

Intro to Mathematical Reasoning (Math 300)–Honors
Assignment 4¹

1. For each of the following assertions, identify the free variables and the bound variables.
 - (a) (Variables: integers $n, m, r,$) For every positive integer n the set $\{m \in \mathbb{Z} : m^2 - r \text{ is divisible by } n\}$ is nonempty.
 - (b) (Variables: real numbers $x, y, \varepsilon,$ and subset $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}.$) x is not a member of S and for all real numbers $\varepsilon > 0,$ there exists a member y of S such that $|x - y| \leq \varepsilon.$
 - (c) (Variables: functions f, g and h and real number x) There is a function g and a function h such that for every real number $x, f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$ and $g(x) = g(-x)$ and $h(-x) = -h(x).$
2. (20 point problem.) Below several pairs of assertions are given. For each pair do the following:
 - Identify the atomic assertions common to each pair of assertions and assign a variable to each of these assertions. (Note: if two atomic assertions have opposite meaning such as “ $y \leq 3$ ” and “ $y > 3$ ” you should represent one as an assertion $S(y)$ and the other as $\neg S(y)$ rather than give them two different letters.)
 - Find logical expressions for each sentence in terms of the variables.
 - Determine whether the first can be logically deduced from the second, and whether the second can be logically deduced from the first. Explain your answers.

Note 1. You are *not asked* to determine the truth or falsity of any of these sentences.

Pair 1 In the two sentences: a positive integer n is *composite* if there are two integers different from 1 whose product is $n.$

- (a) (n is prime or $n + 2$ is prime) implies that $n^2 + 2$ is prime or $n^2 - 2$ is prime
- (b) $n^2 + 2$ is composite and $n^2 - 2$ is composite implies n is composite and $n + 2$ is composite.

Pair 2 (a) For all real numbers $x,$ there is a real number y such that $y^2 + y + 10x = 0,$ or $x \leq 9$ and there is a real number z such that $z^2 + 2z + 15x = 0.$

- (b) For all real numbers $x, x \leq 9$ or there is both a real number y such that $y^2 + y + 10x = 0$ and a real number z such that $z^2 + 2z + 15x = 0.$

Pair 3 (a) $f(x) > y$ and $g(y) > x$ implies $f(g(y)) > y$ and $g(f(x)) > x.$

- (b) $f(g(y)) \leq y$ implies $f(x) \leq y,$ and $g(f(x)) \leq x$ implies $g(y) \leq x.$

Pair 4 In this pair of assertions, $S, T, V,$ and W are all sets.

- (a) $S \subseteq T$ if and only if $S \subseteq V,$ or $S \subseteq T$ if and only if $W \subseteq T$
- (b) $S \subseteq T$ if and only if $(S \subseteq V \text{ or } W \subseteq T).$

3. (a) Give an example of a collection of 4 sets such that any two distinct sets in the collection intersect in exactly one element, and no element belongs to more than 2 sets.
- (b) Generalize the previous example: For each positive integer k give an example of a collection of k sets such that any two distinct members of the collection intersect in exactly one element and no element belongs to more than 2 sets.

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4. Let x and y be real variables, and let $C(x, y)$ be an indefinite assertion involving x and y . Consider the two scenarios:

Scenario 1 Input variable: x . Assumption: For every $y \in \mathbb{R}$, $C(x, y)$ is true.

Scenario 2 Input variable: y . Assumption: For every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $C(x, y)$ is false.

Observe that in the first scenario y is a bound variable, while in the second x is a bound variable. Consider the set S_1 of feasible instances to scenario 1 and S_2 of feasible instances to scenario 2.

Can S_1 and S_2 both be nonempty? Explain.