

Equivalence Laws for FOL

$\neg\forall x p(x) \equiv \exists x \neg p(x)$ (Universal negation – DeMorgan)

$\neg\exists x p(x) \equiv \forall x \neg p(x)$ (Existential negation – DeMorgan)

Quantifier movement

$\forall y(p(x) \rightarrow r(x, y)) \equiv p(x) \rightarrow \forall y r(x, y)$

$\exists y(p(x) \rightarrow r(x, y)) \equiv p(x) \rightarrow \exists y r(x, y)$

$\forall y(p(x) \wedge r(x, y)) \equiv p(x) \wedge \forall y r(x, y)$

$\exists y(p(x) \wedge r(x, y)) \equiv p(x) \wedge \exists y r(x, y)$

Quantifier Independence

$\forall x \forall y p(x, y) \equiv \forall y \forall x p(x, y)$

$\exists x \exists y p(x, y) \equiv \exists y \exists x p(x, y)$

Distribution

$\forall x(p(x) \wedge q(x)) \equiv \forall x p(x) \wedge \forall x q(x)$

$\exists x(p(x) \vee q(x)) \equiv \exists x p(x) \vee \exists x q(x)$

Null Quantification

$\forall x p(y) \equiv p(y)$ where x is not free in $p(y)$

$\exists x p(y) \equiv p(y)$ where x is not free in $p(y)$

Universal Proofs (for sets)

Claim: For all sets A , B , and C , $A \cap B \subseteq B \cup C$

Proof: Choose sets A , B , and C .

— Choose $x \in A \cap B$

— So $x \in A$ and $x \in B$

— Since $x \in B$, we know $x \in B \cup C$

Therefore $A \cap B \subseteq B \cup C \square$

Claim: For all sets A , B , and C , if $A \subseteq B$ then $C \setminus B \subseteq C \setminus A$

Proof: Choose sets A , B , and C , and assume $A \subseteq B$

— Choose $x \in C \setminus B$

— So $x \in C$ and $x \notin B$

— Suppose towards a contradiction that $x \in A$

— Then we can apply $A \subseteq B$ to show that $x \in B$

— But this contradicts our earlier deduction that $x \notin B$, so x must not be a member of A

— This, together with $x \in C$ allows us to conclude that $x \in C \setminus A$

Therefore $C \setminus B \subseteq C \setminus A \square$

Claim: For all sets A , B , and C , if $A \subseteq C$, then $A \cup B \subseteq C \cup B$

Proof: Choose sets A , B , and C , and assume $A \subseteq C$

— Choose $x \in A \cup B$

— So $x \in A$ or $x \in B$

— **Case 1:** Suppose $x \in A$

— In this case, we can apply $A \subseteq C$ to get $x \in C$
 — And weaken to get $x \in C \cup B$
 — **Case 2:** Suppose $x \in B$
 — From this $x \in C \cup B$
 — In either case, we've proven $x \in C \cup B$
 Therefore $A \cup B \subseteq C \cup B$

Existential Claims

Def: x is **odd** if there exists an integer n that $x = 2n + 1$

Def: x is **divisible by** y if there exists an integer n that $x = n * y$

Def: x is **rational** if there exists an integer p and q that $x = p/q$ and $q \neq 0$

Claim: 10 times any integer is even

Proof: Choose an integer n . — let $m = 5n$. since 5 and n are integers so is m
 — because $10n = 2 * 5n = 2m$ we know $10n$ is even — therefore 10 times any integer is even \square

Reflexive Proof

Claim: E is reflexive ($E = \{(n, m) \mid n + m \text{ is even}\}$)

Proof: Choose an integer n .

$$n + n = 2n$$

Since n is an integer, this means $n + n$ is even, hence $E(n, n) \square$

Symmetric Proof

Claim: E is symmetric ($E = \{(n, m) \mid n - m \text{ is even}\}$) Proof: Choose integers n and m and assume $E(n, m)$

So $n - m$ is even — so there exists an integer k such that $n - m = 2k$ — $m - n = -(n - m) = -2k = 2 * (-k)$ — Since k is an int so is $-k$ — therefore $m - n$ is even so $E(m, n)$

Transitive Proof

Claim: E is transitive ($E = \{(n, m) \mid n - m \text{ is even}\}$)

Proof: Choose integers x, y , and z and assume $E(x, y)$ and $E(y, z)$

So $l - m$ and $m - n$ are both even

Thus there exist integers j and k such that $l - m = 2j$ and $m - n = 2k$

$$(l - m) + (m - n) = 2j + 2k$$

$$l - n = 2(j + k)$$

Since j and k are integers, $j + k$ is too

Therefore $l - n$ is even, hence $E(l, n) \square$

Anti-symmetric Proof

Claim: P is antisymmetric where $p = s$, t is a prefix of s

Proof: Choose strings s and t and assume $P(s, t)$ and $P(t, s)$ — s is prefix of t and t is prefix of s — exists strings u and v that $t = s + u$ and $s = t + v$ — thus $t = (t + v) + u = t + v + u$ and u must be empty otherwise length longer than length of t — so $t = s + u = s \square$