

## Lecture 0: Introduction to logic, and techniques of proof.

### 1. TRUTH TABLES AND QUANTIFIERS

- Definition of a *statement*.  
Ex:  $2 + 2 = 4$ .  
Non-ex:  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ .  
Ex: For all  $x$  in the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ .
- Truth tables for  $\sim p$ ,  $p \wedge q$ , and  $p \vee q$ .
- A contradiction,  $p \wedge \sim p$ , and a tautology  $p \vee \sim p$ .
- Negating  $p \wedge q$ , and  $p \vee q$ .  
Ex:  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .  
Ex:  $K$  is convex and bounded.  
Ex:  $I$  is open or closed.
- $p \Leftrightarrow q$  and logical equivalence.  
Work out truth table to see why  $p$  and  $q$  are equivalent if  $p \Leftrightarrow q$  is true.
- Negating  $p \rightarrow q$  using  $p \wedge \sim q$ . Show via truth table.  
Ex: If a sequence is Cauchy, then it's convergent.
- Definitions of universal and existential *quantifiers*.  
Ex: For all  $x$ ,  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ .  
Ex: There exists an  $x$  so that  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ .
- Negations of statements involving quantifiers.  
Ex: There exists a positive number  $x$  such that  $x^2 = 5$ .  
Ex: For every positive number  $M$  there exists a positive number  $N$  such that  $N < 1/M$ .  
Ex: If  $n \geq N$ , then  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq 3$  for all  $x$  in  $A$ .  
Ex:  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  so that  $\forall n \geq N$ , then  $\forall x \in S$ ,  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ .

### 2. TECHNIQUES OF PROOF

- Examples of disproof by counterexample.  
Ex: For every real number  $x$ , if  $x^2 > 4$  then  $x > 2$ .
- Examples of proof by contrapositive and contradiction.  
Show the contrapositive  $\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p$  is equivalent to  $p \Rightarrow q$ .  
Ex: Use the contrapositive to prove "If  $7m$  is an odd number, then  $m$  is an odd number."  
Proof by contradiction: Assume  $p$  true and  $q$  false. Contradict a known theorem (or axiom).  
(Note the fine line between contradiction and contrapositive).  
Ex: Let  $x$  be a real number. If  $x > 0$  then  $1/x > 0$ .
- Examples of the logical structure of proofs involving quantifiers.  
Theorem: For every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that  $1 - \delta < x < 1 + \delta$  implies that  $5 - \epsilon < 2x + 3 < 5 + \epsilon$ .  
Theorem: Let  $f$  be a continuous function. If  $\int_0^1 f(x)dx \neq 0$ , then  $\exists x \in [0, 1]$  so that  $f(x) \neq 0$ .