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Lecture Outcomes



After this lecture, you will be able to

- understand what truth value of the universal quantification.
- express the compound proposition with universal quantification in English.
- understand how to write compound proposition with universal quantification using disjunctions, conjunctions, and negations

Quantifiers

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

In English, the words all, some, many, none, and few are used in quantifications.

We will focus on two types of quantification here

- Universal Quantification
- Existential Quantification

Quantifiers

Universal quantification, which tells us that a predicate is true for every element under consideration.

Existential quantification, which tells us that there is one or more element under consideration for which the predicate is true.

Quantifiers

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

Quantifiers

Many mathematical statements **assert** that a property is true for all values of a variable in a **particular domain**, called the **domain of discourse** (or the universe of discourse), often just referred to as the **domain**.

The meaning of the universal quantification of $P(x)$ changes when we change the domain.

Quantifiers

- The domain must always be specified when a Universal quantifier is used.
- Without it, the universal quantification of a statement is **not defined**.

Universal Quantifier

- The universal quantification of $P(x)$ is the statement.
" $P(x)$ for all values of x in the domain."
- The notation $\forall x P(x)$ denotes the universal quantification of $P(x)$.
- Here \forall is called the universal quantifier.

Quantifiers

Universal quantification $\forall x P(x)$ is the same as the conjunction $P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)$, because this conjunction is true if and only if $P(x_1), P(x_2), \dots, P(x_n)$ are all true.

Universal Quantifier – Counter Example

We read $\forall x P(x)$ as “**for all** $xP(x)$ ” or “**for every** $xP(x)$.”

An element for which $P(x)$ is false is called a **counterexample** of $\forall x P(x)$ (Will be discussed in Example - 3)

Universal Quantifier

The meaning of the universal quantifier is summarized in the first row of Table 1.

<i>Statement</i>	<i>When True?</i>	<i>When False?</i>
$\forall x P(x)$	$P(x)$ 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 .

Universal Quantifier – Example - 1

Ques:- What does the statement $\forall x N(x)$ mean if $N(x)$ is “Computer x is connected to the network” and the domain consists of all computers on campus?

Ans:- The statement $\forall x N(x)$ means that for every computer x on campus, that computer x is connected to the network. This statement can be expressed in English as “Every computer on campus is connected to the network.”

Universal Quantifier – Example - 2

Ques:- Let $P(x)$ be the statement " $x + 1 > x$." What is the truth value of the quantification $\forall x P(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers?

Ans:- Because $P(x)$ is true for all real numbers x , the quantification $\forall x P(x)$ is true.

Universal Quantifier – Example – 3

Ques:- Let $Q(x)$ be the statement “ $x < 2$.” What is the truth value of the quantification $\forall x Q(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers?

Ans:- $Q(x)$ is not true for every real number x , because, for instance, $Q(3)$ is false.

That is, $x = 3$ is a counterexample for the statement $\forall x Q(x)$. Thus $\forall x Q(x)$ is false.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 4

Ques:- Suppose that $P(x)$ is “ $x^2 > 0$.” To show that the statement $\forall x P(x)$ is false where the universe of discourse consists of all integers, we give a counterexample.

Ans:- We see that $x = 0$ is a counterexample because $x^2 = 0$ when $x = 0$, so that x^2 is not greater than 0 when $x = 0$.

Universal Quantifier – Example – 5

Ques:- What is the truth value of $\forall x P(x)$, where $P(x)$ is the statement " $x^2 < 10$ " and the domain consists of the positive integers not exceeding 4?

Ans:- The statement $\forall x P(x)$ is the same as the conjunction $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4)$, because the domain consists of the integers 1, 2, 3, and 4. Because $P(4)$, which is the statement " $4^2 < 10$," is false, it follows that $\forall x P(x)$ is false.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 5

Ques:- What is the truth value of $\forall x(x^2 \geq x)$ if the domain consists of all real numbers? What is the truth value of this statement if the domain consists of all integers?

Ans:- The universal quantification $\forall x(x^2 \geq x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers, is false. For example, $(1/2)^2 \geq 1/2$.

Universal Quantifier – Example – 5

Ques:- What is the truth value of $\forall x(x^2 \geq x)$ if the domain consists of all real numbers? What is the truth value of this statement if the domain consists of all integers?

Ans:- Note that $x^2 \geq x$ if and only if $x^2 - x = x(x - 1) \geq 0$. Consequently, $x^2 \geq x$ if and only if $x \leq 0$ or $x \geq 1$. It follows that $\forall x(x^2 \geq x)$ is false if the domain consists of all real numbers (because the inequality is false for all real numbers x with $0 < x < 1$).

Universal Quantifier – Example - 5

Ques:- What is the truth value of $\forall x(x^2 \geq x)$ if the domain consists of all real numbers? What is the truth value of this statement if the domain consists of all integers?

Ans:- However, if the domain consists of the integers, $\forall x(x^2 \geq x)$ is true, because there are no integers x with $0 < x < 1$.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 6

Ques:- Determine the truth value of each of the statement $\forall n(n + 1 > n)$ if the domain consists of all integers.

Ans:- Since adding 1 to a number makes it larger, this is true.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 7

Ques:- Determine the truth value of the statement
 $\forall n (3n \leq 4n)$ if the domain consists of all integers.

Ans:- This is true for the non-negative integers but not for the negative integers.

For example, $3(-2) \geq 4(-2)$.

Therefore, the universally quantified statement is false.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 8

Ques:- Determine the truth value of statement $\forall n(n^2 \geq 0)$ if the domain for all variables consists of all integers.

Ans:- This is the well-known fact that the square of a real number cannot be negative.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 9

Ques:- Let $P(x)$ be the statement " $x = x^2$ " If the domain consists of the integers, what is the truth value of $\forall x P(x)$?

Ans:- F (let $x = 2$)

Universal Quantifier – Example - 10

Ques:- Determine the truth value of the statement $\forall n(n^2 \geq n)$ if the domain for all variables consists of all integers.

Ans:- If n is a **positive integer**, then $n^2 \geq n$ is certainly true;

it's also true for $n = 0$;

and it's trivially true if n is negative.

Therefore, the **universally quantified statement is true.**

Universal Quantifier – Example - 1

Ques:- Let $P(x)$ be the statement “**x spends more than five hours every weekday in class**” where the domain for x consists of all students. Express the quantification $\forall x P(x)$ in English.

Ans:- Every student spends more than five hours every weekday in class.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 2

Ques:- Let $P(x)$ be the statement “**x spends more than five hours every weekday in class**” where the domain for x consists of all students. Express the quantifications $\forall x \neg P(x)$ in English.

Ans:- **No student** spends more than five hours every weekday in class. (Or, equivalently, every student spends less than or equal to five hours every weekday in class.)

Universal Quantifier – Example - 3

Ques:- Translate the statement $\forall x(C(x) \rightarrow F(x))$ into English, where $C(x)$ is “ x is a comedian” and $F(x)$ is “ x is funny” and the domain consists of all people.

Ans:- This statement is that **for every x** , if x is a comedian, then x is funny. In English, this is most simply stated, "**Every comedian is funny.**"

Universal Quantifier – Example - 4

Ques:- Translate the statement $\forall x(C(x) \wedge F(x))$ into English, where $C(x)$ is “ x is a comedian” and $F(x)$ is “ x is funny” and the domain consists of all people.

Ans:- This statement is that for every x in the domain (universe of discourse), x is a comedian and x is funny.

In English, this is most simply stated, "**Every person is a funny comedian.**"

Universal Quantifier – Example - 1

Ques:- Let $P(x)$ be the statement “ x can speak Russian” and let $Q(x)$ be the statement “ x knows the computer language C++.” Express the sentence “Every student at your school either can speak Russian or knows C++” in terms of $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, quantifiers, and logical connectives. The domain for quantifiers consists of all students at your school.

Ans:- $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$

Universal Quantifier – Example - 2

Ques:- Let $P(x)$ be the statement “ x can speak Russian” and let $Q(x)$ be the statement “ x knows the computer language C++.” Express the sentence “**Every student at your school either can speak Russian or knows C++**” in terms of $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, quantifiers, and logical connectives. The **domain** for quantifiers consists of all students at your school.

Ans:- $\forall x \neg(P(x) \vee Q(x))$.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 3

Ques:- Suppose that the **domain** of the propositional function $P(x)$ consists of the integers 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4. Write out each of the proposition $\forall x P(x)$ using disjunctions, conjunctions, and negations.

Ans:- $P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4)$

Universal Quantifier – Example - 4

Ques:- Suppose that the **domain** of the propositional function $P(x)$ consists of the integers 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Write out the proposition $\forall x \neg P(x)$ using disjunctions, conjunctions, and negations.

Ans:- $\neg P(0) \wedge \neg P(1) \wedge \neg P(2) \wedge \neg P(3) \wedge \neg P(4)$

Universal Quantifier – Example - 5

Ques:- Suppose that the **domain** of the propositional function $P(x)$ consists of the integers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Express the statement $\forall x P(x)$ without using quantifiers, instead using only negations, disjunctions, and conjunctions.

Ans:- $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4) \wedge P(5)$

Universal Quantifier – Example - 6

Ques:- Suppose that the **domain** of the propositional function $P(x)$ consists of the integers 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Write out the proposition $\neg \forall x P(x)$ using disjunctions, conjunctions, and negations.

Ans:- $\neg(P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4))$

Universal Quantifier – Example - 7

Ques:- Suppose that the **domain** of the propositional function $P(x)$ consists of the integers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Express the statement $\neg \forall x P(x)$ without using quantifiers, instead using only negations, disjunctions, and conjunctions.

Ans:- $\neg(P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4) \wedge P(5))$

Universal Quantifier – Example - 1

Ques:- For the statement “**Everyone is studying discrete mathematics.**” Find a domain for which the statement is true and a domain for which the statement is false.

Ans:- One would hope that if we take the **domain** to be **the students in your class**, then the statement is true. If we take the **domain** to be **all students in the world**, then the statement is clearly false, because some of them are studying only other subjects.

Universal Quantifier – Example - 2

Ques:- For the statement “**Everyone is older than 24 years.**” find a domain for which the statement is true and a domain for which the statement is false.

Ans:- If we take the **domain to be Lok Sabha Member**, then the statement is true.

If we take the **domain to be college football players**, then the statement is false, because some of them are younger than 21.

That's all for now...