

Exercise: let  $P, q, r$  be any proposition. Show with the help of a truth table that

$$P \Rightarrow (q \vee r) \equiv (P \Rightarrow q) \vee (P \Rightarrow r)$$

i.e. that  $P \Rightarrow (q \vee r)$  and  $(P \Rightarrow q) \vee (P \Rightarrow r)$  are logically equivalent.

| $P \Rightarrow r$ | $(q \vee r)$ | $P \Rightarrow (q \vee r)$ | $P \Rightarrow q$ | $P \Rightarrow r$ | $(P \Rightarrow q) \vee (P \Rightarrow r)$ |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| T                 | T            | T                          | T                 | T                 | T  |
| T                 | F            | F                          | T                 | F                 | F  |
| F                 | T            | T                          | F                 | T                 | T  |
| F                 | F            | F                          | F                 | F                 | F  |
| T                 | T            | T                          | T                 | T                 | T  |
| F                 | T            | T                          | T                 | T                 | T  |
| F                 | F            | T                          | T                 | T                 | T  |
| F                 | F            | F                          | T                 | T                 | T  |

Now, with the help of Boolean algebra:

$$\text{Notice that } P \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg P \vee q \text{ and } P \Rightarrow r \equiv \neg P \vee r$$

$$\text{Therefore } (P \Rightarrow q) \vee (P \Rightarrow r) \equiv (\neg P \vee q) \vee (\neg P \vee r)$$

by the substitution law. Furthermore due to associativity of the  $\vee$  operator it follows that

$$(\neg P \vee q) \vee (\neg P \vee r) \equiv \neg P \vee (q \vee \neg P) \vee r$$

Then, due to the commutative property of the  $\vee$  operator it follows that:

$$\neg P \vee (q \vee \neg P) \vee r \equiv \neg P \vee (\neg P \vee q) \vee r$$

Now again apply associativity of  $\vee$  we get:

$$\neg P \vee (\neg P \vee q) \vee r \equiv (\neg P \vee \neg P) \vee (q \vee r) \quad \Delta$$

Now notice due to distributivity of  $\vee$  we can write

$$\neg P \vee \neg P \equiv \neg(P \vee P)$$

Therefore due to the idempotent laws of  $\vee$

$$\text{we have } \neg(P \vee P) \equiv \neg P \quad \triangleright$$

Now combining  $\Delta$  and  $\triangleright$  we get:

$$\neg P \vee (q \vee r) \equiv P \Rightarrow (q \vee r)$$

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Recall that a proposition consists of an entity / subject and a predicate.

e.g. entity "the moon" predicate "is made of cheese"

Def let  $a$  be the entity "the moon" and  $p$  be the predicate "is made of cheese" then  $p(a)$  means "the moon is made of cheese" is a proposition..

Another entity is  $b = \text{"dutchmen"}$

then  $p(b)$  means "dutchmen are made of cheese."

Def Domain of Discourse and One-Place predicate

A one-place predicate  $p$  associates single proposition with every entity at some collection of entities.

We call this collection of entities the domain of discourse of predicate  $p$

let  $p$  be an arbitrary predicate and  $a$  an entity in its domain of discourse then  $p(a)$  is a proposition

We also say predicate  $p$  maps entity  $a$  to proposition  $p(a)$ .

Two-place or more-place predicate

Associates two or more entities to a predicate.

e.g. let  $a$  be the entity "Jesse"

,  $b$  [be ] "Jone".

and  $p$  be the two-place predicate "lives"

then  $p(a,b)$  is "Jesse lives Jone".  
a p b

## e.g. Compound Proposition

let  $R$  be the one-place predicate "is red"

Open statement

Then

$$R(a) \wedge R(b)$$

" $a$  is red and  $b$  is red"

$$\neg R(a)$$

" $a$  is not red"

Free variable

existential

Def

Quantifiers

universal

$\forall$  means

"all"

$\exists$  means

"there exists or"

$\exists!$  means

"there exists exactly one"

} Existential

Def

Bound

A free variable in an open statement

that can be quantified say  $x$  is called

bound

e.g.

let  $L(x,y)$  represent " $x$  loves  $y$ ".

Then  $\forall y (L(x,y))$  means:

" $x$  loves everyone" ← open statement

and  $\exists x (\forall y L(x,y))$  means

"there is someone that loves everyone".

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Proposition

e.g. let  $a$  be an entity in the d.b.d.

then  $P(a) \Rightarrow Q(a)$  is a proposition  
 $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$  is open

$$\forall x(P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x))$$

$$P(a) \wedge (\exists x Q(x))$$

$$(\forall x P(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x P(x))$$

} Propositions

e.g. let  $H(x)$  represent " $x$  is happy"

then  $\forall x(H(x))$  means

"everyone is happy"

let  $O(x,y)$  represent " $x$  owns  $y$ "

and  $C(y)$  represent " $y$  is a computer".

then

$$\forall x(O("Jack", x) \Rightarrow C(x))$$

means "everything Jack owns is a computer"

other examples can be found in the book.

## Predicate Logic Algebra

$$\neg(\forall x P(x)) \equiv \exists x(\neg P(x))$$

$$\neg(\exists x P(x)) \equiv \forall x(\neg P(x))$$

$$\forall x \forall y Q(x,y) \equiv \forall y \forall x Q(x,y)$$

$$\exists x \exists y Q(x,y) \equiv \exists y \exists x Q(x,y)$$

$$\text{e.g. } \neg \forall y (R(y) \vee Q(y)) \equiv \exists y \neg (R(y) \vee Q(y))$$

$$\equiv \exists y (\neg R(y) \wedge Q(y))$$

Deduction 'p'  $\Rightarrow$  "q"  
Premise { "If today is tuesday then this is in amsterdam"  
argue "today is tuesday"  $\models$  "P"  
ment Conclusion {  $\therefore$  This is amsterdam

e.g. let p and q be propositions.

$$\frac{p \Rightarrow q}{\therefore p} \quad \text{Premise i.e. assume true}$$

Def  
 $p \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \Rightarrow q$   $\frac{p}{\therefore \neg p}$   $\frac{q}{\therefore p \wedge q}$

$$\frac{p \Rightarrow q}{\frac{q \Rightarrow r}{\therefore p \Rightarrow r}}$$

e.g. let P(x) be the statement "x is mortal"  
and Q(x) be the statement "Socrates is x"  
Then:

$$\forall x (P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x))$$

$$\frac{P(a)}{\therefore Q(a)}$$

i.e. All humans are mortal  
Socrates is human  
 $\therefore$  Socrates is mortal

here entity a is socrates.

e.g.  $(P \wedge R) \Rightarrow S$

$$\begin{array}{c} q \Rightarrow P \\ t \Rightarrow R \\ \hline \therefore S \end{array}$$

Some follows for predicate logic..

e.g.  $\forall x (P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x))$

$$\begin{array}{c} P(a) \\ \hline \therefore Q(a) \end{array}$$

e.g. let  $P(n)$  be the statement  
"n is even"

and  $P(n^2)$  is the statement  
"n<sup>2</sup> is even"

prove the statement

$$\begin{array}{c} P(n) \\ \hline \therefore P(n) \Rightarrow P(n^2) \end{array}$$

i.e. "If n is even then n<sup>2</sup> is even".

Proof

since n is even we can write

n = 2k for some integer k.

Notice then that  $n^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2$

$= 2(2k^2)$  Now since  $2k^2$  is also some integer we conclude that

$n^2$  is even given that n is even □

e.g. Prove the statement

$$\forall P(n)$$

$$\underline{\therefore \forall P(n) \Rightarrow \exists p(n)}$$

i.e. "If  $n$  is odd, then  $n^2$  is odd"

Proof

Since  $n$  is odd we can write that

$$n = 2k + 1 \text{ for some integer } k,$$

$$\text{Now notice that } n^2 = (2k+1)^2$$

$$= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$$

Now since  $2k^2 + 2k$  is again some integer we conclude that  $n^2$  is odd given that  $n$  is odd  $\square$

e.g. Is the following argument valid?

$$\forall P(n) \Rightarrow \forall P(n^2)$$

$$\underline{P(n) \Rightarrow P(n^2)} \quad \text{i.e}$$

$$\therefore P(n) \Leftrightarrow P(n^2).$$

" $n$  is odd then  $n^2$  is odd"

" $n$  is even then  $n^2$  is even"

" $n$  is even only if  
 $n^2$  is even"

Answer : Yes, since

$$\forall P(n) \Rightarrow \forall P(n^2) \equiv P(n^2) \Rightarrow P(n) \text{ "composito"}$$

Using this equivalence we rewrite the argument as :

$$P(n^2) \Rightarrow P(n)$$

$$\underline{P(n) \Rightarrow P(n^2)}$$

$$\therefore P(n) \Leftrightarrow P(n^2)$$

which is trivially-true because this is the definition of the bi-conditional operator " $\Leftrightarrow$ "  $\square$