

q:  $a$  is an even number.

Then

$\sim p$ :  $a^2$  is an odd number,

$\sim q$ :  $a$  is an even number.

Therefore, The contrapositive statement is

$a$  is an odd number  $\rightarrow a^2$  is an odd number.

(1)  $a = 2(k + 1)$ ,  $k$  is an integer (definition of odd number).

(2)  $a^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$ , square both sides of (1)

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

(4)  $a^2$  is odd number, since  $2k^2 + 2k$  is an integer and definition of odd number.

#### 1.10.4 To Prove Statement of Type $(p \leftrightarrow q)$ .

(i) Since  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p) \equiv (p \leftrightarrow q)$ , so we can prove first  $p \rightarrow q$  and then prove  $q \rightarrow p$ .

(ii) Moved from  $p$  into  $q$  through series of logical equivalent statements  $s_i$  as follows:

$$p \leftrightarrow s_1$$

$$s_1 \leftrightarrow s_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$s_n \leftrightarrow q$$

This is exactly the tautology

$$((p \leftrightarrow s_1) \wedge (s_1 \leftrightarrow s_2) \wedge \dots \wedge (s_n \leftrightarrow q)) \rightarrow (p \leftrightarrow q).$$

#### 1.10.5 To Prove Statement of Type $\forall x P(x)$ or $\exists x P(x)$ .

(i) To prove a sentence of type  $\forall x P(x)$ , we suppose  $x$  is an arbitrary element and then prove that  $P(x)$  is true.

(ii) To prove a sentence of type  $\exists x P(x)$ , we have to prove there exist at least one element  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  is true.

#### 1.10.6 To Prove Statement of Type $p \vee r \rightarrow q$ .

Depending on the tautology

$$[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (r \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow [(p \vee r) \rightarrow q]$$

We must prove that  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $r \rightarrow q$ .

**Example 1.10.7.** Prove that

$$(a = 0 \vee b = 0) \rightarrow ab = 0$$

where  $a, b$  are real numbers.

**Proof.**

Firstly, we prove that  $a = 0 \rightarrow ab = 0$ .

Suppose that  $a = 0$ , then  $ab = 0$ .  $b = 0$ .