

To prove If P, then Q

- Direct proof: Assume P, and work to prove Q.
- Proof by contrapositive: Prove If NOT Q, then NOT P.

E.g. If $\frac{n^2 \text{ is even}}{P}$, then $\frac{n \text{ is even}}{Q}$.

is equivalent to

If $\frac{n \text{ is odd}}{\text{NOT } Q}$, then $\frac{n^2 \text{ is odd}}{\text{NOT } P}$.

- Proof by contradiction: Assume P is true and Q is false.
Use these to derive a contradiction, i.e. a statement that can't be true.
Therefore P implies Q.

In Macy's proof, if $\frac{r \text{ is the smallest element of the set } S}{P}$, then $\frac{0 \leq r \leq n-1}{Q}$.

Suppose $r \geq n$ there is an element of S which is smaller than r. Contradiction.

Well-Ordering is the reason that induction works:

Then: A statement $P(k)$ is true for all natural numbers k.

① Prove the base case: $P(1)$

② Prove the inductive step: If $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ is true.

Claim: If you do ① and ②, then $P(k)$ is true for all natural numbers.

Proof: Suppose not. Let

$$S = \{k \mid P(k) \text{ is false}\}.$$

If this set is not empty, then Well-Ordering implies it has a smallest element. Call it l .

Then $l \neq 1$. ①

So $l-1$ is a natural number which is smaller than l , so $l-1$ is not in S .

Thus, $P(l-1)$ is true. So $P(l)$ is true.

②

Contradiction.

So S is empty. ◻

• All HW from last week returned later today.

• Exam 1 - Wednesday, 11-11:50 AM

- Exam available on Canvas at 11 AM

- ~ 40 min exam

- submit to Canvas, like a HW assignment
or my email

- Covers divisibility + congruence mod n
(no division alg.)

and basic proof writing + logic

- I will be in our usual class Zoom mtg
to answer questions. You don't need to join
except to ask questions.

$$m = 25, \quad n = 7 \quad \rightarrow \quad q = 3, \quad r = 4$$

$$25 = 7 \cdot \underbrace{3}_q + \underbrace{4}_r$$

$$0 \leq r < 6$$

Idea: q is the largest # so that $nq \leq m$
but $n(q+1) > m$

Well-Ordering: If S is non-empty set of nat. #s, then it has a smallest element.
positive integers

$$\begin{array}{l} nq \leq m \\ n(q+1) > m \end{array} \iff \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq m - nq \\ 0 < m - n(q+1) \end{array}$$

$$S = \left\{ m - n \cdot k \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{where } k \text{ is an integer} \\ \text{and } m - n \cdot k \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Ex: $m=25, n=7$

$$\{25 - n \cdot 7\} = \{\dots, 32, 25, 18, 11, \textcircled{4}\}$$

First: S not empty (m is in S)

Second: Well-Ordering \rightarrow it has a smallest elt.
Call it r .

Now, prove $\bullet m - n \cdot q = r$

$\bullet 0 \leq r \leq n-1$ (use r is smallest)

Another approach:

$$S = \{ \text{nat. numbers } k \mid nk > m - n \}$$

Ex: $n=7, m=25$

$$S = \{ k \mid 7 \cdot k > 18 \}$$

$$= \{ 3, 4, 5, \dots \}$$

Well-ordering: S has a smallest elt.
Call it q