



First Order Logic
Next Chapter:

Validity of FOL Expression

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Next Topic:

Validity, Satisfiability In FOL



Valid = Always True

Satisfiable = Possible to be True
(Sometimes True)



Let M be a First Order Logic Expression.

M is Valid iff M is ALWAYS TRUE (Whatever non-empty domain we take & whatever predicate we take)

M is Satisfiable iff M is possible to be TRUE (for some domain & some predicate)



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

S: $\forall x P(x)$





Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$S: \underline{\forall x P(x)}$$

Domain: \mathbb{N}

$$P(x) : \underline{x \geq -1}$$

\mathbb{N}



$$S = \text{True}$$

satisfiable

satisfiable



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

S: $\forall x P(x)$

Domain: \mathbb{Z}

$P(x) : x^2 \geq 0$

S = True

Satisfiable ✓

Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$S: \forall x P(x)$$

Domain: \mathbb{N}

$P(x) : x \text{ is even}$

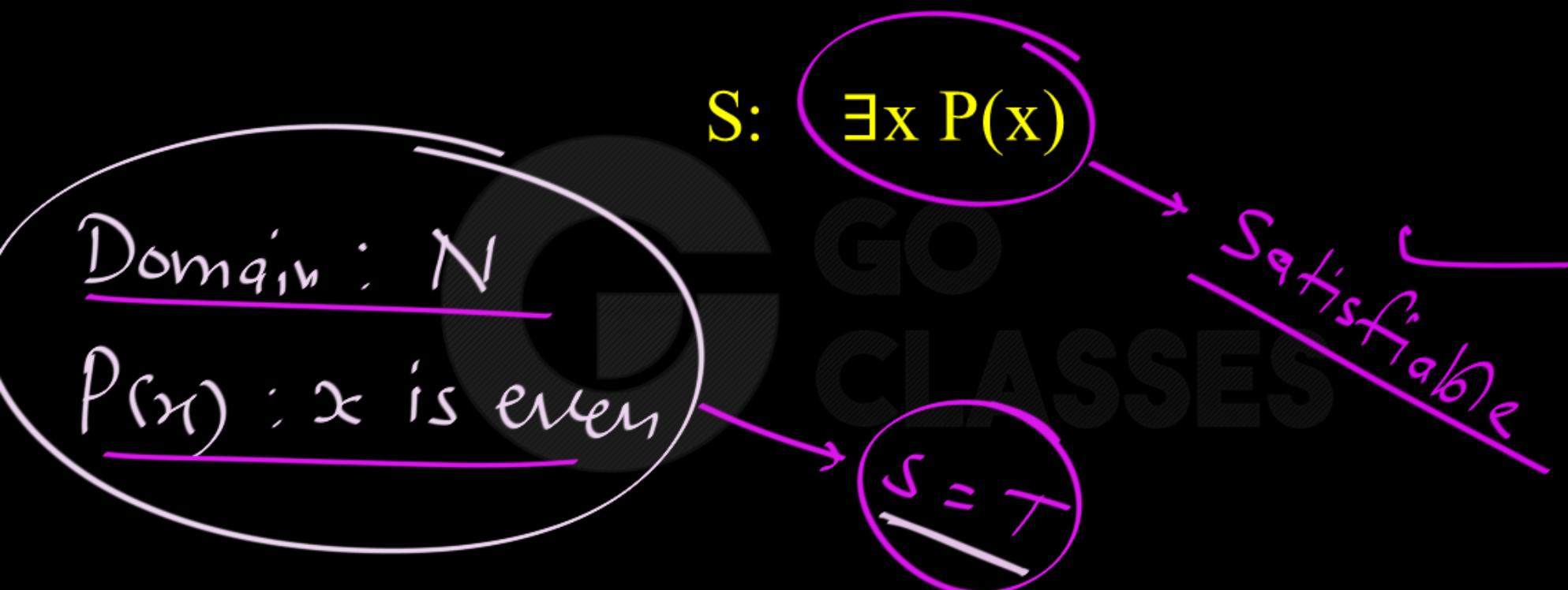
$s = \boxed{\text{false}}$

Invalid



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Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

S:

$\exists x P(x)$

Domain: N

$P(x) : x < -2$

$S = \text{false}$

~~Invalid~~



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$S: \forall x \exists y P(x, y).$$

Domain: N

$P(x, y) : x < y$

$S = \text{True}$

Satisfiable

$x < y$



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

Domain : N

$P(x,y) : x > y$

S : False

$\Sigma : \forall x \exists y P(x, y).$

Invalid





Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$\mathcal{S}: (\exists_x P_x) \vee (\exists_y \sim P_y)$$



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$\Sigma: (\exists_x P_x) \vee (\exists_y \sim P_y)$$

Domain: N

$P(x)$: x is prime

$\alpha: \text{True}$

$\beta: \text{True}$

$$\Sigma = \alpha \vee \beta$$

satisfiable

$$\Sigma = \alpha \vee \beta = \text{True}$$

Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$\mathcal{S}: \underbrace{(\exists_x P_x)}_{\alpha} \vee \underbrace{(\exists_y \sim P_y)}_{\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{S}: \alpha \vee \beta$$

α : False

$\beta = \text{True}$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = F \\ \beta = F \end{cases}$$

for every element t , P_t False



$$\mathcal{S}: \boxed{\alpha \vee \beta}$$

Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$\mathcal{S} : \boxed{(\exists_x P_x) \vee (\exists_y \sim P_y)}$$

$$\alpha \qquad \beta$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \alpha \vee \beta$$

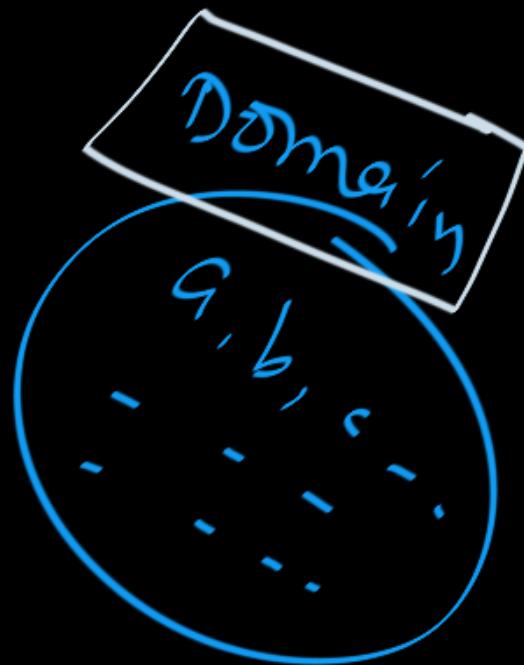
If

$\mathcal{S} = \text{False}$

Never
possible

$$\frac{\alpha = F}{\beta = F}$$

Never possible





Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$\mathcal{S} : \boxed{(\exists_x P_x) \vee (\exists_y \sim P_y)}$$





Valid → Satisfiable





Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

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





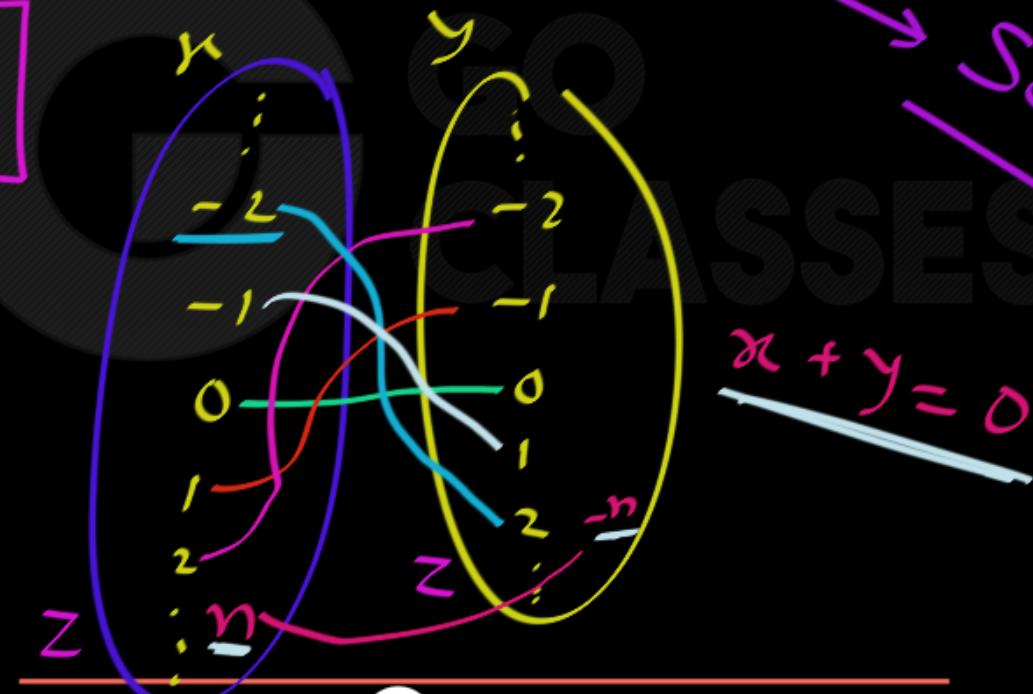
Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

S

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

Domain: \mathbb{Z}

$S = \text{True}$



Satisfiable



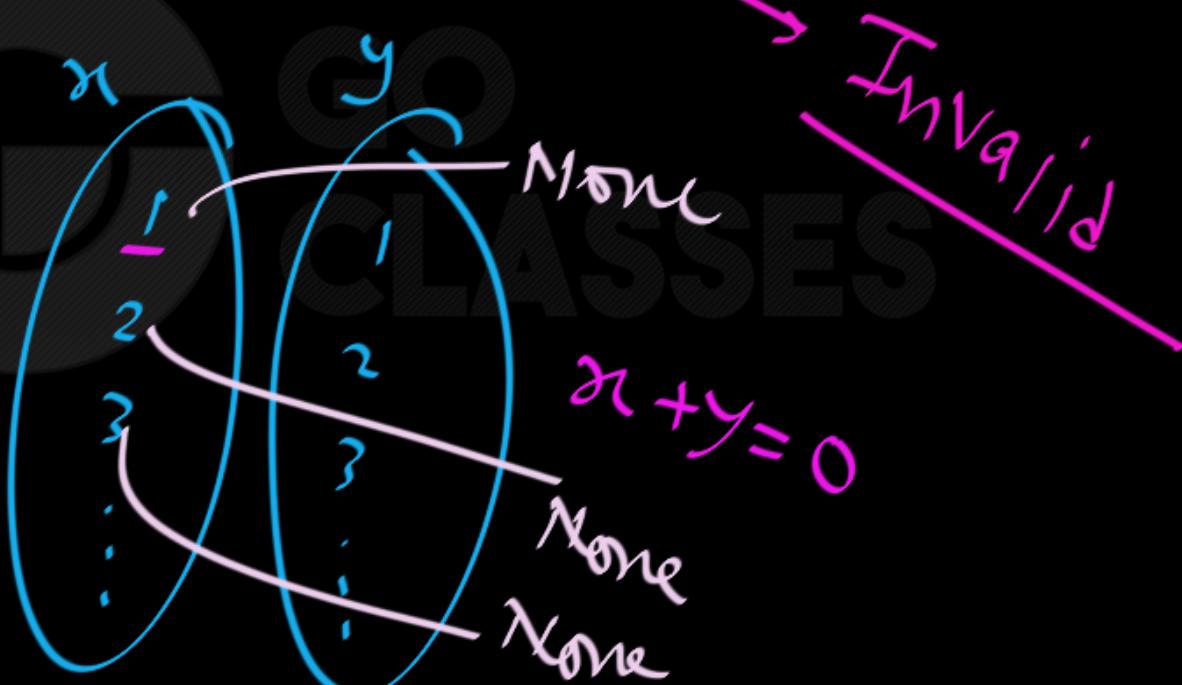
Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

S

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

Domain: N

S = False





How to check
if a FOL Expression M is Valid or Not??



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Method 1: Intuition & Logical Thinking

Method 2: A Systematic Procedure



How to check if a FOL Expression M is Valid or Not??

Procedure:

1. Take an abstract domain, like {a,b,c,d,.....}
2. Try to make M false somehow..
 - If you can, M is Invalid.
 - If you can Never, M is Valid.



How to check
if a FOL Expression M is Satisfiable or
Not??



How to check if a FOL Expression M is Satisfiable or Not??

Method 1: Intuition & Logical Thinking

Method 2: A Systematic Procedure



How to check if a FOL Expression M is Satisfiable or Not??

Procedure:

1. Take an abstract domain, like {a,b,c,d,.....}
2. Try to make M TRUE somehow..
 - If you can, M is Satisfiable.
 - If you can Never, M is Not Satisfiable.



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$\Sigma : \boxed{(\forall x P_x) \wedge (\exists y \sim P_y)}$$

α β

$$\Sigma : \boxed{\alpha \wedge \beta}$$

Conjunction

To make $\Sigma = \text{True}$;

$$\frac{\alpha = T}{\beta = T}$$

Simultaneously

$$\mathcal{S} : (\forall_x P_x) \wedge (\exists_y \sim P_y)$$

α

β

For every element
in Domain,
 P is True

for at
least
one
element,
 P is false

Can't happen together.



$\Sigma : \boxed{(\forall_x P_x) \wedge (\exists_y \sim P_y)}$

invalid

Never True
≡
Unsatisfiable

Unsatisfiable

Invalid



NOTE:

1. In a FOL Expression, by default, ALL Variables have Same Domain.
2. Domain in FOL, is ALWAYS Non-Empty..
(unless explicitly given as empty)



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

X

X

$$(\forall_x P_x) \wedge (\exists_x \sim P_x)$$

Not
Satisfiable

$$(\forall_x P_x) \wedge (\exists_y \sim P_y)$$

Same



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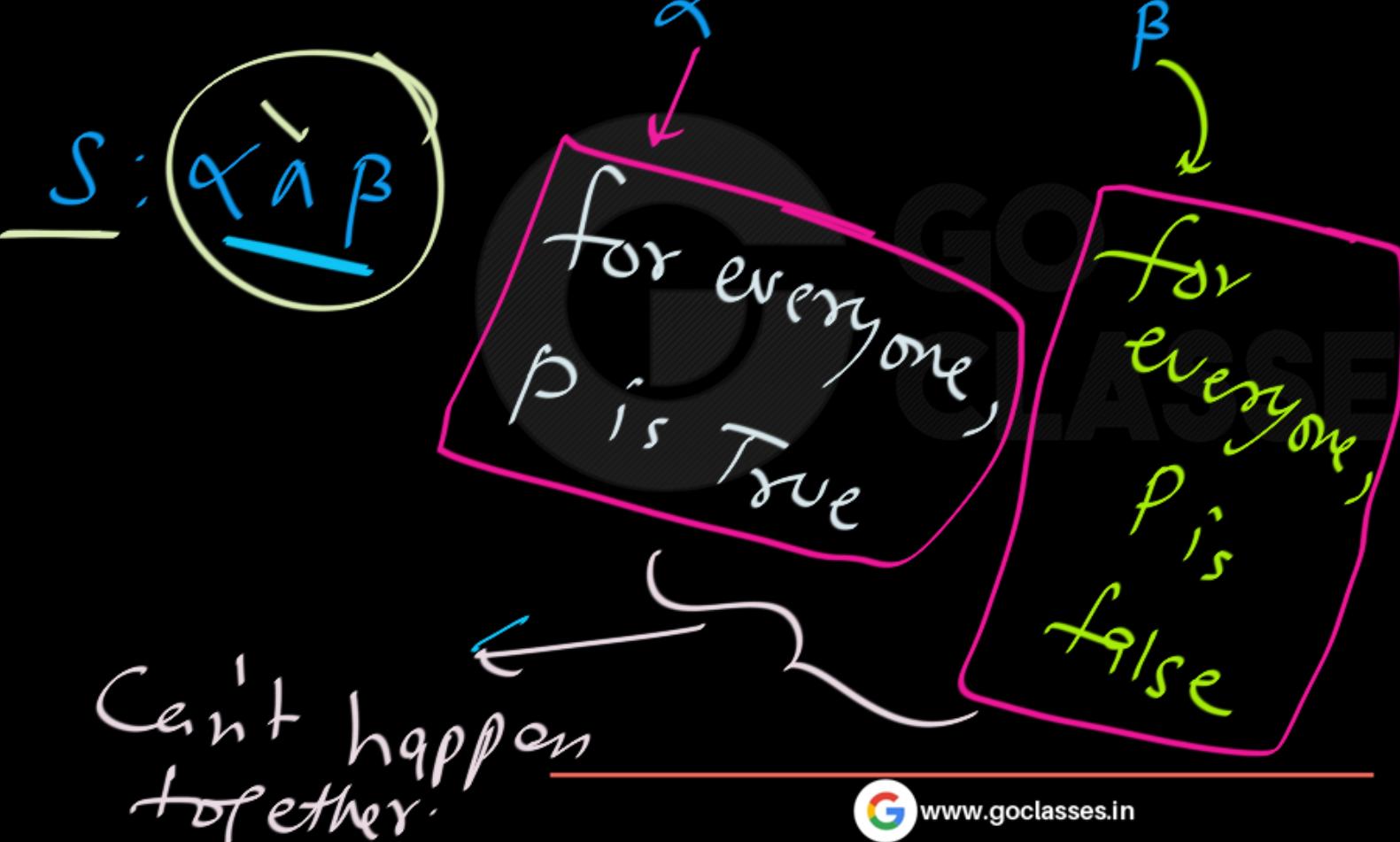


Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$(\forall_x P_x) \wedge (\forall_y \sim P_y)$$



$$\underline{\mathcal{S}} : (\underline{\forall_x P_x}) \wedge (\underline{\forall_y \sim P_y})$$



$$\mathcal{S} : \boxed{(\forall x P_x) \wedge (\forall y \sim P_y)}$$

~~Never True~~

~~Unsatisfiable~~

~~invalid~~



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

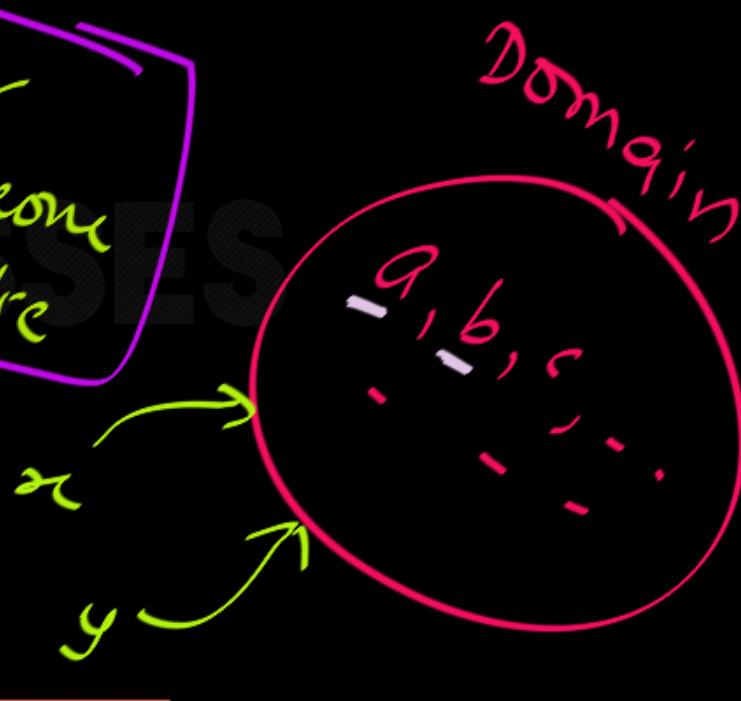
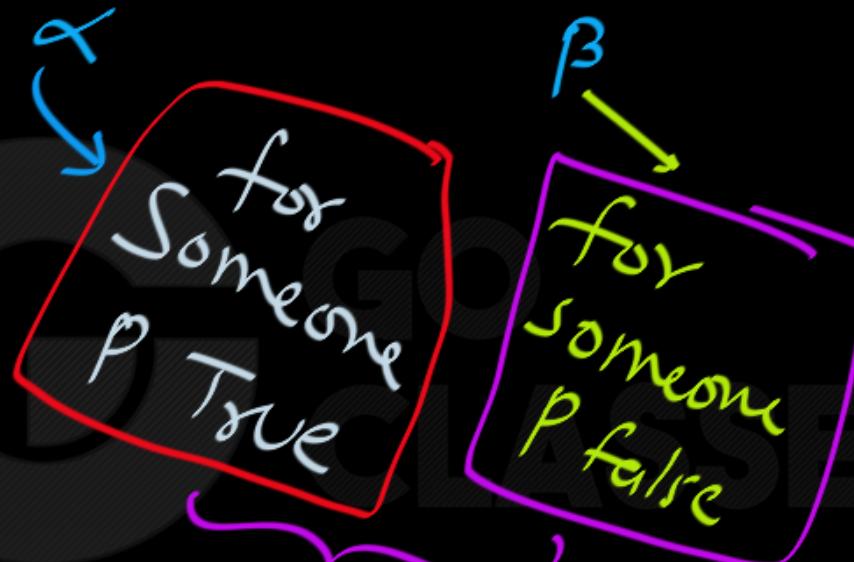
$$(\exists_x P_x) \wedge (\exists_y \sim P_y)$$



$$\Sigma : \underline{(\exists_x P_x)} \wedge \underline{(\exists_y \sim P_y)}$$

$$\Sigma : \alpha \wedge \beta$$

To make $\Sigma = T \wedge F$,
 $\alpha = T$
 $\beta = F$





Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$S : \boxed{(\exists_x P_x) \wedge (\exists_y \sim P_y)}$$

Domain: N
 $P(x)$: x is prime

α
 β

Satisfiable ✓

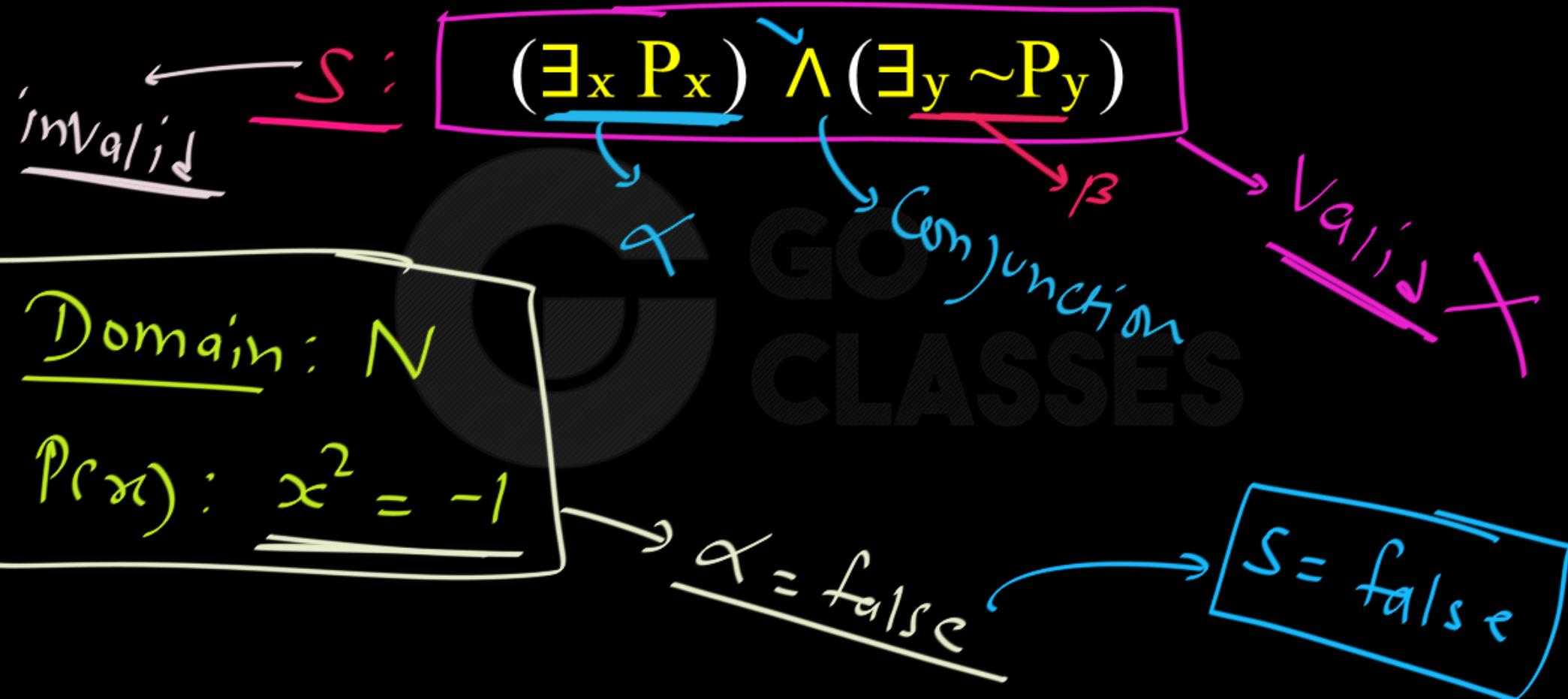
$$S = \text{True}$$

$\alpha = \text{True}$
witness: 2

$\beta = \text{True}$
witness: 4



Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??





Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$(\forall_x P_x) \vee (\forall_y \sim P_y)$$





$$\mathcal{S} : (\forall_x P_x) \vee (\forall_y \sim P_y)$$

α β

OR

For everyone
 P is True

For everyone
 P is False

$\mathcal{S} : \alpha \vee \beta$

Domain
 a, b, c

$$S : \frac{(\forall x P_x) \vee (\forall y \sim P_y)}{\alpha \quad \vee \quad \beta}$$

Domain: N
 $P(x) : x \geq 1$

$$\alpha = \text{True}$$

$S = \text{True}$

$\therefore S$ is satisfiable

$\Sigma :$

$$(\forall_x P_x) \vee (\forall_y \sim P_y)$$

Domain: N

 $P(x) : x \text{ is prime}$ β ~~Invalid~~ $s = \text{false}$ $\alpha = F ; \beta = \text{false}$ $s : \text{Invalid}$

$$\Sigma : \frac{(\forall_x P_x) \vee (\forall_y \sim P_y)}{\alpha \quad \beta}$$





Is it Valid? Is it satisfiable??

$$S: [\forall x P(x)] \rightarrow [\exists x P(x)]$$



$$S: [\underbrace{\forall x P(x)}_{\alpha} \rightarrow [\underbrace{\exists x P(x)}_{\beta}]$$

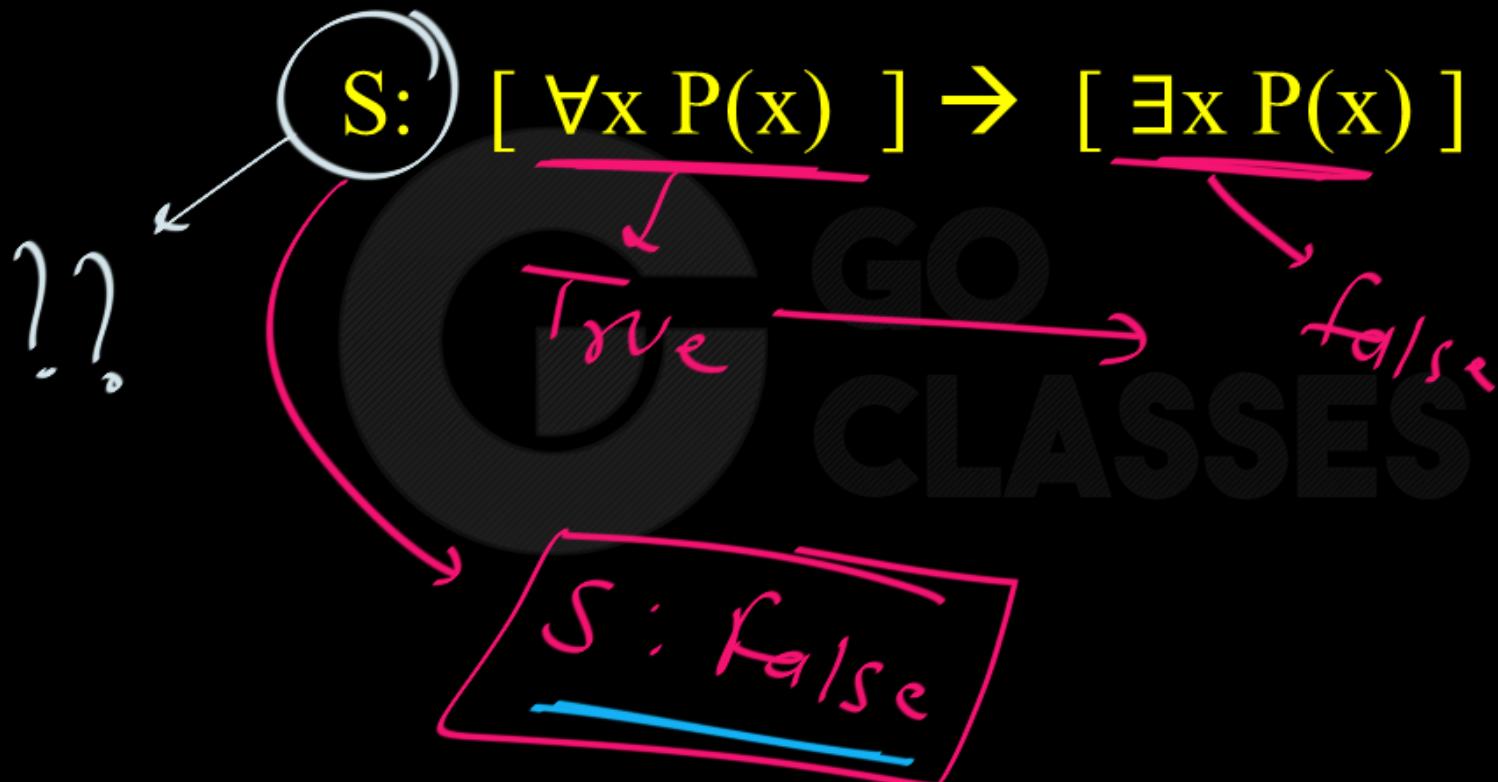
S: $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$
implies
Always True
Valid

α
for everyone
 P is True

β
for someone
 P is True

Non-empty
Domain

a, b, c
...

 \emptyset :Assume Domain Empty.

S:

$$\boxed{\forall_n P(n) \rightarrow \exists_x P(x)}$$

$\forall_{q/p}$

Always True

Always
Non-Empty
Domain



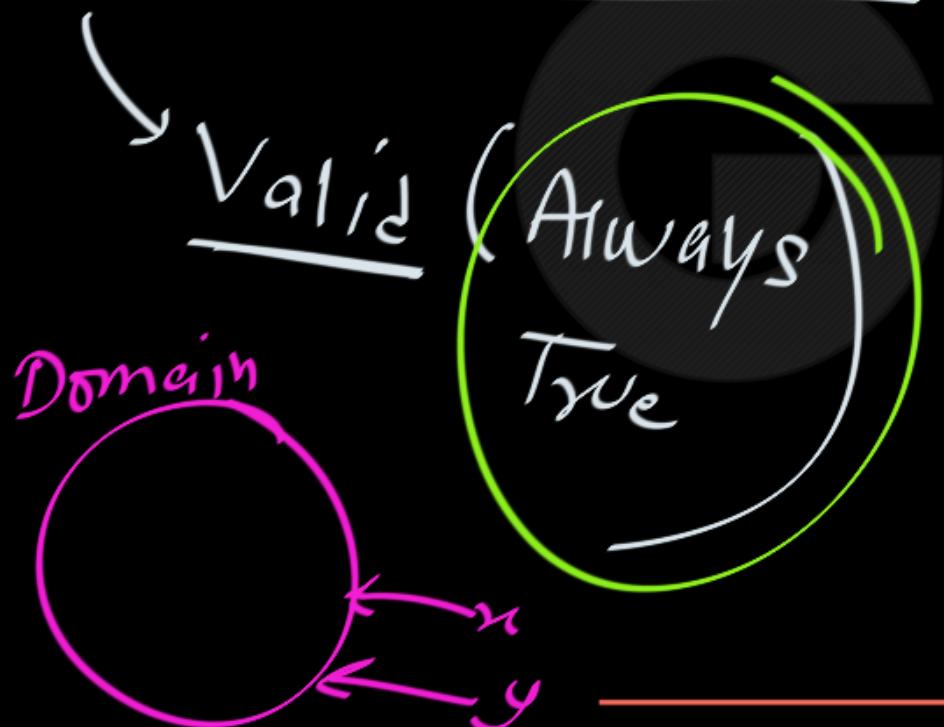
NOTE:

The Domain in FOL is NEVER Empty.

Unless the question explicitly gives an empty domain.



$$\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists y P(y)$$



Because the universe cannot be empty, the formula $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists y P(y)$ is also valid. If we did allow for the empty universe, it would be merely satisfiable. Excluding the possibility of the empty universe not only makes this intuitively obvious formula true in all interpretations, it avoids the metaphysical question of the need for a logic in a world in which there are no logicians and nothing for them to reason about!

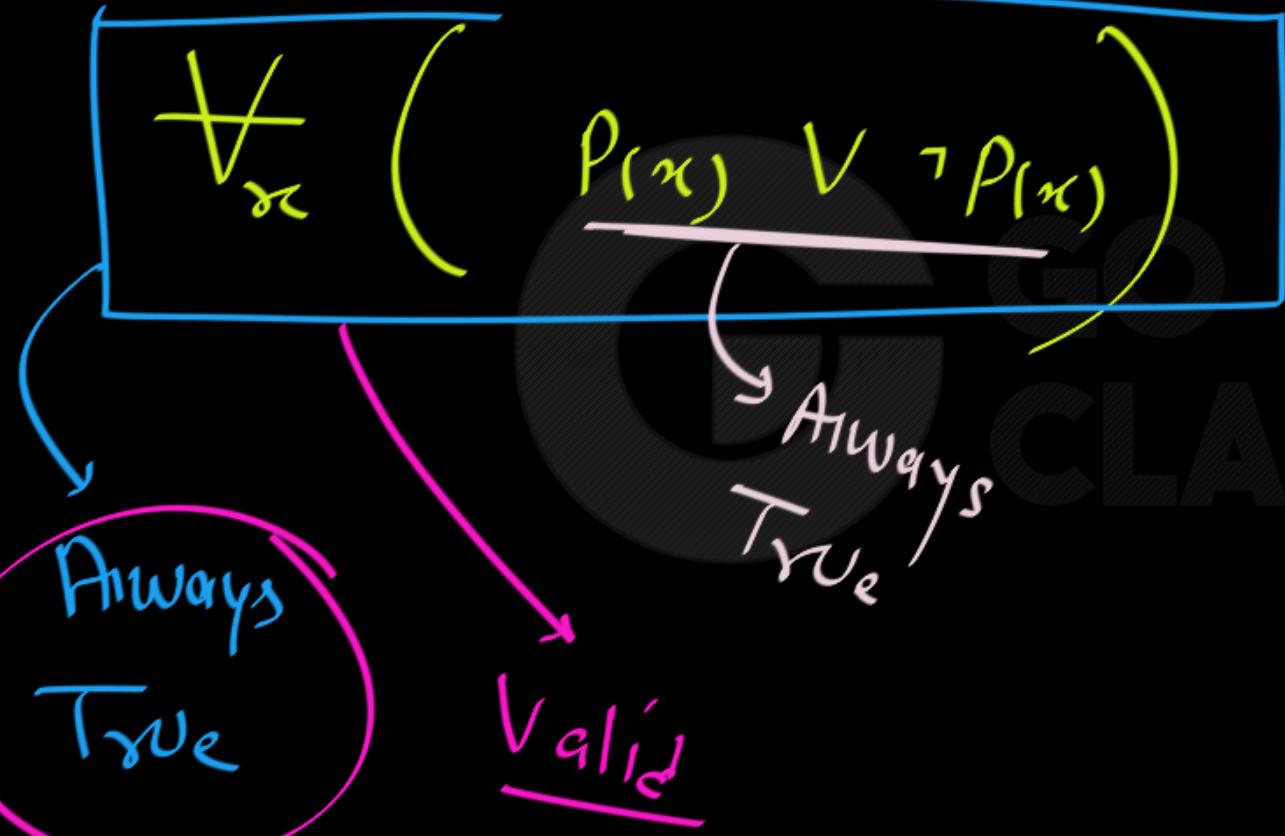


- The sentence $\forall x(P(x) \vee \neg P(x))$ is valid.





- The sentence $\forall x(P(x) \vee \neg P(x))$ is valid.





- The sentence $\forall xP(x) \vee \forall x\neg P(x)$ is not valid, but is satisfiable.



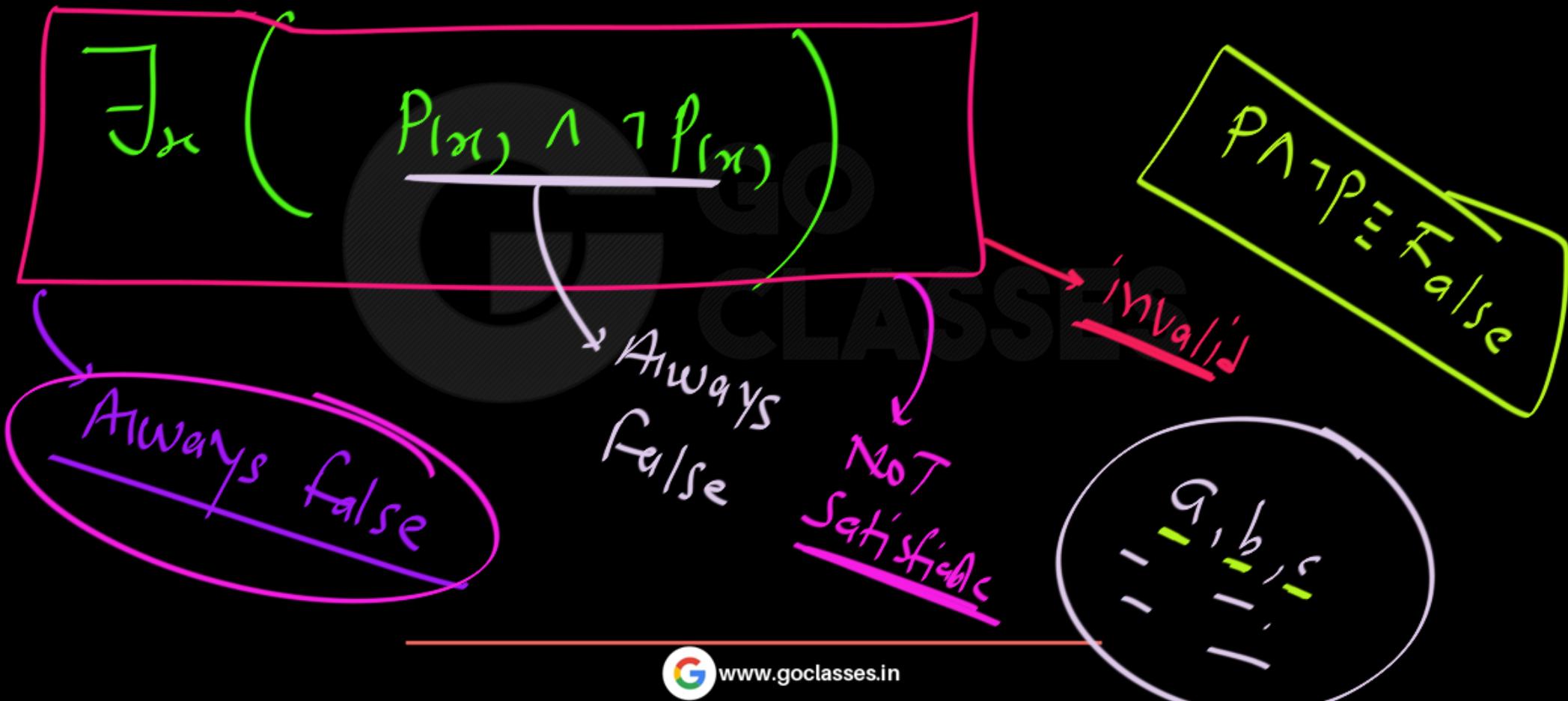


- The sentence $\exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg P(x))$ is not satisfiable. Why?





- The sentence $\exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg P(x))$ is not satisfiable. Why?





Next Topic:

Validity of
a FOL Expression Involving Implication