

Announcements: Homework #1

- Due Friday at 3PM outside Math 113  
in the box labeled "Section 204"
- If you used LaTeX, you can email  
to me, but do so by 2PM [ksankar@math.](mailto:ksankar@math)

Last time: Truth tables

Ex:

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T ← Ex. n=6
T	F	F
F	T	T ← Ex. n=4
F	F	T ← Ex. n=5

If  $n$  is a  
multiple of 6  
then  $n$  is even

Note:  $\underline{\neg P} \vee Q$  is equivalent to  $(P \Rightarrow Q)$

$\neg P$  is  
false  
 $Q$  is  
true.

Exercise/Note:  $Q \Rightarrow P$  (converse)  $\equiv \neg Q \vee P$

of  $P \Rightarrow Q$

Try these  
truth tables!  $\neg P \Rightarrow \neg Q \equiv (\neg \neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$

Contrapositive  $[\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P \equiv (\neg \neg Q) \vee (\neg P) \equiv (P \Rightarrow Q)]$

$Q \vee \neg P$

Proofs: Most statements can be written as

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

Ex: "The square of an odd integer is odd."

$\Leftrightarrow$  "If n is an odd integer, then  $n^2$  is odd."

$\equiv$  "Let n be an integer. If n is odd then  $n^2$  is odd"

Ex: " $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational"

$\equiv$  "If x is a rational number, then  $x^2 \neq 2$ ."

Definitions: It's useful to give precise definitions  
for concepts. Ex: "odd" "irrational"  
"prime"

Def: An integer n is "odd" if there is  
some integer a s.t.  $n = 2a + 1$   
such that

Def: even  $n = 2a$ .

### (Direct Proof)

Proposition: Let  $n$  be an integer.

If  $n$  is odd, then  $3n+5$  is even.

Proof:  $n$  is odd. Therefore there is some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n = 2a+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } 3n+5 &= 3(2a+1) + 5 \\ &= 6a+3+5 = 6a+8 = 2(3a+4) \end{aligned}$$

Because  $3a+4$  is an integer,  $2(3a+4)$  is even  
Therefore  $3n+5$  is even.  $\blacksquare$

Exercise: If  $n$  is odd then  $n^2 - 5n + 2$  is even.

Exercise: If  $n$  is even then  $n^2 - 5n + 2$  is even.

Q: How to prove "For any integer  $n$ ,  
 $n^2 - 5n + 2$  is even."

(Proof by cases)

Next time)

Proposition: If  $n$  is odd then  $n^2 - 5n + 2$  is even

Pf:  $n$  is odd. Therefore there is some  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $n = 2a + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 - 5n + 2 &= (2a+1)^2 - 5(2a+1) + 2 \\ &= 4a^2 + 4a + 1 - (10a + 5) + 2 \\ &= 4a^2 - 6a - 2 \\ &= 2(2a^2 - 3a - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2a^2 - 3a - 1$  is an integer,  $2(2a^2 - 3a - 1)$  is even.  
Therefore,  $n^2 - 5n + 2$  is even. ■

Proposition: If  $n$  is even then  $n^2 - 5n + 2$  is even

Pf:  $n$  is even. Therefore there is some  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $n = 2b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 - 5n + 2 &= (2b)^2 - 5(2b) + 2 \\ &= 4b^2 - 10b + 2 \\ &= 2(2b^2 - 5b + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2b^2 - 5b + 1$  is an integer,  $2(2b^2 - 5b + 1)$  is even  
Therefore,  $n^2 - 5n + 2$  is even. ■