32$

Odd and Even

$$\underbrace{20}_x = 2 \cdot \underbrace{10}_k$$

$$\underbrace{-8}_x = 2 \cdot \underbrace{(-4)}_k$$

Definitions:

An integer x is **even** iff there exists some integer k such that

$$x = 2k$$

$$\text{Even}(x) := \exists k (x = 2k)$$

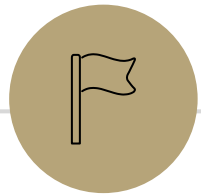
(domain integers)

An integer x is **odd** iff there exists some integer k such that

$$\text{Odd}(x) := \exists k (x = 2k + 1)$$

$$x = 2k + 1$$

$$\underbrace{-19}_x = 2 \cdot \underbrace{(-10)}_k + 1 \quad \underbrace{17}_x = 2 \cdot \underbrace{8}_k + 1$$



Proof Strategy: Direct Proof

Direct Proof

Direct proof is one strategy for proving statements of the form

$$\cdot \underline{\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))}.$$

$$\cdot \forall y \forall z ((P(y) \wedge Q(z)) \rightarrow R(y, z))$$

Our First Direct Proof

Prove: "For all integers x , if x is even, then x^2 is even."

What's the claim in logic? (domain: integers)

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

How would we prove this claim?

Scratchwork
Suppose x is even
 $x = 2k$ for int k
 $x^2 = 4k^2 = 2 \cdot \underline{(2k^2)}$
 x^2 is even

Our First Direct Proof

$$x = 10$$

$$x = 2 \cdot \underbrace{5}_k$$

$$x^2 = (2 \cdot 5)^2 = 4 \cdot 25 = 2 \cdot \underline{50}$$

Definitions

$$\text{Even}(x) := \exists k(x = 2k)$$

Prove: "For all integers x , if x is even, then x^2 is even." $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

Let x be an arbitrary integer. Suppose x is even.

Then by definition of even, $x = 2k$ for some integer k .

Squaring both sides, we can see that:

$$x^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 2 \cdot \underline{2k^2}$$

Since k is an integer, $2k^2$ is an integer. So x^2 is 2 times an integer. By definition of even, x^2 is even.

Since x was arbitrary, we can conclude that for all integers x , if x is even then x^2 is even. \square

Direct Proof Template

Declare an arbitrary variable for each \forall .

Assume the left side of the implication.

Unroll the predicate definitions.

Manipulate towards the goal.

Reroll definitions into the right side of the implication.

Conclude that you have proved the claim.

Prove: $\forall x \left(\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2) \right)$

Let x be an arbitrary integer.

Suppose that x is even.

Then by definition of even, there exists some integer k such that $x = 2k$.

Squaring both sides, we see that:

$$x^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 2 \cdot 2k^2$$

Because k is an integer, then $2k^2$ is also an integer. So x^2 is two times an integer.

So by definition of even, x^2 is even.

Since x was an arbitrary integer, we can conclude that for all integers x , if x is even then x^2 is even.

Direct Proof Template

- Declare an arbitrary variable for each \forall quantifier
- Assume the left side of the implication
- Unroll the predicate definitions
- Manipulate towards the goal (using creativity, algebra, etc.)
- Reroll definitions into the right side of the implication
- Conclude that you have proved the claim

Another Direct Proof

Prove: "The product of two odd integers is odd."

For all odd integers x and odd integers y , xy is odd

What's the claim in logic?

$$\forall x \forall y ((\text{odd}(x) \wedge \text{odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{odd}(xy))$$

How would we prove this claim?

- Let x & y be arbitrary integers.
- Assume x & y are odd
- Show xy is odd

Another Direct Proof

$$x = 17 = 2 \cdot \underline{8} + 1$$

$$y = 5 = 2 \cdot \underline{2} + 1$$

Definitions

$$\text{Odd}(x) := \exists k(x = 2k + 1)$$

Prove: "The product of two odd integers is odd."

$$\forall x \forall y \left((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Odd}(xy) \right)$$

Let x and y be arbitrary integers. Suppose that x and y are odd. So by def. of odd, $x = 2k + 1$ for some integer k . By def of odd, $y = 2j + 1$ for some integer j .

Then multiplying x and y we can see that:

$$xy = (2k+1)(2j+1) = 4kj + 2k + 2j + 1 = 2(2kj + k + j) + 1$$

Since k and j are integers, $2kj + k + j$ is an integer. Thus xy is 2 times an integer plus 1. So by def. of odd, xy is odd. Since x and y were arbitrary, we have shown that the product of...

A note on Domain of Discourse

"The product of two odd integers is odd."

Domain: Integers

Translation:

$\forall x \forall y ((\text{odd}(x) \wedge \text{odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{odd}(xy))$

Proof Outline:

- let x, y be arb. integers
- Assume x & y are odd
- show xy is odd.

Domain: Odd Integers

Translation:

$\forall x \forall y (\text{Odd}(xy))$

Proof Outline: ★

- Let x and y be arbitrary odd integers
- show xy is odd.

A note on Translation to Logic

- We first translate the claim to predicate logic because:
 - The translation makes it precise what we are proving
 - The translation hints at the structure of the proof
e.g. for each \forall , introduce an arbitrary variable
- In practice, computer scientists identify the proof claim and structure without predicate logic translation
- Eventually we'll stop asking you to translate to logic first

$$36 = 6^2$$

Square

Definition:

An integer x is **square** iff there exists an integer k such that
 $x = k^2$.

$$\text{Square}(x) := \exists k (x = k^2)$$

Yet Another Direct Proof

Definitions

$$\text{Square}(x) := \exists k (x = k^2)$$

Prove: The product of two square integers is square.

$$4 \cdot 9 = 36$$

What's the claim in logic?

$$\forall x \forall y ((\text{square}(x) \wedge \text{square}(y)) \rightarrow \text{square}(xy))$$

Prove this claim.

Yet Another Direct Proof

Definitions

$$\text{Square}(x) := \exists k (x = k^2)$$

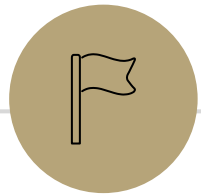
Prove: "The product of two square integers is square."

$$\underline{\forall n \forall m \left((\text{Square}(n) \wedge \text{Square}(m)) \rightarrow \text{Square}(nm) \right)}$$

Let n and m be arbitrary integers. Suppose that n and m are square. By definition of square, $n = a^2$ for some integer a and $m = b^2$ for some integer b . Then multiplying n and m , we can see:

$$nm = a^2 \cdot b^2 = (ab)^2$$

Since a and b are integers, ab is an integer. So by def of square, nm is square. Since n, m were arbitrary, we have shown that the product of two square integers is square.



Proof Strategy: Contrapositive

A Direct Proof?

Definitions

$$\text{Odd}(x) := \exists k(x = 2k + 1)$$

Prove: For an integer x , if $3x + 2$ is odd, then x is odd.

What's the claim in logic?

Prove this claim.

Proof by Contrapositive

Proof by contrapositive is another strategy for proving statements of the form _____.

The strategy is to _____.

Proof by Contrapositive

Definitions

$$\text{Odd}(x) := \exists k(x = 2k + 1)$$

Prove: For an integer x , if $3x + 2$ is odd, then x is odd.

Another Proof by Contrapositive

Definitions

$\text{Even}(x) := \exists k(x = 2k)$

Prove by Contrapositive: For an integer n , if n^3 is even, then n is even.