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PREDICATE LOGIC

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LIMITATION OF PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC:

Consider the following :

p: "All men are mortal"

q: "Ram is man"

r: \therefore "Ram is mortal"

- No rule of propositional logic will allow us to conclude the truth of 'r'.
- Therefore, We need more powerful type of logic called First order Logic or PREDICATE LOGIC.
- To understand predicate Logic we need to understand:
 - a) Subject
 - b) Predicates
 - c) Quantifiers
 - d) Domain(Universe of Discourse)

Consider an statement:



- Subject: "The **subject** is what (or whom) the sentence is about"
- Predicate: "**Predicate** refers to a property that the subject of a statement can have"

Consider an statement:

“X is greater than 3” ($x > 3$)

Subject: Variable “x”

Predicate: Greater than 3

We can denote “ $x > 3$ ” as: $P(x)$

The statement $P(x)$ becomes a proposition once the value has been assigned to the subject.

Example:

$P(5)$: “5 is greater than 3” (TRUE)

$P(2)$: “2 is greater than 3” (FALSE)

Q.1) Let $Q(x)$ denotes the statement :“The word “x” contains the letter ‘a’ ”
What are the Truth value of $Q(\text{ankit})$, $Q(\text{Logic})$, $Q(\text{nothing})$?

Solution

$Q(x)$:“The word “x” contains the letter ‘a’ ”

$Q(\text{ankit})$:“”The word “ankit” contains the letter ‘a’ “ (TRUE)

$Q(\text{Logic})$:“”The word “Logic” contains the letter ‘a’ “ (FALSE)

$Q(\text{nothing})$:“”The word “nothing” contains the letter ‘a’ “ (FALSE)

Q.2) Let $C(x, y)$ denotes the statement:“x is the capital of y”

What are the truth value of $C(\text{Kathmandu, Nepal})$, $C(\text{Texas, America})$?

Solution

$C(x, y)$:“x is the capital of y”

$C(\text{Kathmandu, Nepal})$:“Kathmandu is capital of Nepal” (TRUE)

$C(\text{Texas, America})$: “Texas is capital of America” (FALSE)

Consider The Following:

$P(x)$: "x is greater than 10"

Domain: All positive natural numbers.

Can we say the above statement is true for all values of x?

=No, because for $x=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10$ above statement becomes FALSE.

So, We can say above statement as : **For some x, P(x) is TRUE.**

Consider The following:

$Q(x)$: " $x < x+1$ "

Domain : All positive natural numbers.

Can we say that $Q(x)$ is TRUE For all values of x within our domain?

=Yes

So, we can say above statement as: **For all x, Q(x) is TRUE.**

→ QUANTIFIERS

In **predicate logic**, **predicates** are used alongside **quantifiers** to express the extent to which a **predicate** is true over a range of elements. Using **quantifiers** to create such propositions is called quantification.

1. UNIVERSAL QUANTIFICATION(\forall):

“Every cat drinks milk”

Above statement is Equivalent to:

X_1 Drinks milk.

\wedge

X_2 Drinks milk.

\wedge

X_3 Drinks milk.



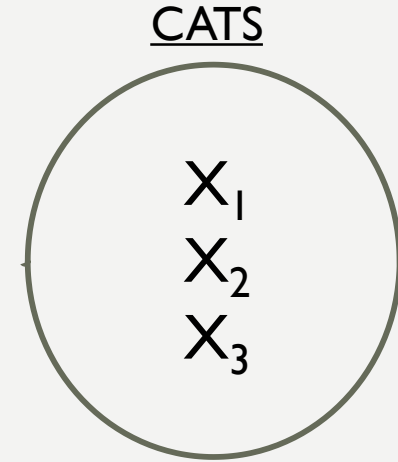
Milk(X_1)

\wedge

Milk(X_2)

\wedge

Milk(X_3)



Domain(Universe of Discourse)

$\forall_x \text{Milk}(X)$

=For all X , Milk(X)

or

=For ever X , Milk(X)

1. UNIVERSAL QUANTIFICATION(\forall):

The Universal Quantification of $P(x)$ is:

“ $P(x)$ for all value of x in the Domain”

$$= \forall_x P(x)$$

We can also read $\forall_x P(x)$ as:

“For all $P(x)$ ” or “for every x , $P(x)$ ”

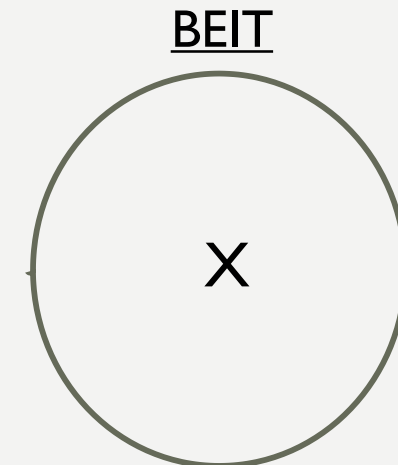
Example:

Q.1) “All student of BEIT takes course on Discrete Mathematics”

let,

$D(x)$: “ x takes course on Discrete Mathematics”

$$= \forall_x D(x)$$



Domain(Universe of Discourse)

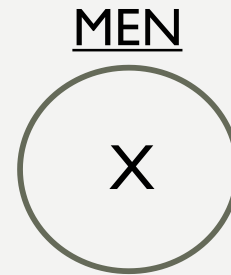
1. UNIVERSAL QUANTIFICATION(\forall):

Example:

Q.2) “Every men are Mortal”

let,

$M(x)$: “x is mortal”
 $= \forall_x M(x)$



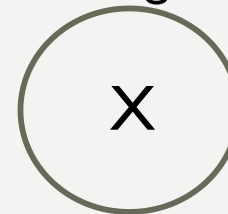
Domain(Universe of Discourse)

Q.3) “ $x+1 > x$ ”

let,

$P(x)$: “ $x+1 > x$ ”
 $= \forall_x P(x)$

+ve integers



Domain(Universe of Discourse)

1. UNIVERSAL QUANTIFICATION(\forall):

Q.4) Let $Q(x)$ be the statement “ $x < 5$ ”. What is the truth value of Quantification, $\forall_x Q(x)$, where domain of discourse is all real numbers.

Solution

$Q(x)$ is not True for every real number.

for instance,

$Q(6) = “6 < 5”$ is FALSE.

Thus , $\forall_x Q(x)$ is FALSE.

COUNTER EXAMPLE: An Element for which $P(x)$ is False is called Counter Example of $\forall_x P(x)$.

Q.5) What is the truth value of $\forall_x P(x)$, where $P(x)$ is the statement “ $x^2 < 10$ ” and the domain consists of the positive integers not exceeding 4.

Solution: The statement $\forall_x P(x)$ is the same as the conjunction

$P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4)$, because the domain consists of the integers 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Because $P(4)$, which is the statement “ $4^2 < 10$,” is false, it follows that $\forall_x P(x)$ is false.

2. EXISTENTIAL QUANTIFICATION(\exists):

“some lion drinks milk”

Above statement is Equivalent to:

X_1 Drinks milk.

\vee

X_2 Drinks milk.

\vee

X_3 Drinks milk.



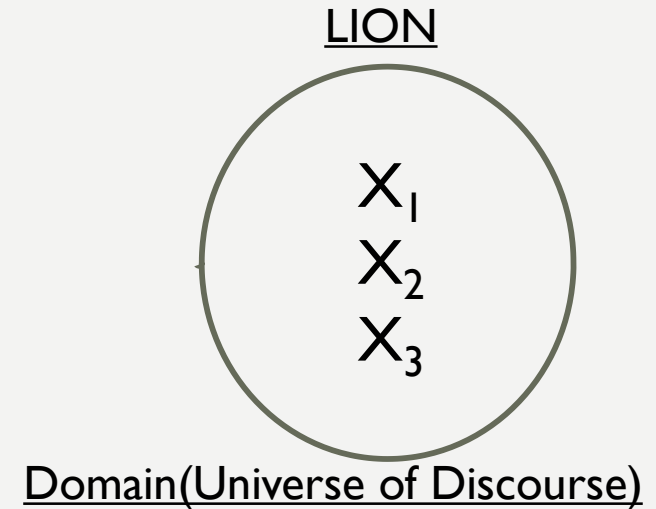
Milk(X_1)

\vee

Milk(X_2)

\vee

Milk(X_3)



$\exists_x \text{Milk}(X)$

=There exist an x in the domain such that Milk(X)

=There is at least one x such that Milk(x)

=for some x , Milk(x)

2. EXISTENTIAL QUANTIFICATION(\exists):

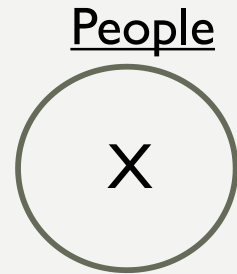
Example:

Q.1) “Some people are Bad”

let,

$B(x)$: “x is Bad”

$= \exists_x B(x)$



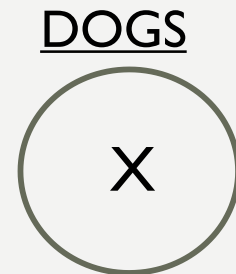
Domain(Universe of Discourse)

Q.2) “Some dogs are big”

let,

$D(x)$: “x is Big”

$= \exists_x D(x)$



Domain(Universe of Discourse)

2. EXISTENTIAL QUANTIFICATION(\exists):

Q.1) Let $P(x)$ denote the statement “ $x > 3$.” What is the truth value of the quantification $\exists_x P(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers.

Solution:

Because “ $x > 3$ ” is sometimes true—for instance, when $x = 4$ —the existential quantification of $P(x)$, which is $\exists_x P(x)$, is true.

Q.2) What is the truth value of $\exists_x P(x)$, where $P(x)$ is the statement “ $x^2 > 10$ ” and the universe of discourse consists of the positive integers not exceeding 4?

Solution:

Because the domain is $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, the proposition $\exists_x P(x)$ is the same as the disjunction $P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4)$. Because $P(4)$, which is the statement “ $4^2 > 10$,” is true, it follows that $\exists_x P(x)$ is true.

Statement	When True?	When False?
$\forall_x P(x)$	$P(x)$ is true for every x .	There is an x for which $P(x)$ is false
$\exists_x P(x)$	There is an x for which $P(x)$ is true	$P(x)$ is false for every x .

FREE & BOUND VARIABLES:

- When the variable is assigned a value or it is quantified it is called bound variable. If the variable is not bounded then it is called free variable.
- An occurrence of a variable that is not bound by a quantifier or set equal to a particular value is said to be free.
- Example:
 1. $P(x, y)$ has two free variables x and y .
 2. $P(2, y)$ has one bound variable 2 and one free variable y .
 3. $\forall x P(x)$ has a bound variable x .
 4. $\forall x P(x, y)$ has one bound variable x and one free variable y .
- Expression with no free variable is a proposition.
- Expression with at least one free variable is a predicate only.

NEGATING QUANTIFICATIONS:

I. Negating Universal Quantification:

$$\neg[\forall x P(x)]$$

- a) Negate the Proposition Function $[\neg P(x)]$
- b) Change to Existential Quantification

$$\neg[\forall x P(x)] = \exists x \neg[P(x)]$$

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De-Morgan's Law For
Quantifiers

Negate The Following :

1. **“Every student in BEIT has Taken Data mining”** [Domain:All BEIT student]

Solution

let, $p(x)$: “x has taken Data Mining”

$$= \forall_x P(x)$$

Negation:

$$= \neg[\forall_x P(x)]$$

$$= \exists_x \neg[P(x)]$$

“There is a student in BEIT who has not taken Data Mining”

2. **“There is a student in class who has long hair”** [Domain:All BEIT student]

Solution

let, $p(x)$: “x has long hair”

$$= \exists_x P(x)$$

Negation:

$$= \neg[\exists_x P(x)]$$

$$= \forall_x \neg[P(x)]$$

“All student in the class do not have long hair”

3. What are the negations of the statements:

a) $\forall_x (x^2 > x)$

Solution:

The negation of $\forall_x (x^2 > x)$ is,

$\neg \forall_x (x^2 > x)$, which is equivalent to
 $\exists_x \neg (x^2 > x)$.

This can be rewritten as $\exists_x (x^2 \leq x)$.

b) $\exists_x (x^2 = 2)$

Solution:

The negation of $\exists_x (x^2 = 2)$ is,

$\neg \exists_x (x^2 = 2)$, which is equivalent to
 $\forall_x \neg (x^2 = 2)$.

This can be rewritten as $\forall_x (x^2 \neq 2)$.

TRANSLATING FROM ENGLISH:

I. Express the statement “*Every student in BEIT class has studied calculus*” using predicates and quantifiers.

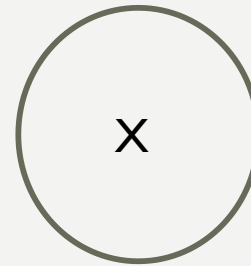
Solution:

First, we introduce a variable x so that our statement becomes “*For every student x in BEIT, x has studied calculus.*”

Now, let $C(x)$: “ *x has studied calculus.*”

Domain: BEIT

$$= \forall_x C(x)$$



DOMAIN: BEIT students

Domain: All people

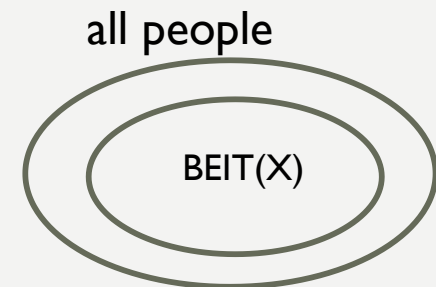
Our statement becomes:

“*For every person x , if person x is a student in BEIT, then x has studied calculus.*”

Now, let $S(x)$: “ *x is a student in BEIT.*”

$C(x)$: “ *x has studied calculus*”

$$= \forall_x [S(x) \rightarrow C(x)]$$



TRANSLATING FROM ENGLISH:

Domain: All people

Our statement becomes:

“For every person x , if person x is a student in BEIT, then x has studied calculus.”

Now, let $S(x)$: *“ x is a student in BEIT”*

$C(x)$: *“ x has studied calculus”*

$$= \forall x [S(x) \rightarrow C(x)]$$



$Q(x, \text{Calculus})$: *“Student x has studied Calculus”*

$$= \forall x [S(x) \rightarrow Q(x, \text{Calculus})]$$

[**Caution!** Our statement cannot be expressed as $\forall x [S(x) \wedge C(x)]$ because this statement says that all people are students in this class and have studied calculus!]

TRANSLATING FROM ENGLISH:

2. Express the statement “Some student in this class has visited Jhapa” using predicates and quantifiers.

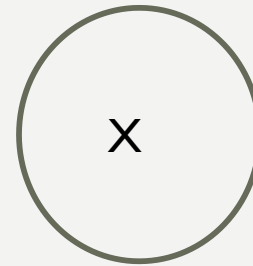
Solution:

First, we introduce a variable x so that our statement becomes “There is a student x in this class that has visited Jhapa”

Now, let $p(x)$: “ x has visited Jhapa”

Domain: BEIT

$$= \exists x p(x)$$



DOMAIN: BEIT students

Domain: All people

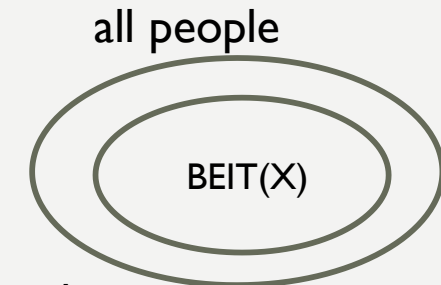
Our statement becomes:

“There is a person x , if person x is in this class, then x has studied calculus.”

Now, let $S(x)$: “ x is a student in BEIT.”

$p(x)$: “ x has visited Jhapa”

$$= \exists x [S(x) \wedge p(x)]$$



Caution! Our statement cannot be expressed as $\exists x (S(x) \rightarrow M(x))$, which is true when there is someone not in the class because, in that case, for such a person x , $S(x) \rightarrow M(x)$ becomes either $F \rightarrow T$ or $F \rightarrow F$, both of which are true.

TRANSLATING FROM ENGLISH:

3. Express the statement “*Every Student in this class has visited Jhapa or Kathmandu*” using predicates and quantifiers.

Solution:

Now, let $k(x)$: “*x has visited Kathmandu*”

$j(x)$: “*x has visited Jhapa*”

Domain: BEIT

$$= \forall_x [k(x) \vee j(x)]$$

Domain: All people

Our statement becomes:

“*for all person x, if person x is in this class, then x has visited Jhapa or Kathmandu.*”

Now, let $S(x)$: “*x is a student in BEIT*.”

$k(x)$: “*x has visited Kathmandu*”

$j(x)$: “*x has visited Jhapa*”

$$= \forall_x [S(x) \rightarrow (k(x) \vee j(x))]$$

TRANSLATING FROM ENGLISH:

Consider these statement:

- *No professor are ignorant*
- *All ignorant people are vain*
- *Some professor are ignorant*

Let , $P(x)$: *x is a Professor* , $I(x)$: *x is ignorant* , $V(x)$: *x is vain*

Express above statement using quantifiers where domain consist of all people

a) No professor are ignorant

$$\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow \neg q(x)]$$

b) All ignorant people are vain

$$\forall x [q(x) \rightarrow r(x)]$$

c) Some professor are ignorant

$$\exists x [p(x) \wedge q(x)]$$

TRANSLATING FROM ENGLISH:

Q. Let $P(x)$ be the statement “ x can speak Russian”

$Q(x)$ be the statement “ x knows the computer language C++.”

Express each of these sentences in terms of $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, quantifiers, and logical connectives. The domain for quantifiers consists of all students at your school.

a) There is a student at your school who can speak Russian and who knows C++.

$$= \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)).$$

a) There is a student at your school who can speak Russian but who doesn't know C++.

$$= \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$$

a) Every student at your school either can speak Russian or knows C++.

$$= \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

a) No student at your school can speak Russian or knows C++.

$$= \forall x [\neg P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x)]$$

TRANSLATING FROM ENGLISH:

1. No one is sleeping.

Negation of above: There is some who is sleeping

$$= \exists_x [\text{Person}(x) \wedge \text{sleeping}(x)]$$

Now, negate the predicate:

$$= \neg \exists_x [\text{Person}(x) \wedge \text{sleeping}(x)]$$

2. Not everyone is sleeping.

Negation of above: Everyone is sleeping.

$$= \forall_x [\text{Person}(x) \rightarrow \text{Sleeping}(x)]$$

Now, negate the predicate:

$$= \neg \forall_x [\text{Person}(x) \rightarrow \text{Sleeping}(x)]$$

3. No one in this class is wearing glass and a cap.

Negation of above statement: There is some one in this class who is wearing glass and a cap.

$$= \exists_x [\text{Glass}(x) \wedge \text{Cap}(x)]$$

Now, negate the predicate:

$$= \neg \exists_x [\text{Glass}(x) \wedge \text{Cap}(x)]$$