

PH126 Logic I Lecture 12

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Quantifier Recap

Everything is broken

$\forall x \text{ Broken}(x)$

All my things are broken

$\forall x (\text{BelongsToMe}(x) \rightarrow \text{Broken}(x))$

Something is broken

$\exists x \text{ Broken}(x)$

Something of mine is broken

$\exists x (\text{BelongsToMe}(x) \wedge \text{Broken}(x))$

How to determine truth of a sentence with an existential quantifier as the main connective

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2. For each name in turn, create a new sentence like this: delete the quantifier and replace all instances of the variable it binds with that name
3. If ANY OF the new sentences are true, so is the original.

How to determine truth of a sentence with a universal quantifier as the main connective

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Multiple quantifiers

'There is a store for everything'

$\exists y \forall x \text{ StoreFor}(y, x)$

$\forall y \exists x \text{ StoreFor}(x, y)$

Other sentences to translate:

'Wikipedia has an article about everything'

'Everyone hurts someone they love'

'Someone hurts everyone she loves'

\forall Intro

$\begin{array}{|l} \hline \text{c} \\ \hline \dots \\ S(c) \\ \hline \forall x S(x) \end{array}$

\forall Intro Example proof

$\begin{array}{|l} \hline 1. \forall x (\text{Square}(x) \rightarrow \text{Blue}(x)) \\ \hline \begin{array}{|l} \hline 2. \forall x \text{ Square}(x) \\ \hline \begin{array}{|l} \hline 3. \text{a} \\ \hline 4. \text{Square}(a) \quad \forall\text{Elim: } 2 \\ 5. \text{Square}(a) \rightarrow \text{Blue}(a) \quad \forall\text{Elim: } 1 \\ 6. \text{Blue}(a) \quad \rightarrow\text{Elim: } 4,5 \\ \hline x. \forall x \text{ Blue}(x) \quad \forall\text{Intro: } 3-6 \end{array} \end{array} \\ \hline y. \forall x \text{ Square}(x) \rightarrow \forall x \text{ Blue}(x) \quad \rightarrow\text{Intro: } 2-x \end{array}$

Why is this proof incorrect?

$\begin{array}{|l} \hline 1. \forall x \text{ Square}(x) \rightarrow \forall x \text{ Blue}(x) \\ \hline \begin{array}{|l} \hline 2. \text{b} \\ \hline 3. \text{Square}(b) \rightarrow \text{Blue}(g) \quad \forall\text{Elim: } 1 \end{array} \\ \hline x. \forall x (\text{Square}(x) \rightarrow \text{Blue}(x)) \quad \forall\text{Intro: } 2-3 \end{array}$

Intuitive summary of quantifier rules

\forall Elim

If it's true of everything it's true of Baudrillard

\exists Intro

If it's true of Baudrillard it's true of something

\exists Elim

If it's true of something and Q follows no matter which something it is, then Q

\forall Intro

If it's true of an arbitrary thing, then it's true of everything.