QUIZ #2 – MATH 2200 SPRING 2018

Rewrite the following statement using nested quantifiers. (10 points)
Some student in this class will get all the problems correct on this quiz.

Solution: Either of the following are correct: P(x, y) = Student x got problem y correct on this quiz. $\exists x \forall y P(x, y).$

Q(x) = Student x got all problems correct on this quiz. $\exists x Q(x).$

There are other correct formulations as well.

2. Give a proof that if $m^2 = n^2$ then either m = n or m = -n. (10 points) *Hint:* You may use the fact that if ab = 0, then a = 0 or b = 0.

Solution: Suppose that $m^2 = n^2$. Then $m^2 - n^2 = 0$ and hence (m - n)(m + n) = 0. By the hint we know that m - n = 0 or m + n = 0. In the first case m = n and in the second m = -n. This is what we wanted so the proof is complete.