



Proof by contradiction

- $A \rightarrow \perp \vdash \neg A$

- $\begin{array}{l} \text{assum} \\ A \vdash B \\ \text{prv} \end{array} \therefore A \rightarrow B$

want to prove A .

assume $\neg A$
prove \perp
Because assum $\neg A$ led to a contradiction, A .

$R(x, y) : x = |y|$ ^{theorem} is not symmetric \mathbb{Z}

counter: $R(1, -1)$ but not $R(-1, 1)$

theorem: $R(x, y) : x = |y|$ is not symmetric over \mathbb{Z} .
that is, $\neg \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$

Proof. We proceed by contradiction.

Assume that R is symmetric. That is, assum $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$. Consider $R(1, -1)$. Because $1 = |-1|$, $R(1, -1)$ is true. Because $R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$, it must be the case that $R(-1, 1)$. But $-1 \neq |1|$, so $R(-1, 1)$ is false. This is a contradiction.

Because assuming $R(x, y)$ was symmetric led to a contradiction, R must not be symmetric \square

$R(x, y) : x = |y|$ is not symmetric

Contradiction
is sym

know
 $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \cdot R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$

$R(1, -1)$

$\neg R(-1, 1)$

$x=1, y=-1$

$R(1, -1) \rightarrow R(-1, 1)$
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~~$x=-1, y=1$
 $R(-1, 1) \rightarrow R(1, -1)$
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$R(x, y): x = |y|$ is not symmetric

$$\rightarrow \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$$

$$\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. \neg(\neg R(x, y) \vee R(y, x))$$

$$\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. R(x, y) \wedge \neg R(y, x)$$

$$\begin{matrix} x=1 \\ y=-1 \end{matrix} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\underbrace{\overbrace{R(1, -1)}^{\top} \wedge \neg \overbrace{R(-1, 1)}^{\top}}_{\top}$$

Proof. Consider 1 and -1. $R(1, -1)$ is true because $1 = |-1|$; but $R(-1, 1)$ is false thus $R(1, -1) \wedge \neg R(-1, 1)$ because $-1 \neq |1|$. \checkmark Because both 1 & -1 are integers, by existential instantiation we

$$\text{have } \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. \boxed{R(x, y) \wedge \neg R(y, x)}$$

Using double negation, De Morgan's law, and the def of Imp, this is equivalent to

$\neg \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}. R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$, which is the negation of the definition of R being symmetric. Thus, R is not symmetric.

$$P(1) \models \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}. P(x)$$

$$P(3) \models \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}. P(x)$$
$$\models \exists x \in \mathbb{N}. P(x)$$

$$R(x, y) \wedge \neg R(y, x)$$

(x, y)

$P(x)$

$x \in S$

$\therefore \exists x \in S. P(x)$

Existential
Instantiation