

# Disc. Maths: C2 - Logic of Quan. Statements

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## 1 Predicates and Quantified Statements

1. A predicate (AKA open statement)
  - (a) contains variables
  - (b) is not statement until the variables are “filled in”
2. Domain of predicate variable: Set of all values that can be “filled in” to the variables.
3. To obtain predicate, remove the nouns.
4.  $x \in A$  indicates  $x$  is an element of  $A$ .
5.  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  refers to set containing only 1, 2 and 3.  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  indicates all positive integers.
6. 2 sets are equal only if they have same elements.

7. Symbols for sets:

Symbols	Set
$R$	All real numbers
$R^+$	All positive real numbers
$Z$	All integers
$Z^{nonneg}/N$	Set of non-negative integers (include 0) / natural numbers

8.  $\{x \in D | P(x)\}$  reads as the set of all  $x$  in  $D$  such that  $P(x)$  (is true, for a truth set).

- (a)  $x$  is random variable
- (b)  $D$  is the domain of  $x$
- (c)  $P(x)$  is a predicate

9. Notations:

- (a)  $P(x) \implies Q(x)$  : All truth set elements of  $P(x)$  is in truth set of  $Q(x)$ .

- i. Basically, if I promised  $P(x)$ , then I must deliver,  $Q(x)$ .
  - (b)  $P(x) \iff Q(x)$ : Same truth set
- 10. Quantifiers:
  - (a) Quantities
  - (b) Add to predicates, a substitute for “fixed values”
  - (c)  $\forall$ : For all
    - i. Example:  $\forall x =$  For every  $x$
    - ii. Universal statement:  $\forall x \in D, Q(x)$ , is true if  $Q(x)$  is true for all  $x$  (where  $x$  is part of domain  $D$ ). It is false if there is a **counterexample**, or a value for  $x$  where  $Q(x)$  is false.
  - (d)  $\exists$ : There exists
    - i. Example:  $\exists x =$  At least one  $x$
    - ii. Existential statement:  $\exists x \in D, Q(x)$ , is true if at least one  $Q(x)$  is true. Where  $x$  is part of  $D$ . It is false if all is false.
- 11. **Method of exhaustion** - proving true for every case. Good for finite domain.
- 12.  $\ni$ : “such that”
- 13. Rewriting
  - (a) To informal:
    - i. Replace all symbols
    - ii. Remove quantifiers and make them “wordy”
  - (b) The opposite for formal
- 14. Universal condition statements
  - (a) A universal statement with a condition (if, then).
  - (b)  $\forall x$ , if  $P(x)$  then  $Q(x)$ .
- 15. Equivalent forms of universal statement
  - (a)  $\forall x \in U$ , if  $P(x)$  then  $Q(x) \equiv \forall x \in D, Q(x)$ .
  - (b) Narrow  $U$  to be true statement domain of  $P(x)$
- 16. Equivalent forms of existential statements
  - (a)  $\exists x \in U$  such that  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  can be written as “ $\exists x \in D$  such that  $Q(x)$ ”, provided  $D$  consists of all elements in  $U$  that make  $P(x)$  true.
- 17. Negation of quantified statements
  - (a)  $\sim (\forall x \in D, Q(x)) \equiv \exists x \in D, \sim Q(x)$ , and vice versa

- (b) Basically something like DeMorgan's law.
  - (c) Negation of "all are" (universal statement) is  $\equiv$  Some are not (Existential).
18. Negation of universal conditional statements
- (a) Negate a "for all" conditional statement
  - (b)  $\sim (\forall x, P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x, P(x) \wedge \sim Q(x)$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \sim (\forall x, P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) &\equiv \exists x, \sim (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \\ &\equiv \exists x, \sim (\sim P(x) \vee Q(x)) \\ \sim (\forall x, P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) &\equiv \exists x, P(x) \wedge \sim Q(x) \text{ [DeMorgan]} \end{aligned}$$
  - (c)  $\sim (\forall x, \text{if } P(x), \text{ then } Q(x)) \equiv \exists x \text{ such that } P(x) \text{ and } \sim Q(x)$
19. Negations of Multiply Quantified Statements
- (a)  $\sim (\forall x, \exists y \ni P(x, y)) \equiv \exists x \forall y, \sim P(x, y)$
  - (b)  $\sim (\exists x \ni \forall y, P(x, y)) \equiv \forall x, \exists y \ni \sim P(x, y)$
20. The Relation Among  $\forall, \exists, \wedge$ , and  $\vee$
- (a)  $\forall x \in D, Q(x) \equiv Q(x_1) \wedge Q(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge Q(x_n)$ 
    - i. This reads: For all  $x$  in domain  $D$ , such that (not shown, but should be  $\ni$ )  $Q(x)$  evaluates to true.
    - ii. The statement is equivalent to "All  $Q(x)$  evaluates to true".
  - (b)  $\exists x \in D \ni Q(x) \equiv Q(x_1) \vee Q(x_2) \vee \dots \vee Q(x_n)$ 
    - i. This reads: There exists  $x$  in domain  $D$ , such that  $Q(x)$  evaluates to true.
    - ii. The statement is equivalent to "Some  $Q(x)$  evaluates to true"
  - (c)  $\forall x [P(x) \vee Q] \equiv \forall x P(x) \vee Q$  (Refer to example 18)
  - (d)  $\forall x [P(x) \wedge Q(x)] \equiv \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$  (Refer to example 19)
  - (e)  $\forall$  distributes over  $\wedge$ ,  $\exists$  distributes over  $\vee$ . But NOT vice versa.
21. Variants of Universal and Conditional Statements
- (a) Consider the statement of the form:
$$\forall x \in D, \text{if } P(x) \text{ then } Q(x)$$
  - (b) Its contrapositive is the statement
$$\forall x \in D, \text{if } \sim Q(x) \text{ then } \sim P(x)$$
  - (c) Its converse is the statement
$$\forall x \in D, \text{if } Q(x) \text{ then } P(x)$$

(d) Its inverse is

$$\forall x \in D, \text{ if } \sim P(x) \text{ then } \sim Q(x)$$

22. Universal condition statement equivalence

(a) Equivalent to contrapositive:

i. For all  $x$ , if  $P(x)$  then  $Q(x) \equiv$  For all  $x$ , if not  $Q(x)$  then not  $P(x)$

(b) NOT equivalent to:

i. Converse: For all  $x$ , if  $Q(x)$  then  $P(x)$

ii. Inverse: For all  $x$ , if not  $P(x)$  then not  $Q(x)$

23. Using diagrams to test for validity

(a) Helpful and convincing

(b) Steps

i. Represent truth of premises in diagrams

ii. Analyze diagrams to see if they also apply to conclusion

## 1.1 Example

Consider:

$p(x)$ : The number  $(x + 2)$  is an even integer.

$q(x, y)$ : The numbers  $y + 2$ ,  $x - y$ , and  $x + 2y$  are even integers.

Domain for  $x$  is  $\{4, 5\}$  and domain for  $y$  is  $\{2, 3\}$

Therefore,

1.  $p(4)$ :  $(4 + 2)$ : 6 is an even integer. ( $T$ )

2.  $p(5)$ :  $(5 + 2)$ : 7 is an even integer. ( $F$ )

3.  $q(4, 2)$ : The numbers  $2 + 2$ : 4,  $4 - 2$ : 2, and  $4 + 2(2)$ : 8 are even integers. ( $T$ )

4.  $q(4, 3)$ : The numbers  $3 + 2$ : 5,  $4 - 3$ : 1, and  $4 + 2(3)$ : 10 are even integers. ( $F$ )

5.  $q(5, 2)$ : The numbers  $2 + 2$ : 4,  $5 - 2$ : 3, and  $5 + 2(2)$ : 9 are even integers. ( $F$ )

6.  $q(5, 3)$ : The numbers  $3 + 2$ : 5,  $5 - 3$ : 2, and  $5 + 2(3)$ : 11 are even integers. ( $F$ )

## 1.2 Example

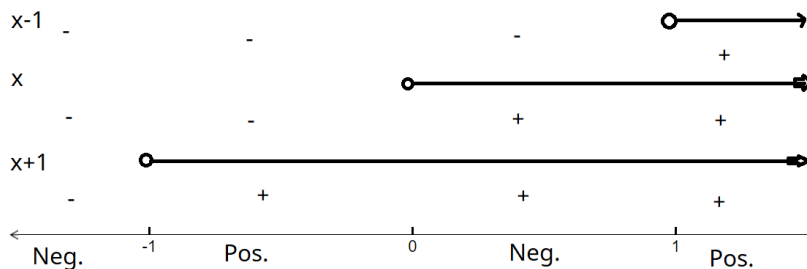
Find the truth set for the predicate below,

$$x > \frac{1}{x}, \text{domain} : R$$

1. Find a way to make it easier to compute

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{x} \\ x - \frac{1}{x} &= 0 \\ \frac{x^2 - 1}{x} &= 0 \\ \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{x} &= 0 \\ \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{x} &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. Utilize the number line system



3. Determine the range (where it is greater than 0, in this case)

$$\text{Truth Set} = \{x \in R \mid -1 < x < 0, x > 1\}$$

## 1.3 Example

Let  $P(x)$  :  $x$  is the factor of 8.

$Q(x)$  :  $x$  is the factor of 4.

$R(x)$  :  $x < 5, x \neq 3$ .

Domain for  $x$  is  $Z^+$ .

### 1.3.1 Answer

The truth set of:

$$P(x) = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$$

$$Q(x) = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

$$R(x) = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}Q(x) &\implies P(x) \\R(x) &\implies P(x) \\Q(x) &\iff R(x)\end{aligned}$$

## 1.4 Example

Let  $D = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ , and consider the statement “ $\forall x \in D, x \geq \frac{1}{x}$ ”. Show that this statement is **true**.

1. Let  $P(x)$  be  $x \geq \frac{1}{x}$ .

(a)

$x$	$P(x)$	Result
1	$1 \geq \frac{1}{1}$	T
2	$2 \geq \frac{1}{2}$	T
3	$3 \geq \frac{1}{3}$	T
4	$4 \geq \frac{1}{4}$	T
5	$5 \geq \frac{1}{5}$	T

- (b)  $\therefore$  Since  $P(x)$  is true for all  $x \in D$ , thus  $\forall x \in D, x \geq \frac{1}{x}$  is a **true statement**.

2. Consider the statement “ $\forall x \in R, x > \frac{1}{x}$ ” Find counterexamples to show that this statement is **false**.

(a)

$x$	$x > \frac{1}{x}$	Result
1	$1 > \frac{1}{1}$	F

- (b) This is a counterexample.
- (c) The statement  $\forall x \in R, x > \frac{1}{x}$  is false.

## 1.5 Example

1. Consider the statement  $\exists x \in Z \ni x^2 = x$  ( $\ni$  means such that) Show that this statement is true. EXTRA NOTE: The statement reads (There exists)  $x$  (in)  $Z$  (such that)  $x^2 = x$ .

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - x &= 0 \\x(x - 1) &= 0 \\x &= 0, 1\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let  $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}0^2 &= 0 \\x^2 &= x\end{aligned}$$

(c) Thus,  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x^2 = x$  is true.

2. Let  $D = \{5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$  and consider the statement  $\exists x \in D \ni x^2 = x$ . Show that this statement is **false**.

$x$	$x^2 = x$	Result
5	$5^2 : 25 = 5$	F
6	$6^2 : 36 = 6$	F
7	$7^2 : 49 = 7$	F
8	$8^2 : 64 = 8$	F

(b)  $\therefore \exists x \in D \ni x^2 = x$  is a **false statement**.

## 1.6 Example

Rewrite the following formal statements in a variety of equivalent but more informal ways. Do not use the symbol  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ .

1.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 \neq -1$

(a) For all real numbers, its square cannot be  $-1$ .

2.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x^2 = x$

(a) The square of some integers is equal to itself.

## 1.7 Example

Rewrite each of the following statements formally. Use quantifiers and variables.

1. Every real number is positive, negative, or zero.

(a)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \ni x > 0 \cup x < 0 \cup x = 0$

2. Some real numbers are rational.

(a)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \ni x = \frac{a}{b}, (a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0)$

## 1.8 Example

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x > 4$ , then  $x^2 > 16$ , Informal:

1. For any real number greater than 4, its square must also be greater than 16.

## 1.9 Example

The square of any even integers is even. Formal way,

1.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $x = 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $x^2 = 2n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

### 1.10 Example

“ $\forall$  polygons  $p$ , if  $p$  is a square, then  $p$  is a rectangle.” is equivalent to

1.  $\forall$  square polygons  $p$ ,  $p$  is a rectangle,

### 1.11 Example

“ $\exists$  a number  $n$  such that  $n$  is prime and  $n$  is even.” is equivalent to

1.  $\exists$  a prime number such that  $n$  is even.
2.  $\exists$  an even number such that  $n$  is prime.

### 1.12 Example

Write negations for the following statements.

1.  $\forall$  irrational numbers  $x$ ,  $x$  is not an integer.
  - (a)  $\exists$  irrational numbers  $x$ ,  $x$  is an integer.
2.  $\exists x \in R$  such that  $x$  is rational.
  - (a)  $\forall x \in R$  such that  $x$  is irrational.
3. No politicians are honest.
  - (a) Some politicians are not honest.
4. All dinosaurs are extinct
  - (a) Some dinosaurs are not extinct.
5. Some exercises have answers.
  - (a) All exercises don't have answers.

### 1.13 Example

Write the negations for the following statements.

1.  $\forall$  animals  $x$ , if  $x$  is a cat then  $x$  has whiskers and  $x$  has claws.
  - (a)  $\forall x \in D, [p(x) \rightarrow (Q(x) \wedge R(x))]$
  - (b) Negation:  $\exists x \in D, p(x) \wedge (\sim Q(x) \vee \sim R(x))$
  - (c)  $\exists$  animals  $x$ , where  $x$  is a cat and  $x$  don't have whiskers or  $x$  don't have claws.
2.  $\forall x \in R$ , if  $x > 3$  then  $x^2 > 9$ 
  - (a)  $\exists x \in R$ , where  $x > 3$  and  $x^2 \leq 9$ .



### 1.14 Example

Negate the following statements and determine their truth values.

1.  $r(x) : 2x + 1 = 5$   
 $s(x) : x^2 = 9$   
 $\exists x \ni [r(x) \implies s(x)]$

- (a)  $\forall x \ni [r(x) \wedge \sim s(x)]$
- (b) Determine truth values
  - i. When  $x = 3$

$$r(3) : 2(3) + 1 = 7 \text{ (F)}$$

$$s(3) : 3^2 : 9 = 9 \text{ (T)}$$

- ii.  $\forall x \ni [F \wedge \sim T] \equiv \forall x \ni c$

- iii. Therefore,

A. the negation of  $\exists x \ni [r(x) \implies s(x)]$  is a false statement.

2.  $p(x) : x$  is odd.  
 $q(x) : x^2 - 1$  is even.  
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $x$  is odd, then  $(x^2 - 1)$  is even.

- (a) Determine negation
  - i.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x$  is odd, and  $(x^2 - 1)$  is not even.

- (b) Determine final results

- i. Lets check the universal statement

A. If  $x$  is an odd integer, then when divided by 2, it must leave a 0.5 behind. So,

$$\frac{x}{2} = b + 0.5, \text{ where } b \text{ is an integer}$$

$$x = 2b + 1$$

B. Okay, so lets think about the second part, if  $(x^2 - 1)$  is even, then it should be divisible without leaving a 0.5 behind.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(x^2 - 1)}{2} &= \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= x \cdot \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= x \cdot (b + 0.5) - \frac{1}{2}, \text{ where } b \text{ is an integer} \\ &= bx + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

- C. Lets substitute in the  $x$  we derived from earlier in part A. into part B. Remember that although  $x$  can be any number, it is the same number for both part A and part B.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(x^2 - 1)}{2} &= bx + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= b(2b + 1) + \frac{1}{2}(2b + 1) - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 2b^2 + b + b + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 2b^2 + b + b\end{aligned}$$

- D. Now remember that from part B,  $b$  is an integer, so if we take

$$\frac{(x^2 - 1)}{2} = 2(\text{integer})^2 + \text{integer} + \text{integer}$$

- E. The result does not have any fraction, and is an integer.

- F. Since the result is an integer, with no fraction  $(x^2 - 1)$ , must be an even number, since only even numbers can be divided by 2 without leaving fractions behind. Hence,  $\forall x \in Z$ , if  $x$  is odd, then  $(x^2 - 1)$  is even, is a true statement.

- ii. The negation statement is false.
- iii. The universal statement is true.

### 1.15 Example

Rewrite each of the following without using variables or the symbols  $\forall$  or  $\exists$ .

1.  $\forall$  colours  $C$ ,  $\exists$  an animal  $A$  such that  $A$  is coloured  $C$ .
  - (a) For all colours  $C$ , there exists an animal  $A$  such that  $A$  is coloured  $C$ .
  - (b) For all colour, there is an animal with the same colour.
  - (c) **There is an animal that is coloured by all the colour.**
2.  $\exists$  a book  $b$  such that  $\forall$  people  $p$ ,  $p$  has read  $b$ .
  - (a) There exists a book  $b$  such that every people  $p$ ,  $p$  has read  $b$ .
    - i. **There is a book where everyone has read the book**

### 1.16 Example

Rewrite the following formally using quantifiers and variables.

1. Everybody trusts somebody.

- (a)  $\forall \text{ people } x, \exists \text{ people } y, x \text{ trusts } y.$
- 2. Somebody trusts everybody.
- (a)  $\exists \text{ people } x, \forall \text{ people } y \text{ such that } x \text{ trusts } y.$

### 1.17 Example (Check answer)

Negate the statements below.

- 1.  $\exists$  a book  $b$  such that  $\forall$  people  $p$ ,  $p$  has read  $b$ .
- (a)  $\forall$  books  $b$ , there  $\exists$  people  $p$ , such that  $p$  has not read  $b$ .
- 2.  $\forall$  even integers  $n$ ,  $\exists$  an integer  $k$  such that  $n = 2k$ .
- (a)  $\exists$  even integers  $n$ ,  $\forall$  integer  $k$ ,  $n \neq 2k$ .
- 3.  $\exists$  a person  $x$  such that  $\forall$  people  $y$ ,  $x$  loves  $y$
- (a)  $\forall$  people  $x$ ,  $\exists$  a people  $y$ , such that  $x$  do not love  $y$ .
- 4.  $\forall x, \exists y [(P(x, y) \wedge Q(x, y)) \rightarrow R(x, y)]$
- (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \exists x, \forall y \sim [\sim (P(x, y) \wedge Q(x, y)) \vee R(x, y)] &\equiv \exists x, \forall y \sim [\sim (P(x, y) \wedge Q(x, y)) \vee R(x, y)] \\
 &\equiv \exists x, \forall y \sim [\sim P(x, y) \vee \sim Q(x, y) \vee R(x, y)] \\
 &\equiv \exists x, \forall y [P(x, y) \wedge Q(x, y) \wedge \sim R(x, y)]
 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.18 Example 18 - The Relation Among $\forall$ , $\exists$ , $\wedge$ , and $\vee$

For the universe of natural numbers  $N$ , the assertion  $\forall x [P(x) \vee Q]$  is equivalent to the infinite conjunction:

$$[P(1) \vee Q] \wedge [P(2) \vee Q] \wedge [P(3) \vee Q] \wedge \dots \wedge [P(N) \vee Q]$$

which can be rearranged using the distributive laws to form:

$$[P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(N)] \vee Q$$

which is equivalent to

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

- 1. Note:
  - (a) The variable  $x$  in  $P(x)$  for example 18 is bound by quantifiers, which  $Q$  is free (constant in a sense).

### 1.19 Example 19

For the universe of natural numbers  $N$ , the proposition  $\forall x[P(x) \wedge Q(x)]$  can be expanded into an infinite conjunction:

$$[P(1) \wedge Q(1)] \wedge [P(2) \wedge Q(2)] \wedge \dots \wedge [P(N) \wedge Q(N)]$$

which can be rearranged using associative and commutative laws to obtain:

$$P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(N) \wedge Q(1) \wedge Q(2) \wedge \dots \wedge Q(N)$$

which is equivalent to

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

### 1.20 Example

Let the universe be the integers,

1.  $P(x)$  :  $x$  is an even integer.
2.  $Q(x)$  :  $x$  is an odd integer.
3. Then  $\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$  is true but  $\exists x [P(x) \wedge Q(x)]$  is false.
  - (a) TRUE: There exists  $x$  such that  $x$  is an even integer, and there exists  $x$  such that  $x$  is an odd integer.
  - (b) FALSE: There exists  $x$  such that  $x$  is an even integer AND an odd integer.
  - (c) The point here is that  $\exists$  is not distributable over  $\wedge$ .
4. Therefore  $\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$  and  $\exists x [P(x) \wedge Q(x)]$  are not equivalent.
5. However,  $\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$  implies  $\exists x [P(x) \wedge Q(x)]$  is valid.

### 1.21 Example

Write the contrapositive, converse and inverse for the following statements.

1.  $\forall x \in R$ , if  $x > 3$ , then  $x^2 > 9$ 
  - (a) Contrapositive:  $\forall x \in R$ , if not  $x^2 > 9$ , then not  $x > 3$
  - (b) Converse:  $\forall x \in R$ , if  $x^2 > 9$ , then  $x > 3$
  - (c) Inverse:  $\forall x \in R$ , if not  $x > 3$ , then not  $x^2 > 9$
2.  $\forall$  animals  $A$ , if  $A$  is a cat then  $A$  has whiskers and  $A$  has claws.  
 $\forall x \in A$ , if  $P(x)$ , then  $Q(x)$ 
  - (a) Contrapositive:
    - i.  $\forall x \in A$ , if  $\sim Q(x)$ , then  $\sim P(x)$

- ii.  $\forall$  animals  $A$ , if  $A$  do not has whiskers or  $A$  do not has claws, then  $A$  is not a cat.

(b) Converse:

- i.  $\forall x \in A$ , if  $Q(x)$ , then  $P(x)$ .
- ii.  $\forall$  animals  $A$ , if  $A$  has whiskers and  $A$  has claws then  $A$  is a cat.

(c) Inverse:

- i.  $\forall x \in A$ , if  $A$  is NOT a cat, then  $A$  DO NOT has whiskers OR  $A$  DO NOT has claws.

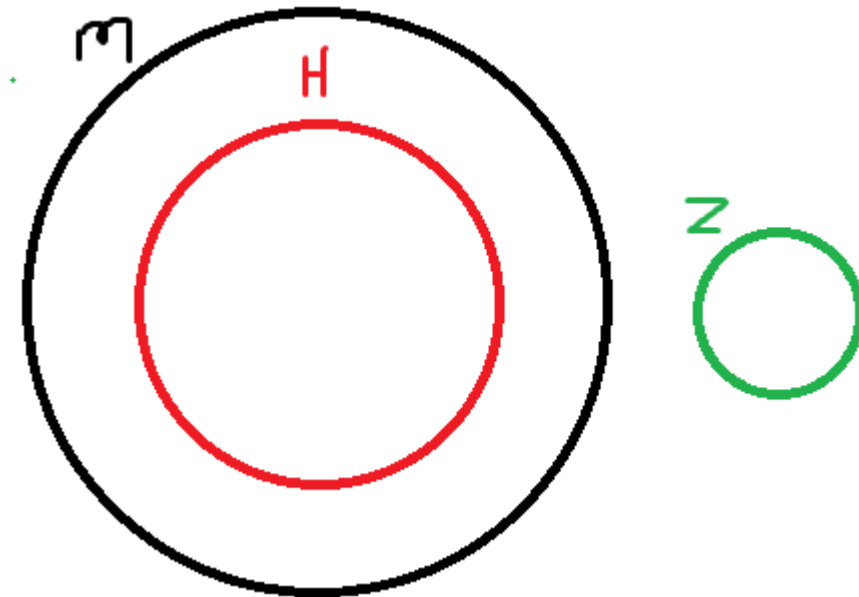
## 1.22 Example

Determine the validity of the following argument using diagrams.

1. All human beings are mortal.
2. Zeus is not mortal.
3.  $\therefore$  Zeus is not a human being.

### 1.22.1 Solution

1. Let H: set of human beings
2. M: set of those who are mortal
3. Z: Zeus



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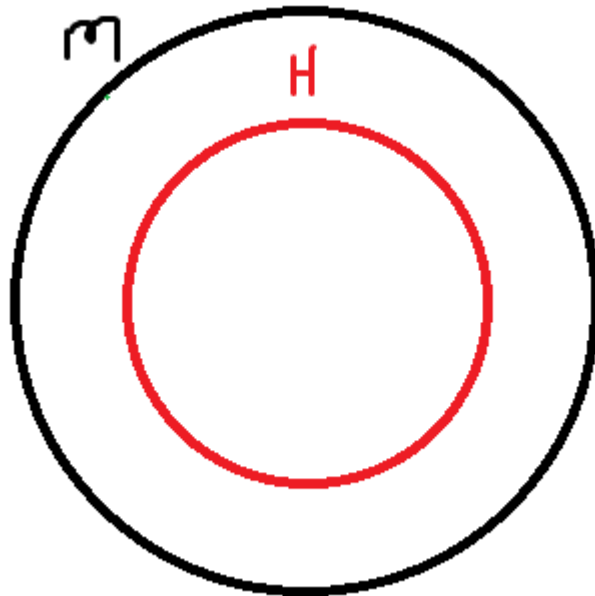
1. All human beings are mortal.
2. Felix is mortal.
3. Felix is a human being.

#### 1.23.1 Solution

1. H: set of human beings
2. M: set of those who are mortal
3. F: Felix

**Major Premise** (the predicate of the conclusion, kinda major because they are what we want)

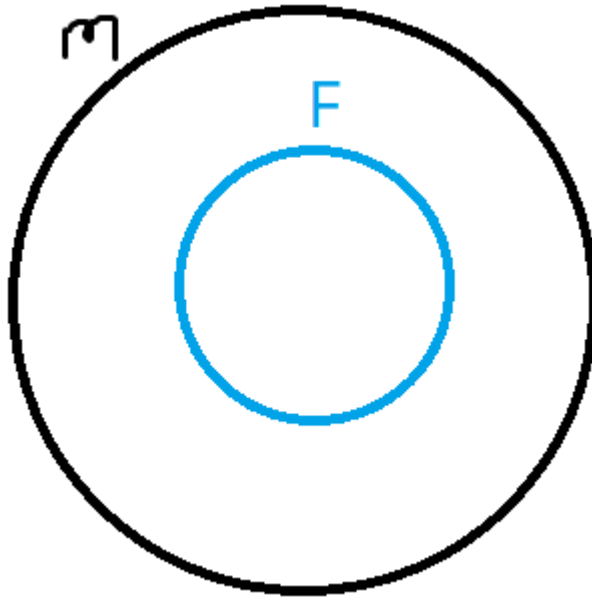
1. The disc of H falls entirely inside the disc of M.



- 2.

**Minor Premise** (the subject of the conclusion, kinda minor because if they lead to something)

1. F falls inside the disc of M.



2.

#### Possible conclusions

1. Therefore, Felix is not a human being as  $F$  falls outside of the disc of  $H$ .
2. Therefore, Felix is a human being as  $F$  falls inside the disc of  $H$ .

**Conclusion** There is a contradiction between the conclusions, hence the argument is **invalid**.

### 1.24 Example

Determine the validity of the following argument using diagrams.

1. No polynomial functions have horizontal asymptote.
2. This function has a horizontal asymptote.
3. This function is not a polynomial.

#### 1.24.1 Assign symbols

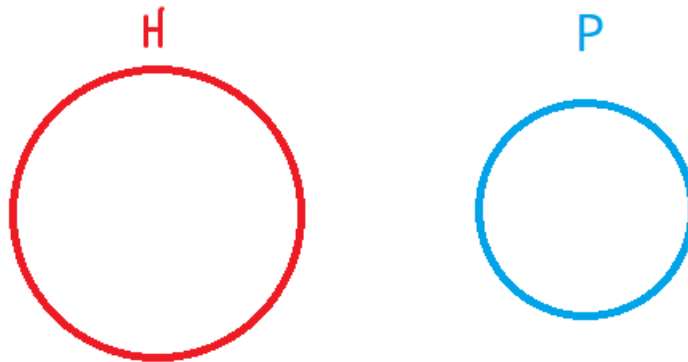
Let:

1.  $P$  : Set of polynomial functions
2.  $H$  : Set of functions with horizontal asymptotes
3.  $T$  : This function. (Conclusion)

### 1.24.2 Check the diagrams

1. Major premise - No polynomial functions have horizontal asymptote

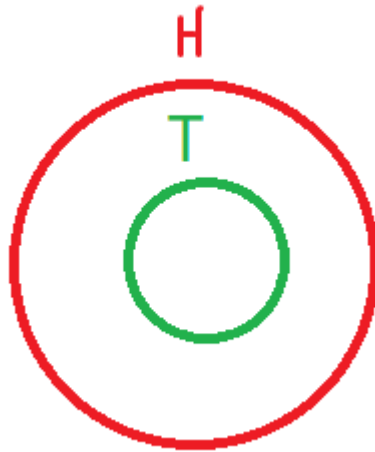
(a) The  $P$  and  $H$  are separated



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2. Minor premise - This function has a horizontal asymptote

(a) The  $T$  is inside  $H$



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3. Conclusion - This function is not a polynomial

(a) The only possible conclusion is disc  $T$  falls outside of disc  $P$ . This function is not a polynomial.

(b) Therefore, the argument is valid.



## 1.25 Example

Determine the validity of the following argument using diagrams.

1. All **discrete mathematics** students can tell a valid argument from an invalid one.
2. All **thoughtful** people can tell a valid argument from an invalid one.
3.  $\therefore$  All **discrete mathematics** students are **thoughtful**.

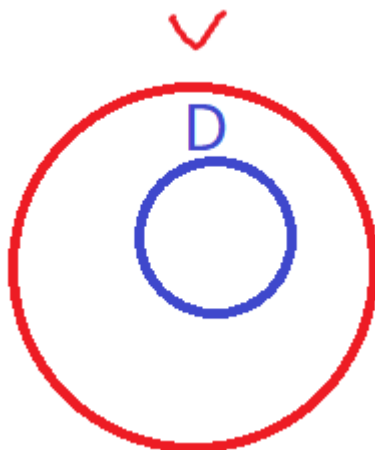
### 1.25.1 Make the terms and signs

Let

1.  $D$  : Discrete mathematics students
2.  $T$  : Thoughtful people
3.  $V$  : Can tell a valid argument from invalid one.

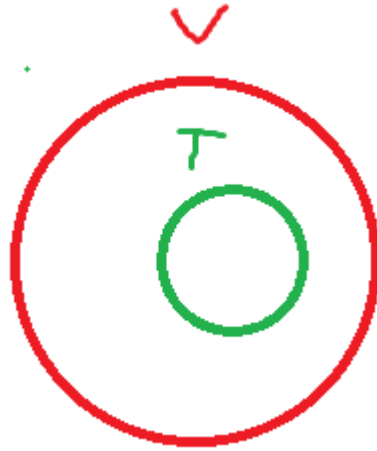
### 1.25.2 Determine minor and major premises

1. Minor premise - All discrete mathematics students can tell a valid argument from an invalid one.
  - (a) Disc  $D$  is inside disc  $V$ .



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2. Major premise - All **thoughtful** people can tell a valid argument from an invalid one.
  - (a) Disc  $T$  inside disc  $V$



i.

### 1.25.3 Conclusion - All discrete mathematics students are thoughtful.

1. Possible conclusions (ASK lecturer do we need the second sentence)
  - (a) Disc  $D$  falls inside disc  $T$ . All discrete mathematics students are thoughtful
  - (b) Disc  $D$  falls inside disc  $V$  but NOT disc  $T$ . All discrete mathematics are NOT thoughtful.
  - (c) Disc  $D$  intersects with disc  $T$ . Some discrete mathematics student are thoughtful.
  - (d) Disc  $T$  falls inside disc  $D$ . All thoughtful people are discrete maths students.
2. Since the possible conclusions contradict each other, the argument is **invalid**.