

# MATHEMATICAL FOUNDATION FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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# **RULES OF INTERFERENCE FOR QUANTIFIED STATEMENT**

# 1. UNIVERSAL INSTANTIATION:

➤  $P(c)$  is true , Where  $c$  is a particular member of the Domain,  
given the Premise  $\forall_x [p(x)]$

$$\frac{\forall_x [p(x)]}{\therefore p(c)}$$

**Example:** We can conclude from the statement “All women are wise” that “Lisa is wise” where Lisa is a member of the domain of all women.

## 2. UNIVERSAL GENERALIZATION:

- $\forall_x [p(x)]$  is True, given the premise that  $P(c)$  is True for all elements  $c$  in the domain.

$$\frac{p(c) \text{ for an arbitrary } c}{\therefore \forall_x [p(x)]}$$

**Example:** The Domain consist of the dogs Fido, Ruby, Laika

“Fido is cute, Ruby is cute, Laika is cute”.

Therefore, all dogs in the domain are cute.

# 3. EXISTENTIAL INSTANTIATION :

- There is an element  $c$  in the domain for which  $P(c)$  is true if we know that  $\exists x P(x)$  is true.
- We cannot select an arbitrary value of  $c$  here, but rather it must be a  $c$  for which  $P(c)$  is true. Usually we have no knowledge of what  $c$  is, only that it exists.

$$\frac{\exists x [p(x)]}{\therefore p(c) \text{ } c}$$

for some element

**Example:** “There is someone who got an A in the course.”

“Let’s call her  $c$  and say that  $c$  got an A”

# 4. EXISTENTIAL GENERALIZATION :

- That is, if we know one element  $c$  in the domain for which  $P(c)$  is true, then we know that  $\exists_x P(x)$  is true.

$p(c)$  for some element  $c$

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$\therefore \exists_x [p(x)]$

**Example:** “Michelle got an A in the class.”

“Therefore, there is someone who got an A in the class.”

Q.1) “All King are men”

“All men are mortal”

∴ “All Kings are mortal”

Solution:

Defining variables:

$K(x)$ : “x is king”

$M(x)$ : “x is man”

$M_0(x)$ : “x is mortal”

Hypothesis: i)  $\forall_x [K(x) \rightarrow M(x)]$

ii)  $\forall_x [M(x) \rightarrow M_0(x)]$

Conclusion: ∴  $\forall_x [K(x) \rightarrow M_0(x)]$

STEPS	REASONS
1. $\forall_x [K(x) \rightarrow M(x)]$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
2. $K(c) \rightarrow M(c)$	UNIVERSAL INSTANTIATION ON 1
3. $\forall_x [M(x) \rightarrow M_0(x)]$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
4. $M(c) \rightarrow M_0(c)$	UNIVERSAL INSTANTIATION ON 3
5. $K(c) \rightarrow M_0(c)$	HYPOTHETICAL SYLLOGISM ON 2 & 4
6. $\forall_x [K(x) \rightarrow M_0(x)]$	UNIVERSAL GENERALIZATION ON 5

Q.2) Show that the premises “Everyone in this discrete mathematics class has taken a course in computer science” and “Sita is a student in this class” imply the conclusion “Marla has taken a course in computer science.”

Solution:

Defining variables:

$D(x)$ : “ $x$  is in this discrete mathematics class”

$C(x)$ : “ $x$  has taken a course in computer science.”

Hypothesis: i)  $\forall x[D(x) \rightarrow C(x)]$   
ii)  $D(\text{sita})$

Conclusion:  $\therefore C(\text{sita})$

STEPS	REASONS
1. $\forall x[D(x) \rightarrow C(x)]$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
2. $D(\text{sita}) \rightarrow C(\text{sita})$	UNIVERSAL INSTANTIATION ON 1
3. $D(\text{sita})$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
4. $C(\text{sita})$	MODUS PONENS ON 2 & 3



**Q.3)** Show that the premises “A student in this class has not read the book,” and “Everyone in this class passed the first exam” imply the conclusion “Someone who passed the first exam has not read the book.”

Solution:

Defining variables:

$C(x)$ : “x is in this class”

$B(x)$ : “x has read the book”

$P(x)$ : “x passed the first exam”

Hypothesis: i)  $\exists x[C(x) \wedge \neg B(x)]$

ii)  $\forall x[C(x) \rightarrow P(x)]$

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

STEPS	REASONS
1. $\exists x[C(x) \wedge \neg B(x)]$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
2. $C(a) \wedge \neg B(a)$	EXISTENTIAL INSTANTIATION ON 1
3. $C(a)$	SIMPLIFICATION ON 2
4. $\forall x[C(x) \rightarrow P(x)]$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
5. $C(a) \rightarrow P(a)$	UNIVERSAL INSTANTIATION FROM (4)
6. $P(a)$	MODUS PONENS FROM (3) AND (5)
7. $\neg B(a)$	SIMPLIFICATION ON 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)

**Q.4)** Show that the premises “All rock music is loud”, “Some rock music exist”, imply the conclusion “Some Loud music exists”

Solution:

Defining variables:

$R(x)$ : “ $x$  is in rock music”

$L(x)$ : “ $x$  is loud music”

Hypothesis: i)  $\forall x[R(x) \rightarrow L(x)]$

ii)  $\exists x[R(x)]$

Conclusion:  $\therefore \exists x[L(x)]$

STEPS	REASONS
1. $\forall x[R(x) \rightarrow L(x)]$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
2. $R(c) \rightarrow L(c)$	UNIVERSAL INSTANTIATION ON 1
3. $\exists x[R(x)]$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
4. $R(c)$	EXISTENTIAL INSTANTIATION ON 3
5. $L(c)$	MODUS PONENS FROM (2) AND (4)
6. $\exists x[L(x)]$	EXISTENTIAL GENERALIZATION FROM (5)

**Q.4)** Show that the premises “Every computer science student works harder than somebody”, “Everyone who works harder than any other person gets less sleep than that person”, “Maria is a computer science student” Implies the conclusion “Maria gets less sleep than someone else”

Solution:

Defining variables:

$C(x)$  : “ $x$  is Computer science student”

$W(x, y)$  : “ $x$  works harder than  $y$ ”

$S(x, y)$  : “ $x$  gets less sleep than  $y$ ”

$C(m)$  : “Maria is a computer science student”

Hypothesis:

- i)  $\forall x \exists y [C(x) \rightarrow W(x, y)]$
- ii)  $[\forall x \exists y W(x, y)] \rightarrow S(x, y)$
- iii)  $C(m)$

Conclusion:  $\therefore \exists y [S(m, y)]$

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- i)  $\forall x \exists y [C(x) \rightarrow W(x, y)]$
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- iii)  $C(m)$

Conclusion:

$$\therefore \exists y [S(m, y)]$$

STEPS	REASONS
1. $\forall x \exists y [C(x) \rightarrow W(x, y)]$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
2. $\exists y [C(m) \rightarrow W(m, y)]$	UNIVERSAL INSTANTIATION ON 1
3. $C(m) \rightarrow W(m, c)$	EXISTENTIAL INSTANTIATION ON 2
4. $[\forall x \exists y W(x, y)] \rightarrow S(x, y)$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
5. $[\exists y W(m, y)] \rightarrow S(m, y)$	UNIVERSAL INSTANTIATION ON 4
6. $W(m, c) \rightarrow S(m, c)$	EXISTENTIAL INSTANTIATION ON 5
7. $C(m) \rightarrow S(m, c)$	FROM 3 AND 6
8. $C(m)$	GIVEN HYPOTHESIS
9. $S(m, c)$	MODUS TOLLENS ON 7 AND 8
10. $\exists y [S(m, y)]$	EXISTENTIAL GENERALIZATION FROM 9

Students who pass the course either do the homework or attend lecture;” “Bob did not attend every lecture;” “Bob passed the course.” Therefore “ Bob must have done the homework.”