

Predicate calculus

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x is taller than y ; $T(x,y)$ - the two place predicate

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That is there exists a real number x such that $x > 3$ and $x^2 \leq 9$

Exercise Q5 : Negate the following statement " Every city in Canada is clean"

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$$(a) (\exists x)(F(x) \wedge S(x)) \rightarrow (y)(M(y) \rightarrow W(y))$$

$$(b) (\exists y)(M(y) \wedge \neg W(y))$$

the conclusion $(x)(F(x) \rightarrow \neg S(x))$ follows.

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Show that $(\forall x)(P(x) \vee Q(x)) \implies (\forall x)P(x) \vee (\exists x)Q(x)$