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Module 2

Bridge to Abstract Math

1.

Translate the following English sentences into symbolic sentences with quantifiers. The universe for each is given in the parentheses.

(g) Some people are honest and some people are not honest.

Solution:

$$(\exists x)P(x) \wedge (\exists x) \sim P(x)$$

7.

(a) Complete the following proof of Theorem 1.3.1 (b):

If A(x) is an open sentence with variable x,

$$\sim (\exists x) A(x)$$
 is equivalent to $(\forall x) \sim A(x)$

We have to show that $\sim (\exists x) A(x)$ and $(\forall x) \sim A(x)$ have the same truth values

Solution:

$$\sim (\exists x) A(x)$$
 is True

iff
$$(\exists x) A(x)$$
 is False

iff the truth set for A(x) is empty

iff the truth set for $\sim A(x)$ is the entire universe

iff $(\forall x) \sim A(x)$ is True in the universe

9.

Give an English translation for each. The universe is given in parentheses.

(b)
$$(\exists ! x) (x \ge 0 \land x \le 0) (\mathbb{R}) (\exists ! x)$$

Solution: There is a unique x in the universe \mathbb{R} that is neither negative or positive.

10.

Which of the following are true in the universe of all real numbers?

$$(f) (\exists x) (\forall y) (x \le y)$$

Solution: This is False - a single value in $\mathbb R$ cannot be smaller than all real numbers

Let A(x) be an open sentence with variable x.

11.

(b) Show that the converse of 1.3.2 (a) is false.

Part (a) states $(\exists!x)A(x) \Rightarrow (\exists x)A(x)$

The converse of a is
$$(\exists x)A(x) \Rightarrow (\exists !x)A(x)$$

Solution:

If $(\exists x)A(x)$ is true for some x in the universe

and therefore A(x) is not true for a unique x in the universe

This implies that A(x) is true for more than one x in the universe

Therefore the converse of this theorem is false.

Let x, y and z be integers. Prove that :

Solution:

5.

(g) if x and y are odd then xy are odd

Suppose x and y are odd.

Then xy = (2k+1)(21+1) = 4kl + 2k + 2l = 2(2kl + k + l) + 1

Then x = 2k + 1 and y = 2l + 1 for some integers k,l

Thus xy is odd.

6. Let a and b be real numbers. Prove that:

$c)\left|\frac{a}{b}\right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}, \ b \neq 0.$

Solution:

$$\left|\frac{a}{b}\right| = \left|a \cdot \frac{a}{b}\right|$$

$$= |a| |\frac{1}{b}|$$
 from the proof in part a

$$=\frac{|a|}{|b|}$$

7. Suppose a, b, c and d are integers. Prove that

(k) if a divides b and c divide d, then ac divides bd.

Solution:

suppose
$$b = ak$$
 and $d = cl$

then bd = (ak)(cl) = (ac)(kl)then ac is a multiple of bd and by definition of division ac divides bd.