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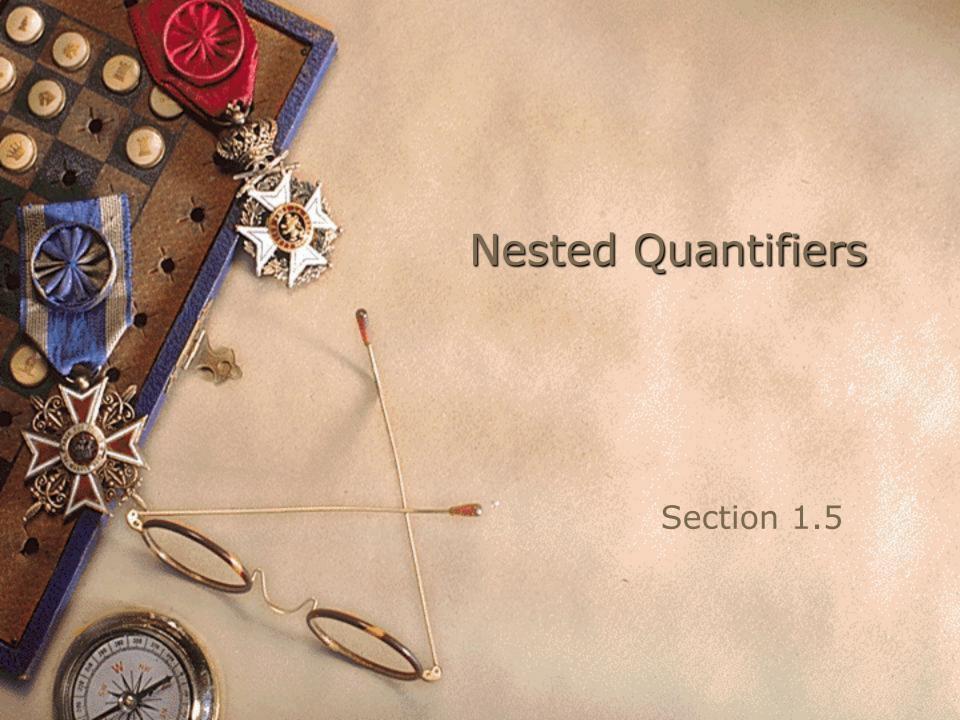
The Foundations: Logic and Proofs

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Section Summary

- Nested Quantifiers
- Order of Quantifiers
- Translating from Nested Quantifiers into English
- Translating Mathematical Statements into Statements involving Nested Quantifiers.
- Translated English Sentences into Logical Expressions.
- Negating Nested Quantifiers.

Nested Quantifiers

• "Every real number has an inverse" is

$$\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0)$$

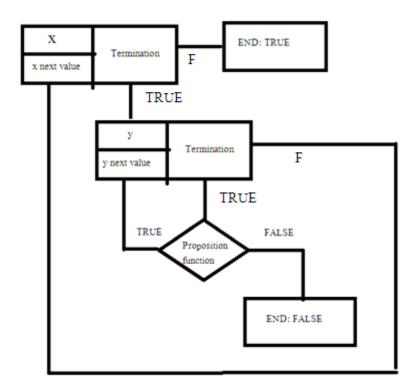
where the domains of x and y are the real numbers.

We can also think of nested propositional functions:

$$\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0)$$
 can be viewed as $\forall x Q(x)$
where $Q(x)$ is $\exists y P(x, y)$
where $P(x, y)$ is $(x + y = 0)$

Thinking of Nested Quantification

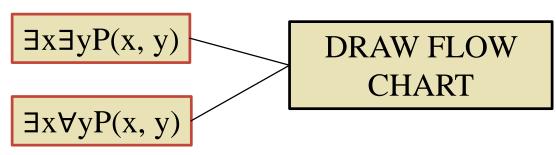
- Nested Loops
 - To see if $\forall x \forall y P$ (x,y) is true, loop through the values of x:
 - At each step, loop through the values for *y*.
 - If for some pair of x and y, P(x,y) is false, then $\forall x \ \forall y P(x,y)$ is false and both the outer and inner loop terminate. Flag:=0
 - If Flag = 1
 - $\forall x \forall y P(x,y)$ is true.



Thinking of Nested Quantification

- Nested Loops
 - To see if $\forall x \exists y P(x,y)$ is true, loop through the values of x:
 - At each step, loop through the values for y.
 - The inner loop ends when a pair x and y is found such that P(x, y) is true.
 - If no y is found such that P(x, y) is true the outer loop terminates as $\forall x \exists y P(x,y)$ has been shown to be false.

 $\forall x \exists y P(x,y)$ is true if the outer loop ends after stepping through each x.



Order of Quantifiers

Examples:

- 1. Let P(x,y) be the statement "x + y = y + x." Assume that U is the real numbers.
 - Then $\forall x \forall y P(x,y)$ and $\forall y \forall x P(x,y)$ have the same truth value.
- 2. Let Q(x,y) be the statement "x + y = 0." Assume that U is the real numbers.
 - Then $\forall x \exists y Q(x,y)$ is true, but $\exists y \forall x Q(x,y)$ is false.

Draw Flow Chart or Program

Questions on Order of Quantifiers

Example 2: Let U be the real numbers,

Define P(x,y): x/y=1

What is the truth value of the following:

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

Answer: False

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

Answer: False

3. $\exists x \forall y P(x,y)$

Answer: False

4. $\exists x \exists y P(x,y)$

Answer: True

Quantifications of Two Variables

TABLE 1 Quantifications of Two Variables.		
Statement	When True?	When False?
$\forall x \forall y P(x, y) \forall y \forall x P(x, y)$	P(x, y) is true for every pair x, y .	There is a pair x , y for which $P(x, y)$ is false.
$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$	For every x there is a y for which $P(x, y)$ is true.	There is an x such that $P(x, y)$ is false for every y .
$\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$	There is an x for which $P(x, y)$ is true for every y .	For every x there is a y for which $P(x, y)$ is false.
$\exists x \exists y P(x, y) \exists y \exists x P(x, y)$	There is a pair x , y for which $P(x, y)$ is true.	P(x, y) is false for every pair x, y .

Translating Nested Quantifiers into English

Example 1: Translate the statement

$$\forall x \ (C(x) \lor \exists y \ (C(y) \land F(x,y)))$$

- C(x) is "x has a computer,"
- F(x,y) is "x and y are friends,"
- The domain for both *x* and *y* consists of all students in your school.

Solution: Every student in your school has a computer or has a friend who has a computer.

Example 2: Translate the statement

$$\exists x \, \forall y \, \forall z \, ((F(x, y) \land F(x, z) \land (y \neq z)) \rightarrow \neg F(y, z))$$

Solution: There is a student none of whose friends are also friends with each other.

Translating Mathematical Statements into Predicate Logic

Example: Translate "The sum of two positive integers is always positive" into a logical expression.

Solution:

•Rewrite the statement to make the implied quantifiers and domains explicit:

"For every two integers, if these integers are both positive, then the sum of these integers is positive."

- ■Introduce the variables x and y, and specify the domain, to obtain: "For all positive integers x and y, x + y is positive."
- ■The result is:

$$\forall x \ \forall \ y \ ((x > 0) \land (y > 0) \longrightarrow (x + y > 0))$$

where the domain of both variables consists of all integers

Translating English into Logical Expressions Example

Example: Use quantifiers to express the statement "There is **a woman** who has taken **a flight** on **every airline** in the world."

Solution:

- 1. Let P(w,f) be "w has taken f" and Q(f,a) be "f is a flight on a."
- 2. The **domain** of *w* is all women, the **domain** of *f* is all flights, and the **domain** of *a* is all airlines.
- 3. Then the statement can be expressed as:

$$\exists_{w} \forall_{a} \exists_{f} (P(w,f) \land Q(f,a))$$

Negating Nested Quantifiers

Example 1: Recall the logical expression developed three slides back:

$$\exists w \, \forall a \, \exists f \, (P(w,f) \land Q(f,a))$$

Part 1: Use quantifiers to express the statement that "There does not exist a woman who has taken a flight on every airline in the world."

Solution: $\neg \exists w \forall a \exists f (P(w,f) \land Q(f,a))$

Part 2: Now use De Morgan's Laws to move the negation as far inwards as possible.

Solution:

 $\neg \exists w \forall a \exists f \ (P(w,f) \land Q(f,a))$ $\forall w \neg \forall a \exists f \ (P(w,f) \land Q(f,a))$ by De Morgan's for $\exists \forall w \exists a \neg \exists f \ (P(w,f) \land Q(f,a))$ by De Morgan's for $\forall \forall w \exists a \forall f \neg (P(w,f) \land Q(f,a))$ by De Morgan's for $\exists \forall w \exists a \forall f \neg (P(w,f) \lor \neg Q(f,a))$ by De Morgan's for \land .

Part 3: Can you translate the result back into English?

Solution:

"For every woman there is an airline such that for all flights, this woman has not taken that flight or that flight is not on this airline"

Query???



$$\sqrt{1+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3+\sqrt{4....}}}}$$

$$\exists_{x \in \Re} \exists_{y \in \Re} (x = y) = ?$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x = ?$$

$$\forall_{\mathbf{x}}(\Re/\mathbf{x}) = ?$$



$$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} = ?$$

$$\exists_{x \in \Re} \exists_{y \in \Re} (x = y) = ?$$

$$\sqrt{1+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3+\sqrt{4....}}}} = ?$$
 $1-1+1-1+1....=?$

$$1-1+1-1+1$$
....=

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\mathbf{r}} = ?$$