

Assignment 1

1.
 - a) The smallest prime number can either be 2 or not 2, making “The smallest prime number is 2” a valid statement.
 - b) The sum of $\cos^2 \theta$ and $\sin^2 \theta$ could be 1 or not 1, so “ $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ ” is a valid statement.
 - c) It is either possible for every integer to be of the form $2k$ or $2k + 1$ or there exists at least one exception, so “Every integer x is of the form $2k$ or $2k + 1$ ” is a valid statement.
 - d) 0 can either be even or odd or it could not be either, making “The number 0 is neither even nor odd” a valid statement.
 - e) A question is not true or false; therefore, “Is $3 > 2$ true?” is not a valid statement.

2.
 - a) $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^2 > 0$
 - b) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^3 \in \mathbb{R}$

3.
 - a) $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y \geq 3\sqrt{2}$
 - b) $\forall a \in \mathbb{N}, \exists b \in \mathbb{Q}, \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}, a = b - c$

4.
 - a) $P(2, 4) = \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2(2) + 4y = 4 \implies y = 0 \in \mathbb{Z} \implies \text{true}$
 $P(2, 5) = \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2(2) + 4y = 5 \implies y = 0.25 \notin \mathbb{Z} \implies \text{false}$
 - b) There is no condition given for n , meaning that the truth value of $P(x, n)$ cannot be determined, so “ $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, P(x, n)$ ” is an open sentence depending on n .
 - c) As all variables are specified, “ $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, P(x, n)$ ” is a mathematical statement. As the $2(x + 2y)$ must be even given that x and y are integers, this statement is false for all odd values of n , meaning that the statement as a whole is false.

5.
 - a)

$$\begin{aligned} (8^{k^2}) (4^k) &= (2^{3k^2}) (2^{2k}) = 2^{3k^2+2k} = 2 \implies 3k^2 + 2k = 1 \implies 3k^2 + 2k - 1 = 0 \\ &\implies 0 = (3k - 1)(k + 1) \implies k = -1 \in \mathbb{Z} \implies \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

- b)

$$x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} > 0 \implies \neg \exists x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-1}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{R} \implies \text{false}$$

- c)

$$\forall x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, \forall y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, (x + y) \in \mathbb{Z}, (x^2 + y^2) \in \mathbb{Z} \implies \frac{x + y}{x^2 + y^2} \in \mathbb{Q} \implies \text{true}$$

d)

$$4^x + (\ln x)^2 \geq 2x \ln(x^2) = 4x \ln x$$

As 4^x grows faster than $x \ln x$, for all $x \in \mathbb{N}$ and $4 \geq 0$, the the statement is true.

e)

$$x + 2xy = 4$$

$$1 + 2y = \frac{2}{x}$$

$$y = \frac{4}{x} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Q} \implies \frac{4}{x} - \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \implies \text{true}$$

6.

$$\text{a) } \forall x \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \forall y \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \frac{4680}{x^2 + y^2} \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{b) } \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 + y^3 = 135$$

$$\text{c) } \exists x \in \mathbb{N}, \forall y \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq y$$

$$\text{d) } \exists x \in \mathbb{Q}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Q}, x^3 y^2 = 108$$