

Two Proofs of The same Statement with structure-s worth comparing

To Prove: For every integer n , $5n+3$ is not divisible by 5.

Proof 1:

Let n be any integer

Suppose, by way of contradicting, that $5 \mid (5n+3)$.

$\therefore 5n+3 = 5k$, for some integer k .

$$\therefore 3 = 5k - 5n$$

$\therefore 3 = 5(k-n)$, and $k-n$ is an integer.

$$\therefore 5 \mid 3,$$

\therefore By Theorem 4.3.1, $5 \leq 3$, which contradicts the fact that $5 > 3$.

$\therefore 5 \nmid (5n+3)$,
by proof-by-contradiction.

\therefore For every integer n , $5n+3$ is not divisible by 5, by Direct Proof.
Q.E.D.

Proof 2

Suppose, BWOC, that there exists an integer N , such that $5 \mid (5N+3)$.

\therefore For some integer k ,

$$5N+3 = 5k.$$

$$\therefore 3 = 5k - 5N$$

$\therefore 3 = 5(k-N)$, and $k-N$ is an integer.

$$\therefore 5 \mid 3.$$

\therefore By Theorem 4.3.1, $5 \leq 3$, which contradicts the fact that $5 > 3$.

\therefore For every integer n , $5n+3$ is not divisible by 5, by proof-by-contradiction.
Q.E.D.