



Refreshment Quiz

Let $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, and $R(x)$ be the statements “ x is a professor,” “ x is ignorant,” and “ x is vain,” respectively. Express each of these statements using quantifiers; logical connectives; and $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, and $R(x)$, where the domain consists of **all people**.

- a) No professors are ignorant.
- b) All ignorant people are vain.
- c) No professors are vain.

Answer



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- a) $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x))$
 - b) $\forall x(Q(x) \rightarrow R(x))$
 - c) $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x))$



Refreshment Quiz

Let $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, $R(x)$, and $S(x)$ be the statements “ x is a baby,” “ x is logical,” “ x is able to manage a crocodile,” and “ x is despised,” respectively. Suppose that the domain consists of all people. Express each of these statements using quantifiers; logical connectives; and $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, $R(x)$, and $S(x)$.

- a) Babies are illogical.
- b) Nobody is despised who can manage a crocodile.
- c) Illogical persons are despised.
- d) Babies cannot manage crocodiles.

Answer



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- a) $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x))$
 - b) $\forall x(R(x) \rightarrow \neg S(x)) / \forall x(S(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x))$
 - c) $\forall x(\neg Q(x) \rightarrow S(x))$
 - d) $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x))$



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RULES OF INFERENCE

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Valid Arguments

An **argument** in propositional logic is a sequence of propositions.

All but the final proposition are called **premises**.

The final proposition is called **conclusion**.

An argument is **valid** if the truth of all premises implies that the conclusion is true.

- i.e. $(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n) \rightarrow q$ is a **tautology**.

Modus Ponens

Consider $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	$(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

p

$p \rightarrow q$

$\therefore q$



Modus Ponens Example

Assume you are given the following two statements:

- “you are in this class”
- “if you are in this class, you will get a grade”

Let p = “you are in this class”

Let q = “you will get a grade”

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ p \rightarrow q \\ \hline \therefore q \end{array}$$

By Modus Ponens, you can conclude that you will get a grade



Modus Tollens

Assume that we know: $\neg q$ and $p \rightarrow q$

- Recall that $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ (*contrapositive*)

Thus, we know $\neg q$ and $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

We can conclude $\neg p$

$$\neg q$$

$$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$$

$$\therefore \neg p$$



Modus Tollens Example

Assume you are given the following two statements:

- “you will not get a grade”
- “if you are in this class, you will get a grade”

Let p = “you are in this class”

Let q = “you will get a grade”

By Modus Tollens, you can conclude that you are not in this class

$$\neg q$$

$$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$$

$$\therefore \neg p$$



Addition & Simplification

Addition: If you know that p is true, then $p \vee q$ will ALWAYS be true

p

$\therefore p \vee q$

Simplification: If $p \wedge q$ is true, then p will ALWAYS be true

$p \wedge q$

$\therefore p$



Example

We have the hypotheses:

- “It is not sunny this afternoon and it is colder than yesterday”
- “We will go swimming only if it is sunny”
- “If we do not go swimming, then we will take a canoe trip”
- “If we take a canoe trip, then we will be home by sunset”

Does this imply that “we will be home by sunset”?

$((\neg p \wedge q) \wedge (r \rightarrow p) \wedge (\neg r \rightarrow s) \wedge (s \rightarrow t)) \rightarrow t ???$

- When
 - p = “It is sunny this afternoon”
 - q = “it is colder than yesterday”
 - r = “We will go swimming”
 - s = “we will take a canoe trip”
 - t = “we will be home by sunset”



Example

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|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | $\neg p \wedge q$ | 1 st hypothesis |
| 2. | $\neg p$ | Simplification using step 1 |
| 3. | $r \rightarrow p$ | 2 nd hypothesis |
| 4. | $\neg r$ | Modus tollens using steps 2 & 3 |
| 5. | $\neg r \rightarrow s$ | 3 rd hypothesis |
| 6. | s | Modus ponens using steps 4 & 5 |
| 7. | $s \rightarrow t$ | 4 th hypothesis |
| 8. | t | Modus ponens using steps 6 & 7 |

We showed that:

- $[(\neg p \wedge q) \wedge (r \rightarrow p) \wedge (\neg r \rightarrow s) \wedge (s \rightarrow t)] \rightarrow t$
- That when the 4th hypothesis is true, then the implication is true (the above is a tautology!)



More Rules of Inference

Conjunction: if p and q are true separately, then $p \wedge q$ is true

$$\begin{array}{c} p \\ q \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Disjunctive syllogism: If $p \vee q$ is true, and p is false, then q must be true

$$\begin{array}{c} \therefore p \wedge q \\ p \vee q \\ \neg p \\ \hline \therefore q \end{array}$$

Resolution: If $p \vee q$ is true, and $\neg p \vee r$ is true, then $q \vee r$ must be true

$$\begin{array}{c} p \vee q \\ \neg p \vee r \\ \hline \therefore q \vee r \end{array}$$

Hypothetical syllogism: If $p \rightarrow q$ is true, and $q \rightarrow r$ is true, then $p \rightarrow r$ must be true

$$\begin{array}{c} p \rightarrow q \\ q \rightarrow r \\ \hline \therefore p \rightarrow r \end{array}$$

Summary: Rules of Inference

Modus ponens	p $p \rightarrow q$ $\therefore q$	Modus tollens	$\neg q$ $p \rightarrow q$ $\therefore \neg p$
Hypothetical syllogism	$p \rightarrow q$ $q \rightarrow r$ $\therefore p \rightarrow r$	Disjunctive syllogism	$p \vee q$ $\neg p$ $\therefore q$
Addition	p $\therefore p \vee q$	Simplification	$p \wedge q$ $\therefore p$
Conjunction	p q $\therefore p \wedge q$	Resolution	$p \vee q$ $\neg p \vee r$ $\therefore q \vee r$

Proofing Example

“If it does not rain or if it is not foggy, then the sailing race will be held and the lifesaving demonstration will go on”

- $(\neg r \vee \neg f) \rightarrow (s \wedge d)$

“If the sailing race is held, then the trophy will be awarded”

- $s \rightarrow t$

“The trophy was not awarded”

- $\neg t$

Can you conclude: “It rained”?

- r



Proofing Example

1. $\neg t$ 3rd hypothesis
2. $s \rightarrow t$ 2nd hypothesis
3. $\neg s$ Modus tollens using steps 2 & 3
4. $(\neg r \vee \neg f) \rightarrow (s \wedge d)$ 1st hypothesis
5. $\neg(s \wedge d) \rightarrow \neg(\neg r \vee \neg f)$ Contrapositive of step 4
6. $(\neg s \vee \neg d) \rightarrow (r \wedge f)$ DeMorgan's law and double negation law
7. $\neg s \vee \neg d$ Addition from step 3
8. $r \wedge f$ Modus ponens using steps 6 & 7
9. r Simplification using step 8

Fallacy of Affirming the Conclusion

Consider the following:

$$\begin{array}{cc} q & q \\ \underline{p \rightarrow q} & \underline{\neg q \rightarrow \neg p} \\ \therefore p & \therefore p \end{array}$$

Is this true?

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	$(q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow p$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	T

Not a valid rule!



Fallacy Example 1

Assume you are given the following two statements:

- “you will get a grade”
- “if you are in this class, you will get a grade”

Let p = “you are in this class”

Let q = “you will get a grade”

$$\begin{array}{c} q \\ p \rightarrow q \\ \hline \therefore p \end{array}$$

You **CANNOT** conclude that you are in this class

- You could be getting a grade for another class

Fallacy of denying the hypothesis

Consider the following:

$$\neg p$$

$$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$$

Is this true?

$$\therefore \neg q$$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	$(\neg p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg q$
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	F
F	F	T	T	T

Not a valid rule!

Fallacy Example 2

Assume you are given the following two statements:

- “you are not in this class”
- “if you are in this class, you will get a grade”

Let p = “you are in this class”

Let q = “you will get a grade”

$$\neg p$$

$$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$$

$$\therefore \neg q$$

You **CANNOT** conclude that **you will not get a grade**

- You could be getting a grade for another class



Rules of Inference for Universal Quantifier

Assume that we know that $\forall x P(x)$ is true

- Then we can conclude that $P(c)$ is true
 - Here c stands for some **specific constant**
- This is called “**universal instantiation**”

Assume that we know that $P(c)$ is true for any value of c

- Then we can conclude that $\forall x P(x)$ is true
- This is called “**universal generalization**”

Rules of Inference for Existential Quantifier

Assume that we know that $\exists x P(x)$ is true

- Then we can conclude that $P(c)$ is true for some value of c
- This is called “**existential instantiation**”

Assume that we know that $P(c)$ is true for some value of c

- Then we can conclude that $\exists x P(x)$ is true
- This is called “**existential generalization**”

Proofing Example 1

Given the hypotheses:

- “Linda, a student in this class, owns a red convertible.”
- “Everybody who owns a red convertible has gotten at least one speeding ticket”

$C(\text{Linda})$

$R(\text{Linda})$

$\forall x (R(x) \rightarrow T(x))$

Can you conclude: “Somebody in this class has gotten a speeding ticket”?

$\exists x (C(x) \wedge T(x))$



Proofing Example 1

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| 1. | $\forall x (R(x) \rightarrow T(x))$ | 3 rd hypothesis |
| 2. | $R(\text{Linda}) \rightarrow T(\text{Linda})$ | Universal instantiation using step 1 |
| 3. | $R(\text{Linda})$ | 2 nd hypothesis |
| 4. | $T(\text{Linda})$ | Modes ponens using steps 2 & 3 |
| 5. | $C(\text{Linda})$ | 1 st hypothesis |
| 6. | $C(\text{Linda}) \wedge T(\text{Linda})$ | Conjunction using steps 4 & 5 |
| 7. | $\exists x (C(x) \wedge T(x))$ | Existential generalization using step 6 |

Thus, we have shown that “Somebody in this class has gotten a speeding ticket”



Proofing Example 2

Given the hypotheses:

- “There is someone in this class who has been to France”
- “Everyone who goes to France visits the Eiffel”

$$\exists x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$$

$$\forall x (F(x) \rightarrow E(x))$$

Can you conclude: “Someone in this class has visited the Eiffel”?

$$\exists x (C(x) \wedge E(x))$$



Proofing Example 2

1. $\exists x (C(x) \wedge F(x))$ 1st hypothesis
2. $C(y) \wedge F(y)$ Existential instantiation using step 1
3. $F(y)$ Simplification using step 2
4. $C(y)$ Simplification using step 2
5. $\forall x (F(x) \rightarrow E(x))$ 2nd hypothesis
6. $F(y) \rightarrow E(y)$ Universal instantiation using step 5
7. $E(y)$ Modus ponens using steps 3 & 6
8. $C(y) \wedge E(y)$ Conjunction using steps 4 & 7
9. $\exists x (C(x) \wedge E(x))$ Existential generalization using step 8

Thus, we have shown that “Someone in this class has visited the Eiffel”



Proofing Example 3

Show that these premises: “A student in this class has not read the book” and “Everyone in this class passed the first exam” have the conclusion: “Someone who passed the first exam has not read the book”

Let:

- $C(x)$: “x is in the class”
- $B(x)$: “x has read the book”
- $P(x)$: “x passed the first exam”

Premises:

- $\exists x (C(x) \wedge \neg B(x))$
- $\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow P(x))$

Conclusion: $\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg B(x))$



Proofing Example 3

1	$\exists x (C(x) \wedge \neg B(x))$	Premise 1
2	$C(a) \wedge \neg B(a)$	Existential instantiation from (1)
3	$C(a)$	Simplification from (2)
4	$\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow P(x))$	Premise 2
5	$C(a) \rightarrow P(a)$	Universal instantiation from (4)
6	$P(a)$	Modus ponens from (3) and (5)
7	$\neg B(a)$	Simplification from (2)
8	$P(a) \wedge \neg B(a)$	Conjunction from (6) and (7)
9	$\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg B(x))$	Existential generalization from (8)



Proofing Example 4

Explain which rules of inference are used for each step

“David, a student in this class, knows how to write programs in JAVA. Everyone who knows how to write programs in JAVA can get high-paying job. Therefore, someone in this class can get a high-paying job.”

Let:

- $C(x)$: “x is in the class”
- $J(x)$: “x knows how to write programs in JAVA”
- $H(x)$: “x can get high-paying job”

Premises:

- $C(\text{David}); J(\text{David}); \forall x (J(x) \rightarrow H(x))$

Conclusion: $\exists x (C(x) \wedge H(x))$



Proofing Example 4

1	$\forall x (J(x) \rightarrow H(x))$	Premise 3
2	$\forall x (J(\text{David}) \rightarrow H(\text{David}))$	Universal instantiation from (1)
3	$J(\text{David})$	Premise 2
4	$H(\text{David})$	Modus ponens from (2) and (3)
5	$C(\text{David})$	Premise 2
6	$C(\text{David}) \wedge H(\text{David})$	Conjunction from (4) and (5)
7	$\exists x (C(x) \wedge H(x))$	Simplification from (2)



Proofing Example 5

“Somebody in this class enjoy whale watching. Every person who enjoys whale watching cares about ocean pollution. Therefore, there is a person in this class who cares about ocean pollution.”

Let:

- $C(x)$: “x is in the class”
- $W(x)$: “x enjoys whale watching”
- $P(x)$: “x cares about ocean pollution”

Premises:

- $\exists x (C(x) \wedge W(x))$
- $\forall x (W(x) \rightarrow P(x))$
- Conclusion: $\exists x (C(x) \wedge P(x))$



Proofing Example 5

1	$\exists x (C(x) \wedge W(x))$	Premise 1
2	$(C(a) \wedge W(a))$	Existential instantiation from (1)
3	$W(a)$	Simplification from (2)
4	$\forall x (W(x) \rightarrow P(x))$	Premise 2
5	$W(a) \rightarrow P(a)$	Universal instantiation from (4)
6	$P(a)$	Modus Ponens from (3) and (5)
7	$C(a)$	Simplification from (2)
8	$(C(a) \wedge P(a))$	Conjunction from (6) and (7)
9	$\exists x (C(x) \wedge P(x))$	Existential generalization from (8)

How do you know which one to use?

Experience!

In general, use quantifiers with statements like “for all” or “there exists”