

§ 1.5. Nested Quantifiers.

1. Nested Quantifiers: often necessary to express the meaning of sentences in English as well as important concepts in CS and Math.

Ex. $\forall x \forall y (x+y = y+x)$

Translate: $x+y = y+x$ for all real # x and y .

(order doesn't matter)

$= \forall y \forall x (x+y = y+x)$

$\exists x \exists y (xy = 1)$ (order doesn't matter)

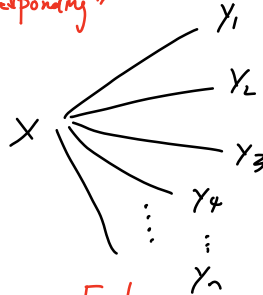
Translate: there is a pair of real # x and y such that $x \cdot y = 1$

Ex. $\forall x \exists y (x+y = 0) \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{True!}$

For every real # x , there is a real # y s.t. $x+y = 0$.
"Corresponding"

$x = 1 \quad y = -1$

$x = -1000, y = 1000$



2) $\exists x \forall y (x+y = 0) \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{False}$

Translate: there is a x , for all real # y . s.t. $x+y = 0$.

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"magic"

impossible b/c there is no such x can satisfy for all y 's.

Ex. $\exists x \forall y (xy = 0) \quad x = 0 \quad y \quad 0 \cdot y = 0$
True!

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Ex. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists y \in \mathbb{R} (x+y = 1)$

True. $y = 1-x$

$$\textcircled{2} \exists x \in \mathbb{R} \forall y \in \mathbb{R} (x+y=1)$$

F. No one value x makes $x+y=1$ for all real y .

$$\textcircled{3} \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}^+ (x+y=y)$$

True $x=0, 0+y=y$

$$\textcircled{4} \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \forall y \in \mathbb{Z} (x+y = \boxed{y})$$

False

$$x+y > y$$

$$x=1, 1+y > y$$

Note: * $\forall x \forall y = \forall y \forall x$

$$\exists x \exists y = \exists y \exists x$$

$$\forall x \exists y \neq \exists x \forall y$$

$$\text{or } \exists y \forall x$$

textbook: §1.5 page 63.

Statement	True?	False?
$\forall x \forall y p(x,y)$ $\forall y \forall x p(x,y)$	$p(x,y) = \text{True}$ for every pair (x,y)	There is a pair for which $p(x,y) = F$ Counter-example
$\exists x \exists y p(x,y)$ $\exists y \exists x p(x,y)$	one pair $(x,y) = T$	Every pair is false
$\forall x \exists y p(x,y)$	For every x , there is a corresponding y	There is an x s.t. $p(x,y) = \text{False}$ for every y .
$\exists x \forall y p(x,y)$	one x works for all y	For every x , there is a corresponding y for $p(x,y) = F$

Ex. $\exists x \exists y (x^2 + y^2 = 6) \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

F

$\exists x \exists y (x^2 + y^2 = 5) \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

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$(1, 2)$
 $(2, 1)$

$(-1, 2)$
 $(-1, -2)$

$(1, -2)$