

## Quiz 11

(\*) If  $x$  is not rational, then  
 $3x-1$  is not rational

1. Contrapositive:

If  $3x-1$  is rational, then so is  $x$ .

2. Start of contradiction proof:

BWOC suppose  $x$  is not rational  
and  $3x-1$  is rational

3. Contrapositive: suppose  $3x-1$  is  
rational. Then  $3x-1 = \frac{m}{n}$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
 $n \neq 0$ , so  $3x = \frac{m}{n} + 1 = \frac{m+n}{n}$  and  
 $x = \frac{m+n}{3n}$ . Since  $m+n, 3n \in \mathbb{Z}$

and  $n \neq 0 \Rightarrow 3n \neq 0$ ,  $x$  is rational

Contradiction: suppose  $x$  is not  
rational, but  $3x-1$  is rational.  
Then (argument above)  $x$  is rational,  
a contradiction.