

L02: Predicate Logic (First-order logic)

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- Reading
 - Kenneth Rosen, Section 1.4-1.5

Predicate Logic

- Suppose we know that “every COMP student is required to take either COMP 2711 or COMP 2711H”.
- No rules of propositional logic allow us to conclude the truth of the statement “Chan Tai Man, a COMP student, is required to take either COMP 2711 or COMP 2711H”.
- We now study predicate logic which is more powerful than propositional logic.

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Predicate

- **Definition:** Informally, a **predicate** is a statement that may be true or false depending on the choice of values of its variables. Each choice of values produces a proposition.
- More formally, a statement involving n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , denoted by $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, is the value of the **propositional function** P at the n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) and P is called an **n -ary predicate**.
- **Example:** $P(x)$ denotes the statement “ x is greater than 3”. x is the variable, and P is the predicate “is greater than 3”

Examples

- Let $P(x)$ denote the statement “ $x > 3$ ”.
What are the truth values of $P(4)$ and $P(2)$?
- Let $A(x)$ denote the statement “student x is required to take either COMP 2711 or COMP 2711H”.
Suppose Alice is a COMP student and Bob is a CHEM student.
What are the truth values of $A(\text{Alice})$ and $A(\text{Bob})$?
- Let $Q(x, y)$ denote the statement “ $x = y + 3$ ”.
What are the truth values of the propositions $Q(1, 2)$ and $Q(3, 0)$?

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Universal Quantification

- We saw that when the variables in a propositional function are assigned values, the resulting proposition has a certain truth value.
- Sometimes we may want to say that a predicate is true over a set of values.
- **Definition:** The **universal quantification** of $P(x)$ is the statement “for all elements x in the domain such that $P(x)$ ”.
- Denote as $\forall x P(x)$. We read it as “for all $x P(x)$ ” or “for every $x P(x)$ ”.
- Here \forall is called the **universal quantifier**.
- An element for which $P(x)$ is false is called a **counterexample** of $\forall x P(x)$.

Domain

- The **domain** or **universe** is the set of all possible values of a variable.
- The domain must always be specified when a universal quantifier is used; without it, the universal quantification of a statement is not well defined.
- Generally, an implicit assumption is made that the **domain is nonempty**. Otherwise $\forall x P(x)$ is true for any propositional function $P(x)$ because there are no elements x in the domain for which $P(x)$ is false.

Examples

- 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?
- 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?
- Let $P(x)$ be the statement “ $x^2 > 0$ ”. What is the truth value of the quantification $\forall x P(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers?
- What is the truth value of “ $\forall x (x^2 \geq x)$ ” if the domain consists of all real numbers?
What is its truth value if the domain consists of all integers?

Existential Quantification

- **Definition:** The **existential quantification** of $P(x)$ is the statement “**there exists an element x in the domain such that $P(x)$** ”.
- The notation $\exists x P(x)$ denotes the existential quantification of $P(x)$.
- Here \exists is called the **existential quantifier**.
- Note that $\exists x$ means “there exists **at least one** x in the domain” but not “there exists one and only one x in the domain” or “there exists a unique x in the domain”.

Universal and Existential Quantifiers

- When the domain has n elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

$\forall x P(x)$ is the same as $P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)$,

$\exists x P(x)$ is the same as $P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n)$

Universal and Existential Quantifiers

Universal and Existential Quantifiers		
Statement	When is it true?	When is it false?
$\forall x P(x)$	$P(x)$ is true for every x .	There exists an x for which $P(x)$ is false.
$\exists x P(x)$	There exists an x for which $P(x)$ is true.	$P(x)$ is false for every x .

- Give a counter example when $\forall x P(x)$ is false
- Give an example when $\exists x P(x)$ is true

Examples

- Let $P(x)$ be the statement “ $x > 3$ ”. What is the truth value of the quantification $\exists x P(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers?
- Let $Q(x)$ be the statement “ $x = x + 1$ ”. What is the truth value of the quantification $\exists x Q(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers?

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Restricted Domains

- Rewrite the following statements into equivalent statements, where the domain consists of all real numbers

(a) $\forall x < 0 (x^2 > 0)$

The square of a negative real number is positive

(b) $\forall y \neq 0 (y^3 \neq 0)$

The cube of every nonzero real number is nonzero

(c) $\exists z > 0 (z^2 = 2)$

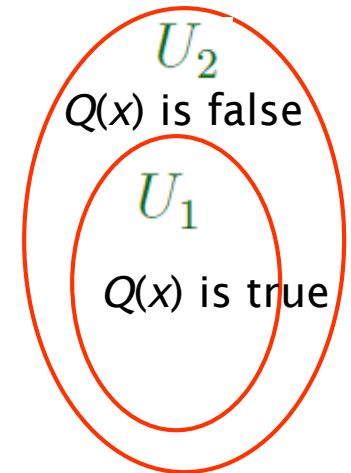
There is a positive square root of 2

- **Solution**

- (a) $\forall x (x < 0 \rightarrow x^2 > 0)$. True
- (b) $\forall y (y \neq 0 \rightarrow y^3 \neq 0)$. True
- (c) $\exists z (z > 0 \wedge z^2 = 2)$. True

Quantifiers with Restricted Domains

- Let U_1 and U_2 be two domains with $U_1 \subseteq U_2$.
- Define $Q(x)$ such that $U_1 = \{ x \in U_2 \mid Q(x) \text{ is true} \}$. Then
- (a) $\forall x \in U_1 (P(x)) \equiv \forall x \in U_2 (Q(x) \rightarrow P(x))$
- (b) $\exists x \in U_1 (P(x)) \equiv \exists x \in U_2 (Q(x) \wedge P(x))$



Example:

- U_1 is all CSE students and U_2 is all UST UGs
- $Q(x)$: x is a CSE student (i.e., $Q(x)$ is true $\forall x \in U_1$)
- $P(x)$: x is required to take COMP271 1
- $\forall x \in U_1 (P(x)) \equiv \forall x \in U_2 (Q(x) \rightarrow P(x))$

Restricted Domains

- Consider the following argument:

Premise 1: “All lions are fierce”

Premise 2: “Some lions do not drink coffee”

Conclusion: “Some fierce creatures do not drink coffee”

$P(x)$: “ x is a lion”, $Q(x)$: “ x is fierce”, $R(x)$: “ x drinks coffee”. Assume the domain consists of all creatures.

Solution

$$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

$$\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg R(x))$$

$$\exists x (Q(x) \wedge \neg R(x))$$

We will show in L03 that this argument is valid

Restricted Domains

- “Some lions do not drink coffee” cannot be written as $\exists x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x))$
 - $P(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x)$ is true whenever x is not a lion
 - Thus $\exists x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x))$ is true as long as there is at least one creature that is not a lion, even if every lion drinks coffee.

Precedence of Quantifiers

- The quantifiers \forall and \exists have higher precedence than all logical operators.
- Example
 - $\forall x P(x) \vee Q(x)$ means $(\forall x P(x)) \vee Q(x)$, which is not a valid proposition

Binding Variables

- A variable can be
 - **bound** by a quantifier
 - the part of a logical expression bound by a quantifier is called its **scope**
 - set to a particular value
 - otherwise, **free**
- Example: $\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \vee \forall x R(x) \vee S(x)$
- All variables in a propositional function must be bound or set to a particular value to turn it into a proposition.

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Logical Equivalence

- **Definition**

Statements involving predicates and quantifiers are **logically equivalent** if and only if they have the same truth value **no matter which predicates are substituted** into these statements and **which (common) domain is used** for the variables in these propositional functions.

We use the notation $S \equiv T$ to indicate that two statements S and T involving predicates and quantifiers are logically equivalent.

Logical Equivalence

- **Example**

Show that $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ and $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$ are logically equivalent

- **Proof**

- Suppose $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ is true. That is, if a is in the domain, then $P(a)$ and $Q(a)$ are both true. Thus, $\forall x P(x)$ is true and so is $\forall x Q(x)$. Thus $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$ is true.
- Suppose $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$ is true. Then, $\forall x P(x)$ is true and $\forall x Q(x)$ is true. Thus, if a is in the domain, then $P(a)$ is true and $Q(a)$ is true. Thus, for all a , $P(a) \wedge Q(a)$ is true. Thus $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ is true.

Logical Equivalence (cont'd)

- The previous logical equivalence shows that we can distribute a universal quantifier over a conjunction.

$$\forall x (Q(x) \wedge P(x)) \equiv \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$$

- We can also distribute an existential quantifier over a disjunction (can you prove it?):

$$\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$$

However, we cannot distribute a universal quantifier over a disjunction, nor can we distribute an existential quantifier over a conjunction (next slides):

$$\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \not\equiv \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$$

$$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \not\equiv \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$$

Logical Equivalence (cont'd)

$$(i) \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Leftarrow \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$$

$$(ii) \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \not\Rightarrow \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$$

Example: We will show (ii) by giving a counter example

Domain = $\{a, b, c\}$

$$P(a) \vee Q(a) = T \vee F = T$$

$$P(b) \vee Q(b) = F \vee T = T$$

$$P(c) \vee Q(c) = T \vee T = T$$

Therefore $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$ is true.

	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>P</i>	T	F	T
<i>Q</i>	F	T	T

$\forall x P(x)$ is false since $P(b)$ is false, $\forall x Q(x)$ is false since $Q(a)$ is false. Therefore $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$ is false.

Therefore $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \not\Rightarrow \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$

Logical Equivalence (cont'd)

$$(i) \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$$

$$(ii) \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \not\Leftarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$$

Example: We will show (ii) by giving a counter example. Domain = $\{a, b\}$

$\exists x P(x)$ is true since $P(a)$ is true.

$\exists x Q(x)$ is true since $Q(b)$ is true.

	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>P</i>	T	F
<i>Q</i>	F	T

Therefore $\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$ is true.

Since there is no one element x in the domain for which $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are both true, $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ is false.

Therefore $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \not\Leftarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$

Logical Equivalence (cont'd)

$$(i) \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$$

$$(ii) \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \not\Leftarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$$

Example: We will show (ii) by giving a counter example. Domain is all integers

$$P(x): 2x + 1 = 5$$

$$Q(x): x^2 = 9$$

$\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$ is true because $P(2)$ and $Q(3)$ are true.

$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ is false because there is no **one integer a** such that $P(a)$ and $Q(a)$ are both true.

Therefore $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \not\Leftarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$

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Motivation: negation

- **Example**

Let $P(x)$ denote the statement “student x has iPhone”.
The domain is all students in this class

Express the following statement as a universal quantification: “every student in the class has an iPhone”.

Then express the negation of the statement using an existential Quantifier.

Motivation: negation

- **Example**

Express the following statement as an existential quantification: “there is a student in the class who has an iPhone”.

Then express the negation of the statement using a universal quantifier.

De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers			
Negation	Equivalent statement	When is it true?	When is it false?
$\neg \forall x P(x)$	$\exists x \neg P(x)$	There exists an x for which $P(x)$ is false.	$P(x)$ is true for every x .
$\neg \exists x Q(x)$	$\forall x \neg Q(x)$	$Q(x)$ is false for every x .	There exists an x for which $Q(x)$ is true.

De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers (cont'd)

- When the domain has n elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , it follows that
 $\neg \forall x P(x)$ is the same as $\neg (P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n))$,
which is equivalent to $\neg P(x_1) \vee \neg P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee \neg P(x_n)$ by De Morgan's laws,
and this is the same as $\exists x \neg P(x)$.
- Similarly,
 $\neg \exists x P(x)$ is the same as $\neg (P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n))$,
which by De Morgan's laws is equivalent to $\neg P(x_1) \wedge \neg P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge \neg P(x_n)$,
and this is the same as $\forall x \neg P(x)$.

Examples

- **Example**

What is the negation of the statement

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

- **Example**

What is the negation of the statement

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

Examples

- **Example**

Show that $\neg \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ and $\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$ are logically equivalent.

- **Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\neg \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) &\equiv \\ \exists x \neg (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) &\equiv \\ \exists x \neg (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x)) &\equiv \\ \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x)) &\end{aligned}$$

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Nested Quantifiers

- **Example**

Assume that the domain for the variables x and y consists of all real numbers.

The statement

$$\forall x \forall y (x + y = y + x)$$

says that $x + y = y + x$ for all real numbers x and y .

This is the commutative law for the addition of real numbers.

Order of Quantifiers

- **Examples**

The statement

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

says that for every real number x , there is a real number y such that $x + y = 0$.

This states that every real number has an additive inverse.

What is the truth value of this quantification?

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

It is false since there is no value of y that satisfies the equation $x + y = 0$ for all values of x .

- **Remark:** This example illustrates that the order in which quantifiers appear makes a difference.

Quantifications of Two Variables

- The following table summarizes the meanings of the different possible quantifications involving two variables.

Quantifications of Two Variables		
Statement	When is it true?	When is it false?
$\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$ $\forall y \forall x P(x, y)$	$P(x, y)$ is true for every pair x, y .	There is a pair x, y for which $P(x, y)$ is false.
$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$	For every x there is a y for which $P(x, y)$ is true.	There is an x such that $P(x, y)$ is false for every y .
$\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$	There is an x such that $P(x, y)$ is true for every y .	For every x there is a y for which $P(x, y)$ is false.
$\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$ $\exists y \exists x P(x, y)$	There is a pair x, y for which $P(x, y)$ is true.	$P(x, y)$ is false for every pair x, y .

Nested quantifications

- Let $Q(x, y, z)$ be the statement “ $x + y = z$ ”. What are the truth values of the statements

$$\forall x \forall y \exists z Q(x, y, z)$$

$$\exists z \forall x \forall y Q(x, y, z),$$

where the domain of the variables is all real numbers?

- Solution:**

- Suppose x and y are assigned values. Then there exists a real number z such that $x + y = z$. Thus the first statement is true.
- There is no value of z that satisfies the equation $x + y = z$ for all values of x and y . Thus the second statement is false

Nested Quantifications

- **Example**

Translate the statement “the sum of two positive integers is always positive” into a logical expression.

- **Solution:** Domain is all integers

$$\forall x \forall y (x > 0 \wedge y > 0 \rightarrow x + y > 0)$$

- **Example**

Translate the statement “every nonzero real number has a multiplicative inverse”.

- **Solution:** Domain is all real numbers

$$\forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists y (xy = 1))$$

Translating into English

- **Example**

Translate the statement

$$\forall x (C(x) \vee \exists y (C(y) \wedge F(x, y)))$$

into English, where $C(x)$ is “ x has a computer”, $F(x, y)$ is “ x and y are friends”, and the domain for both x and y consists of all students in the school.

- **Solution**

For every student x in your school, x has a computer or there is a student y such that y has a computer and x and y are friends.

Every student either has a computer or has a friend who has a computer.

Translating into English (cont'd)

■ Example

Translate the statement

$$\exists x \forall y \forall z (F(x, y) \wedge F(x, z) \wedge (y \neq z) \rightarrow \neg F(y, z))$$

into English, where $F(a, b)$ means a and b are friends and the domain for x , y , and z consists of all students in the school.

■ Solution

The statement says that there is a student x such that for all students y and all students z other than y , if x and y are friends and x and z are friends, then y and z are not friends.

In other words, there is a student none of whose friends are also friends with each other.

Translating from English

- **Example:** Express the statement “if a person is female and is a parent, then this person is someone’s mother” as a logical expression using the following predicates, with a domain consisting of all people.

- $F(x)$: x is female
- $P(x)$: x is a parent
- $M(x, y)$: x is y ’s mother

- **Solution:**

$$\forall x (F(x) \wedge P(x) \rightarrow \exists y M(x, y))$$

Equivalent to

$$\forall x \exists y (F(x) \wedge P(x) \rightarrow M(x, y))$$

Null Quantifications

- **Rules:** If x does not occur as a free variable in A , then
 - $\forall x(A \wedge P(x)) \equiv A \wedge \forall x P(x)$
 - $\forall x(A \vee P(x)) \equiv A \vee \forall x P(x)$
 - $\exists x(A \wedge P(x)) \equiv A \wedge \exists x P(x)$
 - $\exists x(A \vee P(x)) \equiv A \vee \exists x P(x)$
- **Proof:** Let the domain of x be $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
 - $\forall x(A \wedge P(x)) \equiv (A \wedge P(x_1)) \wedge \dots \wedge (A \wedge P(x_n))$
 $\equiv A \wedge P(x_1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n) \equiv A \wedge \forall x P(x)$
 - $\forall x(A \vee P(x)) \equiv (A \vee P(x_1)) \wedge \dots \wedge (A \vee P(x_n))$
 $\equiv A \vee (P(x_1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)) \equiv A \vee \forall x P(x)$
 - The other two rules can be proved similarly

Null Quantifications: Examples

- $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$
 $\equiv \forall x P(x) \vee \forall y Q(y)$
 $\equiv \forall x (P(x) \vee \forall y Q(y))$
 $\equiv \forall x \forall y (P(x) \vee Q(y))$
 $\equiv \forall y \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(y))$
- But $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \not\equiv \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$
- $\exists x P(x) \vee \forall y Q(y)$
 $\equiv \exists x (P(x) \vee \forall y Q(y))$
 $\equiv \exists x \forall y (P(x) \vee Q(y))$
- $\exists x P(x) \vee \forall y Q(y)$
 $\equiv \forall y (\exists x P(x) \vee Q(y))$
 $\equiv \forall y \exists x (P(x) \vee Q(y))$
- In this case, $\exists x$ and $\forall y$ can be swapped (in general, they can't)

Null Quantifications: Examples

- $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists y Q(y) \equiv \forall x \exists y (P(x) \rightarrow Q(y))$?

- No!

- $$\begin{aligned} & \forall x \exists y (P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)) \\ & \equiv \forall x \exists y (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y)) \\ & \equiv \forall x \neg P(x) \vee \exists y Q(y) \\ & \equiv \neg \exists x P(x) \vee \exists y Q(y) \\ & \equiv \exists x P(x) \rightarrow \exists y Q(y) \end{aligned}$$

- $$\begin{aligned} & \forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists y Q(y) \\ & \equiv \neg (\forall x P(x)) \vee \exists y Q(y) \\ & \equiv \exists x \neg P(x) \vee \exists y Q(y) \\ & \equiv \exists x \exists y (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y)) \\ & \equiv \exists x \exists y (P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)) \end{aligned}$$

- Counterexample:

Domain	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>P</i>	T	F
<i>Q</i>	F	F

$\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists y Q(y)$ is True
 $\forall x \exists y (P(x) \rightarrow Q(y))$ is False

Examples

- **Example:** Express the statement “everyone has exactly one best friend” as a logical expression using the following predicates, with a domain consisting of all people.

- $B(x, y)$: y is x 's best friend

- **Solution:**

“ x has exactly one best friend” can be represented as

$$\exists y (B(x, y) \wedge \forall z ((z \neq y) \rightarrow \neg B(x, z)))$$

There is a person y who is the best friend of x , and then for every person z if z is not person y , then z is not the best friend of x .

Thus, the original statement can be expressed as

$$\forall x \exists y (B(x, y) \wedge \forall z ((z \neq y) \rightarrow \neg B(x, z)))$$

Negating Nested Quantifiers

- **Example**

Express the negation of the statement $\forall x \exists y (xy = 1)$ so that no negation precedes a quantifier.

Negating nested quantifiers

- **Example**

Use quantifiers to express the statement “there is a woman who has taken a flight on every airline in the world”.

- **Solution**

Let $P(w, f)$ be “woman w has taken flight f ”

Let $Q(f, a)$ be “ f is a flight on airline a ”

$$\exists w \forall a \exists f ((P(w, f) \wedge Q(f, a))$$

- **Example**

Use quantifiers to express the negation of the above statement so that no negation precedes a quantifier.

$$\forall w \exists a \forall f ((\neg P(w, f) \vee \neg Q(f, a))$$