

# Mathematics: A Discrete Introduction

## #10: Quantifiers

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### 10.1

- a.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x$  is prime.
- b.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \neg(x \text{ is prime or composite})$ .
- c.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^2 = 2$ .
- d.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, 5|x$ .
- e.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, 7|x$ .
- f.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^2 > 0$ .
- g.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, xy = 1$ .
- h.  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x/y = 10$ .
- i.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}, xy = 0$ .
- j.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, x < y$ .

### 10.2

- a. There is an integer that is not prime.  
 $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x$  is not prime.
- b. Every integer is prime or composite.  
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x$  is prime or composite.
- c. Every integer is not an integer whose square is 2.  
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \neg(x^2 = 2)$ .
- d. There is an integer that is not divisible by 5.  
 $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \neg(5|x)$ .

- e. All integers are not divisible by 7.  
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \neg(7|x).$
- f. There is an integer whose square is negative.  
 $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^2 < 0.$
- g. There is an integer  $x$  for any integer  $y$  such that  $xy \neq 1$ .  
 $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}, xy \neq 1.$
- h. For every integer  $x, y$ ,  $x/y \neq 10$ .  
 $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x/y \neq 10.$
- i. For every integer  $x$  there is an integer  $y$  such that  $xy \neq 0$ .  
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, xy \neq 0.$
- j. There is an integer  $x$  which is equal or greater than any integer.  
 $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \geq y.$

### 10.3

No one is invited to the party.

### 10.4

- a. False
- b. True
- c. True
- d. True
- e. False
- f. True
- g. True
- h. True

### 10.5

- a.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \geq 0.$   
 There is an integer that is greater than or equal to 0.
- b.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \neq x + 1.$   
 Every integer  $x$  is not equal to  $x + 1$ .
- c.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq 10.$   
 All integers are less or equal to 10.

- d.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x + x \neq 2x$ .  
There is an integer  $x$  such that  $x + x \neq 2x$ .
- e.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq y$ .  
For every integer  $x$  there is an integer  $y$  such that  $x \leq y$ .
- f.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \neq y$ .  
There is an integer  $x$  such that there is an integer  $y$  which satisfies  $x \neq y$ .
- g.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}, x + y \neq 0$ .  
There is an integer  $x$  for any integer  $y$  such that  $x + y \neq 0$ .

## 10.6

$\forall x, \forall y$ , assertions about  $x$  and  $y$

$\forall y, \forall x$ , assertions about  $x$  and  $y$

These two statements mean the same thing, since we have "uninterrupted subsequences of quantifiers of the same type". Likewise, the following statements mean the same thing.

$\exists x, \exists y$ , assertions about  $x$  and  $y$

$\exists y, \exists x$ , assertions about  $x$  and  $y$

"Being able to swap the use of the variables is of course due to the fact that variables are just 'dummies', and can therefore be replaced by other variables." Check: <https://math.stackexchange.com/q/3515811>.