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Discrete Mathematics and Graph Theory

**UNIT – I, Module – 2****Lecture 05: Predicate logic**

[ Quantification with restricted domains; Bound, free variables; Logical equivalence; Negations; Predicates in practice; Laws for quantifiers ]

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**Quantification: Restricted domain of discourse**

- Quantification with **restricted** domain of discourse: notation specifying condition for quantified variable to be satisfied to restrict domain of discourse of quantifier.
- Property:: Restriction in domain of discourse to be included after quantifier.
- Property:: Restriction of universal quantification = universal quantification of conditional statement (i.e., implication statement).
- Property:: Restriction of existential quantification = existential quantification of conjunction of statements.

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**Quantification: Restricted domain of discourse**

- Quantification with restricted domain of discourse examples:
- Example-1:: consider  $P(x)$ : " $x^2 > 0$ ", domain of discourse =  $\mathbb{R}$ , restriction: negative numbers of  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 $P(x) \equiv T$ , for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x < 0$ , as  $x < 0$  fulfills  $x^2 > 0$ .  
That is,  $\forall x < 0 (x^2 > 0)$  to be TRUE in domain of discourse  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
In above sentence, condition  $x < 0$  in universal quantification to express given restriction.  
Also,  $(x < 0) \rightarrow (x^2 > 0)$ , i.e., IF  $(x < 0)$ , THEN  $(x^2 > 0)$ .  
So,  $\forall x < 0 (x^2 > 0) \equiv \forall x ((x < 0) \rightarrow (x^2 > 0))$ .

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### Quantification: Restricted domain of discourse

- Quantification with restricted domain of discourse examples:
  - Example-2:: interpretation of  $\forall x < 0 (x^2 > 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 $\forall x < 0 (x^2 > 0)$  stating "for every real number  $x$  with  $x < 0$ ,  $x^2 > 0$ "; i.e., "Square of negative real numbers are positive." As above statement TRUE, so given domain of discourse with restriction to become **model** of given predicate.
  - Example-3:: interpretation of  $\exists z > 0 (z^2 = 2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 $\exists z > 0 (z^2 = 2)$  stating "there is a positive real number, which is square root of 2"  $\rightarrow$  TRUE, so given domain be **model** of predicate.  
Also,  $\exists z > 0 (z^2 = 2) \equiv \exists z((z > 0) \wedge (z^2 = 2))$ .

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### Variable binding

- Variable **binding**: binding of all propositional variables in propositional function, by quantifying or setting to particular value to turn into proposition.
- Property:: Variable binding: by combination of universal quantifiers, existential quantifiers, and value assignments.
- Property:: **Bound variable**: when any form of quantification applied on variable of propositional function.
- Property:: **Free variable**: occurrence of variable — (i) not bound by quantifier, or (ii) set by value assignment, in propositional function.

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### Variable binding

- Variable binding:
- Property:: Free variable  $\rightarrow$  if outside scope of all quantifiers in formula specifying it.
- Note:** in common usage of variables in predicate logic, same letter allowed to represent variables bound by different quantifiers, but with non-overlapping scopes of quantification.

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## Variable binding

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- Variable binding examples:
  - Example-1:: consider  $\exists x(x + y = 1)$ .  
Variable  $x$  **bound** by existential quantification  $\exists x$ .  
Variable  $y$  **free**, as not bound by any quantifier or no value assigned.
  - Example-2:: consider  $\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \vee \forall xR(x)$ , disjuncts of  $\exists$  &  $\forall$ .  
Variable  $x$  **bound** in both disjuncts separately by  $\exists x$  and  $\forall x$ .  
Binding of  $x$  separated by **non-overlapping scope of quantification**, i.e.,  $\exists x$  binding in  $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$ ,  $\forall x$  binding in  $R(x)$ , no overlap between them.

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## Logical equivalence in predicate logic

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- Logical equivalence in predicate logic: given statements  $S$  and  $T$  (involving predicates and quantifiers) to be **logically equivalent** (notation: ' $S \equiv T$ '), if  $S$  and  $T$  having same truth values, irrespective of predicates substituted in  $S$  and  $T$ , and irrespective of domain of discourse used for variables in propositional functions of  $S$  and  $T$ .

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## Logical equivalence in predicate logic

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- Logical equivalence examples:
  - Example-1:: to show  $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall xP(x) \wedge \forall xQ(x)$  in same domain of discourse — two-part proof.
    - (1) To show **if**  $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \text{TRUE}$ , **then**  $\forall xP(x) \wedge \forall xQ(x) \equiv \text{TRUE}$ .
  $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \text{T}$  premise, in any domain of discourse  $\mathcal{D}$ .  
 $\text{So, } P(a) \wedge Q(a) \equiv \text{T}$  for every  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .  
 $\text{So, } P(a) \equiv \text{T}$  and  $Q(a) \equiv \text{T}$  for every  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .  
 $\text{So, } \forall xP(x) \equiv \text{T}$  and  $\forall xQ(x) \equiv \text{T}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .  
 $\text{So, } \forall xP(x) \wedge \forall xQ(x) \equiv \text{T}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

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## Logical equivalence in predicate logic

- Logical equivalence examples:

- Example-1 contd.

(2) To show if  $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$  TRUE, then  $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  TRUE.

$\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x) \equiv T$  premise, in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

So,  $\forall x P(x) \equiv T$  and  $\forall x Q(x) \equiv T$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

So,  $P(a) \equiv T$  and  $Q(a) \equiv T$  for every  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .

So,  $P(a) \wedge Q(a) \equiv T$  for every  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .

So,  $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv T$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

In conclusion,  $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall xP(x) \wedge \forall xQ(x)$ .

## Negations of quantification

- Negation of universal quantification  $\forall x P(x)$  in any domain of discourse:  $\exists x \neg P(x)$  in same domain of discourse.
- Property:: Negation of  $\forall x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \forall x_n P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  in any product set of  $n$  domains of discourse:  $\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \exists x_n \neg P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  in same domains of discourse.
- Negation of existential quantification  $\exists x P(x)$  in any domain of discourse:  $\forall x \neg P(x)$  in same domain of discourse.
- Property:: Negation of  $\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \exists x_n P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  in any product set of  $n$  domains of discourse:  $\forall x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \forall x_n \neg P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  in same domains of discourse.

## Negations of quantification

- Negations of quantification:

- Property:: also known by De Morgan's laws for quantifiers.

De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers			
Negation	Equivalent Statement	When Is Negation True?	When False?
$\neg \exists x P(x)$	$\forall x \neg P(x)$	For every $x$ , $P(x)$ is false.	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is true.
$\neg \forall x P(x)$	$\exists x \neg P(x)$	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is false.	$P(x)$ is true for every $x$ .

- Property::  $\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$  in same domain of discourse;

- Property::  $\neg \exists x P(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$  in same domain of discourse.

## Negations of quantification

- Negations of quantification examples:

- Example-1::  $\neg\forall xP(x) \equiv \exists x\neg P(x)$  in same domain of discourse.  
 $\neg\forall xP(x) \equiv T$  iff  $\forall xP(x) \equiv F$       in any domain of discourse  $\mathcal{D}$ .  
Also,  $\forall xP(x) \equiv F$  iff  $P(a) \equiv F$     for some  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .  
Then,  $P(a) \equiv F$  iff  $\neg P(a) \equiv T$     for some  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .  
Next,  $\neg P(a) \equiv T$  iff  $\exists x\neg P(x) \equiv T$       for some  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .  
So,  $\neg\forall xP(x) \equiv T$  iff  $\exists x\neg P(x) \equiv T$       in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Thus, to conclude,  $\neg\forall xP(x) \equiv \exists x\neg P(x)$ .

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## Negations of quantification

- Negations of quantification examples:

- Example-2::  $\neg\exists xQ(x) \equiv \forall x\neg Q(x)$  in same domain of discourse.
  - $\neg\exists xQ(x) \equiv \text{T iff } \exists xQ(x) \equiv \text{F}$  in any domain of discourse  $\mathcal{D}$ .
  - Also,  $\exists xQ(x) \equiv \text{F iff } Q(a) \equiv \text{F}$  for every  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .
  - Then,  $Q(a) \equiv \text{F iff } \neg Q(a) \equiv \text{T}$  for every  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .
  - Next,  $\neg Q(a) \equiv \text{T iff } \forall x\neg Q(x) \equiv \text{T}$  for every  $a \in \mathcal{D}$ .
  - So,  $\neg\exists xQ(x) \equiv \text{T iff } \forall x\neg Q(x) \equiv \text{T}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Thus, to conclude,  $\neg\exists x Q(x) \equiv \forall x \neg Q(x)$ .

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## Negations of quantification

- Negations of quantification examples:

- Example-3:: Negation of statement: "There is an honest politician". Let  $H(x)$  denoting " $x$  is honest". So, statement: "There is an honest politician", represented by  $\exists x H(x)$ , where domain of discourse = all politicians. Now,  $\neg \exists x H(x) \equiv \forall x \neg H(x)$  expressing "Every politician is dishonest".
- Example-4:: Negation of  $\forall x (x^2 > x)$  in some domain of discourse.  $\neg \forall x (x^2 > x) \equiv \exists x (x^2 > x)$ , and  $\neg (x^2 > x)$  rewritten as  $(x^2 \leq x)$ . So,  $\neg \forall x (x^2 > x) \equiv \exists x (x^2 \leq x)$ .

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## Negations of quantification

- Negations of quantification examples:

Example-5:: to show  $\neg\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$  in same domain of discourse  $\mathcal{D}$ .

$\neg\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x\neg(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$  De Morgan's law in  $\mathcal{D}$

Also,  $\neg(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x)$  Implication rule (I.12b)

for every  $x = a \in \mathcal{D}$ , as each instantiation to result into proposition.

Then,  $\exists x\neg(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$  by substitution

Thus, to conclude,  $\neg\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

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## Predicate logic in practice

- English sentences into logical expressions using predicates and quantifiers (case – **single quantifier**):
- Example-1:: Given: "Every student in this class has learnt calculus."
- Rewriting,  $\mathbb{S}$  as, "For every student in this class, that student has learnt calculus."
- Introducing variable  $x$  in  $\mathbb{S}$ , "For every student  $x$  in this class,  $x$  has learnt calculus."
- Let  $C(x)$  be "x has learnt calculus."
- So,  $\mathbb{S}$  represented by,  $\forall xC(x)$ , where domain of discourse = all students in class.

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## Predicate logic in practice

- English sentences into logical expressions (single quantifier):
- Example-1-alternate (with different domain of discourse)::
- Let,  $\mathbb{S}'$  be, "For every person  $x$ , if person  $x$  is a student in this class, then  $x$  has learnt calculus.", with all people as domain of discourse.
- Let  $C(x)$  be, "x has learnt calculus.";
- $P(x)$  be, "x is a student in this class."
- So,  $\mathbb{S}'$  represented by,  $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow C(x))$ , where domain of discourse = all people.

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### Predicate logic in practice

- English sentences into logical expressions (single quantifier):
  - Example-2:: Given: "Some student in this class has visited Himalayas."
 

Let,  $\exists$ , "There is a student  $x$  in this class having property that  $x$  has visited Himalayas.", with all students in class as domain of discourse.

Let,  $\exists'$  be, "There is a person  $x$  having properties that  $x$  is a student in this class and  $x$  has visited Himalayas.", with all people as domain of discourse.

Let  $H(x)$  be, " $x$  has visited Himalayas.";  $P(x)$  be, " $x$  is a student in this class."

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### Predicate logic in practice

- English sentences into logical expressions (single quantifier):
  - Example-2 contd.
 

So,  $\exists$  represented by,  $\exists x H(x)$ , where domain of discourse = all students in class.

And,  $\exists'$  represented by,  $\exists x (P(x) \wedge H(x))$ , where domain of discourse = all people.

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### Predicate logic in practice

- English sentences into logical expressions (**double quantifier**):
  - Example-1:: Given: "Every student in this class has learnt calculus."
 

Let,  $\forall$  be, "For every student  $x$  in this class,  $x$  has learnt calculus.", with all students in class as domain of discourse.

And,  $\forall'$  be, "For every person  $x$ , if person  $x$  is a student in this class, then  $x$  has learnt calculus.", with all people as domain of discourse.

Let  $B(x, y)$  be, " $x$  has learnt subject  $y$ ".

So,  $\forall'$  become,  $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow B(x, \text{calculus}))$ , where domain of discourse = all people.

And,  $\forall$ ,  $\forall x B(x, \text{calculus})$ , domain of discourse = all students in class.

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### Predicate logic in practice

- English sentences into logical expressions (double quantifier):
  - Example-2:: Given: "Every student in this class has visited either Himalayas or Nilgiris."
 

Let,  $\forall$  be, "For every person  $x$ , if  $x$  is a student in this class, then  $x$  has the property that  $x$  has visited Himalayas or  $x$  has visited Nilgiris.", with all people as domain of discourse, and assuming inclusive OR.

Let  $W(x, y)$  be, " $x$  has visited location  $y$ ."

So,  $\forall$  become,  $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow (W(x, \text{Himalayas}) \vee W(x, \text{Nilgiris})))$ , where domain of discourse = all people.

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### Predicate logic in practice

- English sentences into logical expressions (multiple quantifier):
  - Example-1:: Given: "If a user is active, at least one network link will be available."
 

Let,  $\exists$  be, "If a user  $u$  is active, network link  $\ell$  will be in state available.", with 'all users', 'all network links', and 'all possible states for any network link' as domains of discourse.

Let,  $\exists'$  be, "There is a person  $u$  having property that if  $u$  is a user and if  $u$  is active, then network link  $\ell$  will be in state available.", with 'all people', 'all network links', and 'all possible states for any network link' as domains of discourse.

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### Predicate logic in practice

- English sentences into logical expressions (multiple quantifier):
  - Example-1 contd.
 

Let  $A(u)$  be, " $u$  is active";  $R(\ell, y)$  be, " $\ell$  is in state  $y$ ";  $P(u)$  be, " $u$  is a user."

So,  $\exists$  become,  $\exists u A(u) \rightarrow \exists \ell S(\ell, \text{available})$ , where domains of discourse = 'all users' (for  $u$ ), 'all network links' (for  $\ell$ ).

And,  $\exists'$  become,  $\exists u (P(u) \wedge A(u)) \rightarrow \exists \ell S(\ell, \text{available})$ , where domains of discourse = 'all people' (for  $u$ ), 'all network links' (for  $\ell$ ).

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### Laws for quantifiers (for same domains)

Distributive laws:	(II.1a) $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall xP(x) \wedge \forall xQ(x)$	(II.1b) $\exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$
De Morgan's laws:	(II.2a) $\neg \forall xP(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$	(II.2b) $\neg \exists xP(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$
Null quantification laws:	(II.3a) $P(x) \wedge \forall yQ(y) \equiv \forall y(P(x) \wedge Q(y))$ (II.3b) $\forall y(Q(y) \wedge P(x)) \equiv \forall y(Q(y) \wedge P(x))$ both for nonempty domain of $y$	(II.3c) $P(x) \wedge \exists yQ(y) \equiv \exists y(P(x) \wedge Q(y))$ (II.3d) $\exists y(Q(y) \wedge P(x)) \equiv \exists y(Q(y) \wedge P(x))$ both for nonempty domain of $y$
	(II.4a) $P(x) \vee \forall yQ(y) \equiv \forall y(P(x) \vee Q(y))$ (II.4b) $\forall yQ(y) \vee P(x) \equiv \forall y(Q(y) \vee P(x))$	(II.4c) $P(x) \vee \exists yQ(y) \equiv \exists y(P(x) \vee Q(y))$ (II.4d) $\exists yQ(y) \vee P(x) \equiv \exists y(Q(y) \vee P(x))$ both for nonempty domain of $y$

### Laws for quantifiers (for same domains)

Null quantification laws (contd.):	(II.5a) $\forall y(P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)) \equiv P(x) \rightarrow \forall yQ(y)$	(II.5b) $\exists y(P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)) \equiv P(x) \rightarrow \exists yQ(y)$ , for nonempty domain of $y$
	(II.6a) $\forall y(Q(y) \rightarrow P(x)) \equiv \exists yQ(y) \rightarrow P(x)$	(II.6b) $\exists y(Q(y) \rightarrow P(x)) \equiv \forall yQ(y) \rightarrow P(x)$ for nonempty domain of $y$

### Summary

- Focus: Predicate logic (contd.).
- Quantification with restricted domain of discourse, with examples.
- Bound and free variables definitions, with examples.
- Logical equivalence of predicate definition, with examples.
- Negations of universal and existential quantifications definitions, with examples.
- Predicates with single quantifier, double quantifier and multiple quantifier examples.
- Laws for quantifiers (for same domains).

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## Further Reading

- Quantification with restricted domain:: [Ros21]:48.
  - Bound and free variables:: [Ros21]:48-49.
  - Logical equivalence of predicate:: [Ros21]:49.
  - Negation of quantification:: [Ros21]:49-51.
  - Predicates with single/double/multiple quantifiers:: [Ros21]:51-53.
  - Laws for quantifiers (for same domains):: [Ros21]:49,51,59.

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Lecture Exercises: Problem 1 [Ref: Gate 2020, Q.39, p.14]

Which one of the following predicate formulae is NOT logically valid?  
 Note that  $W$  is a predicate formula without any free occurrence of  $x$ .

- (a)  $\forall x(P(x) \vee W) \equiv \forall xP(x) \vee W.$
  - (b)  $\exists x(P(x) \wedge W) \equiv \exists xP(x) \wedge W.$
  - (c)  $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow W) \equiv \forall xP(x) \rightarrow W.$
  - (d)  $\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow W) \equiv \forall xP(x) \rightarrow W.$

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### Lecture Exercises: Problem 1 Ans

- Logical validity of given predicate formulae: in each formula, L.H.S. logically equivalent to R.H.S.

(C) Given L.H.S.:  $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow W)$  premise

$\textcircled{2} \forall x(\neg P(x) \vee W)$	Implication rule (I.12a) on $\textcircled{1}$
$\textcircled{3} \forall x(\neg P(x)) \vee W$	Null quantification of $\textcircled{2}$ by (II.4b), as no free occurrence of $x$ in $W$
$\textcircled{4} \neg(\exists xP(x)) \vee W$	De Morgan's law (II.2b) on $\textcircled{3}$
$\textcircled{5} \exists xP(x) \rightarrow W$	Implication rule (I.12a) on $\textcircled{4}$

Given R.H.S.:  $\forall xP(x) \rightarrow W$ .

- So, L.H.S. **NOT logically equivalent** to R.H.S.
- Check for other options (A), (B), (D) similarly.