

## Last time: Proof outlines / proof techniques

Proposition	To prove it	To use it	Logical negation (to disprove)
$P$ and $Q$ ( $P \wedge Q$ )	Prove both $P$ and $Q$	Use either $P$ or $Q$	$P$ is false or $Q$ is false
$P$ or $Q$ ( $P \vee Q$ )	Prove either $P$ or $Q$	Prove $R$ in the $P$ and $Q$ cases to conclude $R$ (case analysis)	$P$ is false and $Q$ is false
if $P$ then $Q$ ( $P \Rightarrow Q$ )	Assume $P$ and prove $Q$	If you know $P$ , you can conclude $Q$	$P$ is true but $Q$ is false
for all $x \in A$ , $P(x)$ ( $\forall x, P(x)$ )	Prove $P(y)$ for an arbitrary $y \in A$	Conclude $P(z)$ for any specific $z \in A$	There is some $x \in A$ for which $P$ is false (counterexample)
there exists an $x \in A$ such that $P(x)$ ( $\exists x, P(x)$ )	Give a specific $y \in A$ and prove $P(y)$	Use $P(z)$ for an unknown $z$	for any $x \in A$ , $P$ is false
$P$ is false ( $\neg P$ )	Disprove $P$	Contradiction	$P$

- ▶ Contradiction: if you prove contradictory facts, an assumption must have been wrong
- ▶ Defn:  $n$  is *composite* if  $\exists i, j > 1$  with  $n = ij$ .
- ▶ Defn:  $n$  is *prime* if it is not composite
- ▶ Claim: there are infinitely many primes

- ▶ "for all" and "there exists" are *quantifiers*
- ▶ quantifiers can be nested, order matters
- ▶ Defn: We say  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f = \ell$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x' \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
if  $0 < |x - x'| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - a| < \epsilon$
- ▶ Claim:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0$
- ▶ Claim:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \neq 1$
- ▶ Defn: We say  $f$  has a limit at  $x$  if  $\exists a$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f = a$ 
  - ▶  $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x' \in \mathbb{R}, \dots$
- ▶ Claim:  $f$  is continuous if  $\forall x, f$  has a limit at  $x$ 
  - ▶  $\forall x, \exists a, \forall \epsilon, \exists \delta, \forall x', \dots$