

Answers to Some Predicate Logic Formalisation Exercises from the Predicate Logic Notes

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Predicates to be used:

lecTheatre/1

same/2

office/1

phd/1

contains/2

supervises/2

lecturer/1

happy/1

has/2

completePhd/1

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1.

311 is a lecture theatre and 447 is an office.

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lecTheatre(311) ^ office(447)

2. Every lecture theatre contains a projector.

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$\forall x$ (Assignment Project Exam Help)

Every

Any

All

Everyone

....

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Map to \forall

Every lecture theatre contains a projector.

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$\forall X (\text{lecTheatre}(X) \rightarrow$
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$\text{contains}(X, \text{projector}))$
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Alternatively:

$\forall X (\text{lecTheatre}(X) \rightarrow$

$\exists Y (\text{projector}(Y) \wedge \text{contains}(X, Y)))$

A universally quantified wff is usually like this:

$\forall x ($  $)$ Assignment Project Exam Help

Or like this:

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That is their principle connective is

\rightarrow or \leftrightarrow .

3. Every office contains a telephone and either a desktop or a laptop computer.

Every office contains a telephone and either a desktop or a laptop computer.

$\forall X (\text{office}(X) \rightarrow \dots)$
... contains a telephone and either a desktop or a laptop computer.

$\forall X (\text{office}(X) \rightarrow (\dots \wedge \dots))$
 $\forall X (\text{office}(X) \rightarrow (\text{contains}(X, \text{telephone}) \wedge (\dots)))$

... either a desktop or a laptop computer.

$\forall X (\text{office}(X) \rightarrow (\text{contains}(X, \text{telephone}) \wedge (\dots \vee \dots)))$

$\forall X (\text{office}(X) \rightarrow (\text{contains}(X, \text{telephone}) \wedge$
 $(\text{contains}(X, \text{desktop}) \vee \text{contains}(X, \text{laptop}))))$

4. Every lecturer has at least one office.

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$\forall X (\text{lecturer}(X) \rightarrow \dots)$

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... has at least one office.

$\forall X (\text{lecturer}(X) \rightarrow \exists Y (\text{office}(Y) \wedge \text{has}(X, Y)))$

At least one

Some

One

....

map to \exists

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An existentially quantified wff is usually like this:

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$\exists x (\quad \vee \quad)$ WeChat: cstutorcs

That is their principle connective is

\wedge or \vee .

5. No lecturer has more than one office.

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Not any lecturer has more than one office.

(There does not exist a lecturer who has more than one office.)

$\neg \exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge L \text{ has more than one office})$

$\neg \exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge L \text{ has at least 2 offices that are not the same})$

$\neg \exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \text{there are at least 2 offices that } L \text{ has and are not the same})$

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$\neg \exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge$

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$\exists O1 \exists O2 (\text{office}(O1) \wedge \text{office}(O2) \wedge$

$\text{has}(L, O1) \wedge \text{has}(L, O2) \wedge$

$\neg \text{same}(O1, O2)))$

There are other ways of doing 5. For example:

$\forall L (\text{lecturer}(L) \rightarrow \neg (\exists O1 \exists O2 (\text{office}(O1) \wedge$
 $\text{office}(O2) \wedge \text{has}(L, O1) \wedge \text{has}(L, O2) \wedge$
 $\neg \text{same}(O1, O2)))$

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$\forall L \forall O1 \forall O2 (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \text{office}(O1) \wedge$
 $\text{office}(O2) \wedge \text{has}(L, O1) \wedge \text{has}(L, O2) \rightarrow$
 $\text{same}(O1, O2))$

6. No lecturers share offices with anyone.

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7. Some lecturers supervise PhD students and some do not.

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$(\exists L \dots) \wedge (\exists L \dots)$ or

$(\exists L1 \dots) \wedge (\exists L2 \dots)$

Some lecturers supervise PhD students and some do not.

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$(\exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \text{there is at least one PhD student that } L \text{ supervises})) \wedge$

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$(\exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \text{there is not at least one PhD student that } L \text{ supervises}))$

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$(\exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \exists S (\text{phd}(S) \wedge \text{supervises}(L, S)))) \wedge$

$(\exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \neg \exists S (\text{phd}(S) \wedge \text{supervises}(L, S))))$

$(\exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \exists S (\text{phd}(S) \wedge \text{supervises}(L,S)))) \wedge$
 $(\exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \neg \exists S (\text{phd}(S) \wedge \text{supervises}(L,S))))$

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Drop some unnecessary brackets:

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$\exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \exists S (\text{phd}(S) \wedge \text{supervises}(L,S))) \wedge$

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$\exists L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \neg \exists S (\text{phd}(S) \wedge \text{supervises}(L,S)))$

8. Each PhD student has an office, but all PhD students share their office with at least one other PhD student.

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9. A lecturer is happy **if** the PhD students he/she supervises successfully complete their PhD.

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 $\forall L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \text{his/her PhD students successfully complete} \rightarrow \text{happy}(L))$
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 $\forall L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \text{all his/her PhD students successfully complete} \rightarrow \text{happy}(L))$

$\forall L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge \forall S \text{ if } S \text{ is } L\text{'s PhD student then } S \text{ successfully completes} \rightarrow \text{happy}(L))$

$\forall L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge$

$\forall S$ *if S is L's PhD student then S successfully completes* $\rightarrow \text{happy}(L))$

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$\forall L (\text{lecturer}(L) \wedge$

$\forall S (\text{phd}(S) \wedge \text{supervises}(L,S) \rightarrow \text{completePhD}(S))$
 $\rightarrow \text{happy}(L))$

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10. Not all PhD students complete their PhD.

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