

Nested quantifiers

Translate the English sentence into sentences involving universal quantifiers and predicates with bound variables. For example,

Every real number has a product with zero equalling zero

can be written as

$$\forall x(0 \cdot x = 0)$$

with a domain of discourse the *reals*. The sentence

There is a supervisor who oversees every process in this factory

can be written as

$$\exists x \forall y P(x, y),$$

where x has domain “employees in this factory”, y has domain “process in the factory”, and $P(x, y)$ is the predicate “ x oversees y ”.

- Every process in this factory is overseen by some person.
- There is a positive integer that is smallest (i.e., at least as small as any other).
- There is a real number that has no reciprocal (multiplicative inverse).
- There is no smallest real number. [Try to write this both with and without a negation symbol.]
- Any secret any person knows can be revealed to the right person.

Rewrite the statement in as simple an English statement as possible. Then write the negation of that statement.

- \forall colors C , \exists an animal A such that A is colored C .
- \exists a book b such that \forall people p , p has read b .
- \forall odd integers n , \exists an integer k such that $n = 2k + 1$.
- \exists real x such that for all real y , $x + y = 0$.

Negating nested quantifiers

- $\neg \forall x \exists y P(x, y) \equiv \exists x \forall y \neg P(x, y)$
- $\neg \exists x \forall y P(x, y) \equiv \forall x \exists y \neg P(x, y)$
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- $\neg \exists x \exists y P(x, y) \equiv ?$
- $\neg \forall x \exists y \forall z P(x, y, z) \equiv ?$