

Algebra.

A speech of a person or a text written on paper contain sentences. This is the way how we exchange the information between us. The information in every sentence can be a true fact, false, or sometime we just can't say is it true or false. For example, the sentence:

“The Earth is rotating around the Sun” is true.

“Paris is the capital of Germany” is false.

“Math is fun!” or “What time is it?” are the sentences we can't tell either it's true or false. Can you tell which sentence is “true”, “false”, or we can't tell:

- a. “22 is an even number”
- b. “44 is an odd number”
- c. “1001 is a cool number!”

Let's define “a statement” as a sentence about which we can tell (sometime after difficult process of proving) either it is true or false. For example, our first sentence “The Earth is rotating around the Sun” was proved to be true after hundreds of years of discussions. The second sentence, “Paris is the capital of Germany”, can be proved wrong after we will check it in the dictionary (assuming that we never took geography class). As for the third example, how we can tell is 1001 a cool number? What is “cool”? for whom? Base on the definition, the sentence “22 is an even number” is a statement, and this is a true statement. “44 is an odd number” is also a statement, but the false one. “1001 is a cool number!” is not a statement at all.

1. Which of the following sentences are statements?
 - a. When is the first day of school this year?
 - b. The 4th of July is Independence Day.
 - c. How beautiful is it!
 - d. Washington, DC is a capital of the United States.
 - e. The sum of five and three.
 - f. Three times five is twenty-six.

2. Which of the following statements are true, and which are false?
 - a. There are 31 days in each January.
 - b. There are 28 days in each February.
 - c. Sunday is followed by Tuesday.
 - d. There are 7 days in each week.
 - e. There are 7 letters in the word “table”
 - f. The sum of all single digit natural numbers is equal to 45.
 - g. Every 3-digit natural number is greater than 100.
 - h. There is a greatest 5-digit natural number.
 - i. There is a greatest natural number.
 - j. There is a smallest natural number.

Let's take a look at the statement "New York City is the capital of the United States". We, definitely, can say it is True or False. Of course it's not true, we all know that the capital of the US is Washington, DC. So, we can say "it is not true, that New York City is the capital of the US", or, in a little more usual language, "New York City isn't the capital of the US". The last statement is a true statement.

"New York City is the capital of the United States" False
 "New York City isn't the capital of the US" (negation) True

If the statement is True, its negated version has to be False and vice versa. They can't be both True or both False. This rule of the math logic is one of the oldest and is called "The law of the excluded middle".

3. Let's try to construct negation of the several statements.

- a. Number 111111111 is a prime number.
- b. There is nothing on the table.
- c. 0.5 and $\frac{1}{2}$ are not equal.
- d. The area of a rectangle is equal to the product of its length and width.
- e. Sum $18 \cdot 946 + 456$ is divisible by 9.
- f. $45784 > 45784$
- g. $345 < 12345$
- h. All birds can flight.
- i. All marine animals are fish.
- j. Some students like math.
- k. All natural numbers are divisible by 3.
- l. Penguins live on the North Pole.
- m. Polar bears live on the South Pole.

4. Using the law of the excluded middle prove, that the negation of statement was made incorrectly.

	Statement	Negation
1	All cats are gray.	All cats are not gray
2	Some berries are sweet.	Some berries are not sweet.
3	There are 30 days in some months.	There are no 30 days in some months.
4	All birds can fly.	There are no birds that can fly.

Categorical statements are the statements about the relationship between categories or classes of objects. It states whether one category is fully contained with another, is partially contained (there are at least one member of the category) within another, or is completely separate.

"Any (all) natural number is divisible by 3" is a categorical statement and it is a false statement.

It is very easy to show: 5 is a natural number and it is not divisible by 3. It means that not any natural number is divisible by 3, some of them are not divisible by 3 and only one such number is enough to prove that the statement is false.

"The sum of any even numbers is an even number" is a categorical statement. The statement is about the category "sum of two arbitrary even numbers", this category belongs to the set of even numbers. We can either prove it wrong by showing at least one example of the odd sum of two

even number, or prove it true by reasoning. It is not enough to show several examples to prove that this statement is true and of course there are no example to prove it wrong.

Prove. Any even number can be represented as $2k$ (or $2n$) where $k, n \in N$

$$2k + 2n = 2(k + n), \quad k, n \in N$$

So, the sum is divisible by 2, or even number.

How the negation of the categorical statement can be done?

If the statement is about the whole category (all elements of the category) which forms a subset (we can use the set theory formalism here) of another category, the negated statement will show the existence of at least one element of the set, which doesn't belong to the category.

“All birds can fly.” – the statement is telling us that the whole category (all birds) is belongs to another category, things that can fly. The negation of this statement should tell us that there is at least one element (one kind of birds) which can't fly. We can formulate it as:

“Some birds can't fly” or as “There are birds that can't fly.”

$P =$ “All men are not bald” , $\neg P =$ “Some men are bald” and vice versa:

$P =$ “Some cats are gray”, $\neg P =$ “All cats are not gray”

We can create more complex statements, for example

I like math and physics. (I like math AND I like physics.)

In which case this statement will be a true statement?

1. I like math, but I don't like physics.
2. I like physics, but I don't like math.
3. I like both, math and physics.
4. I don't like math, and I don't like physics.

To negate the statement, we have to make the negation which is false. What do you think such statement will look like?

In this case there are two statements, first is “I like math” (statement A) and the second is “I like physics” (statement B). Let's create a Truth table for our statement **A AND B**

A	B	A \wedge B (AND, \cdot)
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

The negation of each of the statements A and B are “I don't like math”, “I don't like physics”.

Truth table of $\neg A$ (not A) OR $\neg B$ (not B). In this case the whole statement is true if at least one of the statements is true (or both statements are true).

$\neg A$	$\neg B$	$\neg A \vee \neg B$ (OR, +)
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

From this we can see that the negation of the statement “I like math and physics” should be true in the case when the negation of one of the two statements or both are true. We came up with another logical symbol.

Statement P = ”I eat pear or apple after diner”

Statement A = ”I eat pear after diner”, statement B = ”I eat apple after diner”.

A	B	A OR B (\vee)
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

In real life you will probably say “I eat either pear or apple after diner”. The phrase “either...or” in language usually means one out of two possibilities, not both, but in math logic the statement “Either A or B” is true if A is true, B is true, both A and B are true”.

Exercises:

- Which of the following statements are categorical statements?
 - Some type of plants and animals are listed in the list of endangered species.
 - All planets of the Solar system are rotating around the Earth in the same direction.
 - Some butterflies are yellow.
 - There are 22 books on the shelf.
 - Any natural number is greater than 0.
- Find one counter example to prove the following statements wrong:
 - All natural numbers are greater than 1.
 - Any number divisible by 5 ends with digit 5.
 - All rivers of the united states flow into the Pacific Ocean.
 - All marine animals are fish.
 - All American cities lie south of 50° latitude line.
- Mother told Mary, that she can play videogames if she will do her homework, also will do her room, and will do dishes after diner. Will Mary play videogames if she
 - Did her room?
 - Did her room and dishes?
 - Did her homework?
 - Did her homework and dishes?

- e. Did all three assignments?
4. On the other day mother told Mary that she will play videogames if she will do her homework or will do dishes. Will Mary play the videogames if she
- Did her homework?
 - Did the dishes?
 - Did both assignment?
5. The following statements are proven. Can you tell which prove is right and which is wrong?
- All natural numbers are divisible by 7, for example: $14:7=2$.
 - Some proper fractions have denominator equals to 8, for example: denominator of the fraction $\frac{3}{8}$ is 8.
 - There are even numbers multiple of 3, for example 36 is multiple of 3, $36:3=12$
 - Some nouns in English language contain 5 letters, for example “table”.
 - All verbs in English language start with letter “w”, for example “(to) write”.
 - There are books written by Joanne Rowling, for example *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* .
6. Inhabitants of the city A always say the true, inhabitants of the city B always lie, and inhabitant of the city C say true or lie every other time. Fire department got a call from somebody: “We got a fire here, come over as soon as you can”. “Where is the fire?”, - the fireman asked. “In the city B”, - was the answer. Where should they go, if the fire in one of the cities is real?
7. Simplify the following expressions for valid variable values (it means that we are not dividing by 0 anywhere).
- $\left(\frac{1}{a^3}\right)^2 \cdot (-3aa^4)$
 - $(-2b^3)^5 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2b^3}\right)^3$
 - $\frac{-3x^2 \cdot (-xy)^3 \cdot x^0 \cdot y^0}{(x^2)^3 \cdot (-3y)^2}$
 - $\frac{(m^2n)^3 \cdot (mn^4) \cdot (-25m)^2}{(-5m^3n^2)^3 \cdot (mn)^0}$
 - $\frac{(4bc^3) \cdot (-ac^2)^2 \cdot (2a^2b^3c)^3}{(-2b^2c^2)^5 \cdot (((-a)^2)^2)^2}$
 - $\frac{(zyx^2)^4 \cdot (7y^2)^3 \cdot (2x^2z)^2}{(14y^5z^3)^2 \cdot (-((x)^2)^2)^3}$
8. Jane and Mary are doing fall clean up in a backyard. Mary can do the job in 6 hours; together they can do it in 4 hours. How many hours does Jane need to clean up the backyard?
9. 5 hamsters will eat 5 bags of hamster food in 5 days. How many days 10 hamsters need to eat 10 bags of food?
10. This year twice as many students participated in the math competition than they did last year. By how many percent did the number of participating students increased?
11. This year twice less students missed the school then last year. By how many percent did the number of sick students decreased?

Geometry.

Relative position of a point and a straight line.

1. Draw a line on a plane. Mark a point. This point can lie either on a line or outside of a line.
2. Draw a line, mark three points. What can be their relative position?
3. Draw a plane. What can be the relative position of a point and a plane?
A line and a plane? Two planes?
4. Draw a circle. What can be the relative position of a circle and a line?
5. Line l_1 does not belong to plane p_1 and intersects the plane p_1 at the point M. Line l_2 belongs to plane p_1 but does not contain point M. Can the lines l_1 and l_2 intersect? Explain your answer.
6. On a picture find all faces and edges. Will the line HE intersect the line DC? Will the line DC intersect the line BF?

