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Homework 1
Problem 8 (12 Points)

8a [2 points]

Theorem:

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(P(n))$$

Explanation:

This proposition is possibly, but not necessarily true. $P(0)$ can be either true or false and $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+2)$ will still hold.

8b [2 points]

Theorem:

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(\neg P(n))$$

Explanation:

This proposition is possibly, but not certainly true. If all $P(n)$ are false, then $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+2)$ will hold $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$.

8c [2 points]

Theorem:

$$P(0) \Rightarrow (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(P(n+2))$$

Explanation:

This proposition is possibly, but not certainly, true. $P(0)$ can be either true or false, and so can $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(P(n+2))$ since $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+2)$ will hold $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$. An example of $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(P(n+2))$ false, is when $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} \neg P(k)$

8d [2 points]

Theorem:

$$(P(0) \wedge P(1)) \Rightarrow (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(P(n))$$

Explanation:

This proposition is certainly true. An example of when this proposition holds is when $P(0)$ is false, which still allows $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+2)$ to hold. Having both $P(0)$ and $P(1)$ be true means that all subsequent $P(n)$ will be true, according to $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+2)$

8e [2 points]

Theorem:

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(P(n) \Rightarrow ((\exists m \in \mathbb{N})(m > n + 2013 \wedge P(m))))$$

Explanation:

This proposition is certainly true. What the implication is describing is that, further down from n , there is some element m s.t. $P(m)$ is true. This is always true when considering the fact that when you come across one $P(n)$ true, then at every $k+2$ value ahead of n , $P(\text{that value})$ will be true.

8f [2 points]

Theorem:

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(n < 2013 \Rightarrow P(n)) \wedge (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(n \geq 2013 \Rightarrow \neg P(n))$$

Explanation:

This proposition is certainly false. The left hand side of the conjunction is true when all $P(n)$ for $n < 2013$ are true, and the right hand side of the conjunction is true when all $P(n)$ are false for $n \geq 2013$. This would mean that there is some k for which $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+2)$ is false.