# Week 5

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**Problem 65.** Let S denote the set of odd integers and let

$$P(x): x^2 + 1$$
 is even. and  $Q(x): x^2$  is even.

be open sentences over the domain S. State  $\forall x \in S, P(x)$  and  $\exists x \in S, Q(x)$  in words.

Solution . Quantified statements stated in words:

 $\forall x \in S, P(x)$ : For every odd integer  $x, x^2 + 1$  is even.

 $\exists x \in S, Q(x)$ : There exists an odd integer x such that  $x^2$  is even.

**Problem 66.** Define an open sentence R(x) over some domain S and then state  $\forall x \in S, R(x)$  and  $\exists x \in S, R(x)$  in words.

**Solution** . Let S be the set of positive integers and consider the following open sentence over the domain S:

$$R(x): x-1$$
 is not a positive integer.

Quantified statements stated in words:

 $\forall x \in S, R(x)$ : For every positive integer x, x - 1 is not a positive integer.

 $\exists x \in S, R(x)$ : There exists a positive integer x such that x-1 is not a positive integer.

**Problem 67.** State the negations of the following quantified statements, where all sets are subsets of some universal set U:

(a) For every set  $A, A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$ 

**Solution a.** There exists a set A such that  $A \cap \overline{A} \neq \emptyset$ 

(b) There exists a set A such that  $\overline{A} \subseteq A$ .

**Solution b.** For every set A, we have  $\overline{A} \nsubseteq A$ .

**Problem 68.** State the negations of the following quantified statements:

(a) For every rational number r, the number 1/r is rational.

**Solution a.** There exists a rational number r such that 1/r is irrational.

(b) There exists a rational number r such that  $r^2 = 2$ .

**Solution b.** For every rational number r, the number  $r^2 \neq 2$ .

**Problem 69.** Let P(n): (5n-6)/3 is an integer. be an open sentence over the domain  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Determine, with explanations, whether the following statements are true: (a)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, P(n)$ 

**Solution a.** For this quantified statement to be true, all possible integers 5n-6 from all n must be divisible by 3. However, this is not possible. As an example, consider (5(1)-6)=-1 which is not divisible by 3. Therefore, this quantified statement is false.

(b) 
$$\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, P(n)$$

**Solution b.** A way to find one integer n, for which 5n - 6 is divisible by 3, is by solving for n in the following equation 5n - 6 = 9 (the number 9 was chosen because 9 + 6 = 15 is a multiple of 3 and 5). In this case, we get that n = 3 and P(3) is true. Thus, this quantified statement is true.

Consider the equation 5n + 6 = b. The number 5n must be a multiple of 3 so that the sum 5n + 6 is a multiple of 3. This means that the integer n must be a multiple of 3 in order for b to be a multiple of 3. Thus, P(n) is true for all integers n that are multiples of 3.

**Problem 70.** Determine the truth value of each of the following statements.

(a) 
$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \ x^2 - x = 0.$$

**Solution a.** This statement basically says that there is at least one root of the equation  $x^2 - x = 0$ . This is true, since x = 1 is a root of the aformentioned equation  $((1)^2 - (1) = 0)$ .

(b) 
$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \ n+1 \ge 2.$$

**Solution b.** The inequality  $n+1 \geq 2$  is true for the number 1  $(2 \geq 2)$ . Since the number 1 is the element with the lowest value in the set  $\mathbb{N}$ , if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \neq 1$ , then n > 1. By adding one to both sides we obtain n+1>2 for all  $n \neq 1$ . The inequality  $n+1 \geq 2$  is true for 1 and all other  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  different to 1. This quantified statement is true.

(c) 
$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \ \sqrt{x^2} = x.$$

**Solution c.** The equation  $\sqrt{x^2} = x$  holds for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and 0. However, it does not hold for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^-$  (e.g.,  $\sqrt{(-1)^2} = 1 \neq -1$ ). This quantified statement is false.

(d) 
$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}, \ 3x^2 - 27 = 0.$$

**Solution d.** We can try to solve for x in the equation  $3x^2 - 27 = 0$ .

$$3x^{2} - 27 = 0$$
$$3x^{2} = 27$$
$$x^{2} = 9$$
$$\sqrt{x^{2}} = \sqrt{9}$$
$$|x| = 3$$

Both 3 and -3 are rational numbers ( $\{3, -3\} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ ) and are roots of the equation  $3x^2 - 27 = 0$ . Thus, there are two rational numbers for which the aforementioned equation holds and this quantified statement is true.

(e) 
$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, \ x + y + 3 = 8.$$

**Solution e.** The equation of the open sentence in this quantified statement can be expressed as the linear equation y = -x + 5. Thus, there is an infinity of ordered pairs  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  that satisfy the linear equation (e.g., (3, 2), and more generally (x, -x + 5)). The quantified statement is true.

(f) 
$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \ x + y + 3 = 8.$$

**Solution f.** Since the ordered pairs that satisfy the linear equation x+y+3=8 are limited to the general format (x,-x+5), there will be numbers  $x,y\in R$  that does not satisfy it (e.g., (3,10) does not satisfy the linear equation). Although there is an infinity of ordered pairs  $(x,y)\in \mathbb{R}\times \mathbb{R}$  which satisfy the linear equation, not every ordered pair  $(x,y)\in \mathbb{R}\times \mathbb{R}$  will satisfy it. Therefore, this quantified statement is false.

(g) 
$$\exists x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \ x^2 + y^2 = 9.$$

**Solution g.** There exists an ordered pair  $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies the equation of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ , this ordered pair is (0,3). Therefore, this quantified statement is true.

(h) 
$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \ x^2 + y^2 = 9.$$

**Solution h.** A counterexample to this quantified statement is the ordered pair (10,0) which belongs to the set  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , but does not satisfy the equation of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ . Thus, this quantified statement is false.

#### Problem 71. The statement

For every integer m, either  $m \leq 1$  or  $m^2 \geq 4$ .

can be expressed using a quantifier as:

$$\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, m \leq 1 \text{ or } m^2 \geq 4.$$

Do this for the following two statements.

(a) There exist integers a and b such that both ab < 0 and a + b > 0.

**Solution a.**  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, ab < 0 \text{ and } a + b > 0.$ 

(b) For all real numbers x and y,  $x \neq y$  implies that  $x^2 + y^2 > 0$ .

**Solution b.**  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq y \text{ implies that } x^2 + y^2 > 0.$ 

(c) Express in words the negation of the statements in (a) and (b).

**Solution c.** (a) For every integer a and b either  $ab \ge 0$  or  $a + b \le 0$ .

- (b) There exist real numbers x and y such that  $x \neq y$  and  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 0$ .
- (d) Using quantifiers, express in symbols the negations of the statements in both (a) and (b).

**Solution d.** (a)  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, ab \geq 0$  or  $a + b \leq 0$ . (b)  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq y$  and  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 0$ .

**Problem 72.** Let P(x) and Q(x) be open sentences where the domain of the variable x is S. Which of the following implies that  $(\sim P(x)) \Rightarrow Q(x)$  is false for some  $x \in S$ ? We must check whether the next statements imply the falseness of  $(\sim P(x)) \Rightarrow Q(x)$  for some  $x \in S$ , which is the same as saying that it implies the truthness of  $\sim ((\sim P(x)) \Rightarrow Q(x))$  for some  $x \in S$ :

Theorem 17 
$$\sim ((\sim P(x)) \Rightarrow Q(x)) = \sim (\sim (\sim P(x)) \vee Q(x))$$
 Double Negation 
$$= \sim (P(x) \vee Q(x))$$
 De Morgan's Laws 
$$= (\sim P(x)) \wedge (\sim Q(x))$$

The quantified statement  $(\sim P(x)) \Rightarrow Q(x)$  is false for some  $x \in S$ . can be stated symbolically as:

$$\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$$

(a)  $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$  is false for all  $x \in S$ .

**Solution a.** By using the *De Morgan's Laws* on the open sentence  $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$  (the quantified statement declares that it is false for all  $x \in S$ ) we derive the following implication to be checked:

$$(\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \lor (\sim Q(x))) \Rightarrow (\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x)))$$

The quantified statement  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \lor (\sim Q(x))$  can be implied by multiple quantified statements. Some of them are the following 3:

- 1.  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (Q(x)).$
- 2.  $\forall x \in S, (P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x)).$
- 3.  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x)).$

Not all of the aforementioned quantified statements implies the quantified statement  $\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$  (syllogism). Therefore, the quantified statement  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \lor (\sim Q(x))$  being true does not mean that  $\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$  will be true. The quantified statement  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \lor (\sim Q(x))$  does not imply  $\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$ .

(b) P(x) is true for all  $x \in S$ .

**Solution b.** The following implication

$$(\forall x \in S, P(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x)))$$

is not true, because P(x) being true for all  $x \in S$  means that  $(\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$  will be false for all  $x \in S$ . This is so since  $\sim P(x)$  will be false for all  $x \in S$ .

(c) Q(x) is true for all  $x \in S$ .

Solution c. The implication

$$(\forall x \in S, Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x)))$$

is false since Q(x) being true for all  $x \in S$  means that the conjunction  $(\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$  will be false for all  $x \in S$ . This is so, because  $\sim Q(x)$  will be false for all  $x \in S$ .

(d)  $P(x) \vee Q(x)$  is false for some  $x \in S$ .

**Solution d.** By applying *De Morgan's Laws* on the open sentence  $P(x) \vee Q(x)$  we derive this implication:

$$(\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))) \Rightarrow (\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x)))$$

The premise and conclusion contain exactly the same quantified statement. Thus, this implication is true.

(e)  $P(x) \wedge (\sim Q(x))$  is false for all  $x \in S$ .

**Solution e.** After obtaining the negation of  $P(x) \wedge (\sim Q(x))$  with the aid of *De Morgan's Laws* we formulate the following implication:

$$(\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \lor (Q(x))) \Rightarrow (\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x)))$$

The premise  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \lor (Q(x))$  can be implied by multiple quantified statements. We show 3 of them:

- 1.  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$
- 2.  $\forall x \in S, (P(x)) \land (Q(x))$
- 3.  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (Q(x))$

Not all of them imply the quantified statement  $\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$  (syllogism). Therefore, the truthness of the quantified statement  $\forall x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \lor (Q(x))$  does not imply the quantified statement  $\exists x \in S, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$ .

**Problem 73.** Let P(x) and Q(x) be open sentences where the domain of the variable x is T. Which of the following implies that  $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$  is true for all  $x \in T$ ? The statement  $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$  is true for all  $x \in T$ . can be expressed in symbols with the aid of Theorem 17:

$$\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x)$$

(a)  $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$  is false for all  $x \in T$ .

**Solution a.** After applying *De Morgan's Laws* to obtain the negation of  $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$  (the quantified statement declares it is false for all  $x \in T$ ) we formulate the implication

$$(\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor (\sim Q(x))) \Rightarrow (\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x))$$

The premise  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor (\sim Q(x))$  can be implied by multiple quantified statements. We show 3 of them:

- 1.  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \land Q(x)$
- 2.  $\forall x \in T, P(x) \land (\sim Q(x))$
- 3.  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$

Not all of the aforementioned statements implies  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x)$ . Therefore,  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor (\sim Q(x))$  does not imply  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x)$ .

(b) Q(x) is true for all  $x \in T$ .

Solution b. The implication

$$(\forall x \in T, Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x))$$

is true since the statement Q(x) being true for all  $x \in T$  means that the disjunction  $(\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x)$  will be true for all  $x \in T$ .

(c) P(x) is false for all  $x \in T$ .

Solution c. The implication

$$(\forall x \in T, \sim P(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x))$$

is true, because the disjunction  $(\sim P(x)) \vee Q(x)$  is true for all  $x \in T$ . This is so since  $\sim P$  is true for all  $x \in T$ .

(d)  $P(x) \wedge (\sim Q(x))$  is true for some  $x \in T$ .

**Solution d.** The following implication

$$(\exists x \in T, P(x) \land (\sim Q(x))) \Rightarrow (\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x))$$

is false. The premise states that for some  $x \in T$  the negation of  $(\sim P(x)) \vee Q(x)$  will be true, which means that  $(\sim P(x)) \vee Q(x)$  will not be true for all  $x \in T$ .

(e) P(x) is true for all  $x \in T$ .

Solution e. The implication

$$(\forall x \in T, P(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x))$$

is false. Some quantified statements imply  $\forall x \in T, P(x)$ . We show 2 of them:

- 1.  $\forall x \in T, P(x) \land Q(x)$
- 2.  $\forall x \in T, P(x) \land (\sim Q(x))$

Not all of them imply  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x)$  (syllogism).

(f) 
$$(\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$$
 is false for all  $x \in T$ .

**Solution f.** After applying *De Morgan's Laws* to obtain an open sentence logically equivalent to the negation of  $(\sim P(x)) \land (\sim Q(x))$ , we formulate the following implication

$$(\forall x \in T, P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \vee Q(x))$$

The premise  $\forall x \in T, P(x) \lor Q(x)$  can be implied by multiple quantified statements. Some of them are the following 3:

- 1.  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \land Q(x)$
- 2.  $\forall x \in T, P(x) \land (\sim Q(x))$
- 3.  $\forall x \in T, P(x) \land Q(x)$

Not all of the aforementioned quantified statements imply  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x)$  (syllogism). Therefore, the quantified statement  $\forall x \in T, P(x) \lor Q(x)$  does not imply  $\forall x \in T, (\sim P(x)) \lor Q(x)$ .

Problem 74. Consider the open sentence

$$P(x, y, z) : (x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (z - 2)^2 > 0.$$

where the domain of each of the variables x, y and z is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a) Express the quantified statement  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \forall z \in \mathbb{R}, P(x, y, z)$  in words.

**Solution a.** For all real numbers x, y and  $z, (x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (z - 2)^2 > 0$ .

(b) Is the quantified statement in (a) true or false? Explain.

**Solution b.** It is false. One counterexample to this quantified statement is  $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . The inequality  $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (z - 2)^2 > 0$  does not hold for all ordered triples  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

(c) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (a) in symbols.

**Solution c.** The negation of the quantified statement in (a) is

$$\sim (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \forall z \in \mathbb{R}, P(x, y, z)) \equiv \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \sim (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}, \forall z \in \mathbb{R}, P(x, y, z))$$
$$\equiv \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, \sim (\forall z \in \mathbb{R}, P(x, y, z))$$
$$\equiv \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, \exists z \in \mathbb{R}, \sim P(x, y, z).$$

(d) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (a) in words.

**Solution d.** There exist real numbers x, y and z such that  $(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-2)^2 \le 0$ .

(e) Is the negation of the quantified statement in (a) true or false? Explain.

**Solution e.** The negation of the quantified statement in (a) is true since we've already found a counterexample for the quantified statement in (a). The inequality  $(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-2)^2 \le 0$  is true for the ordered triple  $(x,y,z) = (1,2,2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

**Problem 75.** Consider the quantified statement

For every 
$$s \in S$$
 and  $t \in S$ ,  $st - 2$  is prime.

where the domain of the variables s and t is  $S = \{3, 5, 11\}$ .

(a) Express this quantified statement in symbols.

**Solution a.** Let P(s,t): st-2 is prime. The quantified statement in (a) expressed in symbols is  $\forall s,t\in S, P(s,t)$ .

(b) Is the quantified statement in (a) true or false? Explain.

**Solution b.** Due to the commutative properties of multiplication and the fact that s and t can have the same value since they have the same domain S there will be [1]

$$\binom{n+r-1}{r} = \frac{(n+r-1)!}{r!(n-1)!} = \frac{(3+2-1)!}{2!(3-1)!} = 6$$

different results from the multiplication st for all possible combinations of values for s and t. If we susbtrac 2 from all of these 6 results we then obtain the following statements:

- 1. (3)(3) 2 = 7 is prime.
- 2. (3)(5) 2 = 13 is prime.
- 3. (3)(11) 2 = 31 is prime.
- 4. (5)(5) 2 = 23 is prime.
- 5. (5)(11) 2 = 53 is prime.
- 6. (11)(11) 2 = 119 is prime.

The statement P(11, 11): 119 is prime. is false since 119 is a composite number. The ordered pair (s, t) = (11, 11) represent a counterexample to the quantified statement in (a). Thus, the quantified statement  $\forall s, t \in S, P(s, t)$ . is false.

(c) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (a) in symbols.

Solution c. The negation of the quantified statement in (a) is

$$\sim (\forall x \in S, \forall t \in S, P(s, t)). \equiv \exists s \in S, \sim (\forall t \in S, P(s, t)).$$
$$\equiv \exists s \in S, \exists t \in S, \sim P(s, t).$$
$$\equiv \exists s, t \in S, \sim P(s, t).$$

(d) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (a) in words.

**Solution d.** There exist  $s \in S$  and  $t \in S$  such that st - 2 is not prime.

(e) Is the negation of the quantified statement in (a) true or false? Explain.

**Solution e.** It is true since the original quantified statement in (a) is false. Not all numbers st-2 for all combinations of values of s and t will be prime.

**Problem 76.** Let A be the set of circles in the plane with center (0,0) and let B be the set of circles in the plane with center (1,1). Furthermore, let

 $P(C_1, C_2) : C_1$  and  $C_2$  have exactly two points in common.

be an open sentence where the domain of  $C_1$  is A and the domain of  $C_2$  is B.

(a) Express the following quantified statement in words:

$$\forall C_1 \in A, \exists C_2 \in B, P(C_1, C_2) \tag{1}$$

**Solution a.** For every circle  $C_1 \in A$ , there exists a circle  $C_2 \in B$  such that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have exactly two points in common.

(b) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (1) in symbols.

Solution b. The negation of (1) is

$$\sim (\forall C_1 \in A, \exists C_2 \in B, P(C_1, C_2)) \equiv \exists C_1 \in A, \sim (\exists C_2 \in B, P(C_1, C_2)).$$
$$\equiv \exists C_1 \in A, \forall C_2 \in B, \sim P(C_1, C_2).$$

(c) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (1) in words.

**Solution c.** There exists a circle  $C_1 \in A$  such that for every circle  $C_2 \in B$ ,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  don't have exactly two points in common.

**Problem 77.** For a triangle T, let r(T) denote the ratio of the length of the longest side of T to the length of the smallest side of T. Let A denote the set of all triangles and let

$$P(T_1, T_2) : r(T_2) \ge r(T_1).$$

be an open sentence where the domain of both  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  is A.

(a) Express the following quantified statement in words

$$\exists T_1 \in A, \forall T_2 \in A, P(T_1, T_2). \tag{2}$$

**Solution a.** There exists a triangle  $T_1 \in A$  such that for every triangle  $T_2 \in A$ ,  $r(T_2) \ge r(T_1)$ .

(b) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (2) in symbols.

Solution b. The negation of (2) is

$$\sim (\exists T_1 \in A, \forall T_2 \in A, P(T_1, T_2)) \equiv \forall T_1 \in A, \sim (\forall T_2 \in A, P(T_1, T_2))$$
$$\equiv \forall T_1 \in A, \exists T_2 \in A, \sim P(T_1, T_2).$$

(c) Express the negation of the quantified statement in (2) in words.

**Solution c.** For every triangle  $T_1 \in A$ , there exists a triangle  $T_2 \in A$  such that  $r(T_2) < r(T_1)$ 

**Problem 78.** Consider the open sentence P(a,b): a/b < 1. where the domain of a is  $A = \{2,3,5\}$  and the domain of b is  $B = \{2,4,6\}$ .

(a) State the quantified statement  $\forall a \in A, \exists b \in B, P(a, b)$ . in words.

**Solution a.** For every  $a \in A$ , there exists  $b \in B$  such that a/b < 1.

(b) Show the quantified statement in (a) is true.

**Solution b.** For the inequality a/b < 1 to hold, a < b must be true. The integer b with the greatest value in B is greater than the integer a with the greatest value in A. Thus, every integer  $a \in A$  can be divided by the integer b with the greatest value in B yielding an integer lower that 1 in all cases. The quantified statement in (a) is true.

**Problem 79.** Consider the open sentence Q(a, b) : a - b < 0. where the domain of a is  $A = \{3, 5, 8\}$  and the domain of b is  $B = \{3, 6, 10\}$ .

(a) State the quantified statement  $\exists b \in B, \forall a \in A, Q(a, b)$  in words.

**Solution a.** There exists  $b \in B$  such that for every  $a \in A$ , a - b < 0.

(b) Show the quantified statement in (a) is true.

**Solution b.** For the inequality a - b < 0, to hold, a < b must be true. The integer b with the greatest value in B is greater than the integer a with the greatest value in A. Therefore, substracting the integer b with the greatest value in B from every integer  $a \in A$  yields an integer lower than 0 in all cases. The quantified statement in (a) is true.

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