

MATH 210 Discrete Mathematics – Session 9

On what basis do we claim the empty set is a subset of each set?

Consider the *conditional* statement form

(*) $\forall x \in D$, if $P(x)$ then $Q(x)$

Its *contrapositive* is the statement _____.

Its *converse* is the statement _____.

Its *inverse* is the statement _____.

Statement (*) means “ $\forall x \in D$, _____ is a *sufficient condition* for _____.”

Statement (*) means “ $\forall x \in D$, _____ is a *necessary condition* for _____.”

Statement (*) means “ $\forall x \in D$, _____ *only if* _____.”

Prove: The sum of two even numbers is even.
 $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z} \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if m is even and n is even then $m + n$ is even.

Proof: (1)	m and n are arbitrary even integers.	Premise
(2)	$\exists j \in \mathbb{Z}$, j is even iff $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $j = 2k$	Definition
(3)	m is an even integer	_____
(4)	n is an even integer	_____
(5)	$m = 2r$ for some $r \in \mathbb{Z}$	_____
(6)	$n = 2s$ for some $s \in \mathbb{Z}$	_____
(7)	$m + n = m + n$	_____
(8)	$m + n = 2r + 2s$	_____
(9)	$2r + 2s = 2(r + s)$	_____
(10)	$m + n = 2(r + s)$	_____
(11)	$(r + s) \in \mathbb{Z}$	_____
(12)	$m + n$ is even	_____
(13)	if m is even and n is even then $m + n$ is even	_____

Consequently,
 $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z} \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if m is even and n is even then $m + n$ is even.

Alternative Paragraph Proof:

Suppose m and n are arbitrary even integers. By the definition of even integer, there exists integers r and s such that $m = 2r$ and $n = 2s$. Now, $m + n = 2r + 2s = 2(r + s)$. But $(r + s)$ is an integer; so $m + n$ is even. Hence, if m and n are arbitrary even integers, then $m + n$ is also an even integer. Consequently, $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z} \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if m is even and n is even then $m + n$ is even.