

If and only if

If and only if statements

A theorem that asserts that two statements P and Q are equivalent requires you to prove *both* $P \implies Q$ and $Q \implies P$.

$$(P \iff Q)$$

is equivalent to

$$P \implies Q \text{ and } Q \implies P.$$

Chapter 7 exercise 3.

Proposition: If a is an integer, then a is even if and only if $a^3 + a^2 + a$ is even.

There are two claims:

a even implies $a^3 + a^2 + a$ is even.

$a^3 + a^2 + a$ is even implies a is even.

Each requires proof.

Proof: First we show that, if a is even, then $a^3 + a^2 + a$ is even.

if a is even, then $a = 2k$ for some integer k .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Therefore } a^3 + a^2 + a &= (2k)^3 + (2k)^2 + 2k \\ &= 8k^3 + 4k^2 + 2k = 2(4k^3 + 2k^2 + k)\end{aligned}$$

Since we see that $a^3 + a^2 + a = 2m$ where

$$m = 4k^3 + 2k^2 + k,$$

we conclude that $a^3 + a^2 + a$ is even.

Now we show that, if $a^3 + a^2 + a$ is even, then a is even.

$a^3 + a^2 + a$ even $\Rightarrow a$ even
is the same as

a odd $\Rightarrow a^3 + a^2 + a$ odd.

a odd means $a = 2k+1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$a^3 + a^2 + a = (2k+1)^3 + (2k+1)^2 + (2k+1)$$

$a^3 + a^2 + a$ is a sum of 3 odd numbers

$a^3 + a^2$ is even (sum of 2)

$(a^3 + a^2) + a$ is odd (odd + even)

Conclude that $a^3 + a^2 + a$ is odd.

We've shown $a^3 + a^2 + a$ is even $\Leftrightarrow a$ is even.

Chapter 7, exercise 9.

Proposition: Suppose that a is an integer. Then $14|a$ if and only if $7|a$ and $2|a$.

Proof: First we suppose that $14|a$ and show that both 7 and 2 divide a . Suppose $14|a$. Then $a = 14k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Therefore $a = 7(2k)$

so $7|a$

and $a = 2(7k)$

so a is a multiple of 2.

Now we show that, if both 7 and 2 divide a , then 14 divides a .

Side remark: Suppose 6 and 4 divide a . Does $24|a$?

No: consider 12. $6|12$ and $4|12$, but $24 \nmid 12$.

We know by unique factorization into primes that a is a product of prime numbers and the list of such primes is determined by a . Also,

2 and 7 are prime numbers. Since $2|a$, 2 must be one of the primes dividing a . Since $7|a$, 7 must be one of those primes. So the prime factorization of $a = 2 \cdot 7 \cdot (\text{possibly other primes})$.

Therefore $14|a$.

Equivalence

with the real number entries,

Theorem Suppose A is an $n \times n$ matrix. The following statements are equivalent:

- ⇒ (a) The matrix A is invertible.
- (b) The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique solution for every $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- (c) The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.
- (d) The reduced row echelon form of A is I_n .
- (e) $\det(A) \neq 0$.
- ∴ (f) The matrix A does not have 0 as an eigenvalue.

A invertible

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

Figure 1: Theorem from page 149

Cycle proofs

If each step in the circle of implications:

$$P_1 \Rightarrow P_2 \quad P_2 \Rightarrow P_3 \quad P_3 \Rightarrow P_4 \quad \dots \quad P_n \Rightarrow P_1$$
$$P_1 \implies P_2 \implies P_3 \implies \dots \implies P_n \implies P_1$$

is true, then all of the statements are equivalent – that is, all true or all false together.

Suppose P_1 is true $P_1 \Rightarrow P_2$ true means P_2 true
 P_2 true so P_3 true $\dots \dots P_n$ is true therefore P_1
is true

If P_1 is false, $P_n \Rightarrow P_1$ is true so P_n is false
 P_{n-1} is false \dots all statements are false.