

# Agenda

- Ch1.3 Predicates and Quantifiers
  - Predicates
  - Quantifiers
  - Quantifiers with Restricted Domains
  - Precedence of Quantifiers
  - Logical Equivalences Involving Quantifiers
  - Translation
- Ch1.4 Nested Quantifiers
  - Nested Quantifiers

## Limitation of Propositional Logic

- Limitation 1:
  - p** : John is a SCUT student
  - q** : Peter is a SCUT student
  - r** : Mary is a SCUT student
- Try to represent them using propositional variable
  - However, these propositions are very similar
  - A more powerful type of logic named **Predicate Logic** will be introduced

# Predicates

- **Predicate logic** is an extension of propositional logic that permits concisely reasoning about whole classes of entities



John



Peter



Mary



????

- **Propositional Logic** treats simple propositions as atomic entities
- **Predicate Logic** distinguishes the subject of a sentence from its predicate

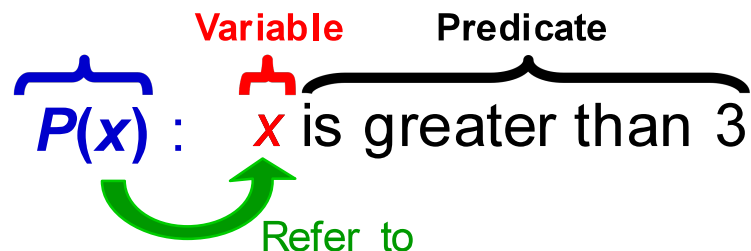
# Predicates

- **Predicate** is a function of proposition
- Example:

Convention:

- lowercase variables denote objects
- UPPERCASE variables denote predicates

Propositional Function /  
Predicate



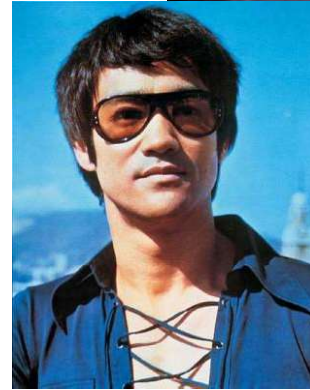
- The truth value of proposition function can only be determined when the values of variables are known

# Predicates

- Example:

- $P(x) : "x > 3"$
- What is  $P(4)$ ? ✓
- What is  $P(2)$ ? ✗

- $P(x) : "x \text{ is a singer}"$
- $P(\text{Michael Jackson})$ ? ✓
- $P(\text{Bruce Lee})$ ? ✗



# Predicates

- Propositional function can have **more than one variables**

- Example:

- $P(x, y) : x + y = 7$ 
  - $P(2, 5)$  ✓
- $Q(x, y, z) : x = y + z$ 
  - $Q(5, 2, 8)$  ✗

# Predicates

## ■ General case

- A statement involving the  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  can be denoted by

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

- A statement of the form  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is the value of the propositional function  $P$  at the  **$n$ -tuple  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$**
- $P$  is also called a  **$n$ -place predicate** or a  **$n$ -ary predicate**

## Limitation of Propositional Logic

### ■ Limitation 2:

- |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Given<br/><math>P</math>: "Every student in SCUT is clever"<br/><math>Q</math>: "Peter is SCUT student"</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Given<br/><math>P</math>: "Peter cannot pass this Discrete Maths subject"<br/><math>Q</math>: "Peter is a SCUT student"</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ What can we conclude?<br/>"Peter is clever"</li></ul>                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ What can we conclude?<br/>"At least one student in SCUT cannot pass this Discrete Maths subject"</li></ul>                        |
- **No rules of propositional logic** can **conclude** the truth of this statement

# Limitation of Propositional Logic

- **Propositional Logic** does **not adequately express the following meanings**
  - Every, all, some, partial, at least one, one, etc
- A **more powerful tool, Quantifiers**, will be introduced

## Quantifiers

- **Quantification** expresses the **extent to which a predicate is true over a range of elements**

- For example

- **Using Propositional Logic**

- $p$ : Peter has iPhone
- $q$ : Paul has iPhone
- $r$ : Mary has iPhone

- **Using Predicate**

- $P(x)$  :  $x$  has iPhone
- $P(\text{Peter})$
- $P(\text{Paul})$
- $P(\text{Mary})$



Assume our class only contains three students

- **Using Quantifier**

- $P(x)$  :  $x$  has iPhone
- For all  $x$ ,  $P(x)$  is true
- Domain consists of all student in this class

# Quantifiers

- Four aspects should be mentioned in Quantification

- Quantifier  
(e.g. all, some...)
- Variable
- Predicate
- Domain



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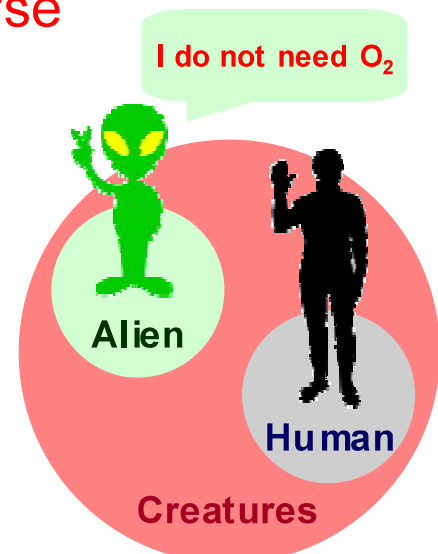
- The area of logic that deals with predicates and quantifiers is called the Predicate Calculus

# Quantifiers

- Universes of Discourse (U.D.s)

- Also called the domain of discourse
- Refers to the collection of objects being discussed in a specific discourse
- Example:

- $P(x) : "x \text{ breaths oxygen}"$
- Domain consists of humans  
 $P(x)$  is true for all  $x$ ? ✓
- Domain consists of creatures  
 $P(x)$  is true for all  $x$ ? ✗



# Quantifiers

- Three types of quantification will be focused:
  - **Universal Quantification**
    - i.e. all, none
  - **Existential Quantification**
    - i.e. some, few, many
  - **Unique Quantification**
    - i.e. exactly one

## Quantifiers

### Universal Quantifiers (ALL)

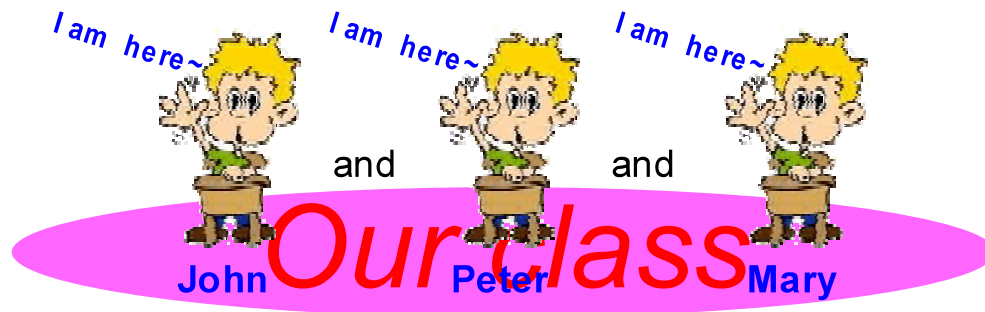
- Definition  
**Universal quantification** of  $P(x)$  is the statement  
“ $P(x)$  is true for all values of  $x$  in the domain”
- Notation:  $\forall x P(x)$ 
  - $\forall$  LL, reversed “A”
  - Read as
    - “for all  $x P(x)$ ”
    - “for every  $x P(x)$ ”
- Truth value
  - **True** when  $P(x)$  is true for all  $x$
  - **False** otherwise
    - An **element** for which  $P(x)$  is **false** is called a **counterexample**

# Universal Quantifiers

- When all of the elements in the universe of discourse can be listed one by one (discrete) (e.g.  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ ),

$$\forall x P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)$$

- For example
  - **Our class** has three students: **John, Peter and Mary**
  - **Every student in our class has attended the class**



# Existential Quantifiers (SOME)

- Definition  
**Existential quantification** of  $P(x)$  is the proposition  
"There exists an element  $x$  in the domain such that  $P(x)$  is true"
- Notation:  $\exists x P(x)$ 
  - $\exists$  XIST, reversed "E"
  - Read as
    - "There is an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ "
    - "There is at least one  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ "
    - "For some  $x$   $P(x)$ "
- Truth value
  - **True** when  $P(x)$  is true for all  $x$
  - **False** otherwise



## Existential Quantifiers

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## Quantifiers

- Examples:
  - $P(x): x+1 > x$ , U.D.s: the set of real number
    - $\forall x P(x)$  ? True  $P(x)$  is always true
    - $\exists x P(x)$  ? True
  - $Q(x): x < 2$ , U.D.s: the set of real number
    - $\forall x Q(x)$  ? False  $Q(y)$  is false when  $y \geq 3$  (counterexamples)
    - $\exists x Q(x)$  ? True  $Q(y)$  is true when  $y < 2$
  - $S(x): 2x < x$ , U.D.s: the set of real positive number
    - $\forall x S(x)$  ? False  $S(x)$  is always false
    - $\exists x S(x)$  ? False

# Universal Quantifiers

- Examples:
  - $P(x): x^2 < 10$ ,  
U.D.s. the positive integer not exceeding 4
    - $\forall x P(x)$  ?  
 $\forall x P(x) \equiv P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4) \equiv \mathbf{F}$
    - $\exists x P(x)$  ?  
 $\exists x P(x) \equiv P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4) \equiv \mathbf{T}$

$P(1)$ ✓  $P(2)$ ✓  $P(3)$ ✓  $P(4)$ ✗  
 counterexample

## Quantifiers

- How can we prove the followings:

■ Universal quantification is true

■ Universal quantification is false

■ Existential quantification is true

■ Existential quantification is false

Finding one is ok  
(counterexample)

Need to consider ALL

Attend the class?



John Peter Mary

Statement	When true?	When false?
$\forall x P(x)$	$P(x)$ is true for every $x$	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is false.
$\exists x P(x)$	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is true.	$P(x)$ is false for every $x$ .

# Precedence of Quantifiers

- Recall,

Precedence	Operator	
1	$\neg$	NOT
2	$\wedge$	AND
3	$\vee \oplus$	OR XOR
4	$\rightarrow$	Imply
5	$\leftrightarrow$	Equivalent

←  $\forall$  and  $\exists$  have **higher precedence** than all logical operators from proposition calculus

- Example

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

$(\forall x P(x)) \wedge Q(x)$  ✓

$\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  ✗

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- How to interpret the following expression:

- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge \exists z Q(x,z) \rightarrow \exists y R(x,y)) \vee Q(x,y)$

- $\forall x ( P(x) \wedge (\exists z Q(x,z)) \rightarrow (\exists y R(x,y)) ) \vee Q(x,y)$

- $\forall x ( (P(x) \wedge (\exists z Q(x,z))) \rightarrow (\exists y R(x,y)) ) \vee Q(x,y)$

# Bound and Free Variable

- **Free Variable**: No any restriction
- **Bound Variable**: Some restrictions (quantifier or condition)
- Example:
  - $P(x) : "x > 3"$  **Free Variable** Not Proposition
  - $P(x) : "x > 3"$  and  $x = 4$  **Bound Variable** Proposition
  - $\forall x P(x, y)$  **x:Bound Variable** **y:Free Variable** Not Proposition
- All the variables that occur in a quantifier must be bounded to turn it into a proposition
  - i.e. the truth value can be determined
- Giving restrictions on a free variable is called **blinding**

## Scope

- The part of a logical expression to which a quantifier is applied is called the **scope of this quantifier**
- For example

$$\forall x \underbrace{(P(x) \wedge (\exists y Q(y)))}_{\text{Scope of } \forall x} \vee R(z)$$

Scope of  $\exists y$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

$$\forall x ( (P(x) \wedge (\exists z Q(x,z))) \rightarrow (\exists y R(x,y)) ) \vee Q(x,y)$$

- Scope of  $\exists z$ :  $Q(x,z)$
- Scope of  $\exists y$ :  $R(x,y)$
- Scope of  $\forall x$ :  $P(x) \wedge \exists z Q(x,z) \rightarrow \exists y R(x,y)$
- Free Variable:  $x, y$  in  $Q(x,y)$
- Bound Variable:  $x, y, z$  in the first component

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- $\forall x \exists x P(x)$  Not a free variable
  - Any problem?
 

$x$  is not a free variable in  $\exists x P(x)$ , therefore the  $\forall x$  binding is not used
- $\forall x P(x) \wedge Q(x)$  1<sup>st</sup>  $x$  is Bounded variable 2<sup>nd</sup>  $x$  is Free variable
  - Is  $x$  a free variable?
 

The variable  $x$  in  $Q(x)$  is outside of the scope of the  $\forall x$  quantifier, and is therefore free
- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\exists x Q(x))$  Different variables
  - Are  $x$  the same?
  - This is legal, because there are 2 different  $x$

# Recall....

- $\exists x (x^2 > 1)$ 
  - Domain of  $x$  is real number ✓
  - Domain of  $x$  is between -1 and 1 ✗
- $\forall x (x^2 \geq 1)$ 
  - Domain of  $x$  is integer ✗
  - Domain of  $x$  is positive integer ✓

## Recall, the Equivalences

- Two propositions  $P$  and  $Q$  are logically equivalent if  $P \leftrightarrow Q$  is a tautology
- $P \leftrightarrow Q$  means  $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$ 
  - $(P \rightarrow Q)$  : Given  $P$ ,  $Q$  is true
  - $(Q \rightarrow P)$  : Given  $Q$ ,  $P$  is true
- Therefore,  
if we want to show  $P \equiv Q$ ,  
we can show  $P \rightarrow Q$  and  $Q \rightarrow P$