

Suppose we have the following predicates:

- $P(x)$: x is prime
- $E(x)$: x is even
- $G(x, y)$: $x > y$
- $Eq(x, y)$: $x = y$
- $S(x, y, z)$: $x + y = z$

Express the following formula in good English (do not use variables and avoid the use of “there exists” and “for all”).

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}^+. G(y, x)$

There is an integer greater than all integers.

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \exists z \in \mathbb{Z}^+. ((E(x) \wedge G(x, 3)) \rightarrow (P(y) \wedge P(z) \wedge S(y, z, x)))$

Any even positive integer greater than 3 can be expressed as the sum of two primes (this is the Goldbach conjecture).

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}^+. ((\neg G(x, y) \wedge \neg G(y, x)) \rightarrow Eq(x, y))$

Given any two positive integers, if neither is greater than the other then they are equal.

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- $T(x, y, z)$: $x \cdot y = z$

Express the following English statements in logical formulae using the predicates given above over the domain of discourse \mathbb{Z}^+ .

- Given any two positive integers there exists another positive integer which equals their product.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \exists z \in \mathbb{Z}^+. T(x, y, z)$$

- There is no largest prime.

Two possible solutions are: $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}^+. G(y, x)$ and $\neg \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}^+. (\neg E(y, x) \rightarrow G(y, x))$, other solutions are possible.

- If a positive integer is not prime, it is composite.

One possible solution is:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^+. (\neg P(x) \rightarrow \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \exists z \in \mathbb{Z}^+. (G(y, 1) \wedge G(z, 1) \wedge T(y, z, x)))$$

other solutions are possible.

Note. A positive number is composite if it equals the product of two positive integers both greater than 1.

Prove that $A \cap (B \cup A) = A$ using a containment proof. Explain your steps.

First we show $A \cap (B \cup A) \subseteq A$, therefore consider any $x \in A \cap (A \cup B)$, by definition of intersection we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A \cap (A \cup B) &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in A \cup B \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \end{aligned}$$

and hence, since $x \in A \cap (A \cup B)$ was arbitrary, we have $A \cap (B \cup A) \subseteq A$.

For the reverse direction, i.e. showing $A \subseteq A \cap (B \cup A)$, consider any $x \in A$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in A \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in A \cup B && \text{by definition of union} \\ &\Rightarrow x \in A \cap (A \cup B) && \text{by definition of intersection} \end{aligned}$$

since $x \in A$ was arbitrary, we have $A \subseteq A \cap (B \cup A)$ completing the proof.

Prove $(A \setminus C) \cup (B \setminus C) = (A \cup B) \setminus C$ using set builder notation and logical equivalences. Explain your steps.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A \setminus C) \cup (B \setminus C) &= \{x \mid x \in (A \setminus C) \cup (B \setminus C)\} \\
 &= \{x \mid (x \in A \setminus C) \vee (x \in B \setminus C)\} && \text{definition of union} \\
 &= \{x \mid ((x \in A) \wedge (x \notin C)) \vee ((x \in B) \wedge (x \notin C))\} && \text{defn. of set difference} \\
 &= \{x \mid ((x \notin C) \wedge (x \in A)) \vee ((x \notin C) \wedge (x \in B))\} && \text{commutative law} \\
 &= \{x \mid (x \notin C) \wedge ((x \in A) \vee (x \in B))\} && \text{distributive law} \\
 &= \{x \mid ((x \in A) \vee (x \in B)) \wedge (x \notin C)\} && \text{commutative law} \\
 &= \{x \mid ((x \in A \cup B)) \wedge (x \notin C)\} && \text{defn. of union} \\
 &= \{x \mid x \in (A \cup B) \setminus C\} && \text{defn. of set difference} \\
 &= (A \cup B) \setminus C
 \end{aligned}$$