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// Sample Solutions to Lecture Note #1 Exercise Questions
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1. Lecture note #1, Proving quantified statement, 2.c.

Proposition: For some real number  $x$ ,  $x > 5$  and  $x < 10$ .

Proof:

The proposition is true. Take  $x = 7$ . Then we have  $7 > 5$  and  $7 < 10$ . QED.

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2. Lecture note #1, Proving quantified statement, 2.d.

Proposition: For some real number  $x$ ,  $x > 5$  and  $x < 4$ .

Proof (simple version):

The proposition is false. By assumption,  $x > 5$ . Here, values  $< 4$  are not included in that range because they are  $< 5$ . Therefore, it's impossible for  $x$  to satisfy  $x < 4$ .

Therefore, there is no number such that  $x > 5$  and  $x < 4$ . QED.

Proof (detailed version):

The proposition is false. To prove, we show the negation is true.

By applying DeMorgan's Laws, the negation is "For all real number  $x$ ,  $x \leq 5$  or  $x \geq 4$ ." This is true because any real number fall in either range ( $\leq 5$  or  $\geq 4$ ). Since the negation is true, the original statement was false. QED.

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3. Lecture note #1, Multiple quantifiers.

a) Forall  $x$ , Forall  $y$ .  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ .

Proof:

This statement is false. A counterexample is  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$ . Then we have  $x^2 + 2y = 1^2 + 2(1) = 1 + 2 = 3$ , which is NOT  $> 4$ . Therefore the proposition is false. QED.

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b) Thereexists  $x$ , Thereexists  $y$ .  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ .

Proof:

This statement is true. Take  $x = 0$  and  $y = 3$ . Then we have  $x^2 + 2y = 0^2 + 2(3) = 6$ , which is  $> 4$ . Therefore the statement is true. QED.

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USFUL NOTE:

Forall  $x$ , Thereexists  $y$ .  $P(x,y)$  -- e.g. "Everybody loves somebody."

"Every bird has a beak."

(Logic game)

Thereexists  $x$ , Forall  $y$ .  $P(x,y)$  -- e.g. "Somebody loves everybody."

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c) Forall  $x$ , Thereexists  $y$ .  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ .

Proof:

The statement is true. Since  $x$  is a real number,  $x^2$  is always  $\geq 0$ .

Therefore for any  $x$ , we can take a value for  $y$  such that  $2y > 4 - x^2$ , which gives  $y > (4 - x^2)/2$ . QED.

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d) Thereexists  $x$ , Forall  $y$ .  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ .

Proof (simple version):

The statement is false. Since  $y$  is any real number, its value, or  $2y$ , could be anywhere between negative infinity and positive infinity. Therefore, there

is no `_one_`  $x$  value that makes  $x^2 + 2y$  to be  $> 4$ . QED.

Proof (detailed version):

The statement is false. We show that the negation is true --- Forall  $x$ ,  
Thereexists  $y$ .  $x^2 + 2y \leq 4$ .

Since  $x$  is a real number,  $x^2$  is always  $\geq 0$ . Therefore for any  $x$ , we can take  
a value for  $y$  such that  $2y \leq 4 - x^2$ , which gives  $y \leq (4 - x^2)/2$ . QED.

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e) Forall  $x$ , Forall  $y$ , if  $x < y$ , then  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ .

Proof:

The statement is false. The counterexample is  $x = 0$  and  $y = 1$ .  
It is indeed the case where  $x = 0 < 1 = y$ , but  $x^2 + 2y = 1 + 2 = 3 \leq 4$ ,  
which contradicts with the given conclusion of  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ . QED.

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f) Thereexists  $x$ , Thereexists  $y$ , if  $x < y$ , then  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ .

Proof:

The statement is true. Take  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ . Then we get  
 $x^2 + 2y = 4 + 6 = 10$  which is  $> 4$ . Therefore the statement is true. QED.

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g) Forall  $x$ , Thereexists  $y$ , if  $x < y$ , then  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ .

Proof:

The statement is true. Since  $x$  is a real number,  $x^2$  is always  $\geq 0$ .  
Therefore for any  $x$ , we can take a value for  $y$  which is greater than  $x$  (i.e.,  
 $y > x$ ), which also makes  $x^2 + 2y$  greater than 4 (i.e.,  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ ). QED.

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h) Thereexists  $x$ , Forall  $y$ , if  $x < y$ , then  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ .

Proof:

The statement is false. We show the negation is true -- Forall  $x$ , Thereexists  
 $y$ , such that  $x < y$  and  $x^2 + 2y \leq 4$ . Since  $x$  is a real number,  $x^2$  is always  
 $\geq 0$ . Therefore for any  $x$ , we can take a value for  $y$  which is greater than  $x$   
(i.e.,  $y > x$ ), which also makes  $x^2 + 2y$  greater than 4 (i.e.,  $x^2 + 2y > 4$ ).  
QED.