

# MAT2440, Classwork14, Spring2025

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1. **Universal instantiation:** It is the rule of inference that given the premise  $\forall xP(x)$ , and it concludes that  $P(c)$  is true, where  $c$  is a particular member of the domain.
2. **Universal generalization:** It is the rule of inference that given the premise  $P(c)$  is true for all elements  $c$  in the domain, and it concludes that  $\forall xP(x)$  is true.
3. **Existential instantiation:** It is the rule of inference that if we know  $\exists xP(x)$  is true, it concludes that there is an element  $c$  in the domain for which  $P(c)$  is true.
4. **Existential generalization:** It is the rule of inference that when a particular element  $c$  with  $P(c)$  true is known, it concludes that  $\exists xP(x)$  is true.

## 5. The Rules of Inference for Quantified Statements:

Name	Rule of Inference
Universal instantiation	$\frac{\forall xP(x)}{\therefore P(c)}, c \text{ is in the domain of } x$
Universal generalization	$\frac{P(c) \text{ for an arbitrary } c}{\therefore \forall x P(x)}, x \text{ includes all } c$
Existential instantiation	$\frac{\exists xP(x)}{\therefore P(c)}, \text{ for some } c \text{ in the domain of } x$
Existential generalization	$\frac{P(c) \text{ for some element } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}, x \text{ includes a element } c.$

6. Show that the premises “Everyone in Mat2440 has taken a course in CS” and “Marla is a student in Mat2440” implies the conclusion “Marla has taken a course in CS.”

$S(x)$ :  $x$  is in Mat2440,  $C(x)$ :  $x$  has taken a CS course  
 $\forall x (S(x) \rightarrow C(x))$       premise #1       $\leftarrow$  ② we can get premise #3 by premise #1.  
 $S(\text{Marla}) \rightarrow C(\text{Marla})$       premise #3       $\leftarrow$  ① we need this premise to get the conclusion  
 $S(\text{Marla})$       premise #2  


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 $\therefore C(\text{Marla})$       conclusion we want!

## 1. Introduction of Proofs:

A proof is a valid argument that establishes the truth of a mathematical statement.

A theorem is a statement that can be shown to be true. We demonstrate that a theorem is true with a **proof**. The statement used in a proof can include axioms, the premises of the theorem, and previously proven theorems.

## 2. The First Method: A Direct Proof

A direct proof shows that a conditional statement  $p \rightarrow q$  is true by showing that if  $p$  is true, then  $q$  must also be true. The direct proofs are quite straightforward, but sometimes require **particular insights** and can be quite **tricky**.

## 3. Even or Odd Integers:

The integer  $n$  is **even** if there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $n = \underline{2 \cdot k}$ .

The integer  $n$  is **odd** if there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $n = \underline{2k+1}$ .

## 4. Give a direct proof of the theorem "If $n$ is an odd integer, then $n^2$ is odd."

Proof:  $P(n)$  is " $n$  is odd",  $Q(n)$ :  $n^2$  is odd.

Let  $n = 2k+1$  (assume  $n$  is odd)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } n^2 &= (2k+1)(2k+1) \\ &= 4k^2 + 2k + 2k + 1 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + k + k) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

which means  $n^2$  is odd.

$\forall n (P(n) \rightarrow Q(n))$   
( $n$  is an odd integer)

## 5. Give a direct proof of the theorem "If $n^2$ is an odd integer, then $n$ is odd."

$Q(n) \rightarrow P(n)$

Let  $n^2 = 2k+1$  then  $n = \sqrt{2k+1}$ .