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Universal Conditional Statements

A universal conditional statement takes form

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

e.g. Writing Universal Conditional Statements Informally

a) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} (|x|=0 \rightarrow x=0)$

b) $\forall z \in \mathbb{C} (z = -\bar{z} \rightarrow z \notin \mathbb{R})$ false if $z=0$

true for $\mathbb{C}-\{0\}$

a) for any real number x , if
the absolute value of x is zero,
then x equals zero.

b) let $z \in \mathbb{C}-\{0\}$. Suppose $z = -\bar{z}$. Since
 $z \in \mathbb{C}$, there exist $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that
 $z = a+bi$. Also $-\bar{z} = -(a-bi)$

so $a+bi = -a+bi$

$$2a + 0 = 0$$

$$a = 0.$$

Thus $z = 0 + bi = bi \notin \mathbb{R}$.
(a sample proof)

e.g. Writing Universal Conditional Statements Formally

- a) All bicycles have two wheels.
 - b) If a complex number z equals its conjugate, then z is a real number.
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- a) $\forall x$, if x is a bicycle, then x has two wheels.
 - b) $\forall z \in \mathbb{C} (z = \bar{z} \rightarrow z \in \mathbb{R})$

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Equivalent forms of Universal & Existential Statements

If $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are predicates and B a set such that $A := \{x \in B \mid P(x)\}$, then $A \subseteq B$ and we can rewrite

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

as

$$\forall x \in A (Q(x)).$$

e.g. a) All integers are rational numbers.

b) All American bison are quadrupeds.

a) $\forall x (x \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow x \in \mathbb{Q})$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} (x \in \mathbb{Q}) \quad \text{Q} \quad \backslash \mathbb{mathbb{Q}}$$

b) $\forall x (x \text{ is an American bison} \rightarrow x \text{ is a quadruped})$

$\forall \text{ American bison } x (x \text{ is a quadruped})$



e.g. There is a rabbit that is a New England cottontail and enjoys grapes.

Predicates:

$\text{cottontail}(x)$: x is a New England cottontail

$\text{Grapes}(x)$: x enjoys grapes

a) $\exists \text{ rabbit } x (\text{Cottontail}(x) \wedge \text{Grapes}(x))$

b) $\exists \text{ a New England cottontail } x$
such that $\text{Grapes}(x)$

Notation:

Let $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ be predicates and suppose the common domain of x is D .

- $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$ means $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$
- $P(x) \Leftrightarrow Q(x)$ means $\forall x (P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x))$

e.g. let

$P(x)$ be " x is prime"

$Q(x)$ be " x is rational"

$R(x)$ be " x is irrational"

$S(x, y)$ be " x is the square root of y "

Suppose the domain of all variables is \mathbb{R}^+ .

Use \Rightarrow and \Leftrightarrow to indicate some true relationships.

e.g. ① x is irrational if and only if x is not rational.

$$R(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg Q(x)$$

② if x is prime, then x is rational.

$$P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$$

③ if x is prime and y is the square root of x ,
then y is irrational.

$$P(x) \wedge S(y, x) \Rightarrow R(y)$$

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Predicates & Quantifiers II

Theorem 3.2.1

Given set A and predicate $P(x)$

$$\neg \forall x \in A (P(x)) \equiv \exists x \in A (\neg P(x)).$$

note: The negation of a universal statement ("all are") is logically equivalent to an existential statement ("some are not" or "there is at least one that is not").

Theorem 3.2.2

Given set A and predicate $P(x)$

$$\neg \exists x \in A (P(x)) \equiv \forall x \in A (\neg P(x))$$

note: the negation of an existential statement ("some are") is logically equivalent to a universal statement ("none are" or "all are not").

Negation of a Universal Conditional Statement

$$\neg \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$$

$$\neg \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \neg \forall x (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

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

$$\equiv \exists x (\neg \neg P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$$

$$\equiv \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$$

e.g. Negate the following quantified statements.

① There exists a real number x such that $\sin(x) < -1$.

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R} (\sin(x) < -1) \text{ false}$$

$$\neg \exists x \in \mathbb{R} (\sin(x) < -1) \equiv \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (\sin(x) \geq -1) \text{ true}$$

② All real numbers are transcendental. **false**

There exists a real number that is not transcendental.

e.g. $x^2 - 2 = 0$

③ All rabbits are New England cottontails. **false**

There exists a rabbit that is not a
New England cottontail.



② $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} (x \text{ is transcendental})$

$$\neg \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (x \text{ is transcendental}) \equiv \exists x \in \mathbb{R} (x \text{ is not transcendental}) \\ \equiv \exists x \in \mathbb{R} (x \text{ is algebraic}).$$

- ③ i) There is a rabbit that is not a New England cottontail.
ii) Some rabbit is not a New England cottontail.

The Relation among $\forall, \exists, \wedge, \vee$

If $P(x)$ is a predicate and the domain of x is $A = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ then

$$\forall x \in A (P(x)) \equiv P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)$$

and

$$\exists x \in A (P(x)) \equiv P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n).$$

e.g. $A = \{0, 1\}$

a) Let $P(x)$ be $x \cdot x = x$.

$$\forall x \in A (P(x)) \equiv P(0) \wedge P(1) \quad \text{true}$$

$$P(0) : 0 \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \text{true}$$

$$P(1) : 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \quad \text{true}$$

b) Let $P(x)$ be $x + x = x$.

$$\exists x \in A (P(x)) \equiv P(0) \vee P(1) \quad \text{true}$$

$$P(0) : 0 + 0 = 0 \quad \text{true}$$

$$P(1) : 1 + 1 = 1 \quad \text{false}$$

If $P(x)$ above is true for some x together with a binary operation, then we say x is **idempotent**.

Vacuous Truth of Universal Statements

Let $P(x)$, $Q(x)$ be predicates with domain A .

A statement of the form

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

is called **vacuously true** or **true by default**

if and only if $P(x)$ is false for all x in A .

e.g. ① (integers)

let $P(n)$ be " $n+561 < 0$ " and

$Q(n)$ be " n is prime"; both with domain

\mathbb{Z}^+ . For any positive integer n , if $n+561 < 0$
then n is prime.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ (n+561 < 0 \rightarrow n \text{ is prime})$$

② (metric topology)

All points in the empty set \emptyset are interior points.