

Foundations of Mathematics

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Math 300 Sections 902, 905

Third Homework:

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1. Rewrite the following English sentences (which are mathematical statements) as sentences involving quantifiers.
 - (a) A triangle has three sides.
 - (b) The square of a real number is nonnegative.
 - (c) Some Aggies are not Human.
 - (d) An integer is necessarily prime or composite.
 - (e) Some even numbers are divisible by two and are divisible by seven.
 - (f) The sum of two even integers is an odd integer.
 - (g) Irrational numbers are real.
2. Negate each of the quantified statements from Question 1, again as English sentences.
3. Recall the following property of the integers:
“If n is an integer, then there is an integer m with the property that $n + m = 0$.”
 - (a) Write this as a statement involving quantifiers.
 - (b) Give a useful negation of this statement.
 - (c) What is this property called?
4. Negate each of the following statements (which are important definitions in mathematics). Assume that the symbols f , K , a , and l are defined.
 - (a) For every $x \in K$, if $x \neq 0$, then there is a $y \in K$ such that $xy = 1$.
 - (b) For every real number $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that if $x \in \mathbb{R}$ with $x \neq a$ and $|x - a| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$.
 - (c) For every real number $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that if $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ with $|x - y| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$.
5. Is the following statement a tautology?

$$(\forall x \in U)(P(x)) \longrightarrow (\exists x \in U)(P(x)).$$

Why or why not? Justify your assertions.

6. Prove the following statement:

For integers a , b , and c , if $a|b$ and $a|c$, then $a|(b+c)$.

- (a) Construct a “know-show” table for a proof of this statement. You may find it useful to recycle LaTeX code from HW1.
- (b) Write your proof in paragraph form.

7. Prove or find counterexamples to following statements. Write negations of the false statements in English.

- (a) For all integers a , we have $\sqrt{a^2} = a$.
- (b) For all integers a, b, c with $a \neq 0$, if $a|(bc)$ then $a|b$ or $a|c$.
- (c) For all integers a, b with $a \neq 0$, if $a|b$, then $a^2|b^2$.
- (d) For all real numbers x, y we have $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} > 2xy$.
- (e) For all integers a, b , and c with $a \neq 0$, if a divides $(b-1)$ and a divides $(c-1)$, then a divides $(bc-1)$.
- (f) For all integers a, b , and c with $a \neq 0$, if a divides both $b-c$ and $b+c$, then a divides b .

8. Let n be a positive integer and consider the statement we explored about congruence modulo n :

For any integers a, b, c, d if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$, then $(a+c) \equiv (b+d) \pmod{n}$.

- (a) Construct a “know-show” table for a proof of this statement. You may find it useful to recycle LaTeX code from HW1.
- (b) Write your proof in paragraph form.

9. Repeat the previous question, but replace addition by multiplication.

10. Prove or find counterexamples to following statements.

- (a) If a is an integer with $a \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$, then $a^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$.
- (b) If a is an integer with $a^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$, then $a \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$.

11. Consider Statement (e) in Problem 7.

- (a) Rewrite this as a statement involving congruences.
- (b) Formulate a useful generalization of your statement in part (a) of this problem.