



# 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.

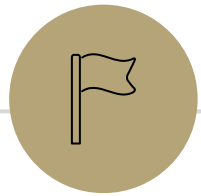
$\text{Prime}(x) := x \text{ is prime}$

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

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Definition:

A **theorem** is \_\_\_\_\_.

A **proof** is \_\_\_\_\_.

# Theorems and Proofs

Examples of theorems include...

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

# Integer

Definition:

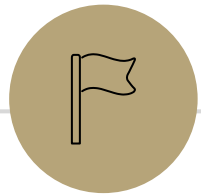
An **integer** is \_\_\_\_\_.

# Odd and Even

Definitions:

An integer  $x$  is **even** iff \_\_\_\_\_.

An integer  $x$  is **odd** iff \_\_\_\_\_.



## **Proof Strategy: Direct Proof**

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# Direct Proof

Direct proof is one strategy for proving statements of the form

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# Our First Direct Proof

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

What's the claim in logic?

How would we prove this claim?

# Our First Direct Proof

## Definitions

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

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

# 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."

What's the claim in logic?

How would we prove this claim?

# Another Direct Proof

## Definitions

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

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

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

# A note on Domain of Discourse

"The product of two odd integers is odd."

Domain: Integers

Translation:

Proof Outline:

Domain: Odd Integers

Translation:

Proof Outline:

# 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

# Square

Definition:

An integer  $x$  is **square** iff \_\_\_\_\_

# Yet Another Direct Proof

## Definitions

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

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

What's the claim in logic?

Prove this claim.

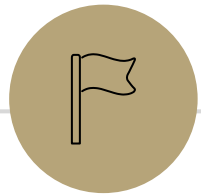
# Yet Another Direct Proof

## Definitions

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

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

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



## **Proof Strategy: Contrapositive**

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# 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.