

1 Nested Quantifiers

Let the domain be all real numbers:

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

This is the same as:

$$\forall x q(x) \text{ where } q(x) \text{ is } \exists y p(x, y) \text{ and } p(x, y) \text{ is } x + y = 0$$

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

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z (x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z)$$

$$\forall x \forall y ((x > 0) \wedge (y < 0) \rightarrow (xy < 0))$$

2 Quantification as Loop

1. $\forall x \forall y p(x, y) \rightarrow$ For every x, for every y

While looping through x, each x loops through y

If $p(x, y)$ is true for all x and y, then the statement is true.

However, if x for $p(x, y)$ is false, then the statement is false.

2. $\forall x \exists y p(x, y) \rightarrow$ For every x, y exists

Loop through x until a y makes $p(x, y)$ true.

If for every x there is a y that makes $p(x, y)$ true, then the statement is true.

However, if some x's doesn't have a y that makes $p(x, y)$ true, then the statement is false.

3. $\exists x \forall y p(x, y) \rightarrow$ There exists an x, for every y

Loop through x until there is an x for which $p(x, y)$ is always true when we loop through all values for y.

It is true if there is an x that meets this criteria. False if there is no x.

4. $\exists x \exists y p(x, y) \rightarrow$ For an x that exists, y exists

Loop through x for where each x, loop through y until there is an x where y makes $p(x, y)$ is true.

This is false if there is no x with a y that makes $p(x, y)$ true.

3 Order of Quantification

Let $p(x,y)$ be " $x + y = y + x$ " and the domain is all real numbers.

Is the statement " $\forall x \forall y p(x, y) \equiv \forall y \forall x p(x, y)$ " true?

$\forall x \forall y p(x, y) \rightarrow$ For all real numbers of x , for all real numbers of y , $x + y = y + x$.

Since $p(x,y)$ is true for all numbers x and y , $\forall x \forall y p(x, y)$ is true.

$\forall y \forall x p(x, y) \rightarrow$ For all real numbers of y , for all real numbers of x , $x + y = y + x$.

This has the same meaning as the statement above, therefore the statements are equivalent.

4 Translating Mathematical Statements

The sum of two positive integers is always positive.

Translating this would be:

$\forall x \forall y ((x > 0 \wedge y > 0) \rightarrow (x + y > 0))$ and the domain is all integers for both variables.

$\forall x \forall y (x + y > 0) \rightarrow$ For every x that is a positive integer, adding x to every y that is a positive integer will always be greater than 0.

5 Translating Statements into English

$$\forall x (c(x) \vee \exists y (c(y) \wedge f(x, y)))$$

1. $c(x)$ = " x has a computer", $f(x,y)$ = " x and y are friends", domain = all students at the school
2. For every x student in the school, x student has a computer or there exists y student with a computer and is friends with x student.

6 Negating Nested Quantifiers

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg \forall x \exists y (xy = 1) \\ \equiv & \exists x \neg \exists y (xy = 1) \\ \equiv & \exists x \forall y \neg (xy = 1) \\ \equiv & \exists x \forall y (xy \neq 1) \end{aligned}$$