

1 Predicate Logic

Predicates are statements involving variables ($x > 3$, "Student x is eating lunch.")

$x > 3$

x is considered the subject of the statement.

x , or the Predicate, is greater than 3 (of a property.)

$p(x)$ can be called the value of the propositional function p at x .

Once the value is assigned to x , $p(x)$ becomes a proposition and has a truth value.

$p(x)$ for $x > 3$

$p(4)$: sets $x = 4$. $4 > 3$, which is true.

$p(2)$: sets $x = 2$. $2 > 3$, which is false.

2 N-ary Predicate

It is a statement with n variables.

$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, which is the value of the propositional function p at the n th tuple.

3 Quantifiers

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There are two types:

1. Universal $\forall x p(x)$: A predicate is true for every element under consideration.

$p(x)$ for all values of x in the domain, for all x $p(x)$, or for every x $p(x)$

This statement is false if and only if $p(x)$ is not always true. The element that makes $p(x)$ false is a counterexample.

2. Existential $\exists x p(x)$: A predicate is true for there is one or more elements under consideration.

There exists an element x in the domain such that $p(x) = \text{true}$. Also can be "for some, for at least one, there exists, there is."

There is an x such that $p(x)$, there is at least one x such that $p(x)$, for some x $p(x)$