



# QUANTIFIERS

## WHAT IS THAT?



- A quantifier is an expression that indicates the scope of a term to which it is attached.
  - all cars are red
  - some cars are green
- Quantifiers connect properties of elements to properties of sets.

## UNIVERSAL QUANTIFICATION: $\forall$

| Employee | Gender | Salary |
|----------|--------|--------|
| Al       | male   | 60,000 |
| Betty    | female | 500    |
| Carlos   | male   | 40,000 |
| Doug     | male   | 30,000 |
| Ellen    | female | 50,000 |
| Flo      | female | 20,000 |

- Every employee makes less than \$70,000
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- All employees make less than \$70,000.
- Employees make less than \$70,000

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- All female employees earn less than \$65,000. (T or F?)
- Every employee earning less than \$55,000 is female. (T or F?)
- Male employees earn less than \$55,000. (T or F?)

## PROVE / DISPROVE UNIVERSAL QUANTIFICATION

Every  $P$  is a  $Q$

- To prove, verify that every element of the domain is an example that satisfies the quantification.
- To disprove, give a single counter-example that does not satisfy the quantification

## EXISTENTIAL QUANTIFICATION: $\exists$

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- Some employee earns over \$57,000.
- There is an employee who earns over \$57,000.

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- Some employee earns over \$80,000. (T or F?)
- There exists a male employee who earns less than \$27,000. (T or F?)
- At least one female employee earns over \$42,000. (T or F?)

## PROVE / DISPROVE EXISTENTIAL QUANTIFICATION

Some  $P$  is a  $Q$

- To prove, give a single example that satisfies the quantification.
- To disprove, verify that every element of the domain is a counter-example that does not satisfy the quantification.

**Prove/disprove with  
“no”, “one”, “example”, “counter-example”**

|                               | <b>Universal</b>    | <b>Existential</b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Verify<br/>(prove)</b>     | no counter-example  | one example        |
| <b>Falsify<br/>(disprove)</b> | one counter-example | no example         |

**“Duality”, “anti-symmetric”**

**Sentences & Statements**

# Sentence and Statement

The employee earns less than \$55,000.

**This is a sentence.**

Every employee earns less than \$55,000.

**This is a statement.**

## Sentence vs Statement

- A **statement** is always a **sentence**.
- A **sentence** is **NOT** always a **statement**.
- A **statement** is a **sentence** that is NOT "open".
- The object in an **open sentence** is **unspecified (unquantified)**, thus the sentence cannot be evaluated.
- The object in a **statement** is **quantified**, thus a **statement** can be evaluated **true** or **false**.

# Predicate

## Predicates

**$L$** : the employees who earn less than \$55,000.

To say: employee  **$x$**  earns less than \$55,000.

We can write:  **$x \in L$**

**$x$  is in the set  $L$**

or we can write:  **$L(x)$**

**$x$  has property  $L$**

**$L(x)$  is a boolean function returning True or False  
(whether  $x$  earns less than \$55,000)**

**$L(x)$  is called a predicate.**

## Predicates

$L(x) : x$  earns less than \$55,000

$L(\text{Carlos})$  Carlos earns less than \$55,000.

$\neg L(\text{Carlos})$

Carlos earns no less than \$55,000

“ $\neg$ ” means “not”: negation

## Predicates

$F(x) : x$  is a female employee

$F(\text{Ellen})$  Ellen is a female employee.

$\neg F(\text{Carlos})$

Carlos is not a female employee



# Predicates

$L(x)$  without specifying  $x$  is an open sentence.

Turn it into a **statement** by **universally** quantifying it.

**For each** employee, the employee earns less than \$55,000.

$\forall$  employee  $x$ :  $x$  earns less than \$55,000.

$\forall x \in E: L(x)$

# Predicates

Similarly, turn it into a **statement** by **existentially** quantifying it.

**There exists** an employee, the employee earns less than \$55,000.

$\exists$  employee  $x$ :  $x$  earns less than \$55,000.

$\exists x \in E: L(x)$

# Implication

## Implication

If an employee is male, **then** he makes less than \$55,000.

**If P then Q.**



**Antecedent  
(Assumption)**

**Consequent  
(Conclusion)**

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

*“P implies Q”*

## Verify / falsify implication

If an employee is male, **then** he makes less than \$55,000.

$$\forall x \in M: L(x)$$

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**Same as verifying / falsifying a universal quantification.**

## Converse of implication

**$E$** : set of all employees

**$F(x)$** :  $x$  is female

**$L(x)$** :  $x$  earns less than \$55,000

Original:  $\forall x \in E: F(x) \Rightarrow L(x)$

Converse:  $\forall x \in E: L(x) \Rightarrow F(x)$

**What's the relation between the two?**

## Contrapositive

**$E$** : set of all employees

**$F(x)$** :  $x$  is female

**$L(x)$** :  $x$  earns less than \$55,000

Original:  $\forall x \in E: F(x) \Rightarrow L(x)$

Contrapositive:  $\forall x \in E: \neg L(x) \Rightarrow \neg F(x)$

**What's the relation between these two?**