

## Quantifiers

Most mathematical statements of any significance contain quantifiers. Sometimes they're implied, sometimes they're explicit, but either way they're important.

Goals:

- Translate statements with quantifiers into logical symbols
- Determine the truth value of quantified statements

1. Translate the following logical statement into English sentences.

(a)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}$

(b)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 > 0$

(c)  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, 2^n < 0$

(d)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, n + m = 2$

(e)  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, kn = 0$

(f)  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, n + m = 0$

(g)  $\exists A \subseteq \mathbb{R}, |A| < \infty$

(h)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists A \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), |A| < n$

2. Determine the truth value of every statement in Exercise 1.
3. Translate the following mathematical statements into symbolic form using the symbols  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$ ,  $\exists$ , and  $\forall$ .
  - (a) If  $f$  is a continuous function on the interval  $[a, b]$  and  $N$  is a number between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  with  $f(a) \neq f(b)$  then there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(c) = N$ .
  - (b) A function  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$  for all  $c \in [a, b]$ .

(c) The limit of the sequence  $a_n$  equals  $L$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N$  then  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ .

(d) The limit of a function  $f$  at  $x = a$  equals  $L$  if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$  if  $|x - a| < \delta$ .