

Propositions and Predicates

CSC165 Week 2 - Part 2

Lindsey Shorser, Winter 2021

Negating Logical Operators

NOT: $\neg (\neg p) \iff p$

It is not the case that x is not positive \iff x is positive

OR: $\neg (p \vee q) \iff$

AND: $\neg (p \wedge q) \iff$

Demorgan's Laws

p	q	$\neg(p \vee q)$	
T	T		
T	F		
F	T		
F	F		

p	q	$\neg(p \wedge q)$	

IF: $\neg (p \implies q) \iff$

IF AND ONLY IF: $\neg (p \iff q) \iff$

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$	
T	T		
T	F		
F	T		
F	F		

p	q	$\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$	
T	T		
T	F		
F	T		
F	F		

p	q	$p \iff q$	
T	T		
T	F		
F	T		
F	F		

p	q	$\neg(p \iff q)$	
T	T		
T	F		
F	T		
F	F		

A useful domain: Factors

Definition 1.8. Let $n, d \in \mathbb{Z}$.²⁵ We say that d **divides** n , or n is **divisible by** d , when there exists a $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $n = dk$. In this case, we use the notation $d \mid n$ to represent “ d divides n .”

630 is divisible by:

630

Using “|” or “=” to describe divisibility

$$2 \mid n$$

“2 divides n” or “2 is a factor of n”

$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k$ “There exists an integer k such that n can be written as a product of 2 and k” or “n is a multiple of 2”

Both “ $2 \mid n$ ” and “ $n = 2k$ ” are predicates.

How do we symbolize “All multiples of 100 are divisible by 10”?

Precedence

1. \neg
2. \vee, \wedge
3. $\Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$
4. \forall, \exists

So for example the expression

$$(p \vee \neg q) \wedge r \Rightarrow ((s \vee t) \wedge u) \vee (\neg v \wedge w)$$

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N}, \exists z \in \mathbb{N}, x + y = z \wedge x \cdot y = z \Rightarrow x = y$$

represents

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N}, \left(\exists z \in \mathbb{N}, \left((x + y = z \wedge x \cdot y = z) \Rightarrow x = y \right) \right).$$

Scope

✓ $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, ((x = 2k) \wedge (x = 3m)) \implies (x = 6n)$

✓ $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, ((\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, x=2k) \wedge (\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 3m)) \implies (\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 6n)$

✗ $(\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, x=2k) \wedge (\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 3m)) \implies (\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 6n)$

✗ $(\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, x=2k) \wedge (\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 3m))$
 $\implies (\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, x = 6k)$

Negating the universal quantifier

Let $U = \{\text{students in this course}\}$,
Let $M(x) = \text{"x is majoring in English Literature"}$

How do we symbolize:

"It is not the case that all students in this course are
majoring in English Literature."

Negating the existential quantifier

Let $U = \{\text{students in this course}\}$,
Let $M(x) = \text{"x is majoring in English Literature"}$

How do we symbolize:

"No one is majoring in English Literature."

or

"It is not the case that someone in this course is majoring in
English Literature."



Double Quantifiers

Let $U = \{\text{students in this course}\}$, and $x \in U, y \in U$

Let $S(x,y) = \text{“}x \text{ studies with } y\text{”}$

$\forall x \in U, \forall y \in U, S(x,y) =$

$\forall x \in U, \exists y \in U, S(x,y) =$

$\exists x \in U, \forall y \in U, S(x,y) =$

$\exists x \in U, \exists y \in U, S(x,y) =$

Negating Double Quantifiers

$$\neg (\forall x \in U, \forall y \in U, S(x,y)) =$$

$$\neg (\forall x \in U, \exists y \in U, S(x,y)) =$$

$$\neg (\exists x \in U, \forall y \in U, S(x,y)) =$$

$$\neg (\exists x \in U, \exists y \in U, S(x,y)) =$$

Negating Double Quantifiers

$$\neg (\forall x \in U, \forall y \in U, S(x,y)) = \exists x \in U, \exists y \in U, \neg S(x,y)$$

$$\neg (\forall x \in U, \exists y \in U, S(x,y)) = \exists x \in U, \forall y \in U, \neg S(x,y)$$

$$\neg (\exists x \in U, \forall y \in U, S(x,y)) = \forall x \in U, \exists y \in U, \neg S(x,y)$$

$$\neg (\exists x \in U, \exists y \in U, S(x,y)) = \forall x \in U, \forall y \in U, \neg S(x,y)$$



