

Intro to Math Reasoning HW 4a

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Problem 1

Problem: Consider the predicate $C(x, y)$ where x and y are real numbers. Let the sets S_1 and S_2 :

$$S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}) C(x, y)\}$$
$$S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}) \neg C(x, y)\}$$

Can both S_1 and S_2 be nonempty?

Solution: Yes, and to prove this it suffices to give a single example. Consider the following choice of $C(x, y)$:

$$C(x, y) \equiv (\exists! k \in \mathbb{R}) \ kx = y$$

Notice that this is just a more accurate way of saying $\frac{y}{x}$ is defined. We know that for all real numbers x, y the statement is defined and thus the proposition is true *except* when $x = 0$ since $\frac{y}{0}$ is not defined for any y .

So in this case $S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 0\}$ and $S_2 = \{0\}$ which are both nonempty.

Problem 2

Consider the predicate $P(A, B, C) \equiv (C \setminus A = C \setminus B) \rightarrow A = B$.

Part a

Problem: Is there an A, B and C such that $P(A, B, C)$ is true?

Solution:

Part b

Problem: Is there a unique (A, B, C) such that $P(A, B, C)$ is true?

Solution:

Part c

Problem: Is there an A, B and C such that $P(A, B, C)$ is false?

Solution:

Problem 2

Part a

Problem:

Solution:

Part b

Problem:

Solution:

Part c

Problem:

Solution: