

"Lectures: 1) Analysis of Language Quantifiers

⇒ "there exist" — "at least one"

⇒ "for all"

we look at following statement:

"There is an object  $x$  having property  $P$ "

Eg The equation  $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$  has a real root.

we can rewrite it:

There is a real number  $x$  such that  $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$

or

= There exist a real number  $x$  such that  $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$

Symbolic use of "is" or "exist"

is  $\exists$  (Back to Front  $\infty$ )

∴  $\exists x [x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0]$

"There exist an  $x$  such that  $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$ "

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$\exists$

Called Existential Quantifier

$\exists x [x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0]$

< Existential Statement

∴ The simplest way to prove an existential statement

of this form  $[\exists x [x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0]]$

↳ to find actual  $x$  that

will satisfy the property

∴ To solve this statement, find  $x$  that solves the equation

take  $x = -1$

$$\text{Then } x^2 + 2x + 1 = (-1)^2 + 2(-1) + 1 = 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$$

But, sometimes we can prove  
an existential statement without  
finding an object ( $x$ ) that satisfies a property.

Eg

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$$\exists x [x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0]$$

$\therefore$  we want find an  $x$  to solve the  
existential equation

But I will show that there is a solution.

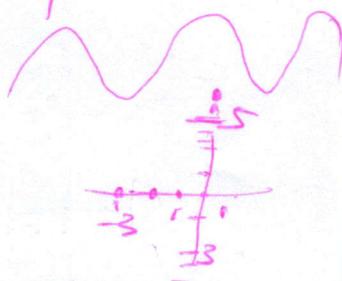
We will start by looking at function:

$$y = x^3 + 3x + 1$$

(this is a continuous function)

if graph is smooth curve  
 $\Rightarrow$  with no breaks or jumps

only thing  
we need to  
know about  
continuous  
functions  
now.



If  $x = -1$  the curve function

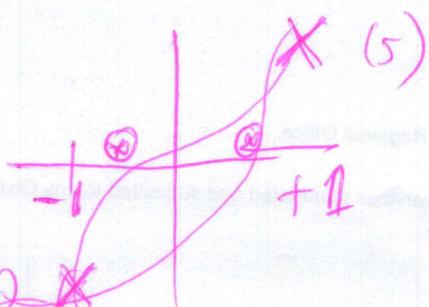
$$\text{has value } y = -1 + -3 + 1 = -3$$

If  $x = +1$ , the curve or function

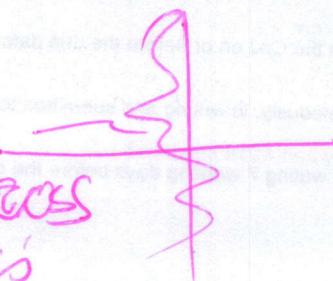
$$\text{has value } y = 1 + 3 + 1 = 5$$

$\therefore$  the curve lies below  $x$ -axis for  $x = -1$

The curve lies above  $x$ -axis for  $x = +1$



But not cross  
 $x$ -axis



So where it crosses the x-axis  
the y value = 0

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∴ where it crosses the x-axis

x satisfies  $x^3 + 2x + 1 = 0$

remember, we did not say which

x satisfies the equation

(whether neg or positive.)

But we do know that such a x ~~exists~~.

∴ is an eg of an Indirect Proof

"a lot of Mathematical Proofs  
are of this Nature!"

⇒ pretty cool

Ques

same eg as before:

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$$\exists x [x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0]$$

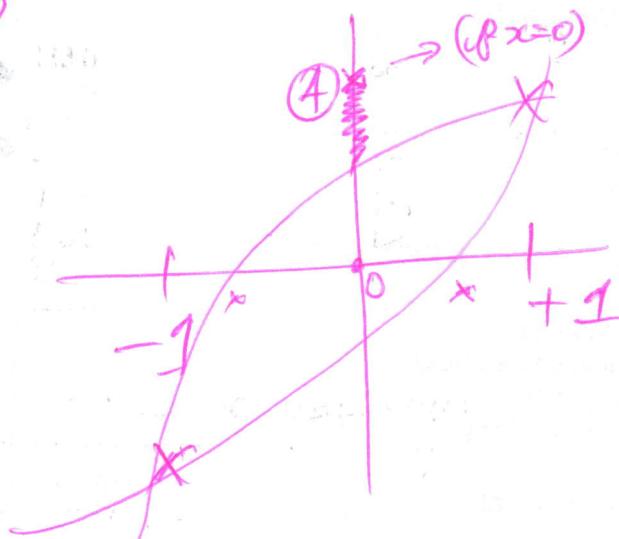
Which one of the following  $\leq$  it:

1)  $(\exists x < 0) [x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0]$

2)  $(\exists x > 0) [x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0]$

(there is or exist an  $x < 0$ , such that  $x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0$ )  
(there is or exist an  $x > 0$ , such that  $x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0$ )

But how did we get it..?



Prove it (1):

First attempt was to go  $-1$  and  $+1$  (for x)

But instead we can go between  $-1$  and  $0$

$\therefore$  Note if  $x=0$ , then  $y = x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0+0+1=1$  ④

$\therefore$  If  $x$  is negative,  $f(x) = -$

$y$  is positive, if  $x=0$   $x$

so it somewhere between  $-1$  and  $0$  where

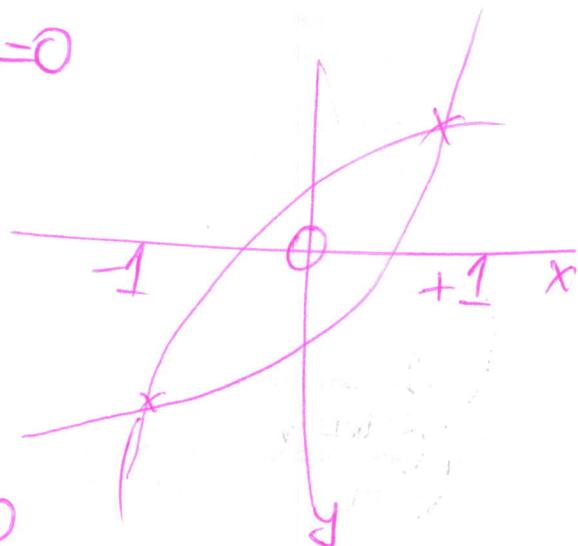
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- Since the curve lies below the axis at  $x=1$ , and above axis at  $x=0$ , if  $(y)$  not cross axis between  $x=1$  and  $x=0$

## Or Prove ②

We can apply obverse if that  $x \geq 0$ , then  $x^3 + 3x + 1 > 0$   
 $(\text{so } \neq 0)$

So proving it this way is false,  
 which leaves us with Proof ①



→ Example of Indirect Proof !!

## Wobbly Table Theorem

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∴ If you have a wobbly table, you can find piece paper and put it under one leg.

or

= you can rotate the table until it balances (?)  
[last thinking out box]

⇒ [Come up with mathematical solution]  
or Confirm the solution experimentally

go search for  
table

Sometimes it is not obvious that a statement is an "existence assertion"

But many statements in fact turn out to be so!

e.g. Statement that  $x$  is rational  
is an existence statement.

→ here is why:

Let's take:

$\sqrt{x^2}$  is rational

(we know this is false)

(But we just use it as an example of statement)

From face of it, it does not look like an existence statement.

"Rewrite":

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There exist natural numbers  $p, q$

such that  $\sqrt{2} = p/q$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad \exists p \exists q [ \sqrt{2} = p/q ]$$

(remember when we prove, there will be  
no value for  $p, q$  that satisfies this equation)

- we need to know in advance that

$p, q$  denotes natural numbers.

But  $\textcircled{A}$  equation does not say this!

(from measure it can be real or complex no's)

We need to make it more specific:

By writing it in the following way:

$$\textcircled{A} \# (\mathbb{N}) \quad (\exists p \in \mathbb{N})(\exists q \in \mathbb{N}) [\sqrt{2} = p/q]$$

where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes a set of natural numbers

II There exist a  $p$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ , and there exist a  $q$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  
such that  $\sqrt{2} = p$  over  $q$ "

or

$$(\exists p, q \in \mathbb{N}) [\sqrt{2} = p/q]$$

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(in aside):

→ rational number can take form  $p/q$ , where  
 $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  
 $q$  is not zero.

— — — Come back: ~~proof~~  
prove  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational,  
we proof it by contradiction!



Next Language Construct:

Universal quantifier  $\forall$

$\forall x$  means "for all  $x$ , it is the case that..."

Upside down letter A, which means "for all"

Eg - "The square<sup>(out)</sup> of any real number is greater or equal to zero" (10)

$\forall x (x^2 \geq 0)$

"for all  $x (x^2 \geq 0)"$

→ "for all assertion"

→ (Compared to  
existence assertion)

→ This is the universal quantifier

⇒ how do I know what the  $x$  means  
& need to be explicit

$(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x^2 \geq 0)$

Let's look at combinations of quantifiers

Most cases  
of two or  
more  
quantifiers  
combined

⇒ There is no largest natural numbers

∴  $(\forall m \in \mathbb{N})(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(n > m)$

"For all  $m$  in set Natural Numbers, there is  $n$  in set Natural Numbers,  
such that  $n > m"$

Note: order of the quantifiers are important

If we swap the quantifiers around  $\Rightarrow$

$$(\exists n)(\forall m)(n > m)$$

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which says "There is <sup>'one'</sup>  $\underline{\exists}$  natural number  $n$ , which has property for all natural numbers  $m$ ,  $n > m$

which says "There is a natural number larger than all natural numbers"  $\Rightarrow$  which is false!

6 transform true sentence into false sentence

(wrong).

Melanoma association: "One American dies of melanoma almost every hour"

$$\exists A \forall H [A \text{ dies in } h \wedge H]$$

"There is an american,  $\forall$  every hour, such  $A$  dies in  $h \wedge H$ "

$\Rightarrow$  One guy dies every hour, of melanoma  
 $\hookrightarrow$  then get "reborn"

Correct:

$$\forall H \exists A [A \text{ dies in } h \wedge H]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  different  
Americans for  
different hours

"for every hour there exists an American, such that  
- "any"  
A dies in hour h."

Ques: State logic sentence: (b)

"Do you have a licence from more than one state"

Which stat formulas express the literal meaning of  
this statement:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad (\exists L)(\exists S_1)(\exists S_2) [ (S_1 \neq S_2) \wedge \text{From}(L, S_1) \wedge \text{From}(L, S_2) ]$$

"There is/exists license, for which there are two distinct states,  
where that license comes from

C  
literal meaning, But it is False

- licence are issued by state

- you can't get a licence issued by two separate states.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (\exists L_1)(\exists L_2)(\exists S) [ (L_1 \neq L_2) \wedge \text{From}(L_1, S) \wedge \text{From}(L_2, S) ]$$

"There two licenses , that is issued by one state"

A (~~not~~ possibly me, But not what sentence says) C From(L\_2, S)

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (\exists L_1)(\exists L_2)(\exists S_1)(\exists S_2) [ (S_1 \neq S_2) \wedge (L_1 \neq L_2) \wedge \text{from}(L_1, S_1) \wedge \text{from}(L_2, S_2) ]$$

"There are two licence , and two states , different

licences and different states , one licence from

one state, other from other state

↓  
This  
isn't  
one!

Let's mean by ①,

No ② intended meaning!

③

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① implies truth of  $\psi$ "

⇒ read how to read mathematical  
~~Formulas~~  
(Suppl. Tutorials) Formulas