

# Quantifiers – exercises

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1. Rewrite the following using  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ .
  - (a) For all the integers  $x$ ,  $x$  is odd or even.
  - (b) There exist two prime numbers such that their sum is prime.
  - (c) There exists a rational number greater than  $\sqrt{2}$ .
  - (d) If  $x$  is a real number, then  $x^2$  is greater than  $x$ .
  - (e) For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a prime  $p$  such that  $p > n$ .
2. Decide whether the following are true or false. Explain your answers.
  - (a)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists y \in \mathbb{R} (x^2 = y)$ .
  - (b)  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R} \exists x \in \mathbb{R} (x^2 = y)$ .
  - (c)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} \exists y \in \mathbb{Z} (x^2 = y)$ .
  - (d)  $\forall y \in \mathbb{Z} \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} (x^2 = y)$ .
  - (e)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists y \in \mathbb{R} (x + y = 0)$ .
  - (f)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \forall y \in \mathbb{R} (x + y = 1)$ .
  - (g)  $\forall x p \implies \exists x p$ , where  $p$  is some proposition.
  - (h)  $\exists x p \implies \forall x p$ , where  $p$  is some proposition.
  - (i)  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n^2 \leq n$ .
3. Rewrite the following using  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ .
  - (a) If  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers with  $a \neq 0$ , then  $ax + b = 0$  has a solution.
  - (b) If  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers with  $a \neq 0$ , then  $ax + b = 0$  has a unique solution.
4. Negate the following.
  - (a) There exists a grey cat.
  - (b) For all cats there exists an owner.
  - (c) There exists a grey cat for all owners.
  - (d) Every fire engine is red and every ambulance is white.
5. Negate the following.
  - (a) Some of the students in the class are not here today.
  - (b) Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$ . For all  $x$  there exists  $y$  such that  $x = y + z$ .
  - (c) There exists unique  $x$  such that  $p$  is true.
  - (d) All mathematics students are hardworking.
  - (e) Only some of the students in the class are here today.
  - (f) The number  $\sqrt{x}$  is rational if  $x$  is an integer.
6. Show the following are true.
  - (a)  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall n \geq N, \frac{1}{n} < \frac{25}{37}$ .
  - (b)  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall n \geq N, \frac{5n^2+2}{n^2} - 5 < \frac{1}{1000}$ .