

# Announcements

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1. Office hours <sup>Thursday</sup> moved to 12-1:30.
2. Away Friday - Tuesday. Office hours covered by Shane Bauman (M: 9:30-10:30 & Tu 2-3:30).
3. A3 posted. Make sure by Thursday you have the link!
4. Clicker Thursday!

Prove that if  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $x^3 + 7x^2 < 9$ , then  $x < 1.1$ .

Pf: We prove the contrapositive.

Suppose  $x \geq 1.1 \geq 1$ . Then since  $x > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3 + 7x^2 &\geq (1.1)^3 + 7(1.1)^2 && \text{PASCAL'S } \Delta. \\
 &= \left(\frac{11}{10}\right)^3 + 7\left(\frac{11}{10}\right)^2 && \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 12 \\ 133 \\ 1 \end{array} \\
 &= \frac{1331}{1000} + 7\left(\frac{121}{100}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1331}{1000} + \frac{8470}{1000} \\
 &= \frac{9801}{1000} \geq 9. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

# Types of Implications.

Let  $A, B, C$  be statements.

1.  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$  (Seen: DIC. Trans. BBD)

2.  $A \Rightarrow B \wedge C$

Ex: Let  $S, T, U$  be sets. If  $(S \cup T) \subseteq U$  then  $S \subseteq U$  and  $T \subseteq U$ .

Pf: Suppose  $S \cup T \subseteq U$ . If  $x \in S$ , then  $x \in S \cup T \subseteq U$  so  $x \in U$ . Thus  $S \subseteq U$ .

By symmetry (similarly)  $T \subseteq U$ .  $\square$

3.  $A \vee B \Rightarrow C$

Ex: \*  $x=1 \vee y=2 \Rightarrow x^2y + y - 2x^2 + 4x - 2xy = 2$ .

Pf: If  $x=1$ , then LHS =  $y + y - 2 + 4 - 2y = 2 = \text{RHS}$ .

If  $y=2$ , then LHS =  $2x^2 + 2 - 2x^2 + 4x - 4x = 2 = \text{RHS}$ .

4.  $A \Rightarrow B \vee C$ . (Elimination).

Ex: If  $x^2 - 7x + 12 \geq 0$  then  $x \leq 3 \vee x \geq 4$

Pf: Suppose  $x^2 - 7x + 12 \geq 0$  and  $x > 3$ .

Then,  $0 \leq x^2 - 7x + 12 = \underbrace{(x-3)}_+ \cdot \underbrace{(x-4)}_{\therefore \geq 0}$ .

$\therefore x-4 \geq 0$  hence  $x \geq 4$ .  $\square$

How many years has it been since the Toronto Maple Leafs have won the Stanley Cup?

- A) ~~-3~~
- B) 48.
- C) ~~1000000~~
- D) ~~1500~~

Proof By Contradiction.

Let  $S$  be a statement. Then  $S \wedge \neg S$  is false.

Ex: There is no largest integer.

Pf: Assume towards a contradiction that  $M_0$  is the largest integer.

Then since  $M_0 < M_0 + 1$  and  $M_0 + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have contradicted the def'n of  $M_0$ .  
Thus, no largest integer exists.  $\square$

Well Ordering Principle: (Axiom)

Every subset of the natural numbers that is nonempty contains a least element.

**Example:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n^2$  is even. Show that  $n$  is even.

**Direct Proof:** As  $n^2$  is even, there exists a  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$n \cdot n = n^2 = 2k.$$

Since the product of two integers is even if and only if at least one of the integers is even, we conclude that  $n$  is even.

**Proof By Contradiction:** Suppose that  $n^2$  is even. Assume towards a contradiction that  $n$  is odd. Then there exists a  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n = 2k + 1$ . Now,

$$n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1.$$

Hence,  $n^2$  is odd, a contradiction since we assumed in the statement that  $n^2$  is even. Thus  $n$  is even.

**Example:** Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

**Proof:** Assume towards a contradiction that  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $a, b \neq 0$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  (Think: Why is it okay to use  $\mathbb{N}$  instead of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?).

**Proof 1 (Well Ordering Principle):** Let

$$S = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Since  $b \in S$ , we have that  $S$  is nonempty. By the Well Ordering Principle, there must be a least element of  $S$ , say  $k$ . Now, notice that

$$k(\sqrt{2} - 1) = k\sqrt{2} - k \in \mathbb{N}$$

(positive since  $\sqrt{2} > \sqrt{1} = 1$ ). Further,

$$k(\sqrt{2} - 1)\sqrt{2} = 2k - k\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{N}$$

and so  $k(\sqrt{2} - 1) \in S$ . However,  $k(\sqrt{2} - 1) < k$  which contradicts the definition of  $k$ . Thus,  $\sqrt{2}$  is not rational.

**Proof 2 (Infinite Descent):** Isolating from  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ , we see that  $2b^2 = a^2$ . Thus  $a^2$  is even hence  $a$  is even. Write  $a = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ . Then  $2b^2 = a^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2$ . Hence  $b^2 = 2k^2$  and so  $b$  is even. Write  $b = 2\ell$  for some integer  $\ell$ . Then repeating the same argument shows that  $k$  is even. So  $a = 2k = 4m$  for some integer  $m$ . Since we can repeat this argument indefinitely and no integer has infinitely many factors of 2, we will (eventually) reach a contradiction. Thus,  $\sqrt{2}$  is not rational.

**Proof 3 (Simplified proof 2):** Assume further that  $a$  and  $b$  share no common factor (otherwise simplify the fraction first). Then  $2b^2 = a^2$ . Hence  $a$  is even. Write  $a = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ . Then  $2b^2 = a^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2$  and canceling a 2 shows that  $b^2 = 2k^2$ . Thus  $b^2$  is even and hence  $b$  is even. However, then  $a$  and  $b$  share a common factor, a contradiction.