

Negation: Introductory exercises

Write a negation of each of the following in words and in symbols (where possible).

1. Words: Every natural number is rational.
Symbols: $(\forall m \in \mathbb{N}) (m \in \mathbb{Q})$ OR $(m \in \mathbb{N}) \Rightarrow (m \in \mathbb{Q})$
2. Words: There exists a natural number that is rational.
Symbols: $(\exists m \in \mathbb{N}) (m \in \mathbb{Q})$
3. Words: Every real number is either rational or irrational.
Symbols: $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) ((x \in \mathbb{Q}) \vee (x \in (\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q})))$
OR $(x \in \mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow ((x \in \mathbb{Q}) \vee (x \in (\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q})))$
4. Words: Every interval of real numbers contains rational numbers and irrational numbers.
Symbols: <leave for later>
5. Words: Every interval of real numbers contains rational numbers or irrational numbers.
Symbols: <leave for later>
6. Words: There exists an interval of real numbers that contains rational numbers and irrational numbers.
Symbols: <leave for later>
7. Words: For any positive real number x , there exists a positive real number y such that $y^2 = x$.
Symbols: $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+) ((\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^+) \ni (y^2 = x))$
8. Words: There exists a positive real number y such that for all positive real numbers x , $y^2 = x$.
Symbols: $(\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^+) \ni (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+, y^2 = x)$