

## 1. Review

(a)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n^2 - n \geq 1$  "For every natural number  $n$ ,  $2n^2 - n \geq 1$ ."

- universal quantifier
- big "and" statement

$$(2 \cdot 1^2 - 1 \geq 1) \wedge (2 \cdot 2^2 - 2 \geq 1) \wedge (2 \cdot 3^2 - 3 \geq 1) \wedge \dots$$

(b)  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n^2 - n > 10$  "There exists some natural number  $n$  such that  $2n^2 - n > 10$ ."

- existentially quantified statement
- big "or" statement

$$(2 \cdot 1^2 - 1 > 10) \vee (2 \cdot 2^2 - 2 > 10) \vee (2 \cdot 3^2 - 3 > 10) \vee \dots$$

2. For each statement below, write it using universal and/or existential quantifiers. Then determine their truth values

(a) Every integer is a rational number.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Q}$

True.  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ .

(b) There are rational numbers whose square is rational.  $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q}, q^2 \in \mathbb{Q}$

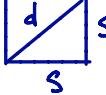
True. Example  $2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $2^2 = 4 \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

(c)  $a = \sqrt{a^2}$  for all real numbers  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a = \sqrt{a^2}$ .

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$\exists$  square with sides  $s$  and diagonal  $d$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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(e) Every integer that is not positive must be negative.

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $n \neq 0$ , then  $n < 0$ .

False.  $n=0$  is not positive and is also not negative.

(f) For every real number  $a$ , there is some quadratic polynomial  $p(x)$  where  $a$  is a root of  $p(x)$ .

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$\forall p(x) = bx^2 + cx + d$ ,  $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p(a) = 0$ .

False.  $p(x) = x^2 + 2$  has no real roots.

(h) If  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f(x) = \frac{x+r}{x^2+r^3}$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\forall r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{x+r}{x^2+r^3}$  is continuous.

False. For  $r = -1$ ,  $x^2 + r^3 = x^2 - 1$ . So  $f(x)$  would be discontinuous at  $x = \pm 1$ .

(i) If  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a horizontal asymptote, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  is defined.   
 or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$

$\forall f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , if  $f(x)$  has a horizontal asymptote, then

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$\forall x$ ,  $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x) \vee R(x)$

# What we can learn from a second pass.

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$$= \forall n, P(n) = R$$

What is  $\sim R$ ? How do you negate a universally quantified statement?

We know  $\sim(P \wedge Q) = \sim P \vee \sim Q$ . So..

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$$(b) \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n^2 - n > 10 = (2 \cdot 1^2 - 1 > 10) \vee (2 \cdot 2^2 - 2 > 10) \vee (2 \cdot 3^2 - 3 > 10) \vee \dots$$

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Now, we know either  $\underline{\forall x, P(x)}$  or  $\underline{\exists x, \sim P(x)}$  is true

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We showed:  $\boxed{\exists a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq \sqrt{a^2}}$

We showed  $\forall$  square,  $s \notin \mathbb{Z}$  or  $d \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

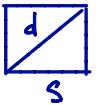
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$\exists n, \sim(P \Rightarrow Q) = \exists n, P(n) \wedge \sim Q(n)$

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order matters  $\forall a \exists p(x), p(a) = 0 \neq \exists p(x), \forall a, p(a) = 0$

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$P \Rightarrow Q \equiv \forall \text{ acceptable } P, Q$

conditional statements can be represented as universally quantified statements.

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