

Notation:  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

↳ use instead  $a \equiv_m b$

The Many Dropout Lemma (Proposition 35) gives the first part of the following very important theorem as a corollary.

**Theorem 36 (Fermat's Little Theorem)** For all natural numbers  $i$  and primes  $p$ ,

↳ e.g.  $i^p \equiv_p i$

1.  $i^p \equiv i \pmod{p}$ , and

2.  $i^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  whenever  $i$  is not a multiple of  $p$ .

The fact that the first part of Fermat's Little Theorem implies the second one will be proved later on .

## Btw

1. Fermat's Little Theorem has applications to:
  - (a) primality testing<sup>a</sup>,
  - (b) the verification of floating-point algorithms, and
  - (c) cryptographic security.

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<sup>a</sup>For instance, to establish that a positive integer  $m$  is not prime one may proceed to find an integer  $i$  such that  $i^m \not\equiv i \pmod{m}$ .

# Negation

Negations are statements of the form

not  $P$

or, in other words,

$P$  is not the case

or

$P$  is absurd

or

$P$  leads to contradiction

or, in symbols,

$\neg P$

## A first proof strategy for negated goals and assumptions:

If possible, reexpress the negation in an *equivalent* form and use instead this other statement.

### Logical equivalences

$\neg(P \implies Q)$	$\iff$	$P \wedge \neg Q$
$\neg(P \iff Q)$	$\iff$	$P \iff \neg Q$
$\neg(\forall x. P(x))$	$\iff$	$\exists x. \neg P(x)$
$\neg(P \wedge Q)$	$\iff$	$(\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$
$\neg(\exists x. P(x))$	$\iff$	$\forall x. \neg P(x)$
$\neg(P \vee Q)$	$\iff$	$(\neg P) \wedge (\neg Q)$
$\neg(\neg P)$	$\iff$	$P$
$\neg P$	$\iff$	$(P \implies \text{false})$

$$(P \implies Q) \iff \neg P \vee Q$$

$$\neg(P \implies Q) \iff \neg(\neg P \vee Q)$$

$$\iff \neg\neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

$$\iff P \wedge \neg Q$$

$$\boxed{?} (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q) ?$$

**Theorem 37** For all statements  $P$  and  $Q$ ,

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P) .$$

PROOF: Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be statements.

Assume  $\textcircled{1} P \Rightarrow Q$

RTP:  $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$

$\textcircled{2} (Q \Rightarrow \text{false})$

Further assume  $\neg Q$  holds

RTP:  $\neg P \Leftrightarrow (P \Rightarrow \text{false})$

Further assume  $\textcircled{3} P$

RTP:  $\text{false}$ .  $\textcircled{4}$

From  $\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{3}$  we have  $Q$

From  $\textcircled{4}$  and  $\textcircled{2}$  we have false, as required  $\square$

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P)$$

$$P \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg P$$

$$P \vee \neg P$$

Classical  
Logic  
laws

Intuitionistic Logic laws

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P)$$

$$P \Rightarrow \neg\neg P$$

not  
intuitionistically  
valid

# Proof by contradiction

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$$\underbrace{\neg P \implies \text{false}}_{\neg\neg P}$$

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### Proof pattern:

In order to prove

$P$

1. **Write:** We use proof by contradiction. So, suppose  $P$  is false.
2. Deduce a logical contradiction.
3. **Write:** This is a contradiction. Therefore,  $P$  must be true.



## Scratch work:

Before using the strategy

Assumptions

Goal

$P$

⋮

After using the strategy

Assumptions

Goal

contradiction

⋮

$\neg P$

**Theorem 38** For all statements  $P$  and  $Q$ ,

$$(\neg Q \implies \neg P) \implies (P \implies Q) .$$

PROOF: Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be statements

Assume <sup>①</sup>  $\neg Q \implies \neg P$

Assume <sup>②</sup>  $P$

RTP  $Q$

By contradiction, assume <sup>③</sup>  $\neg Q$

By ① and ③, we have <sup>④</sup>  $\neg P \iff (P \implies \text{false})$

By ② and ④, we have  $\text{false}$  — hence a contradiction  $\square$

$\swarrow \exists$  pos. int  $k$  and  $l$ .  $x = k/l$ .

**Lemma 40** A positive real number  $x$  is rational iff

$\exists$  positive integers  $m, n$  :

$$x = m/n \wedge \neg(\exists \text{ prime } p : p | m \wedge p | n)$$

(†)

PROOF: ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Exercise.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume <sup>①</sup> ( $\exists$  pos. int  $k$  and  $l$ .  $x = k/l$ )

We assume (†) is not the case; that is,

$$\forall \text{ pos. int } m \text{ and } n. \neg(x = m/n) \vee (\exists \text{ prime } p. p | m \wedge p | n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \textcircled{2} \forall \text{ pos. int } m \text{ and } n. x = m/n \Rightarrow \exists \text{ prime } p. p | m \wedge p | n$$

By <sup>③</sup>  $\textcircled{1}$ ,  $x = k_0/l_0$  for some pos. int.  $k_0$  and  $l_0$ .

By ②

$$\textcircled{4} \quad x = k_0/l_0 \Rightarrow \exists \text{ prime } p. \quad p|k_0 \wedge p|l_0$$

$$\text{By } \textcircled{3} \text{ and } \textcircled{4}, \textcircled{5} \quad \exists \text{ prime } p. \quad p|k_0 \wedge p|l_0$$

That is,  $k_0 = p_0 \cdot k_1$  for some integer  $k_1$

and  $l_0 = p_0 \cdot l_1$  for some integer  $l_1$

and some prime  $p_0$ .

Note that  $x = k_0/l_0 = \frac{p_0 \cdot k_1}{p_0 \cdot l_1} = \frac{k_1}{l_1}$  for int  $k_1$   
and  $l_1$

By an analogous argument as above.

$$\text{and } k_1 = p_1 \cdot k_2$$

$$\text{and } l_1 = p_1 \cdot l_2$$

for some pos. int  $k_2$  and  $l_2$   
and a prime  $p_1$

In general

$$k_i = p_i \cdot k_{i+1}$$

$$\text{and } l_i = p_i \cdot l_{i+1}$$

for some pos. int  $k_{i+1}$   
and  $l_{i+1}$ , and a prime  
 $p_i$

$$k_0 = p_0 \cdot k_1 = p_0 \cdot p_1 \cdot k_2 = p_0 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot k_3 = \dots$$

$$= p_0 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_{k_0} \cdot k' \geq 2^{k_0}$$

contradiction  $\square$