

# Multiple Quantifiers

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# Multiple quantifiers

- Let our domain be  $\mathcal{R}$
- $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$ 
  - “For all  $x$ , there exists a  $y$  such that  $P(x,y)$ ”
  - Example:  $\forall x \exists y x+y == 0$
- $\exists x \forall y P(x,y)$ 
  - There exists an  $x$  such that for all  $y$   $P(x,y)$  is true”
  - Example:  $\exists x \forall y x*y == 0$

# Order of quantifiers

- $\exists x \forall y$  and  $\forall x \exists y$  are not equivalent!
- $P(x,y) = (x+y == 0)$ 
  - $\exists x \forall y P(x,y)$  is false
  - $\forall x \exists y P(x,y)$  is true

# Binding variables

- Let  $P(x,y)$  be  $x > y$
- Consider:  $\forall x P(x,y)$ 
  - This is not a proposition!
  - What is  $y$ ?
    - If it's 5, then  $\forall x P(x,y)$  is false
    - If it's  $x-1$ , then  $\forall x P(x,y)$  is true
- $y$  is a free variable - not “bound” by a quantifier

# Binding variables 2

- $(\exists x P(x)) \vee Q(x)$ 
  - The  $x$  in  $Q(x)$  is not bound; thus not a proposition
- $(\exists x P(x)) \vee (\forall x Q(x))$ 
  - Both  $x$  values are bound; thus it is a proposition
- $(\exists x P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \vee (\forall y R(y))$ 
  - All variables are bound; thus it is a proposition
- $(\exists x P(x) \wedge Q(y)) \vee (\forall y R(y))$ 
  - The  $y$  in  $Q(y)$  is not bound; this not a proposition

# Translating between English and quantifiers

- The product of two negative integers is positive
  - $\forall x \forall y (x < 0) \wedge (y < 0) \rightarrow (xy > 0)$
- The average of two positive integers is positive
  - $\forall x \forall y (x > 0) \wedge (y > 0) \rightarrow ((x+y)/2 > 0)$
- The difference of two negative integers is not necessarily negative
  - $\exists x \exists y (x < 0) \wedge (y < 0) \wedge (x-y \geq 0)$
- The absolute value of the sum of two integers does not exceed the sum of the absolute values of these integers
  - $\forall x \forall y |x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$

# Translating between English and quantifiers

- $\exists x \forall y \ x+y = y$ 
  - There exists an additive identity for all real numbers
- $\forall x \forall y \ ((x \geq 0) \wedge (y < 0)) \rightarrow (x-y > 0)$ 
  - A non-negative number minus a negative number is greater than zero
- $\exists x \exists y \ ((x \leq 0) \wedge (y \leq 0)) \wedge (x-y > 0)$ 
  - The difference between two non-positive numbers is not necessarily non-positive (i.e. can be positive)
- $\forall x \forall y \ ((x \neq 0) \wedge (y \neq 0)) \leftrightarrow (xy \neq 0)$ 
  - The product of two numbers is non-zero if and only if both factors are non-zero

# Negating multiple quantifiers

- Recall negation rules for single quantifiers:
  - $\sim(\forall x P(x)) \equiv \exists x \sim P(x)$
  - $\sim(\exists x P(x)) \equiv \forall x \sim P(x)$
  - Essentially, you change the quantifiers, and negate what it's quantifying
- Examples:
  - $\sim(\forall x \exists y P(x,y))$ 
    - $\equiv \exists x \sim(\exists y P(x,y))$
    - $\equiv \exists x \forall y \sim P(x,y)$
  - $\sim(\forall x \exists y \forall z P(x,y,z))$ 
    - $\equiv \exists x \sim(\exists y \forall z P(x,y,z))$
    - $\equiv \exists x \forall y \sim(\forall z P(x,y,z))$
    - $\equiv \exists x \forall y \exists z \sim P(x,y,z)$



# Negating multiple quantifiers 2

- Consider  $\sim(\forall x \exists y P(x,y)) \equiv \exists x \forall y \sim P(x,y)$ 
  - The left side is saying “for all x, there exists a y such that P is true”
  - To disprove it (negate it), you need to show that “there exists an x such that for all y, P is false”
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# Negation examples

- Rewrite these statements so that the negations only appear within the predicates

a)  $\sim(\exists y \exists x P(x,y))$

1.  $\forall y \sim(\exists x P(x,y))$

2.  $\forall y \forall x \sim P(x,y)$

b)  $\sim(\forall x \exists y P(x,y))$

1.  $\exists x \sim(\exists y P(x,y))$

2.  $\exists x \forall y \sim P(x,y)$

c)  $\sim(\exists y Q(y) \wedge \forall x \sim R(x,y))$

1.  $\forall y \sim(Q(y) \wedge \forall x \sim R(x,y))$

2.  $\forall y \sim Q(y) \vee \sim(\forall x \sim R(x,y))$

3.  $\forall y \sim Q(y) \vee \exists x R(x,y)$

# Negation examples

- Negate the following:

a)  $\forall x \exists y \forall z T(x,y,z)$

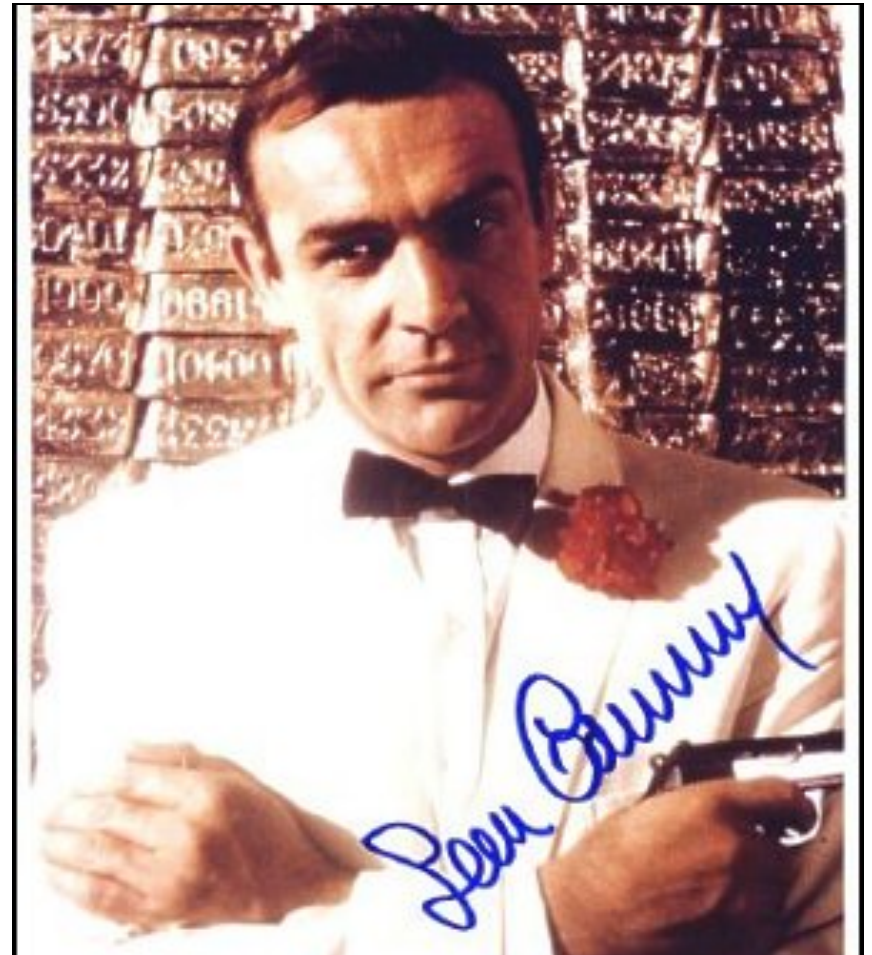
1.  $\sim(\forall x \exists y \forall z T(x,y,z))$
2.  $\exists x \sim(\exists y \forall z T(x,y,z))$
3.  $\exists x \forall y \sim(\forall z T(x,y,z))$
4.  $\exists x \forall y \exists z \sim T(x,y,z)$

b)  $\forall x \exists y P(x,y) \vee \forall x \exists y Q(x,y)$

1.  $\sim(\forall x \exists y P(x,y) \vee \forall x \exists y Q(x,y))$
2.  $\sim(\forall x \exists y P(x,y)) \wedge \sim(\forall x \exists y Q(x,y))$
3.  $\exists x \sim(\exists y P(x,y)) \wedge \exists x \sim(\exists y Q(x,y))$
4.  $\exists x \forall y \sim P(x,y) \wedge \exists x \forall y \sim Q(x,y)$

# Negation

- There is a secret agent who appeals to all women
- Negation?
- For every secret agent there is a woman he doesn't appeal to.
- Common mistake: There is a secret agent who doesn't appeal to all women



# Prolog

- A programming language using logic!
- Entering facts (propositions):  
    instructor(xu, cs231).  
    enrolled(alice, cs231).  
    enrolled(bob, cs231).  
    enrolled(claire, cs231).
- Extracting data  
    ?- enrolled (alice, cs231).  
    Result:  
    yes

# Prolog 2

- Extracting data

`?- enrolled(X, cs231).`

Result:

`alice`

`bob`

`claire`

- Entering predicates:

`teaches(P,S) :- instructor(P,C), enrolled(S,C).`

- Extracting data

`?- teaches(X, alice).`

Result:

`Xu`

# Arguments with Quantified Statements

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# Vacuous Truth

- Presently, all men on the moon are happy.
- $\forall x \text{ OnTheMoon}(x) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)$
- There is no man on the moon presently.
- $\forall x \text{ OnTheMoonPresently}(x) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)$
- The statement is vacuously true.
- Presently, all men on the moon are dinosaurs.



# Universal Instantiation

- $\forall x \in D, P(x)$
- $x_0 \in D$
- $P(x_0)$
- Example:
- All men are mortal.
- Socrates is a man.
- Socrates is mortal.

# Existential Generalization

- $P(x_0)$
- $x_0 \in D$
- $\exists x \in D, P(x)$

# Universal Modus Ponens

$$\begin{array}{ll} p & P(a) \\ \hline p \rightarrow q & \forall x, P(x) \rightarrow Q(x) \\ \hline \therefore q & \therefore Q(a) \end{array}$$

# Universal Modus Tollens

$$\begin{array}{ll} \sim q & \sim Q(a) \\ \hline p \rightarrow q & \hline \hline \therefore \sim p & \therefore \sim P(a) \end{array}$$

# Universal Transitivity

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

$$\forall x, Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)$$

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$$\therefore \forall x, P(x) \rightarrow R(x)$$

# Example of proof

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

$C(\text{Linda})$   
 $R(\text{Linda})$

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

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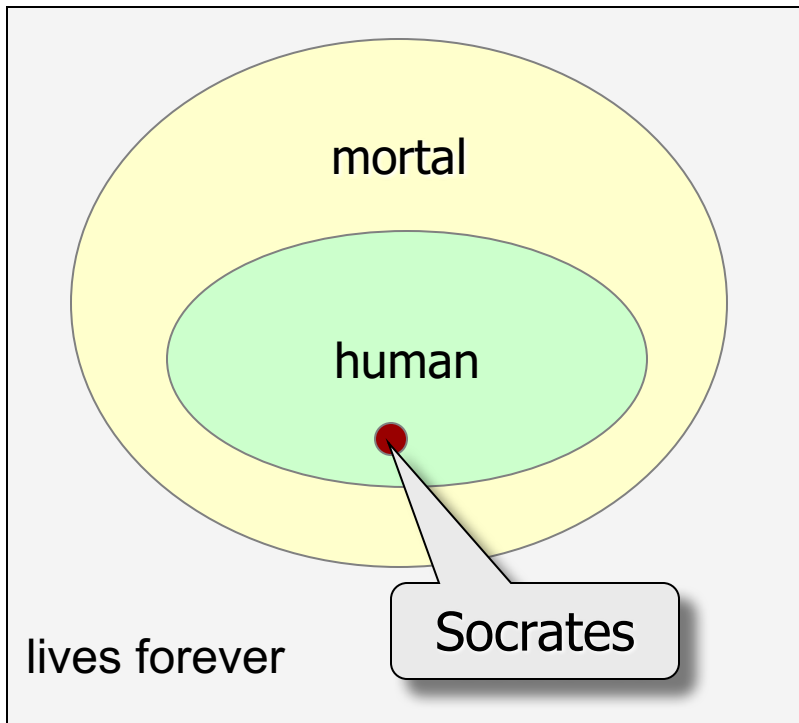
$\exists x (C(x) \wedge T(x))$

# Example of proof

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|----|---|---|
| 1. | $\forall x (R(x) \rightarrow T(x))$           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> hypothesis              |
| 2. | $R(\text{Linda}) \rightarrow T(\text{Linda})$ | Universal instantiation using step 1    |
| 3. | $R(\text{Linda})$                             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> hypothesis              |
| 4. | $T(\text{Linda})$                             | Modes ponens using steps 2 & 3          |
| 5. | $C(\text{Linda})$                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> 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”

# Diagrams for Validity

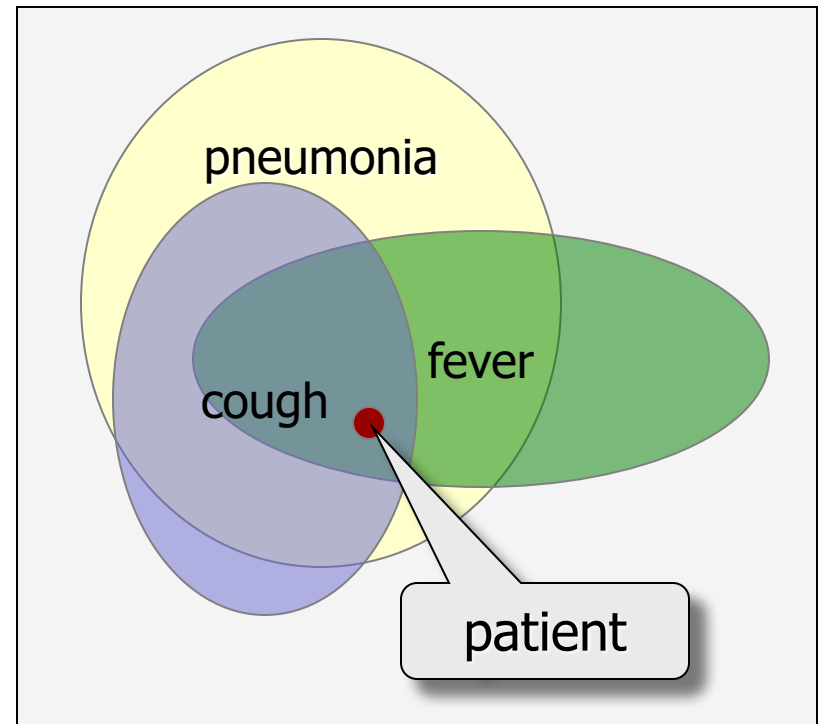


- To check the validity of an argument
- NOT a proof!



# Abduction

- A form of logical inference that goes from observation to a hypothesis that accounts for the reliable data
- The lawn is wet → It rained last night



# Common Errors

- Converse error

$$Q(a)$$

$$\frac{\forall x, P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)}{\therefore P(a)}$$

- Inverse error

$$\sim P(a)$$

$$\frac{\forall x, P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)}{\therefore \sim Q(a)}$$

# Example

- Anyone who grows a money tree is rich
  - Bill Gates is rich
  - Bill Gates grows a money tree
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- Bill Gates does not grow a money tree
  - Bill Gates is not rich

- Every Great American City Has At Least One College. Worcester Has Ten.  
— Highway billboard in Worcester, MA