

Exemplar Problem

Mathematical Reasoning

6. Write down the negation of following compound statements

(i) All rational numbers are real and complex.

Solution:

The given statement is compound statement then components are,

P: All rational numbers are real.

$\sim p$: All rational numbers are not real.

q: All rational numbers are complex.

$\sim q$: All rational numbers are not complex.

$(p \wedge q)$: All rational numbers are real and complex.

$\sim (p \wedge q) = \sim p \vee \sim q$: All rational numbers are neither real nor complex.

(ii) All real numbers are rationals or irrationals.

Solution:

The given statement is compound statement then components are,

P: All real numbers are rational.

$\sim p$: All real numbers are not rational.

q: All real numbers are irrational.

$\sim q$: All real numbers are not irrational.

$(p \wedge q)$: All real numbers are rationals or irrationals.

$\sim (p \wedge q) = \sim p \vee \sim q$: All real numbers are neither rationals nor irrationals.

(iii) $x = 2$ and $x = 3$ are roots of the Quadratic equation $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$.

Solution:

The given sentence is a compound statement in which components are

p: $x = 2$ is a root of Quadratic equation $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$.

$\sim p$: $x = 2$ is not a root of Quadratic equation $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$.

q: $x = 3$ is a root of Quadratic equation $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$.

$\sim q$: $x = 3$ is not a root of Quadratic equation $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$.

$(p \wedge q)$: $x = 2$ and $x = 3$ are roots of the Quadratic equation $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$.

$\sim (p \wedge q) = \sim p \vee \sim q$: Neither $x = 2$ and nor $x = 3$ are roots of $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$

(iv) A triangle has either 3-sides or 4-sides.

Solution:

The given statement is compound statement then components are,

P: A triangle has 3 sides

$\sim p$: A triangle does not have 3 sides.

q: A triangle has 4 sides.

$\sim q$: A triangle does not have 4 side.

$(p \vee q)$ = A triangle has either 3-sides or 4-sides.

$\sim(p \vee q) = \sim p \wedge \sim q$ = A triangle has neither 3 sides nor 4 sides.