# CS 70Discrete Mathematics and Probability TheoryFall 2018Course NotesDIS 0B

#### 1 Contraposition

Prove the statement "if a + b < c + d, then a < c or b < d".

#### 2 Perfect Square

A *perfect square* is an integer n of the form  $n = m^2$  for some integer m. Prove that every odd perfect square is of the form 8k + 1 for some integer k.

### 3 Numbers of Friends

Prove that if there are  $n \ge 2$  people at a party, then at least 2 of them have the same number of friends at the party.

(Hint: The Pigeonhole Principle states that if *n* items are placed in *m* containers, where n > m, at least one container must contain more than one item. You may use this without proof.)

## 4 Fermat's Contradiction

Prove that  $2^{1/n}$  is not rational for any integer  $n \ge 3$ . (*Hint*: Use Fermat's Last Theorem. It states that there exists no positive integers a, b, c s.t.  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  for  $n \ge 3$ .)

## 5 Prime Form

Prove that every prime number m > 3 is either of the form 6k + 1 or 6k - 1 for some integer k.