

$$P(x): x^2 \geq 0$$

$$U = \mathbb{R}$$

①

$$(1) (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) (x^2 \geq 0)$$

This is TRUE

why?

There are 3 cases. CASE (1): $x > 0$. Then $x^2 > 0$... (pos)(pos) = (pos)
CASE (2): $x < 0$. Then $x^2 > 0$... (neg)(neg) = (pos)
CASE (3): $x = 0$. Then $x^2 = 0$

In all 3 cases $x^2 \geq 0$. \square

$$(2) (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) (x^2 \geq 0)$$

This is True.

why?

It suffices to produce a single example. (We know any number x will work from the argument above in part (1).) Eg.

$$x = 2 \quad 2^2 = 4 \geq 0.$$

$$(3) \text{ Negation of (1). } \neg (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) (x^2 \geq 0) \equiv (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) (x^2 < 0).$$

This is FALSE. why? because of the "3 cases" argument in (1) above. We know squares are never < 0 .

$$(4) \text{ Negation of (2). } \neg (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) (x^2 \geq 0) \equiv (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) (x^2 < 0).$$

This is False. Producing one counterexample will show that this universally quantified claim is false.

The example from (2) $2^2 = 4 \not< 0$ works.

$$P(x) : x^2 \geq 2$$

$$U = \mathbb{R}$$

(2)

① $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x^2 \geq 2)$ FALSE

Counterexample . $x=1$ $x^2=1 \neq 2$.

② $(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(x^2 \geq 2)$ TRUE

One example suffices.

$x=7$, $x^2=49 \geq 2$.

③ Negation of ①. $\neg (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x^2 \geq 2) \equiv (\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(x^2 < 2)$

This is TRUE.

one example (eg $x=1$, $x^2=1 < 2$) suffices.

④ Negation of ②. $\neg (\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(x^2 \geq 2) \equiv (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x^2 < 2)$

This is FALSE. One counterexample

suffices. eg $x=7$ $x^2=49 \not< 2$.

$$P(x,y) : x+y=5$$

$$U = \mathbb{R} \quad (3)$$

$$(1) (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(x+y=5)$$

This is FALSE. One counterexample, $x=4, y=7$

so $x+y = 4+7 = 11 \neq 5$, suffices.

(2) Negation of (1)

$$\neg (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(x+y=5) \equiv (\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x+y \neq 5)$$

This is TRUE. One example suffices.

eg $x=4, y=7$ $x+y = 4+7 = 11 \neq 5$.

$$(3) (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x+y=5).$$

This is TRUE. You might start with examples, but you should spot a simple algebra manipulation that every particular example shares, & you can give a general argument.

Given any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

choose $y = 5 - x$

$$\text{Then } x+y = x + (5-x) = 5. \quad \square$$

(4) Negation of (3).

(4)

$$\neg (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) (\exists y \in \mathbb{R}) (x+y=5) \equiv (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}) (x+y \neq 5).$$

This is false. It is claiming that there exists a magic number x with the property that no matter what number y I add to it, my answer will be $\neq 5$. But if I add $y = 5-x$ to x then $x + (5-x) = 5$, so no such magic number x exists.

Remark: when would $(\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}) (P(x,y))$ be useful?

eg \downarrow

$$(\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}) (x+y=y) \text{ --- (**)}$$

The magic number x in this case exists! It is called 0 , and the statement (**)
is just the claim that \mathbb{R} has an additive identity element, i.e. $x=0$.

$$(5) (\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(x + y = 5)$$

(5)

This is FALSE. There is NO "magic" number x with this property "if I add any number y to x my answer is always 5".

eg. choose $y = 10 - x$

$$\text{Then } x + y = x + (10 - x) = 10 \neq 5.$$

(6) Negation of (5)

$$\neg (\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(x + y = 5) \equiv \frac{(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x + y \neq 5)}{\uparrow}$$

This is TRUE.

We have seen a strategy above. Given any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ we simply choose $y = 10 - x$.

$$\text{Then } x + y = x + (10 - x) = 10 \neq 5.$$

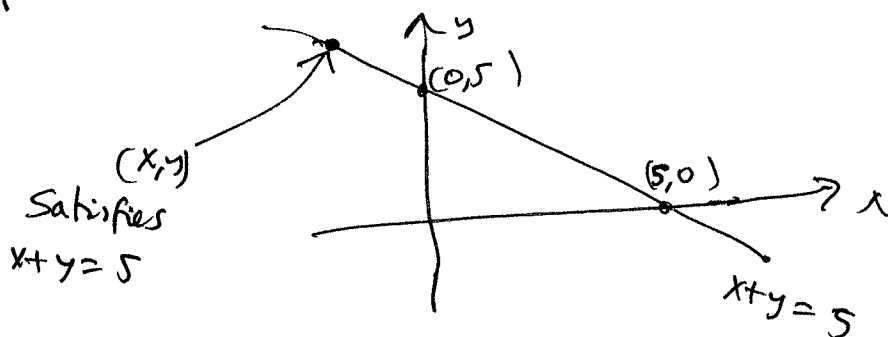
(7) $(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x+y=5)$.

This is TRUE

eg $x=0, y=5$

$0+5=5$

In fact there are infinitely many choices of pairs (x,y) --- If we plot these as points in the coordinate plane we would get a line



(8) Negation of (7)

$\neg (\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x+y=5) \equiv (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(x+y \neq 5)$

This statement is FALSE. If I pick any point on the line in (7) above then its coordinates (x,y) satisfy $x+y=5$.

eg $x=5, y=0$

$5+0=5$.

provides a counterexample to the claim!