

# MATHEMATICS 300 — FALL 2019

## *Introduction to Mathematical Reasoning*

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### HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT NO. 3, DUE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

For each of the following sentences in formal language

- i. **Indicate** which of the variables that occur in the sentence are open (i.e., free) and which ones are closed (i.e., bound, or dummy).
- ii. **Indicate** whether the sentence is a proposition (i.e., has no free variables) or not.
- iii. If the sentence is a proposition, **indicate** whether it is true or false, and **prove** it, if it is true, or **disprove** it, if it is false.
- iv. If the sentence is not a proposition, **give examples** of values of the free variables for which the sentence is true, or **prove** that no such examples exist, and **give examples** of values of the free variables for which the sentence is false, or **prove** that no such examples exist.

1.  $ax = b.$  ( $a, x, b$  real numbers)
2.  $(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})ax = b$  ( $a, x, b$  real numbers)
3.  $(\forall b \in \mathbb{R})(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})ax = b.$  ( $a, x, b$  real numbers)
4.  $(\forall a \in \mathbb{R})(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})ax = b.$  ( $a, x, b$  real numbers)
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7.  $(\forall b \in \mathbb{R})(\exists a \in \mathbb{R})(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})ax = b.$  ( $a, x, b$  real numbers)
8.  $(\exists a \in \mathbb{R})(\exists b \in \mathbb{R})(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})ax = b.$  ( $a, x, b$  real numbers)
9.  $(\forall m \in \mathbb{N})(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})n > m.$  ( $m, n$  natural numbers)
10.  $(\forall m \in \mathbb{N})(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})n < m.$  ( $m, n$  natural numbers)
11.  $(\forall m \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})n < m.$  ( $m, n$  integers)
12.  $(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})(\forall m \in \mathbb{Z})n < m.$  ( $m, n$  integers)
13.  $(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(\forall m \in \mathbb{N})n < m.$  ( $m, n$  natural numbers)

14.  $(\exists n \in \mathbb{N})(\forall m \in \mathbb{N})n \leq m.$  ( $m, n$  natural numbers)
15.  $(\exists m \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})m^2 - n^2 = 28.$  ( $m, n$  integers)
16.  $(\exists m \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})m^2 - n^2 = 29.$  ( $m, n$  integers)
17.  $(\exists m \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})m^2 - n^2 = 30.$  ( $m, n$  integers)
18.  $(\exists m \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})m^2 - n^2 = k.$  ( $m, n, k$  integers)
19.  $(\forall k \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists m \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})m^2 - n^2 = k.$  ( $m, n, k$  integers)
20.  $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(\exists z \in \mathbb{R})x + z = y.$  ( $x, y, z$  real numbers)
21.  $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(\exists z \in \mathbb{R})x + z^2 = y.$  ( $x, y, z$  real numbers)
22.  $(\exists z \in \mathbb{R})x \cdot z = y.$  ( $x, y, z$  real numbers)
23.  $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(\exists z \in \mathbb{R})x \cdot z = y.$  ( $x, y, z$  real numbers)
24.  $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(\exists z \in \mathbb{R})(1 + x^2) \cdot z = y.$  ( $x, y, z$  real numbers)
25.  $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(\exists z \in \mathbb{R})(1 - x^2) \cdot z = y.$  ( $x, y, z$  real numbers)