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Wk 2, Fr

Topic:: Nested quantifiers

Read:: Rosen 1.5

~~HW:: Rosen 1.5~~

Nested quantifiers

If the statement is true, indicate that. If not, write a "nearby" statement to fix it.

• $\forall x \forall y (x + y = 0)$ $\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0)$

• $\exists x \forall y ((x > 0) \rightarrow (y^2 = x))$ $\forall y \exists x ((y^2 = x) \wedge (x \geq 0))$

$\forall x (x > 0 \rightarrow \exists y (y^2 = x))$

Use quantifiers and symbols to codify the English statement.

• There is a supervisor who oversees every process in the factory

$\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$ $P(x, y):$ (person) x oversees (process) y

• Every process in this factory is overseen by some person.

$\forall y \exists x P(x, y)$

• There is a positive integer that is smallest (i.e., at least as small as any other).

$\exists x \forall y (y \geq x)$

• There is a real number that has no reciprocal (multiplicative inverse).

$\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \forall y \in \mathbb{R} (xy \neq 1)$

• There is no smallest real number. [with negation symbol? without one?]

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists y \in \mathbb{R} (y < x)$

• Any secret any person knows can be revealed to the right person.

$K(x, s):$ (person) x knows (secret) s

$R(x, y, s):$ (person) x reveals (secret) s to (person) y

$\forall s \forall x (K(x, s) \rightarrow \exists! y R(x, y, s))$

Negating nested quantifiers

- $\neg \forall x \exists y P(x, y) \equiv \exists x \forall y \neg P(x, y)$
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- $\neg \forall x \exists y \forall z P(x, y, z) \equiv \exists x \forall y \exists z \neg P(x, y, z)$

Rewrite the statement in as simple an English statement as possible. Then state the negation of that statement.

- \forall colors C , \exists an animal A such that A is colored C .
S: No matter the color, some animal is that color.
 \neg S: There is some color that no animal has.
- \exists a book b such that \forall people p , p has read b .
S: There is a book everyone has read.
 \neg S: No matter the book, someone has not read it.
- \forall odd integers n , \exists an integer k such that $n = 2k + 1$.
S: Every odd integer is one greater than twice some integer.
 \neg S: There exists an odd integer that doesn't equal $2k + 1$ for any integer k .
- \exists real x such that for all real y , $x + y = 0$.
S: Some real number x serves simultaneously as additive inverse to all reals y .
 \neg S: No matter the choice of x , some real y exists so that $x + y \neq 0$.