

Name: Solutions**Directions:** Solve the following problems. Give supporting work/justification where appropriate.

1. [3 parts, 1 point each] Translate the following sentences to symbolic logic as directly and simply as possible. Is the statement true or false? Write the entire word.

- (a) The empty set is a subset of every set.

$$\forall \text{ sets } S, \emptyset \subseteq S$$

This is true. No matter what S is, every elt in \emptyset is also an elt. in S .

- (b) There is an integer which is both a perfect square and a perfect cube.

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists z \in \mathbb{Z}, x = y^2 \wedge x = z^3.$$

True. For example $1 = 1^2$ and $1 = 1^3$.

- (c) Each rational number can be bounded above by some integer.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Q}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \leq y.$$

True. Given $x \in \mathbb{Q}$, we can always round up to the next integer y .

2. [3 parts, 1 point each] Translate the following statements/open sentences in symbolic logic to English sentences as simply as possible. Is the statement true or false? Write the entire word.

- (a) $\sim (\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}, x^2 = 2)$

The number $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational.

This is true.

- (b) $\forall S \subseteq \mathbb{R}, [(\exists a \in \mathbb{N}, |S| \leq a) \implies (\exists m \in S, \forall x \in S, x \leq m)]$

Every finite set of real numbers has a maximum element.

This is true.

- (c) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}, [\epsilon > 0 \implies \exists y \in \mathbb{Q}, |x - y| < \epsilon]$

Soln 1: For each real number x and each positive ϵ , there is a rational number y which is at distance at most ϵ from x .

Soln 2: Each real number can be arbitrarily well approximated by a rational.

This is true.

3. [2 parts, 2 points each] Negate the following sentences as simply and naturally as possible. (You may translate to and from symbolic logic if helpful, but this is not required.) Is the **original statement** true or false? Explain.

(a) Every pair of distinct lines in the plane intersects at a unique point.

$$\forall \text{ lines } l_1, \forall \text{ lines } l_2, l_1 \neq l_2 \Rightarrow |l_1 \cap l_2| = 1.$$

Negate: $\exists \text{ line } l_1, \exists \text{ line } l_2, l_1 \neq l_2 \wedge |l_1 \cap l_2| \neq 1.$

In English: There exists a pair of distinct lines which intersect in zero or more than 1 point.

The original statement is false: two distinct parallel lines do not intersect.

(b) There is an infinite set of integers such that no integer in the set divides some other integer in the set.

$$\exists S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}, \left[(S \text{ infinite}) \wedge (\forall x \in S, \forall y \in S, x \neq y \Rightarrow x \text{ does not divide } y) \right]$$

Negate: $\forall S \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \left[(S \text{ is finite}) \vee (\exists x \in S, \exists y \in S, (x \neq y \wedge x \text{ divides } y)) \right]$

$$\forall S \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \left[(S \text{ is infinite}) \Rightarrow (\exists x \in S, \exists y \in S, (x \neq y \wedge x \text{ divides } y)) \right]$$

In English: Every infinite set of integers has a pair of distinct integers with one dividing the other.

The original statement is true. For example, if $S = \{p : p \text{ is prime}\}$, then no integer in S divides some other integer in S .