



Induction

Thm: For any positive integer n ,

$$1+2+3+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Proof: Let $P(n)$ be the statement
 " $1+2+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ ".

Base Case: $n=1$

$$P(1): 1 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1(1+1)}{2} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Induction Hypothesis: Assume $P(k)$ is true

$$\Rightarrow 1+2+\dots+k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

Inductive Step: Show $P(k+1)$ is true

$$\begin{aligned} 1+2+\dots+k+(k+1) &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{2(k+1)}{2} = \frac{k(k+1) + 2(k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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Direct Proof

Logical Equivalent: $p \rightarrow q$

Thm: If ^p a divides b , and ^q b divides c ,
then ^r a divides c .
 $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

Proof Idea: We will prove directly using the def. of divisibility.

Proof: By our assumptions that $a|b$ and $b|c$, there are natural numbers k_1 and k_2 such that:

Def. of Divis. $\Rightarrow$

$$b = a \cdot k_1$$
$$c = b \cdot k_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c = (a k_1) k_2 = a k_1 k_2$$

$$\text{Let } k = k_1 \cdot k_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c = a \cdot k$$

And by the def. of divisibility,

$$a|c. \quad \square$$

Proof By Contradiction

Assume P ① Trying to show $P \rightarrow Q$ ①
 Assume $\neg Q$ ②
 Try to find a contradiction such as $(r \wedge \neg r)$

P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Thm: $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational.

Proof Idea: By contradiction. (is representable as fractions)

Assume that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational. P
 and find a contradiction. $\rightarrow \times$

Proof: Assume $\sqrt{2}$ is rational.

So $\sqrt{2}$ can be represented as a fraction.

So $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ for some non-zero integers $a \neq b$
 such that a & b have no common divisor (Def. of Rational #)

Algebra $\Rightarrow a = b\sqrt{2}$ square both sides

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = b^2 \cdot 2$$

Since 2 divides the RHS, then 2 also divides the LHS.

$\Rightarrow a^2$ is even.

$\Rightarrow a$ is also even.

So we can write a as

$$a = 2c \text{ for some } c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Substituting: $a^2 = 2b^2$

$$\Rightarrow (2c)^2 = 2b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{2} c^2 = \cancel{2} b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 2c^2$$

So 2 divides b^2 by the same argument as before. So 2 divides b , so b is even.

So $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$, but a and b both even.

So they share a common divisor of 2. $\times$