

# Lecture 3 (1.4-2.3)

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Consider: "Everyone in this room is right handed"

Which in symbols is  $\forall x \in S, P(x)$

$S$  = set of people in room

$P(x)$  is "x is right-handed"

The negation is "Someone in the room is not right-handed"  $\exists x \in S, \neg P(x)$

Thus,  $\neg(\forall x \in S, P(x)) = \exists x \in S, \neg P(x)$

Also since  $\neg(\neg P) = P$

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

Negation of  $x^2 - x \geq 0$  for all real numbers  $x$  (false) is

$x^2 - x < 0$  for some real numbers  $x$  (true)

$\neg(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})$