



Proof by Contradiction

1. **Proof.**

2. We proceed by contradiction

3. \rightarrow Assume negation of theorem.

4. \vdots math + logic \vdots A

... which is a contradiction, $\neg A$... which contradicts A .

5. \rightarrow Because assuming _____ led to contradiction, _____.

1. \square

Thm. $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$

Assum $\rightarrow (\frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z})$
 \downarrow
 $\frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$

det \rightarrow

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} . x = \frac{1}{2}$$

\downarrow instantiation

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

\downarrow algebra

$$2x = 1$$

by Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic,
both sides have same unique prime factorization
but $2x$ has 2 in its prime factorization,
but 1 does not.

multiply 3

$$120 = \underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}_{\text{prime factorization}} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$$

$$1 =$$

Every pos int
has one and only one
prime factorization

Proof.

We proceed by contradiction.

Assume $\frac{1}{2}$ is an integer. Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$
be $\frac{1}{2}$; i.e. $x = \frac{1}{2}$ and $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then
 $2x = 1$. By F.T.O.A., $2x$ and 1 must
have same prime factors. But 2 is a
factor of $2x$, and not a factor of 1,
which is a contradiction.

Because assum $\frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$ led to a con.,
 $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$. \square

$$\frac{6}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{2} \cdot 3}{\cancel{2}} = 3$$

$$\frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$6 = 6$$

$$2 \cdot 3 = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(a \cdot b \cdot c \cdot c)^2 = a^2 \cdot b^2 \cdot c^4$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\sqrt{2} = x$$

↓

$$2 = x^2$$

F.T.o.A

2 has ^{prime factor} 2 w/ multiplicity 1, which is odd

x^2 has ^{prime factor} 2 w/ even multiplicity

$$\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$$

assum $\exists x \in \mathbb{Q} . \sqrt{2} = x$

$$\exists n, d \in \mathbb{Z} . \frac{n}{d} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$n = 9 \quad 3^2$$

$$\frac{n}{d} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$n^2 = 3^4 \cdot 2^0$$

$$n = d\sqrt{2}$$

$$n^2 = d^2 \cdot 2$$

2 w/ even mult

2 w/ odd mult

$$\sqrt[3]{4} \notin \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\frac{n}{d} = \sqrt[3]{4}$$

$$\frac{n^3}{d^3} = 4$$

$$n^3 = 4d^3$$

$$n^3 = 2^2 d^3$$

$$\underbrace{2^{3k} \cdot m^3}_{\text{mult of 2}} = 2^2 \cdot \underbrace{(2^{3c} \cdot p^3)}_{\text{mult of 2}}$$

$$3k = 3c + 2$$

Proof.

We proceed by contradiction.

Assume $\sqrt[3]{4} \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then ^{there is} some $n, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. $\sqrt[3]{4} = \frac{n}{d}$.

Rearranging, that means $4d^3 = n^3$. By FTA, $4d^3$ and n^3 must have same prime factorization. Consider the multiplicity of 2 in their factorization. Because n^3 is the cube of an integer, 2 must have a multiplicity that is a multiple of 3. Because $4d^3 = 2^2 d^3$, 2 must have a mult. that is 2 + a multiple of 3, which is a contradiction.

Because assume $\sqrt[3]{4} \in \mathbb{Q}$ led to a cons, $\sqrt[3]{4} \notin \mathbb{Q}$. ■