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2.7/2.9 Take 2

I sorta covered the topics of 2.9, as 2.7, so now let's cover some examples of turning symbolic sentences into English (2.7).

Ex: Let $P_n(\mathbb{R})$ be the set of polynomials of degree n with coefficients in \mathbb{R} .

$$\textcircled{a} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall f \in P_n(\mathbb{R}), \exists r \in \mathbb{R}, f(r) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{b} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall f \in P_n(\mathbb{R}), \exists r \in \mathbb{C}, f(r) = 0$$

a Every polynomial with real coefficients and degree at least one has a real root.

This is false, e.g., $f(x) = x^2 + 1$.

b Every polynomial over \mathbb{R} of degree at least one has a complex root.

The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Ex: $\textcircled{a} \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, nx > y$

$\textcircled{b} \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x < y, \exists p \in \mathbb{Q}, x < p < y$

a Given real numbers x, y with $x > 0$, there is a positive integer n such that $nx > y$.

b Between any two real numbers, there is a rational number.

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Ex: Let $E = \{4, 6, 8, 10, 12, \dots\}$ and let $P = \{p \mid p \text{ is prime}\}$

Rewrite in symbols: (Goldbach's Conjecture)

"Every even integer greater than 2 is the sum of two primes."

(or) $(n \in E) \Rightarrow (\exists p, q \in P, n = p + q)$

$$\forall n \in E, \exists p, q \in P, n = p + q$$

2.10: Negating Statements

There are some important rules when negating:

De Morgan's Laws $\sim(P \vee Q) = (\sim P) \wedge (\sim Q)$

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Negation of \Rightarrow $\sim(P \Rightarrow Q) = P \wedge (\sim Q)$

Ex: (a) The hat is red or blue.

(b) The book is large and heavy.

(c) If x is rational, then \sqrt{x} is algebraic.

Sol:

(a) The hat is not red and the hat is not blue.

(b) The book is not large or the book is not heavy

(c) x is rational and \sqrt{x} is not algebraic

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Now, what about negating statements with \forall and \exists ?

$$\sim(\forall x \in S, P(x)) = \exists x \in S, \sim P(x)$$

$$\sim(\exists x \in S, P(x)) = \forall x \in S, \sim P(x)$$

Ex: (a) $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q}, x^2 \in \mathbb{Q}$

(b) $\exists x \in \mathbb{C}, x^2 + 1 = 0$

(c) $\forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X, f(x) = y$

(d) $(f(x) = f(y)) \Rightarrow (x = y)$

(e) The square of an odd number is odd.

(f) There is a rational number whose square is π .

Sol: (a) $\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}, x^2 \notin \mathbb{Q}$

(b) $\forall x \in \mathbb{C}, x^2 + 1 \neq 0$

(c) $\exists y \in Y, \forall x \in X, f(x) \neq y$

(d) $(f(x) = f(y)) \wedge (x \neq y)$

(e) There is an odd number whose square is not odd

(f) There is no rational number whose square is π .