

**Exercises: Determine the domain.** For each of the following quantified statements taken randomly from mathematics textbooks, **determine a plausible domain.** Some of the domains are implicit.

*Exercise (1).* (Well-ordering principle) Every nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  has a smallest element.

The plausible domain is  $\{X \subseteq \mathbb{N} \mid |X| \leq 1\}$

*Exercise (2).* Every finite connected graph  $G$  has a spanning tree.

The set of all finite connected graphs.

*Exercise (3).* A tree with  $n$  vertices has exactly  $n - 1$  edges.

The set of all trees.

*Exercise (4).* Every finite acyclic graph has at least one sink and at least one source.

The set of all finite acyclic graphs

*Exercise (5).* If  $u$  and  $v$  are different vertices of a digraph  $G$ , and if there is a path in  $G$  from  $u$  to  $v$ , then there is an acyclic path  $u$  to  $v$ .

The domain is the set of vertices in digraph  $G$ .

**More translation practice: the implicit domain is  $\mathbb{Z}$ .** Each of the following statements is implicitly quantified: that is, each is a "for all" statement, with domain  $\mathbb{Z}$ . For each of the following:

- (i) translate into symbols
- (ii) Write the negation of the statement in words
- (iii) Write the contraposition of the original statement in words
- (iv) Which are true?

*Exercise (1).* If  $a$  divides  $b$ , then  $ac$  divides  $bc$  for any  $c$ .

- (i)  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, a|b \Rightarrow \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}, ac|bc$
- (ii) For all integers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $a$  divides  $b$  and there exists an integer  $c$  such that  $ac$  does not divide  $bc$ .
- (iii) For all integers  $a$  and  $b$ , there exists an integer  $c$  such that if  $ac$  divides  $bc$ , then  $a$  does not divide  $b$ .
- (iv) The original statement and the contrapositive are true.

*Exercise (2).* If  $ac$  divides  $bc$ , then  $a$  divides  $b$ .

- (i)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, ac|bc \Rightarrow a|b$
- (ii) If  $ac$  divides  $bc$ , then  $a$  does not divide  $b$
- (iii) If  $a$  does not divide  $b$ , then  $ac$  does not divide  $bc$ .
- (iv) The original statement and the contrapositive are false, negation is also false.

*Exercise (3).* If  $a$  divides  $b$  and  $a$  divides  $b + 2$  then  $a = 1$  or  $a = 2$ .

- (i)  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, (a|b \wedge a|(b + 2)) \Rightarrow (a = 1 \vee a = 2)$
- (ii) If  $a$  divides  $b$  and  $a$  divides  $b + 2$ , then  $a$  is not equal to 1 or 2.
- (iii) If  $a$  is not equal to 1 or 2, then  $a$  does not divide neither  $b$  and  $b + 2$ .
- (iv) The original statement is and contrapositive are true, negation is false.

*Exercise (4).* if  $xy$  is even, then  $x$  is even or  $y$  is even.

- (i)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, (2|xy) \Rightarrow (2|x \vee 2|y)$
- (ii) If  $xy$  is even, then  $x$  and  $y$  are odd.
- (iii) If  $x$  and  $y$  are odd, then  $xy$  is odd.
- (iv) The original and the contraposition are true, negation false.

*Exercise (5).* The sum of two odd integers is odd

- (i)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x + y = 2k + 1, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- (ii) The sum of two odd integers is even.
- (iii) If two integers are odd, then their sum is odd.
- (iv) The original statement is false, the negation is true, the contrapositive is false.

*Exercise (6).* If  $a$  and  $b$  are odd, then  $a^2 + b^2$  is not divisible by 4

- (i)  $\forall k, m \in \mathbb{Z}, (a = 2k + 1 \wedge b = 2m + 1) \Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 \nmid 4)$
- (ii) If  $a$  and  $b$  are odd, then  $a^2 + b^2$  is divisible by 4.
- (iii) If  $a^2 + b^2$  is divisible by 4, then  $a$  or  $b$  are even numbers.
- (iv) The original statement is true as well as the contrapositive, the negation is false.