

Lecture 1001

Proofs :

In general, given a "statement", we want to establish whether it's true or false. A statement that is either true or false is called "PROPOSITION"

Examples: • For every non-negative integer n , n^2+n+41 is prime

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. n^2+n+41 \text{ is prime}$$

• There exists an integer greater than zero that is not the product of primes.

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}. \neg(n \text{ is a product of primes})$$

Note: a product can also be empty or consist of just one number

- For every number x , if $x \geq 2$, then $x^2 \geq 4$.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}. \ x \geq 2 \Rightarrow x^2 \geq 4.$$

- If $a.b$ is irrational, then a is irrational or b is irrational
 $ab \notin \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow (a \notin \mathbb{Q} \vee b \notin \mathbb{Q})$

While all the above are propositions, each consists of smaller propositions combined in some operators.

$P \Rightarrow Q$: If P is true, then Q is true (implication)

$P \vee Q$: P or Q

$P \wedge Q$: P and Q

$\neg P$: Not P

} Boolean Ops

$\forall x. P(x)$: Universal quantifier (true if $P(x)$ true for all x)

$\exists x. P(x)$: Existential quantifier (true if $P(x)$ true for some x)

Let's explore $n^2 + n + 41$.

$$n=0 : 0+0+41 = 41 \text{ prime}$$

$$n=1 : 1+1+41 = 43 \text{ prime}$$

$$n=2 : 4+2+41 = 47 \text{ prime}$$

$$n=3 : 9+3+41 = 53 \text{ prime}$$

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$$n=39 : 39^2 + 39 + 41 = 1601 \text{ prime}$$

$$\underline{n=40 : 40^2 + 40 + 41 = 1681} \quad (41 \times 41) \quad \text{X} \quad (\text{Counter example})$$

disproves the claim

No proof by examples !!!

Let's define the operators \neg , \wedge , \vee , \Rightarrow

Assume P and Q are propositions

True $\equiv 1$

False $\equiv 0$

P	$\neg P$
0	1
1	0

Not

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

And

P	Q	$P \vee Q$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Or

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

Implies

In particular $P \Rightarrow Q$ may be not so intuitive.

$P \Rightarrow Q$ means " whenever P is true , Q is also true "

The only row that violates this condition is the third row.

Remember: $P \Rightarrow Q$ is itself a proposition (can be either true or false)

In English we often say "P implies Q". What we usually mean is $(P \Rightarrow Q)$ is true .

Why $0 \Rightarrow 0$ is True ?

and $0 \Rightarrow 1$ is True ?

Consider: $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}. (x > 5) \Rightarrow (x^2 > 16)$ ✓

This statement is true because $(x > 5) \Rightarrow (x^2 > 16)$
is true for every x .

✓ $x = 4: 0 \Rightarrow 0$

Can't find a value for

✓ $x = 5: 0 \Rightarrow 1$

x that will produce

✓ $x = 6: 1 \Rightarrow 1$

$1 \Rightarrow 0$.

⋮

Important observation:

When $(P \Rightarrow Q)$ is true, this does not tell us much about the truth value of P or that of Q .

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

Both P and Q can be
either 0 or 1

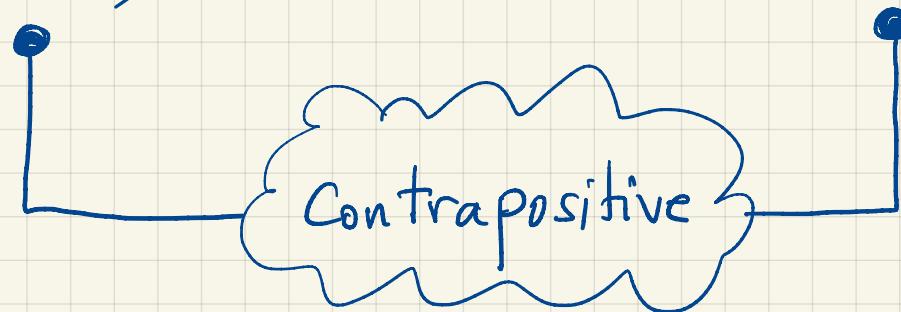
(We could be in any of the 3 rows)

Other ways of Saying $P \Rightarrow Q$

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$\neg P \vee Q$	$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$	$P \wedge \neg Q$
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0

We are using a truth table to show

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) = (\neg P \vee Q) = (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P)$$



$$\neg(P \Rightarrow Q) = P \wedge \neg Q$$

Boolean function

$$f: \{0,1\}^n \longrightarrow \{0,1\} \quad (\{0,1\}^n = \underbrace{\{0,1\} \times \{0,1\} \times \dots \times \{0,1\}}_{n \text{ times}})$$

Example: $f: \{0,1\} \times \{0,1\} \times \{0,1\} \longrightarrow \{0,1\}$

is a function of 3 Boolean variables.

x	y	z		$f(x,y,z)$
0	0	0		0
0	0	1		1
0	1	0		1
0	1	1		0
1	0	0		1
1	0	1		0
1	1	0		0
1	1	1		1

What's the logic? What is f really saying?

Any Boolean function can be constructed using $\{\neg, \wedge, \vee\}$ operators.

We say $\{\neg, \wedge, \vee\}$ is UNIVERSAL.

$$f(x,y,z) = (\neg x \wedge \neg y \wedge z) \vee (\neg x \wedge y \wedge \neg z) \vee (x \wedge \neg y \wedge \neg z) \vee (x \wedge y \wedge z)$$

Worksheet :

x	y	z	$f(x, y, z)$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

$$\frac{0 \quad 0 \quad 1}{\neg x \wedge \neg y \wedge z}$$

$$\frac{0 \quad 1 \quad 0}{\neg x \wedge y \wedge \neg z}$$

$$\frac{1 \quad 0 \quad 0}{x \wedge \neg y \wedge \neg z}$$

$$\frac{1 \quad 1 \quad 1}{x \wedge y \wedge z}$$

$$(\neg x \wedge \neg y \wedge z) \vee (\neg x \wedge y \wedge \neg z) \vee \dots \vee (x \wedge y \wedge z)$$

Other facts :

$\{\neg, \wedge\}$ is universal

$\{\neg, \vee\}$ is universal

Why? DeMorgan's Law

$$\neg(A \wedge B) = \neg A \vee \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

so

$$A \wedge B = \neg(\neg A \vee \neg B)$$

$$A \vee B = \neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B)$$

Replace \wedge by \neg and \vee

Replace \vee by \neg and \wedge

How do we prove DeMorgan's Law?

Truth table!

Example of contrapositive:

$$P : a \cdot b \notin \mathbb{Q}$$

$$Q : a \notin \mathbb{Q} \vee b \notin \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\neg P : a \cdot b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\neg Q : a \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge b \in \mathbb{Q} \quad (\text{De Morgan's Law})$$

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P)$$

$$a \cdot b \notin \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow (a \notin \mathbb{Q} \vee b \notin \mathbb{Q})$$

Equivalent
to

$$(a \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge b \in \mathbb{Q}) \Rightarrow a \cdot b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Commutativity :

$$A \wedge B = B \wedge A$$

$$A \vee B = B \vee A$$

All can be
verified by
truth tables.

Associativity :

$$A \wedge (B \wedge C) = (A \wedge B) \wedge C = A \wedge B \wedge C$$

$$A \vee (B \vee C) = (A \vee B) \vee C = A \vee B \vee C$$

Distributivity :

$$A \wedge (B \vee C) = (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$$

$$A \vee (B \wedge C) = (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$$