



## Constructive Existence Proof (Example)

There exists integers x,y,z satisfying  $x^2+y^2 = z^2$ 

Proof: 
$$x = 3$$
,  $y = 4$ ,  $z = 5$ .



# Disproof by Counterexample

- ► How to prove  $\forall x P(x)$  is not true?  $\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$
- Find a counterexample c such that P(c) is false
- Example: All prime numbers are odd
- $\,\circ\,$  Proof: 2 is a prime number, and it is even.

## **Proof Strategies**

- Finding proofs can be challenging
- Replace terms by their definitions
- $\,\circ\,$  Carefully analyze hypotheses and conclusion
- Choose a proof method
- Attempt to prove the theorem
- $\,\circ\,$  If it fails try different proof methods

## Sets

- Unordered collection of distinct objects (called the elements, or members, of the set)
- Elements could be:
- Positive integers
- Sides of a coin
- Students enrolled in 1019A
- Sets

## Set Membership

- →  $a \in A$ : a is an element of the set A
- ▶  $a \notin A$ : a is not an element of the set A
- Example:
  - V: {a,e,i,o,u} -- a∈V, b∉V
  - T: {1, 2, 3, 4, ..., 99} -- 55∈T, 100∉T
  - $\circ$  S: {a, 2, {a}} -- a∈S, {a}∈S, {{a}}∉S

# Describing Sets

Roster method

#### {a, b, c, d}

Set builder notation (specification by predicates):

#### $S = \{x ~|~ P(x)\}$

- $^{\circ}\,$  S contains all the elements which make P(x) true
- $\circ$  Characterize all elements in the set by stating
- properties they must have
- E.g.  $O = \{x \mid x \text{ is an odd positive integer less than 6}\}$

# Venn Diagrams: Rectangle, circles, points Rectangle: Universal set U contains all the objects under consideration Circle and other geometrical figures: Sets Points: Elements Often used to show relationships between sets









# Subsets

Subset  $A \subseteq B$ : Every element of A is also an element of B.

∀x(x∈A→x∈B)

- Proper subset A⊂B: A⊆B but A≠B
  ∀x(x∈A→x∈B) ∧ ∃x(x∈B∧x∉A)
- A=B if and only if  $A\subseteq B$  and  $B\subseteq A$













































#### Example:

- Let f: {a,b,c}->{1,2,3} be such that f(a)=2, f(b)=1, f(c)=3.
- Let f:  $R \rightarrow R$  be such that  $f(x) = x^2$
- Let f:  $R^+ -> R^+$  be such that  $f(x) = x^2$

#### **Composition of Functions** • Let g: $A \rightarrow B$ , f: $B \rightarrow C$ . The composition of f and g, denoted $f \circ g(x)$ is the function from A to C defined by $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$ $\blacktriangleright$ Note that $f\circ g$ is not defined unless the range of g is a subset of the domain of f. Tom Tom Pass \*.Pass Vivian Vivian →Fail - Fail Frank Frank g $f\circ g$







Proofs

Practice proofs techniques and strategies.

- Sets
  - Understand the concept of sets, set membership, subset, cardinality, powerset, cartesian product of sets. Understand the relationship between set operations and logic operations. Practice proving set identities
- Functions
  - Understand the concept of function. Practice distinguishing injection (1-1), surjection (onto) and bijection. Practice finding the composition and inverse of functions