

## Negating Quantified Expressions :-

"Every student in your class has taken a course in calculus"

$$\forall x P(x)$$

where  $P(x)$  is the statement "x has taken a course in calculus"  
and the domain consists of all the students in your class.

Negation :- It is not the case that every student in your class has taken a course in calculus.

Equivalent

$\exists x \neg P(x) \equiv$   
There is a student in your class who has not taken a course in calculus

$$\exists x \neg P(x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) \equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q$$

$$\neg \exists x Q(x) \equiv \forall x \neg Q(x)$$



De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$$

$$\neg \exists x P(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$$

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \not\equiv \exists x \underline{P(x)}$$

# What is the negation of the statement  $\forall x (x^2 > x)$

$$\neg \forall x (x^2 > x) \equiv \exists x \neg (x^2 > x)$$

$$\equiv \exists x (x^2 \leq x) \quad \checkmark$$

Negation of the statement  $\exists x (x^2 = 2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\neg \exists x (x^2 = 2) &= \forall x \neg (x^2 = 2) \\ &= \forall x (x^2 \neq 2)\end{aligned}$$

# "No rabbit knows Maths"

$$P(x) : - \underline{x \text{ knows Maths.}}$$

Domain: - Rabbits

$$\boxed{\neg \forall x P(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\neg \forall x \neg P(x) &\checkmark \\ \equiv \exists x P(x) &\checkmark\end{aligned}$$

# "There is no dog that can talk"

$$P(x) : - \underline{x \text{ can talk.}}$$

Domain: - Dogs

$$\boxed{\forall x \neg P(x)}$$

What is the negation of the statement  $\forall x (x^2 > x)$  ?

a)  $\forall x (x^2 < x)$

$$\neg \forall x (x^2 > x)$$

b)  $\exists x (x^2 = x)$

$$\equiv \exists x \neg (x^2 > x)$$

c)  $\exists x (x^2 \leq x)$

$$\equiv \exists x (x^2 \leq x)$$

d)  $\forall x (x^2 \leq x)$

# Nested Quantifiers

Two quantifiers are nested if one is within the scope of the other such as

$$\checkmark \forall x \exists y (x+y=0) \checkmark$$

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$$\forall x Q(x)$$

Wheeee

$Q(x)$

$$\exists y (x+y=0)$$

$$\exists y P(x,y)$$

$$\forall x \exists y \underline{(x+y=0)}$$

$P(x,y)$

$$\forall x \exists y \underline{P(x,y)} \rightarrow Q(x)$$

$\forall x Q(x)$

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$$\forall x \forall y \left( \underline{(x>0)} \wedge \underline{(y<0)} \rightarrow \underline{(xy < 0)} \right)$$

(Domain is the  
set of scalars)