

PSO or TTO troubles? Please be patient—
we are working through all the email...

Last time...

"Every natural number n greater than 20 satisfies $1.5n - 4 \geq 3$ "

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 20 \Rightarrow 1.5n - 4 \geq 3$
 Proof:
 Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and assume $n > 20$
 Then, $n \geq 5$
 So $1.5n \geq 7.5$
 So $1.5n - 4 \geq 3.5 \geq 3$ \square

Note:

$S_1: \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 20 \Rightarrow 1.5n - 4 \geq 3$ / ^{CSC165} standard

$S_2: \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 20 \wedge 1.5n - 4 \geq 3$ too "strong"

~~$S_3: \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 20, 1.5n - 4 \geq 3$~~ syntax error

$S_4: \forall n, n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n > 20 \Rightarrow 1.5n - 4 \geq 3$

↳ different style, NOT FOR CSC165!!
equivalent to S_1

$\forall (\text{var.name}) \in (\text{Domain})$

↑
set — given in question
— standard number set
($\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}^-, \mathbb{Z}^+, \mathbb{R}, \dots$)

"Some natural number n less than 20 satisfies $1.5n - 4 \geq 3$."

$$S_5: \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \underline{n < 20} \wedge \underline{1.5n - 4 \geq 3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$S_6: \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \underline{n < 20} \Rightarrow 1.5n - 4 \geq 3 \quad \times$$

too "weak"

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n < 2 \Rightarrow 1.5n - 4 \geq 3$$

$n=10$ $10 < 2$ is false

so $\underbrace{(10 < 2)}_{\text{false}} \Rightarrow 1.5 \cdot 10 - 4 \geq 3$ is vacuously true

Ex 2: Prove that for all integers x ,
if $x \mid x+5$, then $x \mid 5$.

~~$(x \mid x) + 5$~~
 ~~$\underbrace{\quad}_{T/F} + 5 ?$~~

$x \mid (x+5)$

✓

1. Predicate notation / symbolic notation

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \underbrace{x \mid x+5} \Rightarrow \underbrace{x \mid 5}$$

2. Proof header:

Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, and assume $\underline{x \mid x+5}$.
(WTP: $x \mid 5$)

... now what?

go back and expand definition of " \mid "

$$1. \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \left(\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, x+5 = k_1 \cdot x \right) \Rightarrow \\ \left(\exists k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, 5 = k_2 \cdot x \right)$$

back to proof:

2. Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, and assume
 $\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, x+5 = k_1 \cdot x$.

ROUGH WORK:

KNOW

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, x + 5 = k_1 \cdot x$$

how to use this?

WANT

$$\exists k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, 5 = k_2 \cdot x$$

let $k_2 =$ _____

Convention: assumption of the form

$\exists (\text{variable}) \in (\text{domain}) (\text{property})$

in a proof, we can use (variable) as
the name of a value that satisfies (property)

Starting over... COMPLETE PROOF

Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, and assume $\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, x+5 = k_1 \cdot x$

Let $\boxed{k_2 = k_1 - 1.}$ $k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Then, $x+5 = k_1 \cdot x$ \leftarrow start from KNOWN

$$\Rightarrow 5 = k_1 \cdot x - x$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{5 = k_2 \cdot x} \quad \square \quad \leftarrow \text{end with WANTED}$$

Consider... In this last proof, did we rely on anything special about the constant 5?