

Compound Propositions and Predicates

EECS203 Lecture 4



Outline

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- **Interesting/fun Proofs (from Lecture 3)**
- Growth Mindset
- Compound Propositions
 - Negation/And/Or
 - Truth Tables
 - If-Then/If and only if
- Predicates
 - Instantiation, For all, There exists
 - Nested Quantifiers

Proof Styles

L3 Handout

The 4 proof styles discussed today:

1. **Direct Proofs:** Proceed without any of the following styles
2. **Proof by _____ :** To prove “if p, then q”, instead prove the logically equivalent statement “if _____ , then _____ ”
3. **Proof by _____ :** Assume the **negation**, and try to prove something false.
4. **Proof by _____ :** Break the situation down into cases, and show that each case leads to the desired conclusion.

Which Style Should I Use?

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1. **Proof by Contrapositive:** Flagged by an “if p , then q ” piece of the proposition that you find difficult to prove directly.
2. **Proof by Contradiction:** Often (but not always) flagged by “there do not exist...” at beginning of proposition
3. **Proof by Cases:** Often (but not always) flagged by a “ p or q “ piece of the proposition

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- Otherwise, it is “**irrational**.”

Expanded Proposition:

There do not exist two integers
 a, b with $\frac{a}{b} = \sqrt{2}$.

“There do not exist” proposition – think proof by contradiction!

This proof will be harder in two ways than what we’re used to:

- More steps in the logic
- We will use a **lemma**: reuse a statement proved previously (without redoing the proof)

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- So $2k^2 = b^2$, so by Lemma, **b is even**
- This completes the contradiction, since we have proved that **a is even**, **b is even**, and **a, b have no common factors**.

If the contradiction is at all non-obvious, or the pieces are scattered around the proof, explain it a little.



The Reveal

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- Strategy: **proof by cases**
- The magic of the proof is picking a clever case breakdown - after that, it's easy!

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 - By **lemma**, y is irrational

Lemma: $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational. 22

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 - By assumption, x is irrational.
 - By lemma, y is irrational
 - By algebra: $x^y = (\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}})^{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^{(\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2})} = \sqrt{2}^2 = 2$.
 - 2 is rational, so the theorem holds.

Since the theorem holds in either case, it is proved.

Growth vs Fixed Mindset



- A video summarizing the science and sociology behind all this
- **Tl;dw:** Focus on effort rather than “innate ability” leads to better performance + more fun

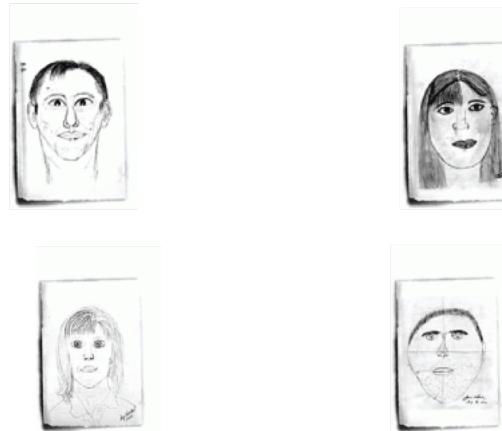
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWv1VdDeoRY>



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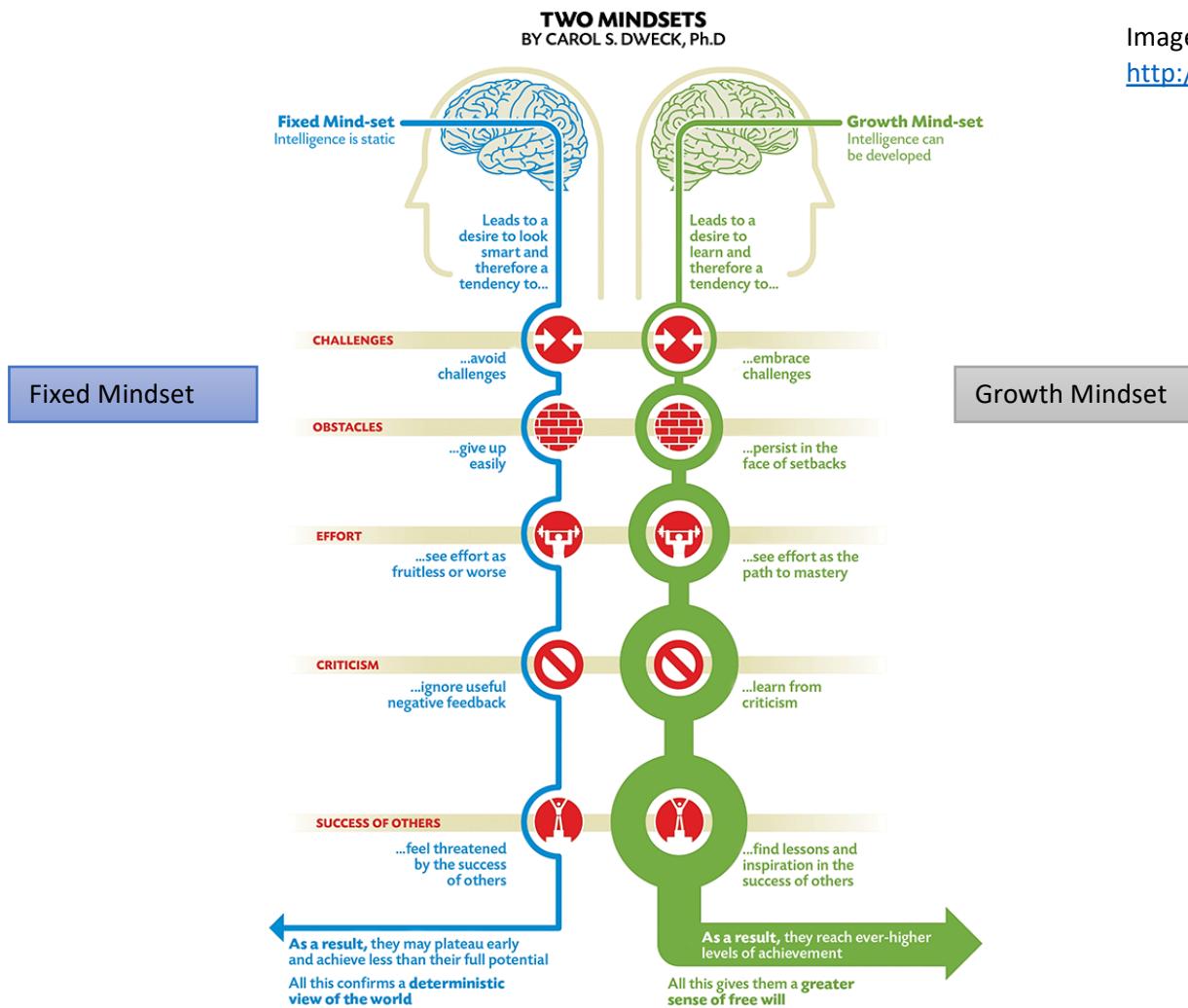
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Learning Objectives: Lec 4

After today's lecture (and the associated readings, discussion, & homework), you should be able to:

- **Know Technical Vocab:** Compound proposition, truth table, predicate, instantiation, universal quantifier, existential quantifier, nested quantifiers
- Know truth tables for not, and, or, if-then, if-and-only-if
- Figure out truth tables for compound propositions
- Interpret and prove basic propositions using nested quantifiers
- Understand when you can and can't switch the order of nested quantifiers while preserving meaning

Outline

- **Compound Propositions**
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Where we're going next

- We **aren't** heading towards new proofs/styles for awhile.
- We **are** going to look back at the proofs in the last three lectures in a new way
- Headline: You might have noticed that **many propositions are made out of smaller propositions.**

The very first thing we proved:

For all integers x , if x is even, then $x+2$ is even.

Entire “if ... then ...” part is **also** a proposition (once x is specified)

Proposition (once x is specified)

Truth Tables

Boolean Algebra: we work with **truth values {T, F}**, and we have:

- Negation (**not x** to get the “opposite” of **x**)
- Basic **operators** that combine two truth values into one (**and**, **or**, *(more later)*)

Since there are only 2 truth values, we can **completely list** the input/outputs of all operators

This side lists **all possibilities** for the truth value of **p**

p	not p
T	F
F	T

This side lists the corresponding truth value for the negation in each case.

Negations

“not p ” sometimes written with a symbol: “ $\neg p$ ”

Every proposition has a negation

It is Wednesday,



my dudes

It is not wednesday



my dudes

If we know the truth value of p , we also know the truth value of $\text{not } p$.

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p	not p
T	
F	

p	q	p and q
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

p	q	p or q
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

The ONLY time that
“if p, then q” is **false** is:

p	q	if p then q
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

p	q	p if and only if q
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

AND as a joiner

Given two propositions, you can join them together with “AND” and get a third proposition.

The forecast says it will rain today.

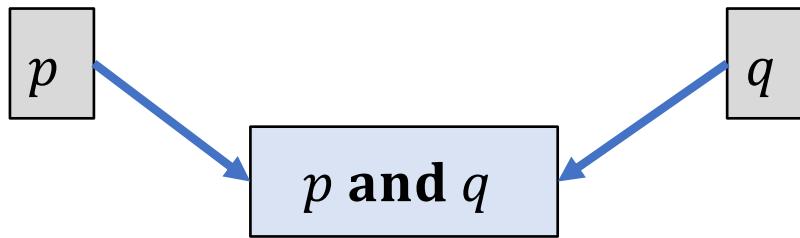
I will bring my umbrella.

The forecast says it will rain today **and** I will bring my umbrella.

“p and q” sometimes written with a symbol: “ $p \wedge q$ ”

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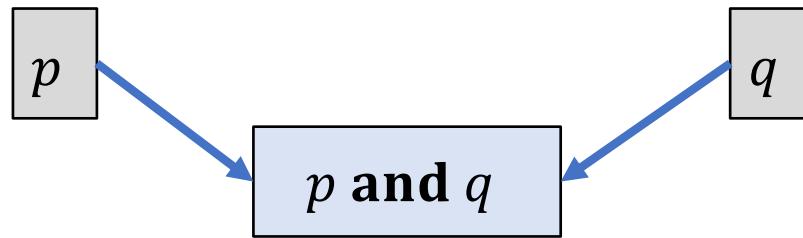
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T	F	
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T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

List of all possibilities for the **truth values** of *p, q*

“ $2+2=4$ and 4 is even.”

“ $3+3=4$ and 4 is even.”

OR as a joiner

Given two propositions, you can join them together with “OR” and get a third proposition.

The number 5 is even.

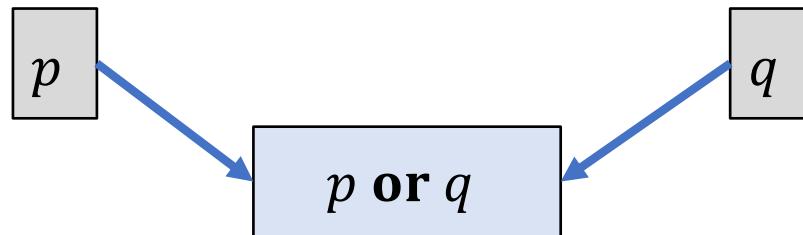
The number 5 is positive.

The number 5 is even **or** the number 5 is positive.

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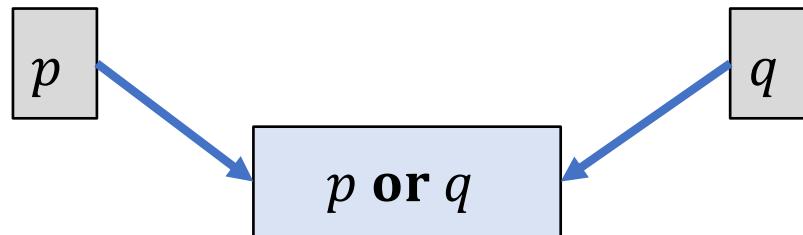
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T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
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T	T	???
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

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English is ambiguous!
“I will go to the store or I will go to the park” - does that mean I might do both?

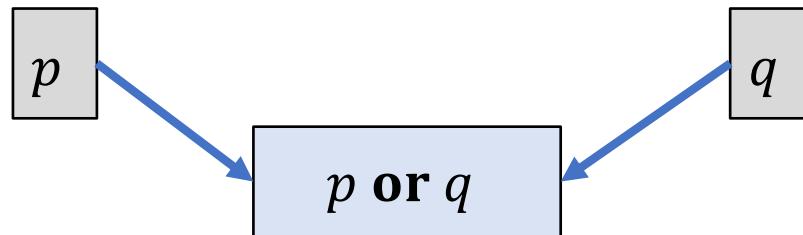
“ $2+2=4$ or 4 is odd.”

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F	T	T
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Convention in logic:
“or” always includes the
possibility that **both** are true.

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Truth Tables

- You can combine {not, and, or} (and others) **repeatedly** to create arbitrarily complex compound propositions out of input propositions
- **Truth Table:** Table that lists all possible truth values of the input variables on the left, and the corresponding truth value of a compound proposition on the right.

Exercises

Complete the truth tables.

p	q	not (p and q)
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

p	q	q and not (p or q)
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

Exercises

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Handout

not (p and q)

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We've seen another way to combine propositions:

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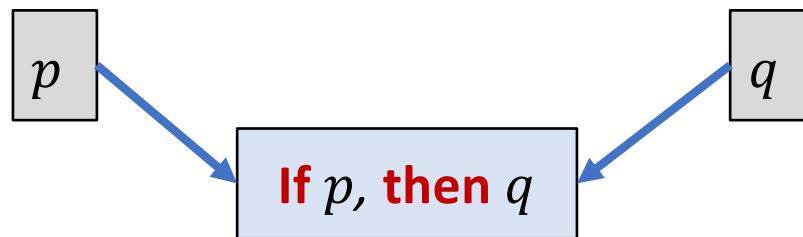
I will stay dry.

If bring an umbrella today, **then** I will stay dry.

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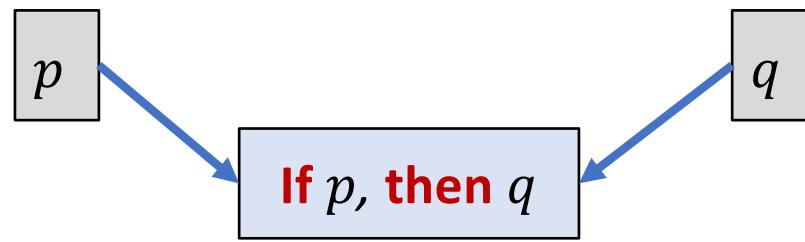
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“If I am a walrus, then 0 = 1”?

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If-Then as a joiner

To understand the truth table for **if/then**, think about a statement *inside a for-all*.

For example:

“For all integers x , if $x > 5$, then x^2 is positive.”

This proposition (as a whole) is **true**.

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"If $7 > 5$, then 7^2 is positive"

p : true

q : true



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"If $3 > 5$, then 3^2 is positive"
 p : false q : true

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"If $0 > 5$, then 0^2 is positive"

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There is no choice of x
where “ $x > 5$ ” is true, but
“ x^2 is positive” is false...



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“For all integers x , if $x > -5$, then x^2 is positive.”

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Consider $x = 0$...

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p	q	If p then q
T	T	T
T	F	F
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Intuition Pitfalls in If/Then

Caution: “If p, then q” can be unintuitive when p is false!

What is the truth value of the proposition
“**If I am a walrus, then 0 = 1**”

- (A) True
- (B) False

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**“There exists an integer x such that
if $x = 3$, then x is even.”**

- (A) True
- (B) False

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Consider $x = 5$.
“ $x = 3$ ” is false
“ x is even” is false
We found an example where
the if/then is true

p	q	if p then q
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

“if p, then q” sometimes written with a symbol: “ $p \leftrightarrow q$ ”

If and Only If

True Proposition:

For all integers x , x is even **if and only if** $x + 2$ is even.

“ p **if and only if** q ” means:
(If p , then q) **and** (If q , then p)

Another interpretation:

“ p **if and only if** q ” means:
 p, q have the same truth value

p	q	p if and only if q
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Lec 4 Handout: Compound Propositions & Predicates

p	not p
T	
F	

p	q	p and q
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

p	q	p or q
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

The ONLY time that
“if p, then q” is **false** is:

p	q	if p then q
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

p	q	p if and only if q
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

Exercise: Negation of “if p, then q”

- Complete the two columns given. Then find a compound expression that has the same truth values as “not (if p, then q)” but uses only: “not”, “and”, or “or”

p	q	if p then q	not (if p then q)	
T	T			
T	F			
F	T			
F	F			

Exercise: Negation of “if p, then q”

- Complete the two columns given. Then find a compound expression that has the same truth values as “not (if p, then q)” but uses only: “not”, “and”, or “or”

p	q	if p then q	not (if p then q)	p and not q
T	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F

Exercises

Handout

Complete the truth tables.
(hint: revisit previous exercise)

p	q			if not (p and q), then q and not (p or q)
T	T			
T	F			
F	T			
F	F			

Exercise

- What is the truth table of “if not (p and q), then q and not (p or q)”?
 - Hint: revisit last exercise...

p	q	not (p and q)	q and not (p or q)	if not (p and q), then q and not (p or q)
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F

Notice: Same truth table as “ p and q ”! More on this next lecture...

Outline

- Compound Propositions
 - Negation/And/Or
 - Truth Tables
 - If-Then/If and only if
- Predicates
 - **Instantiation, For all, There exists**
 - Nested Quantifiers

Predicates

A **proposition** is a declaration about the world that has a **truth value** (either true or false).

A **predicate** is a statement that has **unspecified variable(s)**, and which becomes a proposition once those variables are specified.

- “The integer x is even”
- “The capital of state x is city y ”
- “ $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ”
- “ $2(x + 1) = 2x + 2$ ” *True for any x , but not a prop until x is specified*

From Predicates to Propositions

P(x) = “x + 5 = 13”

There are **three main ways** to turn a predicate into a proposition:

Way #1: Instantiation

Specify input(s) for your predicate

P(8) = “8 + 5 = 13”

P(1) = “1 + 5 = 13”

“There exists x such that $p(x)$ ” sometimes written with a symbol: “ $\exists x p(x)$ ”

From Predicates to Propositions

$$P(x) = "x + 5 = 13"$$

There are **three main ways** to turn a predicate into a proposition:

1. *Instantiation: pick a value for x*

Way #2: “Existential Quantification”

Apply “There exists” in front

“There exists an integer x for which $x+5=13$ ”

Also specify a **domain** of
possible variables

Domain: integers

“For all x , $p(x)$ ” sometimes written with a symbol: “ $\forall x p(x)$ ”

From Predicates to Propositions

$$P(x) = "x + 5 = 13"$$

There are **three main ways** to turn a predicate into a proposition:

1. *Instantiation: pick a value for x*
2. *Existential Quantification: “there exists x such that $P(x)$ is true”*

Way #3: “Universal Quantification”

Apply “For all” in front

Again specify a **domain** of
possible variables

“For all integers x , $x + 5 = 13$ ”
(false proposition)

Domain: integers

From Predicates to Propositions

$$P(x) = "x + 5 = 13"$$

There are **three main ways** to turn a predicate into a proposition:

1. *Instantiation: pick a value for x*
2. *Existential Quantification: "there exists x such that $P(x)$ is true"*
3. *Universal Quantification: "for all x , $P(x)$ is true"*

Another View:

- **Existential Quantification** = all possible instantiations, joined with OR
 - "... $(-1 + 5 = 13)$ or $(0 + 5 = 13)$ or $(1 + 5 = 13)$ or $(2 + 5 = 13)$ or ..."
- **Universal Quantification** = all possible instantiations, joined with AND
 - "... $(-1 + 5 = 13)$ and $(0 + 5 = 13)$ and $(1 + 5 = 13)$ and $(2 + 5 = 13)$ and ..."

From Predicates to Propositions

Handout

3 ways to turn a predicate, $P(x)$, into a proposition:

1. *Instantiation*: pick a _____
2. *Existential Quantification*: say _____ $P(x)$ is true
3. *Universal Quantification*: say _____ $P(x)$ is true

Domain Specification

$$P(x) = "2x = 7"$$

What is the truth value of “**there exists x such that P(x)?**”

- (A) True
- (B) False
- (C) Not enough information
- (D) Not sure

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What is the **domain**?
What values of x are we allowed to consider here?

Domain Specification

$$P(x) = "2x = 7"$$

There exists an **integer** x
such that $P(x)$

False

There exists a **real number** x
such that $P(x)$

True (consider $x = 3.5\dots$)

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Multivariable Predicates

- Predicates can also have **several variables**.
 - $P(x, y) = "x + y = 2"$
 - $C(x, y) = "city x is the capital of state y"$
 - $T(a, b, c) = "a^2 + b^2 = c^2"$
- You can apply **different quantifiers** to these variables if you want.

Exercise

$$P(x, y) = "x + y = 2"$$

A

There exists an integer x such that **for all** integers y , $P(x, y)$

B

For all integers y , **there exists** an integer x such that $P(x, y)$

1. Both are true
2. A is true, B is false
3. A is false, B is true
4. Both are false
5. Not sure

Exercise

$$P(x, y) = "x + y = 2"$$

A

There exists an integer x such that **for all** integers y , $P(x, y)$

B

For all integers y , **there exists** an integer x such that $P(x, y)$

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- 3. A is false, B is true**
4. Both are false
5. Not sure

Exercise

$$P(x, y) = "x + y = 2"$$

A

There exists an integer x such
that **for all** integers y , $P(x, y)$

B

For all integers y , **there exists** an
integer x such that $P(x, y)$

There is no specific example of an integer x
(like $x = 1, x = 3.5, x = 12\dots$)
where, for any integer y you add to this x ,
you get 2.

False
(this is not a proof, just intuition)

Exercise

$$P(x, y) = "x + y = 2"$$

A

There exists an integer x such that **for all** integers y , $P(x, y)$

B

For all integers y , **there exists** an integer x such that $P(x, y)$

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Proof:

- Let y be an arbitrary integer

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(this is not a proof, just intuition)

B

For all integers y , **there exists** an integer x such that $P(x, y)$

Proof:

- Let y be an arbitrary integer
- Consider the specific integer $x = 2 - y$

Exercise

$$P(x, y) = "x + y = 2"$$

A

There exists an integer x such that **for all** integers y , $P(x, y)$

There is no specific example of an integer x (like $x = 1, x = 3.5, x = 12\dots$) where, for any integer y you add to this x , you get 2.

False
(this is not a proof, just intuition)

B

For all integers y , **there exists** an integer x such that $P(x, y)$

Proof:

- Let y be an arbitrary integer
- Consider the specific integer $x = 2 - y$
- We have $x + y = (2 - y) + y = 2$.

Exercise

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False
(this is not a proof, just intuition)

B

For all integers y , **there exists** an integer x **such that** $P(x, y)$

Proof:

- Let y be an arbitrary integer
- Consider the specific integer $x = 2 - y$
- We have $x + y = (2 - y) + y = 2$.

True

Nested Quantifiers

How could we quantify a **2-variable** predicate to a proposition?

1. There exists x such that there exists y such that $P(x, y)$.
2. There exists y such that there exists x such that $P(x, y)$.

3. There exists x such that for all y , $P(x, y)$.
4. For all y , there exists x such that $P(x, y)$.

5. For all x , there exists y such that $P(x, y)$.
6. There exists x such that for all y , $P(x, y)$.

7. For all x , for all y , $P(x, y)$.
8. For all y , for all x , $P(x, y)$.

Does switching the order
actually matter?

Nested Quantifiers

How could we quantify a **2-variable** predicate to a proposition?

1. There exists x such that there exists y such that $P(x, y)$.
2. There exists y such that there exists x such that $P(x, y)$.

THE SAME

3. There exists x such that for all y , $P(x, y)$.
4. For all y , there exists x such that $P(x, y)$.

5. For all x , there exists y such that $P(x, y)$.
6. There exists x such that for all y ,

7. For all x , for all y , $P(x, y)$.
8. For all y , for all x , $P(x, y)$.

Same quantifier (both for-all or both there-exists):
You can swap the order without changing meaning.

Different quantifiers (one for-all, other there-exists):
Swapping the order changes the meaning!

Nested Quantifiers – additional exercises

Handout

1. Let $P(x,y) = "4x - y = 0"$, domain = integers

Determine whether each of the following propositions is true or false:

1. There exists x such that there exists y such that $P(x, y)$. True / False
2. There exists x such that for all y , $P(x, y)$. True / False
3. For all y , there exists x such that $P(x, y)$. True / False
4. For all x , there exists y such that $P(x, y)$. True / False
5. There exists y such that for all x , $P(x, y)$. True / False
6. For all x , for all y , $P(x, y)$. True / False

Nested Quantifiers – additional exercises

Handout

$P(x,y)$ = “the square at row x , column y is shaded”. Shade squares so that ...

(a)

*“There exists x , such
that there exists y ,
such that $P(x,y)$ ”*
is **TRUE**

(b)

*“There exists x , such
that there exists y ,
such that $P(x,y)$ ”*
is **FALSE**

Nested Quantifiers – additional exercises

Handout

$P(x,y)$ = “the square at row x , column y is shaded”. Shade squares so that ...

(c)

“For all x , for all y , $P(x,y)$ ”

is **TRUE**

Question: Does $P(x,y)$

have to be **true** for *every*
pair of (x,y) ?

(d)

“For all x , for all y , $P(x,y)$ ”

is **FALSE**

Question: Does $P(x,y)$ have

to be **false** for *every* pair of
 (x,y) ?

Nested Quantifiers – additional exercises

Handout

Select the logical expression that matches the English statement.

Then provide *two different shadings* that satisfy the statement.

- (e) *English:* The grid has
an entire column that
is shaded.

Logic: _____

- (f) *English:* Every column
has at least one shaded
square.

Logic: _____

Answer options:

- A. There exists an x , such that for all y , $P(x, y)$.
- B. For all y , there exists an x , such that $P(x, y)$.
- C. For all x , there exists a y , such that $P(x, y)$.
- D. There exists a y , such that for all x , $P(x, y)$.

Wrapup

- **Today:** Basic ways to create propositions and analyze their truth value
 - not, and, or, if-then, if-and-only-if, quantified predicates
- These are not the only ways!
 - Other examples not covered today: xor, nor, nand, ...
- **Next Time:**
 - Translating English sentences into logic