

1. Review

$$(a) \sim (\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n^2 - n \geq 1) = \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n^2 - n < 1$$

$$(b) \sim (\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n^2 - n > 10) = \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n^2 - n \leq 10$$

2. From the previous sheet:

d. There are squares with integer values for the sides and the diagonals.

$$\exists \text{ squares with side } s \text{ and diagonal } d, (s \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge d \in \mathbb{Z})$$

We concluded it was false. What do we need to show?

$\forall \text{ square, } s \notin \mathbb{Z} \vee d \notin \mathbb{Z}.$

Argument: We know  $2s^2 = d^2$ . If  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $d = \sqrt{2s^2} = \sqrt{2}s \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $s = \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{2}} = \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

e. Every integer that is not positive must be negative.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sim (n > 0) \Rightarrow (n < 0)$$

We concluded it was false. What do we need to show?

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \sim (n > 0) \wedge \sim (n < 0) \equiv \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \leq 0 \wedge n > 0.$$

Argument. Pick  $n=0$ . ...

g. For every quadratic polynomial  $p(x)$ , there is some real number  $a$ , where  $a$  is a root of  $p(x)$ .

$$\forall p(x) \in \mathbb{P}_2(x), \exists a \in \mathbb{R}, p(a) = 0, \quad \text{where } \mathbb{P}_2(x) \text{ is the set of degree 2 polynomials}$$

We concluded it was false. What do we need to show?

$$\exists p(x), \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, p(a) \neq 0.$$

Argument. Pick  $p(x) = x^2 + 1$ . Since  $\sqrt{-1} \notin \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p(x)$  has no roots.

3. Logical Inference:

- How to know a collection of true statements implies another statement, or Not!

- Focus on logical structure of an argument: valid or not valid.

Ex:  $\begin{array}{l} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ \vdots \\ P_n \\ \hline P_{n+1} \end{array}$  This is a valid argument if

$$(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \Rightarrow P_{n+1} \quad \text{for all possible input truth values.}$$

- The argument is invalid if there are any truth values for which all hypotheses are true and conclusion is false.

• all possible truth values of input

• Check truth values of all hypotheses

4. Modus Ponens

$$\begin{array}{l} P \Rightarrow Q \\ P \\ \hline \therefore Q \end{array}$$

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	P	Q
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	F

Ex] If  $f(x)$  is a polynomial, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$ . Since  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  is a polynomial, we can conclude that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin x = \infty$ .

Only consider rows where both hypotheses are true

[A logically valid argument... It's the hypotheses that are the baddies.]

For these rows, check that the conclusion is true. Thus, it's valid. ✓

5. The most common fallacy (invalid argument):

$$\begin{array}{l} P \Rightarrow Q \\ Q \\ \hline \therefore P \end{array}$$

- Need to find truth values for P and Q such that
  - ①  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is true and
  - ② Q is true but
  - ③ P is not true
- Ans:  $Q=T, P=F$ . Then  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is  $F \Rightarrow T$  which is true.

Most common Version:

NTS  $A=B$ .

"Proof"  $A=B \Rightarrow C=D \Rightarrow E=F \Rightarrow 1=1$  ✓

So  $A=B$ .

one more  
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You can see that this is not valid by making an argument for which all the hypotheses are true but the conclusion is incorrect.

[ If  $f(x)$  is differentiable, then  $f(x)$  is continuous.  
Since  $f(x) = |x|$  is continuous, we can conclude  $f(x) = |x|$  is differentiable.

Observe: Complete sentences with correct grammar.  
No sentence begins with a symbol.

6. For each argument below, (a) determine whether it is valid or invalid, (b) write an argument in English that models the logical structure of the argument.

$$(a) \frac{P \Rightarrow Q}{\sim P \quad \sim Q}$$

INVALID

Choose  $P=F, Q=T$

Then  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is  $F \Rightarrow T$  which is true and  $\sim P$  is true. So both hypotheses are true. But  $\sim Q$  is false.

Argument: If  $f(x)$  is differentiable, then  $f(x)$  is continuous.  
Since  $f(x)=|x|$  is not differentiable everywhere,  
we can conclude  $f(x)=|x|$  is not continuous.

$$(b) \frac{P \Rightarrow Q}{\sim Q \quad \sim P}$$

VALID

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\sim Q$	$\sim P$
T	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	T

Argument: If  $x \geq 10$ , then  $x \geq 5$ . Since  $a < 5$ , we can conclude  $a < 10$ .

$$(c) \frac{P \vee Q}{\sim P \quad Q}$$

VALID

P	Q	$P \vee Q$	$\sim P$	Q
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	F

argument: All materials are in Canvas or on the webpage.  
The quiz is not in Canvas. Thus, the quiz is on the webpage.

7. Show that  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is logically equivalent to  $\sim Q \Rightarrow \sim P$ . (Note:  $\sim Q \Rightarrow \sim P$  is called the **contrapositive** of  $P \Rightarrow Q$ .)

8. Rewrite each theorem below with its equivalent contrapositive statement. Note that the “Let...” sentence does not change.

- (a) If two sides of a triangle are congruent (aka of equal length), then the two angles opposite those sides are congruent (aka are equal in measure).

If the angles opposite two sides of a triangle are unequal, then the sides are not congruent.

- (b) Let  $f(x)$  be defined on the interval  $[a, b]$ . If  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then for every  $y$ -value,  $y_0$ , strictly between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  there exists an  $x$ -value,  $x_0$ , in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f(x_0) = y_0$ .

Let  $f(x)$  be defined on  $[a, b]$ .

If there exists a  $y_0$  strictly between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  such that for every  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ ,  $f(x_0) \neq y_0$ , then  $f(x)$  is not continuous on  $[a, b]$ .