

Mathematical proof

Firstly:-

proof of sentence $P \rightarrow Q$ (i.e. if P then Q) then there exists two methods

A- Conditional proof:-

To the statement $P \rightarrow Q$ follow the following:-

i- suppose that P is true

ii- By using P , theorems and hypothesis we get Q

Ex:-

If a is an even number then a^2 is an even number.

proof:-

The statement of kind $P \rightarrow Q$

P : a is an even number, Q : a^2 is an even number

$$a = 2K, K \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a^2 = (2K)^2$$

$$a^2 = 4K^2$$

$$a^2 = 2(2K^2)$$

$$a^2 = 2t, t = 2K^2, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

a^2 is even number

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Contra positive method

To proof the statement of kind $P \rightarrow Q$ using contra positive method using logical equivalence $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$

Ex:-

If a^2 is an even number then a be an even number.

Sol:-

P : a^2 is even number, Q : a is even number

$\sim P$: a^2 is odd number, $\sim Q$: a is odd number

$$a = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a^2 = (2k + 1)^2, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a^2 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a^2 = 2t + 1, t = 2k^2 + 2k, k, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

a^2 is an odd number

Secondly:-

To proof statement of kind $P \leftrightarrow Q$

(i.e.; proof sentence of kind P if and only if Q)

To proof sentence of $P \leftrightarrow Q$ using logical equivalence

$$P \leftrightarrow Q \equiv (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$$

Ex:-

Prove that a is odd number iff $a+1$ is even number

Sol:-

P : a is odd number, Q : $a+1$ is even number

The statement of kind $P \leftrightarrow Q$

$$P \leftrightarrow Q \equiv (P \rightarrow Q \wedge Q \rightarrow P)$$

Firstly, using to prove $P \rightarrow Q$ conditional proof

$$a = 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a+1 = (2k+1)+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a+1 = 2k+2, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a+1 = 2(k+1), k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a+1 = 2t, t = k+1, t, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$a+1$ is even number

Secondly: using Contra positive

P : a is odd, Q : $a+1$ is even number

$\sim P$: a is even number, $\sim Q$: $a+1$ is odd number

$$a = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a+1 = 2k+1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$a+1$ is odd number

So, $\sim P \rightarrow \sim Q$ is true

$$\text{Since } \sim P \rightarrow \sim Q \equiv Q \rightarrow P$$

$$\text{So that, } P \leftrightarrow Q \equiv (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$$

Thirdly:

To prove sentence of kind $P \vee Q \rightarrow R$
proof that $P \rightarrow R$ and $Q \rightarrow R$ true

Ex:-

let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, if a or b is an even number then $a \cdot b$ is an even number

Sol:-

P : a is even number $a \cdot b$ is even number, R : $a \cdot b$ is even number

the statement of kind $P \vee Q \rightarrow R$

To prove that $P \rightarrow R$ and $Q \rightarrow R$

To prove $P \rightarrow R$ using conditional proof

$$a = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a \cdot b = 2k \cdot b = 2 \cdot t, t = k \cdot b, k, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$a \cdot b$ is even number

To prove $Q \rightarrow R$ is true

$$b = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$b \cdot a = 2k \cdot a = 2t, t = k \cdot a, t, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$b \cdot a$ is even number

$$P \vee Q \rightarrow R$$

Fourthly :-

The proof by Contradiction method

To prove the statement is true then using some logical Basic concepts

Ex:-

If x is an even number and $x \neq 0$ then $x^2 \neq 0$

Proof:-

P: x is real number and $x \neq 0$

Q: $x^2 \neq 0$

To prove $P \rightarrow Q$ using Contradiction method

Suppose that P and $\sim Q$ is true (i.e. x is real number and $x^2 = 0$)

Since $x^2 = 0$ then $x \cdot x = 0$

either $x = 0$ or $x = 0$ but $x \neq 0$ C!

(since if x is real number and $x \neq 0$ then $x^2 \neq 0$ is true)

Fifthly :-

To prove statement of kind $\forall x \in A, P(x)$

suppose that x is an element of the set A and $P(x)$ is true

Ex:-

let \mathbb{Z}^+ be set positive integer number and $P(x) = 2x + 1 \geq 1$

prove that $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ then $P(x)$ is true

Sol:-

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

let $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$x \geq 0 \quad (x \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$2x \geq 0 \quad (+1)$$

$$2x+1 \geq 1$$

$p(x)$ is true so that $p(x) = 2x+1 \geq 1$ is true

Sixthly:-

Proof statement of kind $\exists x \in A, p(x)$

Ex:-

let N be the set of real number. prove that $\exists x \in N$ s.t

$$2x+1 \leq 3$$

Proof:-

$$\exists 1 \in N \ni (2)(1)+1 = 3 \leq 3$$