

Definition 1. ***Predicate** is a statement that its truth value depends on one or more variables. The set of values that can assign to the variables are called the **domain**(or **universe**) of the variable.*

Example 1.

$$p(x) \equiv x \text{ is odd. } x \in \mathbb{N} \quad (1)$$

$$q(x, y) \equiv x < y \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad (2)$$

$$r(x, y, z) \equiv x + y = z \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (3)$$

These are all predicates since their truth values are all depend on the variables.

Definition 2. *The universal quantifier, \forall , means: for all, every, any, etc...*

Example 2.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, x \text{ is an integer.} \quad (4)$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 + 1 > 0 \quad (5)$$

Definition 3. *The existential quantifier, \exists , means: for some, there is, exists, at least one, etc...*

Example 3.

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } x \text{ is even} \quad (6)$$

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } x > 5 \quad (7)$$

Property 1.

$$\neg(\forall x, p(x)) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \text{ s.t. } \neg p(x)$$

$$\neg(\exists x \text{ s.t. } p(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, \neg p(x)$$