

Section 2 Proof and Logic

Paper 2 of the TMUA tests the candidate's ability to think mathematically, and their ability to understand, and construct, mathematical arguments in a variety of contexts. Questions may draw on any mathematical knowledge from Section 1 (the eight topic areas MM1 to MM8 plus the seven 'GCSE' topics M1 to M7). However the majority of questions will be phrased in terms of logical arguments or proofs.

The specification introduces a number of key terms and their mathematical definitions, which may be unfamiliar to A Level students. It is crucial to understand these terms, and be able to use them to analyse or construct proofs.

The worksheet I have developed introduces all these concepts and provides examples and practice questions so that students can become familiar with the terminology and how it is used.

There is also a PDF, 'Notes on Logic and Proof', published by Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing. This also covers the key material but it is 65 pages long and with no solutions, so many students do not find it quite as helpful to start with. But it is certainly helpful to read through it once you have grasped the basics.

Specification for TMUA

The Logic of Arguments

Arg 1 Understand and be able to use mathematical logic in simple situations:

- The terms true and false;
- The terms and, or (meaning inclusive or), not;
- Statements of the form:
 - if **A** then **B**
 - A** if **B**
 - A** only if **B**
 - A** if and only if **B**
- The converse of a statement;
- The contrapositive of a statement;
- The relationship between the truth of a statement and its converse and its contrapositive.

Note: candidates will **not** be expected to recognise or use symbolic notation for any of these terms, nor will they be expected to complete formal truth tables.

Arg2 Understand and use the terms **necessary** and **sufficient**.

Arg3 Understand and use the terms **for all**, **for some** (meaning for at least one), and **there exists**.

Arg4 Be able to negate statements that use any of the above terms.

Mathematical Proof

Prf1 Follow a proof of the following types, and in simple cases know how to construct such a proof:

- Direct deductive proof ('Since A, therefore B, ... , therefore Z, which is what we wanted to prove.');
- Proof by cases (for example, by considering even and odd cases separately);
- Proof by contradiction;
- Disproof by counterexample.

Prf2 Deduce implications from given statements.

Prf3 Make conjectures based on small cases, and then justify these conjectures.

Prf4 Rearrange a sequence of statements into the correct order to give a proof for a statement.

Prf5 Problems requiring a sophisticated chain of reasoning to solve.

Identifying Errors in Proofs

Err1 Identifying errors in purported proofs.

Err2 Be aware of common mathematical errors in purported proofs; for example, claiming 'if $ab = ac$, then $b = c$ ' or assuming 'if $\sin A = \sin B$, then $A = B$ ' neither of which are valid deductions.

The Logic of Arguments

Statements

A statement is a sentence which is definitely true or definitely false - it can never be both.

In the TMUA we may need to consider the following types of statement:

- statements that are obviously true or obviously false
eg “5 is a prime number” or “5 is greater than 6”
- statements that need some work to decide if they are true or not
eg “4583641 is a prime number”
- statements that may be true for certain values
eg “the square of an integer x is odd” would be a true statement for all odd values of x

Conditional Statements

We can combine statements together to form **conditional statements**, sometimes known as **if/then statements**, where ‘**if**’ gives the hypothesis, and ‘**then**’ gives the conclusion.

If an integer is odd, **then** the square of the integer is odd (this is true)

the hypothesis is “an integer is odd” / the conclusion is “the square of the integer is odd”

If an integer is prime, **then** it is an odd number (this is false)

the hypothesis is “an integer is prime” / the conclusion is “it is an odd number”

Implication of ‘If’ statements

The most important thing to remember is that conditional statements tell us what happens if the hypothesis is *true*, but they don’t tell us anything about what happens if the hypothesis is *false*.

Example: **If** it is raining **then** I will wear a coat

This tells me that if it rains, I will wear a coat, but if it is not raining I can not draw any conclusion - I might or might not wear a coat in this situation.

Be very careful not to infer too much information from a conditional statement.

Logic of Arguments

1a. Consider the following statement: "If it is my birthday, I will eat some cake"

What conclusion can I draw from each of the following statements: $\text{birthday} \Rightarrow \text{cake}$

- i) It is my birthday I will eat cake
- ii) It is not my birthday $\text{no conclusion - might eat cake / might not}$
- iii) I eat some cake $\text{no conclusion - might eat cake on another day so could be my birthday but might not be}$
- iv) I do not eat some cake $\text{it is not my birthday (because if it was my birthday I would eat cake)}$

1b. Consider the following statement: "If it rains the ground will get wet"

What conclusion can I draw from each of the following statements: $\text{rain} \Rightarrow \text{wet}$

- i) The ground is wet $\text{no conclusion - might be wet from rain or from a sprinkler}$
- ii) The ground is not wet $\text{it has not been raining}$
- iii) It is raining $\text{The ground will get wet}$
- iv) It is not raining $\text{no conclusion - ground might be wet or dry}$

1c. Consider the following statement: "If I am in Paris, then I am in France"

What conclusion can I draw from each of the following statements:

- i) I am in Paris I am in France
- ii) I am in France $\text{no conclusion - might be in Paris or in Lille ...}$
- iii) I am in London $\text{= I am not in France} \Rightarrow \text{I am not in Paris}$
- iv) I am at the Eiffel Tower $\Rightarrow \text{I am in Paris} \Rightarrow \text{I am in France}$

1d. Consider the following statement: "If a shape is a square, then it is a quadrilateral"

What conclusion can I draw from each of the following statements:

- i) The shape is a square $\text{it is a quadrilateral}$
- ii) The shape is a quadrilateral $\text{no conclusion - might be a square or a parallelogram ...}$
- iii) The shape is not a quadrilateral $\text{it is not a square}$
- iv) The shape is a rhombus $\text{it is not a square}$

There are different ways to write a conditional statement which are all logically equivalent, as follows:

- (*) **If** it is raining **then** I will wear a coat
 - a) I will wear a coat **if** it is raining
 - b) It is raining **only if** I wear a coat
 - c) Wearing a coat is **necessary** when it is raining.
 - d) Rain is **sufficient** for me to wear a coat

- (*) The original statement has hypothesis “It is raining” and conclusion “I will wear a coat”
Let’s use the shorthand **If Rain then Coat**

Look at the equivalent cases a) to d) above, noting the relative position of the hypothesis and conclusion, and how the meaning of each case stays the same.

Note that I can not draw any conclusion from the hypothesis “If I wear a coat” as the original statement doesn't tell me anything about this situation.

Let’s consider each case in turn:

- a) In this case the whole ‘**if hypothesis**’ is switched to the end of the statement and the **conclusion** is given at the start, which gives us **Coat if Rain**
This is obviously a logically equivalent statement.

- b) In this case the word **if** in front of the hypothesis in (*) has been removed and replaced with the words **only if** in front of the conclusion, which gives us **Rain only if Coat**
So the only way it can be raining is if I am wearing a coat.

(This is often the case that people struggle with the most. It does not tell me anything about what is true *if I am wearing a coat*. Instead it is setting out what must be true in order for it to be raining - ie *I must be wearing a coat*. Or the only way it can be raining is if I am wearing a coat.)

- c) The word **if** from case a) is replaced with **is necessary**, giving **Coat necessary for Rain**
In other words wearing a coat is necessary when it is raining

- d) The words **only if** from case b) are replaced with **is sufficient** giving **Rain sufficient for Coat**
So if it is raining, that is a sufficient reason for me to wear a coat.

These cases illustrate that you can swap if / only if to reverse the hypothesis and conclusion in a conditional statement, for example

$$A \text{ if } B \quad = \quad B \text{ only if } A \quad (A=\text{Coat} / B=\text{Rain})$$

Similarly with necessary / sufficient

$$A \text{ is necessary for } B \quad = \quad B \text{ is sufficient for } A$$

Necessary If A is necessary for B, then B can’t happen without A, so we have ‘**if B then A**’.

Sufficient If B is sufficient for A, then A must happen if B happens, so we have ‘**if B then A**’.

It is often useful to rewrite statements in the form “if *hypothesis* then *conclusion*”, so it is easier to compare which ones have the same meaning.

2. Rewrite the following true statements in the form **If... Then ...**

a) The ground gets wet when it rains

If it rains, then the ground gets wet

b) All mammals have hair

If it is a mammal, then it has hair

c) I can ride the roller coaster only if I am tall enough

If I ride the roller coaster, then I am tall enough

d) A fruit is yellow if it is a banana

If it's a banana, then it is yellow

e) I am in Paris only if I am in France

If I'm in Paris, then I'm in France

f) Having a passport is necessary for travelling abroad.

If I travel abroad, then I have a passport.

g) Coming first is sufficient for winning a medal.

If I come first, then I win a medal.

3. Rewrite the following true mathematical statements in the form **If... Then ...**

a) Any rectangle is a quadrilateral

If it's a rectangle, then it's a quadrilateral

b) All triangles have 3 sides

If it's a triangle, then it has 3 sides

c) The number 2 is the only even prime number

If it's an even prime number, then it's 2
If it's 2, then it's an even prime number

d) $x > 10$ if $x > 100$

If $x > 100$, then $x > 10$

e) $k^2 < 1$ only if $k < 1$

If $k^2 < 1$, then $k < 1$ (converse is not true)

f) $p^2 < p$ is sufficient for $p < 1$

If $p^2 < p$, then $p < 1$ (converse is not true)

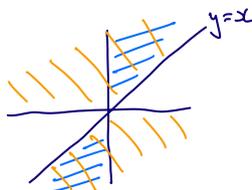
g) k being an even number is necessary for k to be divisible by 4

If k is divisible by 4, then k is an even number

5. Complete the statements with one of the following:

\leftarrow 'necessary' \rightarrow 'sufficient' \leftrightarrow 'necessary and sufficient' \nleftrightarrow 'not necessary and not sufficient'
 N S $N \& S$ $\text{not } N \& \text{not } S$

- a) having 2 legs is a N condition for being a bird (bird \Rightarrow 2 legs)
- b) being a robin is a S condition for being a bird (robin \Rightarrow bird)
- c) being a bird is a $N \& S$ condition for having feathers
(only birds have feathers and all birds have feathers)
- d) having feathers is a not N / not S condition for being able to fly
(penguins can't fly / bats don't have feathers)
- e) being an odd number is a N condition for being a prime number greater than 10
prime $> 10 \Rightarrow$ odd
- f) being greater than 20 is a S condition for being a greater than 10
 $x > 20 \Rightarrow x > 10$
 $x > 10 \not\Rightarrow x > 20$ eg $x = 12$
- g) being a stationary point is a N condition for being a maximum point
 max \Rightarrow stationary
 stationary $\not\Rightarrow$ maximum
- h) $x^2 = 1$ is N for $x = 1$ $x = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 = 1$
 $x^2 = 1 \not\Rightarrow x = 1$ eg $x = -1$
- i) $x^2 < 5$ is S for $x^2 < 10$ $x^2 < 5 \Rightarrow x^2 < 10$
 $x^2 < 10 \not\Rightarrow x^2 < 5$ eg $x^2 = 6$
- j) $x^2 < 1$ is $N \& S$ for $-1 < x < 1$
- k) $ab < ac$ is not $N \& \text{not } S$ for $b < c$ not N eg $a = 0, a < 0$
 not S eg $a = -1, a < 0$
- l) $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) = 0$ is N for $f(x)$ to be an odd function
 odd $f(-x) = -f(x)$ $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) = 0 \Leftarrow$ true
 $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) = 0$ ~~not odd~~ \Rightarrow false
- m) $\frac{x}{y} < 1$ is N for $\frac{y}{x} > 1$ $x = 1, y = -2$
 $\frac{x-y}{y} < 0$ $y < 0, x > y$
 $y > 0, x < y$
 $\frac{y-x}{x} > 0$ $\frac{x}{y} = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{y}{x} = -2 \Rightarrow$ false
 $x > 0, y > x$ x, y both positive
 $x < 0, y < x$ x, y both negative



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Look for a counter example - an instance where P is true but Q is not true

Or look for proof that P implies Q

How to answer: Is P necessary for Q? In other words do we have *If Q then P*?

Look for a counter example - an instance where Q is true but not P

Or look for proof that Q implies P

6. Consider the following pairs of statements.

For each pair, determine if P is sufficient and / or necessary for Q

- a) P Having a son $\Downarrow \checkmark$ $\Uparrow \times$ P is sufficient for Q
Q Being a parent could have daughter
- b) P Being on the third floor $\Uparrow \checkmark$ $\Downarrow \times$ P is necessary for Q
Q Climbing the stairs to the third floor could take lift to 3rd floor
- c) P Being tall $\Updownarrow \times$ P is not sufficient or necessary for Q
Q Being successful
- d) P An integer being an even prime number \Updownarrow P is sufficient and necessary for Q
Q An integer being the number 2
- e) P A function being a cubic polynomial $\Downarrow \checkmark$ $\Uparrow \times$ P is sufficient for Q
Q A function having at least one real root could be any function that crosses x-axis
- f) P An integer being divisible by 5 $\Uparrow \checkmark$ $\Downarrow \times$ P is necessary for Q
Q An integer ending in a 5 eg 50
- g) P $\sin x = \sin y$ $\Uparrow \checkmark$ $\Downarrow \times$ P is necessary for Q
Q $x = y$ eg $\sin 30 = \sin 150$
- h) P $|x| < 25$ $\Downarrow \checkmark$ $\Uparrow \times$ P is sufficient for Q
Q $x \neq 25$ eg $x = 30$

The following list of statements are all logically equivalent to each other. In particular look at the final three examples which introduce some **negation** or '**not**' statements.

If an animal is a zebra, **then** it has stripes

All zebras have stripes

Any zebra has stripes

Being a zebra **implies** having stripes

An animal is a zebra **only if** it has stripes

An animal has stripes **if** it is a zebra

Being a zebra is a **sufficient** condition for an animal to have stripes

Having stripes is **necessary** for an animal to be a zebra

An animal with **no** stripes is **not** a zebra

Having **no** stripes is **sufficient** for **not** being a zebra

Not being a zebra is **necessary** for **not** having stripes

Converse and Contrapositive

The **converse** of a conditional statement swaps the hypothesis and conclusion but is *not always true*.

Consider the original statement: (*) **If** it is raining **then** I will wear a coat

The converse of this statement is: If I wear a coat, then it is raining

but this may not be true as I might wear a coat when it is cold but not raining.

However the original statement does tell me something when I am **not** wearing a coat. In this case it can't be raining, because if it was I would wear a coat which is a contradiction. Therefore I can say:

If I am **not** wearing a coat, then it is **not** raining.

This is called the **contrapositive** and is always logically equivalent to the original statement. It is obtained by negating both hypothesis and conclusion and swapping them.

Other equivalent ways of expressing this contrapositive include:

Not wearing a coat is **sufficient** for it **not** to be raining

Not raining is **necessary** for me **not** to wear a coat

I will **not** wear a coat **only if** it is **not** raining

It is **not** raining **if** I am **not** wearing a coat

7. Write the contrapositive of the following statements (be careful to identify the hypothesis and conclusion before swapping them):

a) **If** I have enough money, I will go on holiday

If I don't go on holiday then I don't have enough money

b) **If** you do not study, you will not do well in your exams

If you do well in your exams, then you did study

c) Ben will not go to school **only if** he is sick

(= no school \Rightarrow sick) If Ben is not sick, he will go to school

d) I will wear a hat **if** it is sunny

(= If sunny, then hat) If I don't wear a hat, then it's not sunny

e) Renting a flat is **sufficient** to have somewhere to live

(= If flat, then live) If I don't have somewhere to live, then I am not renting a flat.

f) Practising the piano is **necessary** to pass a piano exam

(= If pass, then practise) If I don't practise the piano, then I can't pass the piano exam

8. Write the contrapositive of the following mathematical statements:

a) **If** a shape has 4 sides, it is a quadrilateral

If not a quadrilateral, then doesn't have 4 sides

b) **If** an integer is not equal to 2, then it is not an even prime

If even prime, then equal to 2

c) A number is even **only if** the square of the number is even

(= If even, then square is even)

If square is not even, then number not even
 \Leftrightarrow If square is odd, then number is odd

d) $f(a) > 0$ **if** $a > 0$

(= If $a > 0$ then $f(a) > 0$)

If $f(a) \leq 0$ then $a \leq 0$

e) $a^2 < a$ is a **sufficient** condition for $a < 1$

(= If $a^2 < a$ then $a < 1$)

If $a \geq 1$ then $a^2 \geq a$

f) $a^2 > 9$ is a **necessary** condition for $a > 3$

(= If $a > 3$ then $a^2 > 9$)

If $a^2 \leq 9$ then $a \leq 3$

5. f is a function and a is a real number. $P: a \leq 0$ $Q: f(a) \leq 0$
 Given that exactly one of the following statements is true, which one is it?

- A $a \leq 0$ **only if** $f(a) \leq 0$ P only if Q : if P then Q
- B** $f(a) > 0$ **if** $a > 0$ $\text{not } Q$ if $\text{not } P$: if $\text{not } P$ then $\text{not } Q$: if Q then P
- C $f(a) > 0$ is **sufficient** for $a > 0$ $\text{not } Q$ sufficient for $\text{not } P$: if $\text{not } Q$ then $\text{not } P$: if P then Q
- D $f(a) \leq 0$ is **necessary** for $a \leq 0$ Q necessary for P : if P then Q
- E **If** $f(a) > 0$ **then** $a > 0$ if $\text{not } Q$ then $\text{not } P$: if P then Q
- F $a > 0$ **if** $f(a) > 0$ $\text{not } P$ if $\text{not } Q$: if $\text{not } Q$ then $\text{not } P$: if P then Q

6. f is a function and a, b are real numbers. $P \Rightarrow Q$
 $\text{not } Q \Rightarrow \text{not } P$
 Given that exactly one of the following statements is true, which one is it?

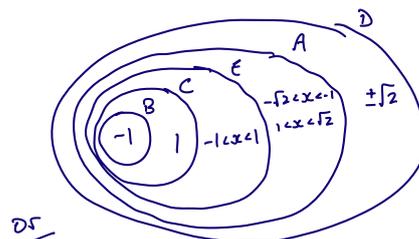
- A $f(a) \geq f(b)$ if and only if $a \geq b$ if $f(a) \geq f(b)$ then $a \geq b$
 if $a \geq b$ then $f(a) \geq f(b)$
- B $f(a) \geq f(b)$ only if $a < b$ if $f(a) \geq f(b)$ then $a < b$
- C $f(a) < f(b)$ if $a \geq b$ if $a \geq b$ then $f(a) < f(b)$
- D $a \geq b$ if $f(a) \geq f(b)$ if $f(a) \geq f(b)$ then $a \geq b$
- E** $a < b$ only if $f(a) \geq f(b)$ if $a < b$ then $f(a) \geq f(b)$
- F $a < b$ only if $f(a) < f(b)$ if $a < b$ then $f(a) < f(b)$

A, D equivalent
 B, C, E, F contrapositive

Let x be a real number.

- 7. Which **one** of the statements below is a **necessary** condition for **all** of the other four statements? **D**
- 8. Which **one** of the statements below is a **sufficient** condition for **all** of the other four statements? **B**

- A $x^2 < 2$ \Rightarrow D
- B** $x = -1$ \Rightarrow A, C, D, E
- C $x^2 = 1$ \Rightarrow A, D, E
- D** $x^2 \leq 2$ \Rightarrow X
- E $x^2 \leq 1$ \Rightarrow A, D

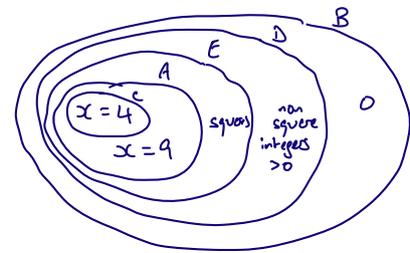


Order the conditions within a Venn diagram
 If something is in the middle circle (B)
 then it is inside all the other circles
 \therefore B sufficient for C, E, A, D

Let x be a real number.

9. Which **one** of the statements below is a **sufficient** condition for **all** of the other four statements? **C**
10. Which **one** of the statements below is a **necessary** condition for **all** of the other four statements? **B**

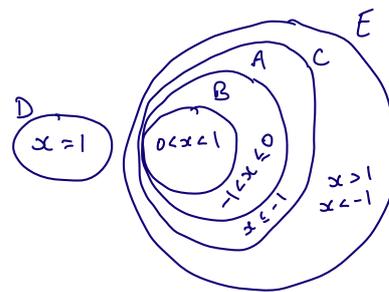
- A $x = 4$ or $x = 9 \Rightarrow \underline{B, D, E}$
- B** $x \geq 0 \Rightarrow \times$
- C** $x = 4 \Rightarrow \underline{A, B, D, E}$
- D x is a positive integer $\Rightarrow \underline{B}$
- E x is a positive square number $\Rightarrow \underline{B, D}$



Let x be a real number. Which **one** of the statements below...

11. ... is a **sufficient** condition for **exactly 3** of the other four statements? **B**
12. ... is a **necessary** condition for **exactly 3** of the other four statements? **E**

- A $x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow \underline{C, E}$
- B** $0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow \underline{A, C, E}$
- C $x < 1 \Rightarrow \underline{E}$
- D $x = 1 \Rightarrow \times$
- E** $x \neq 1 \Rightarrow \times$



13. Consider the four options below about a particular statement (*):

- A** The statement (*) is true if $x^2 < 1$ If $x^2 < 1$ then statement is true
- B The statement (*) is true if and only if $x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow B + A$ true \times
- C The statement (*) is true if $x^2 < 4$ If $x^2 < 4$ then statement is true $\Rightarrow A$ also true (*)
- D The statement (*) is true if and only if $x^2 < 4 \Rightarrow D + C$ true \times

Given that exactly one of these options is correct, which one is it?

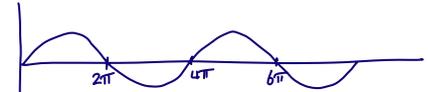


- C: If inside \odot then statement is true
 $\Rightarrow A$ is true as \odot is enclosed by \odot
- A: If inside \odot then statement is true
 $\Rightarrow C$ may not be true if in \ominus

14. Which of the following is a necessary and sufficient condition for

$$\int_0^{k\pi} \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx = 0$$

$$y = \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$



- A $k = 2$ \times
- B $k = 4$ sufficient, not necessary (eg $k = 8$)
- C k is a positive integer \times
- D k is a multiple of 2 \times
- E** k is a multiple of 4

If $\int_0^{k\pi} y dx = 0$ then k must be a multiple of 4
 If k is multiple of 4 then $\int_0^{k\pi} y dx = 0$

15. Which of the following is a sufficient but not necessary condition for

If condition then sum \rightarrow

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{4}\right) = 0$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 0 + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + (-1) + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + 0 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 1 + \dots$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\Sigma = 0}$

- A $n = 2$ \times
- B $n = 4$ \times
- C n is 3 more than a multiple of 4 \times
- D** n is 3 more than a multiple of 8 sufficient, not necessary
- E n is an even integer \times
- F n is an odd integer \times

sum = 0 for $n = 3, 8, 11, 16, \dots$

16. Which of the following is a necessary but not sufficient condition for the curve

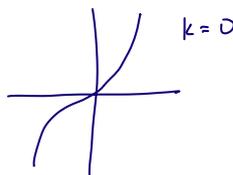
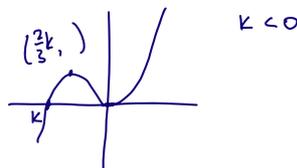
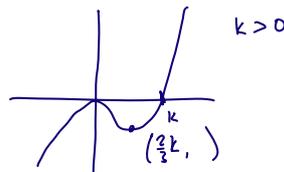
If \nearrow
 then \searrow

$$y = x^2(x - k)$$

to have a local minimum point at

$$x = \frac{2}{3}k$$

- A $k > 0$ N+S
- B** $k \geq 0$ N
- C $k < 0$ \times
- D $k \leq 0$ \times
- E $k = 1$ S
- F $k = -1$ \times



$$y = x^3 - kx^2$$

$$y' = 3x^2 - 2kx = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad x = \frac{2}{3}k$$

$$y'' = 6x - 2k$$

$$\text{At } x = \frac{2}{3}k$$

$$y'' = 2k \quad \therefore \text{max when } k < 0$$

$$\text{min when } k > 0$$

$\therefore k > 0$ necessary + sufficient
 $k \geq 0$ necessary but not sufficient (when $k = 0$)

Quantifiers

The words 'all', 'some', 'none' are examples of quantifiers. These tell us how many instances satisfy the statement, and a statement containing one or more of these words is called a **quantified statement**.

In English there are many ways to write these statements:

All: All / Every / Each / Any / If

All even numbers are divisible by 2

For all even numbers x , x is divisible by 2

For each/every even number x , x is divisible by 2

If x is an even number, **then** x is divisible by 2

Some: Some / At least one / There exists

Some even numbers are prime

For some even number x , x is prime

There exists an even number x , such that x is prime

There is at least one even number x , for which x is prime

None: No / Not any / There does not exist / There are no

No real square numbers are negative

There are **not any** real square numbers that are negative

There **does not exist** a real square number x for which x is negative

There **is no** real square number x such that x is negative

Consider the order of quantifiers:

When the same type of quantifier is used, the order does not matter:

For all odd numbers x and **all** even numbers y the sum of x and y is odd

For all even numbers y and **all** odd numbers x the sum of x and y is odd

However, with different quantifiers, the order changes the meaning of the statement:

For all positive real x , **there exists** a real y such that $y^2 = x$

This is TRUE as we can choose any positive value for x and find a value of y that makes the equation true by calculating $y = \sqrt{x}$.

There exists a real y , such that **for all** positive real x , $y^2 = x$

However this is FALSE as there is not a single value of y that makes the equation true; the value of y that we need changes with our choice of x .

1. Are the following **quantified statements** true or false?

a) For all odd integers x , the quantity $x^2 + 6x + 9$ is even

True

$$\overset{1}{\text{odd}} + \text{even} + \text{odd} = \text{even}$$

b) There exists an even integer y , such that the quantity $y - 8$ is prime

True

$$\text{When } y = 10 \quad y - 8 = 2 \text{ is prime}$$

c) For all prime integers x , the quantity $x^2 + x + 11$ is prime

False

$$\text{When } x = 11 \quad 11^2 + 11 + 11 = 11(11 + 1 + 1) \\ \text{not prime}$$

d) For all positive real values of x , we have $x^2 \geq x$

False

$$\text{When } x = \frac{1}{2} \quad x^2 = \frac{1}{4} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

e) For any integers a , b , and c , if a divides bc , then a divides b or a divides c

False

$$\text{When } a = b \quad b = 9 \quad c = 8$$

f) For all real x , $\frac{x}{x} = 1$

False when $x = 0$

(statement true for $x \neq 0$)

g) For all $x > 0$, there exists y such that $x + y = 0$

True

$$\text{Pick } y = -x$$

h) There exists a real value of y such that $x + y = 0$ for all $x > 0$

False

need to choose different y for each choice of x

i) There is no real x , such that $x^2 = 3$

False

$$\text{choose } x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

j) There exists a real x and a real y such that $x \leq y$

True

$$\text{choose any pair eg } x = 1 \quad y = 2$$

k) For all real x there exists a real y such that $xy = 1$

False

when $x = 0$ there is no value of y
This statement is true for $x \neq 0$: choose $y = \frac{1}{x}$

Negation (denial not opposite)

The negation of a statement is achieved by placing 'not' in front of the statement. In reality there are often multiple ways of phrasing this in English. Be careful not to infer too much from a negation, for example 'not hot' does not mean cold - it just means not hot (eg it could be warm).

If our original statement is True, then the negation will be False and vice versa.

Statement

Negation

He is a doctor

Not 'He is a doctor' = He is not a doctor

She is tall

Not 'She is tall' = She is not tall (She is short would be incorrect)

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. I am hungry | <i>I am not hungry</i> |
| 2. They do their homework | <i>They don't do their homework</i> |
| 3. It is not raining | <i>It is raining</i> |
| 4. The melon is not ripe | <i>The melon is ripe</i> |
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To negate $(A \text{ and } B)$ we use $\text{not } (A \text{ and } B)$ which is the same as $\text{not } A \text{ or not } B$

I have blue eyes **and** blond hair Either I do not have blue eyes **or** I do not have blond hair
(**or** I do not have either)

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|---|---|
| 5. My socks are blue and stripy | <i>Either not blue or not stripy</i> |
| 6. I play hockey and basketball | <i>Don't play both - either not hockey or not basketball</i> |
| 7. I had lunch with Bill and Ben | <i>Didn't have lunch with both / Both didn't have lunch with me</i> |
| 8. Neither my brother nor sister will help me | <i>Either my brother or my sister will help me</i> |
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To negate $(A \text{ or } B)$ we use $\text{not } (A \text{ or } B)$ which is the same as $\text{not } A \text{ and not } B / \text{neither } A \text{ nor } B$

I study English **or** German I do not study English **and** I do not study German

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|--|---|
| 9. Jan drinks tea or coffee | <i>Jan doesn't drink tea and doesn't drink coffee</i> |
| 10. The man is called Jim or John | <i>not called Jim and not called John</i> |
| 11. The children eat apples or bananas | <i>The children eat neither apples nor bananas</i> |
| 12. It is not hot and not sunny | <i>It is hot or sunny</i> |
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Note how the words 'and' & 'or' swap when we negate a statement

To negate *(for all A, then B)* we use *not (for all A, then B)* which is the same as
not every A implies B / there exists A such that not B

Statement

Negation

Everyone like pizza

Not everyone likes pizza /
 At least one person doesn't like pizza /
 Some people don't like pizza /
 There exists someone who doesn't like pizza

- 13. All vegetarians eat carrots *Some vegetarians don't eat carrots*
- 14. My teacher is always right *My teacher is sometimes wrong*
- 15. All dogs bark *Some dogs don't bark*
- 16. Not every integer is odd *All integers are odd*

To negate *(there exists A such that B)* we use *not (there exists A such that B)* which is the same as
there is no A such that B / for all A, not B

There is a prime number less than 2

There are no prime numbers less than 2
 All prime numbers are greater than or equal to 2

- 17. Some boys like football *No boys like football / All boys don't like football*
- 18. At least one square number is less than 3 *No square numbers are less than 3*
- 19. There exist some birds who can not fly *All birds can fly*
- 20. There are no prime numbers that are even
 (FALSE Statement) *At least one prime number is even
 (TruE Statement)*

To negate *(if A, then B)* we use *not (if A, then B)* which is the same as *if A, then not B / A and not B*

If the sun shines, I will wear a hat

If the sun shines, I will not wear a hat

- 21. If it is raining I will take an umbrella *If it is raining, I won't take an umbrella*
- 22. I will receive a gold medal if I win *If I win, I won't receive a gold medal*
- 23. If $a < b$ then $f(a) < f(b)$ *If $a < b$ then $f(a) \geq f(b)$*
- 24. $f(a) > 0$ if $a > 0$ *if $a > 0$ then $f(a) \leq 0$*
 (= if $a > 0$ then $f(a) > 0$)

Note how the words 'for all' & 'there exists' swap when we negate a statement

Negation of 'Nested' statements

A Consider the statement: The class can complete their homework online, if for **every** student in the class, the student has online access

The negation is: A class can **not** complete their homework online, if there is **at least one** student who does **not** have online access.

Replace parts of this statements as follows: P = class can complete homework online

Q = student in the class

R = student has online access

Then the statement becomes: P is true if **for every** Q, **there exists** R

The negation of this is: P is **not** true if **there exists** Q such that **not** R

B Consider the statement: The class can complete their homework online, if **for every** student in the class, the student **has** a friend who has online access

The negation is: A class can **not** complete their homework online if **there exists** a student in the class, **all** of whose friends do **not** have online access.

Replace parts of this statements as follows: P = class can complete homework online

Q = student in the class

R = student has a friend

S = friend has online access

Then the statement becomes: P is true if **for every** Q, **there exists** 'R such that S'

The negation of this is: P is **not** true if **there exists** Q such that **not** 'there exists R such that S'

or: P is **not** true if **there exists** Q such that 'for all R not S'

Write the negation of the following nested statements:

1) A set of integers P is the set of even numbers if and only if for any integer n in P , $\frac{n}{2}$ is also an integer.

P iff for any B then C

not P if there exists B such that not C

P not set of even numbers if there exists an integer n in P such that $\frac{n}{2}$ is not an integer

2) A set of integers P is the set of square numbers if and only if for any integer n in P , there exists an integer k such that $k^2 = n$

P iff for any B there exists C such that D

not P if there exists B such that not 'exists C such that D '

all C not D

P not set of square numbers if there exists an integer n in P such that

Counter Examples

A counter example is one example which disproves a statement. It proves a statement is not true.

1) Find a counter example to the following statements:

- a) All quadrilaterals with equal side length are squares Rhombus
- b) The square root of a number is always less than the number $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$
- c) If a three-dimensional solid has a circular base, then it is a cylinder Cone
- d) If n is an integer and n^2 is divisible by 4, then n is divisible by 4 $n = 6$
- e) If p is an odd prime then $p+2$ is also an odd prime $p = 7$
- f) The sum of 2 numbers is always greater than both numbers $(-2) + (-6)$
- g) $10k^2 + 1$ is prime if k is an odd prime $k = 3$ $10(3)^2 + 1 = 91 = 7 \times 13$
- h) For all real x , $5x > 4x$ any $x < 0$
- i) For all real x , $\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x} = \cos x$ $x = 180$ ($1 = -1$)

2) A set of five signs has a letter printed on the left and a number printed on the right

A 8 B 4 C 1 D 7 E 3

Which sign(s) provide a counterexample to the following statements:

- a) Every card that has a vowel on the left has an even number on the right E 3
- b) Every card that has an even number on the right has a vowel on the left. B 4
- c) Every card that has a consonant on the left has a prime number on the right B 4 C 1
- d) Every card that has a prime number on the right has a vowel on the left D 7

3) How many counter examples are there to the following statements:

- a) All odd numbers between 2 and 20 are prime. 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19
2 counterexamples (odd but not prime)
- b) If n is a prime integer less than or equal to 10, then $n^2 + 2$ is also prime
 $n = 2, 3, 5, 7$
 $n^2 + 2 = 6, 11, 27, 51$ 3 counterexamples (n prime ≤ 10 , $n^2 + 2$ not prime)
- c) A whole number n less than or equal to 50, is prime if it is 1 less or 5 less than a multiple of 6
1 less or 5 less : 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31, 35, 37, 41, 43, 47, 49
4 counterexample (1 less or 5 less, not prime)

4) Prove the following statements, or find a counter example to disprove them:

a) For all real x , $3x < 3^x$

False : when $x = 1$ $3 < 3$ is not true

b) For all real x , if $ax = bx$ then $a = b$

False : when $x = 0$ a, b can be different

c) If a positive integer p has remainder 1 when divided by 3, then p^3 also has remainder 1 when divided by 3

True : $p = 1, 4, 7, \dots$ $p^3 = 1, 64, 343, \dots$
 $p = 3n + 1$ $p^3 = 27n^3 + 9n^2 + 3n + 1$
 $= 3(9n^3 + 3n^2 + n) + 1$

d) For all integers p and q , if $p < q$, then $p^2 < q^2$

False : $p = -5, q = 1$

e) For all integers n , $9n^2 + 24n$ is not prime

True : $9n^2 + 24n = 3(3n^2 + 8n)$ has factor 3 for all n

f) If a positive integer p is prime, then $2p + 1$ is also prime

False : $p = 2, 3, 5, 7$ $p = 7$
 $2p + 1 = 5, 7, 11, 15$

g) For consecutive even integers p and q , $p^3 - q^3$ is a multiple of 8

True : $p = 2k + 2$ $q = 2k$
 $p^3 - q^3 = 2^3(k+1)^3 - 2^3k^3$ which is a multiple of $2^3 = 8$

h) For all integers n , if n is prime, then $(-1)^n = -1$

False : $n = 2$ $(-1)^2 = 1$

i) $4^n + 3^{n-2} + 3$ is divisible by 5 for all integers $n \geq 2$

False : $n = 2$ $16 + 1 + 3$ ✓ $n = 3$ $64 + 3 + 3$ ✓ $n = 4$ $256 + 9 + 3$ × (last digit not 0 or 5)

j) If p and q are irrational, such that $p \neq q$, then $p + q$ is irrational

False : $p = +\sqrt{2}$ $q = -\sqrt{2}$ $p + q = 0$ rational

k) If p is rational and q is irrational, then $\log_p q$ is irrational

False : $p = 2$ $q = \sqrt{2}$ $\log_2 \sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 2 = \frac{1}{2}$ rational

Errors in Proofs

Common errors to look out for include dividing by zero; only taking the positive square root; arithmetic or algebraic errors; incorrect manipulation of minus signs; minus signs in inequalities; decreasing functions in inequalities; finding all trig solutions; invalid conclusions.

1. Find the error(s) in the following attempted solutions:

a) $2\log_3 x - \log_3 \sqrt{x} = 5$

incorrect use of log law
 $2\log_3 \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x}} = 5$

$$2\log_3 \sqrt{x} = 5$$

$$\log_3 x = 5$$

incorrect conversion to index form

$$x = 5^3 = 3^5$$

b)

$$\frac{4x+1}{x-1} < 3$$

$$4x+1 < 3(x-1)$$

$$4x+1 < 3x-1$$

$$x < -2$$

(x-1) could be negative so can't multiply by (x-1)

incorrect expansion

c) $4\sin^2 x = 3\tan^2 x$

$$2\sin x = \sqrt{3}\tan x$$

$$2\sin x = \sqrt{3} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$2\cos x = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\cos x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

need \pm when taking the square root

dividing by $\sin x$ loses the solution $\sin x = 0$

wrong value ($\frac{\pi}{6}$) and only principal value given

d)

$$\frac{x}{x+1} - \frac{x-1}{x+2} = 0$$

$$\frac{x(x+2) - (x+1)(x-1)}{(x+1)(x+2)} = 0$$

$$x(x+2) - (x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$2x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

incorrect expansion

e) Given $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$

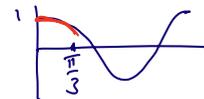
find the range of values for $\cos x$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$x \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq \cos x \leq 1$$



$$\cos x \geq 0$$

$$\text{no } -1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$$

$$\cos x \leq \cos \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\cos x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

no as cosine is a decreasing function for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$

$$0 \leq \cos x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Find the error(s) in the following proofs and circle the line numbers where these occur:

2) Let $x = 1$

multiply by x	$x^2 = x$	(I)	
subtract 1	$x^2 - 1 = x - 1$	(II)	
factorise	$(x + 1)(x - 1) = x - 1$	(III)	
divide by $(x - 1)$	$x + 1 = 1$	(IV)	dividing by $x - 1 = 0$
substitute $x = 1$	$2 = 1$	(V)	

3) Let a, b be two numbers where $a \neq b$ and let $a + b = 2c$

multiply by $(a - b)$	$a^2 - b^2 = 2ac - 2bc$	(I)	
add $b^2 + c^2 - 2ac$	$a^2 - 2ac + c^2 = b^2 - 2bc + c^2$	(II)	
factorise	$(a - c)^2 = (b - c)^2$	(III)	
take the square root	$a - c = b - c$	(IV)	take $\pm\sqrt{\quad}$
so	$a = b$	(V)	$a - c = -b + c$ $a + b = 2c$

4) Consider the attempt at solving the following equation

$$\sin^2 A + 1 = 2 - \cos^2 B$$

rearrange	$\sin^2 A = 1 - \cos^2 B$	(I)	
substitute for $\cos^2 B$	$\sin^2 A = \sin^2 B$	(II)	
take the square root	$\sin A = \sin B$	(III)	take $\pm\sqrt{\quad}$
inverse sine both sides	$A = B$	(IV)	
	or $A = \pi - B$ etc $A = 2\pi + B$		

5) Given that $N = k^2 - 1$ and $k = 2^p - 1$ where p is an integer, show that 2^{p+1} is a factor of N

Consider	$2^{p+1}(2^{p-1} - 1)$	(I)
expand	$= 2^{2p} - 2^{p+1}$	(II)
use law of indices	$= 2^{2p} - 2(2^p)$	(III)
complete the square	$= (2^p - 1)^2 - 1$	(IV)
substitute for k	$= k^2 - 1$	(V)
substitute for N	$= N$	(VI)

Therefore 2^{p+1} is a factor of N

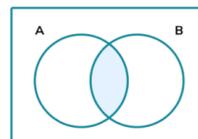
This is a proof of the converse "If 2^{p+1} is a factor of $N \dots$ "

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Definitions

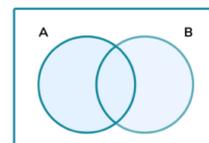
and A **and** B means A and B together ($A \cap B$)

For A **and** B to be true, **both** A **and** B must be true



or A **or** B means A or B or both ($A \cup B$)

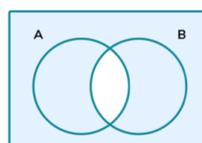
For A **or** B to be true, **either** A **or** B **or both** must be true



negation = **not**

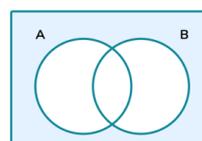
not (A **and** B) = **not** A **or** **not** B

not (*blue eyed and blonde*) = *not blue-eyed or not blond*
so could be one or the other but not both



not (A **or** B) = **not** A **and** **not** B

not (*blue eyed or blonde*) = *not blue-eyed and not blond*
so does not have either characteristic



if, then

if A then B means if A is true, then B must be true (But if A is not true, then B could be true or false)

We can also write this in the following ways:

A implies B

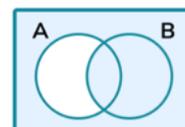
$A \implies B$

B if A

A only if B

B is **necessary** for A

A is **sufficient** for B



The **converse** statement (swapping statements) is

'if B then A ' but these are not always equivalent

The **contrapositive** statement (swapping and negating both statements) is

'if not B then not A ' and this is an equivalent statement to the original.

The **negation** of the statement is

'if A then not B ' or ' A and not B '

if and only if

A if and only if B . We can also write this in the following ways:

A implies B and B implies A

$A \iff B$

A if B and A only if B

A iff B

A is **sufficient** and **necessary** for B

