

Quantificational Logic

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2.1. Quantifiers

1. Analyse the logical forms of these statements.

(a) Anyone who has forgiven at least one person is a saint.

$\forall x(\exists y \textit{Forgives}(x, y) \Rightarrow \textit{Saint}(x))$

(b) Nobody in the calculus class is smarter than everybody in the discrete maths class.

$\neg \exists x \in \textit{calculusclass}(\forall y \in \textit{discretemathsclass}, \textit{smarter}(x, y))$

(c) Everyone likes Mary, except Mary herself.

$\forall x, x \neq \textit{Mary} \Rightarrow \textit{likes}(x, \textit{Mary})$

(d) Jane saw a police officer, and Roger saw one too.

$\exists a, b \in \{\textit{Police}\} \wedge \textit{saw}(\textit{Jane}, a) \wedge \textit{saw}(\textit{Roger}, b)$

(e) Jane saw a police officer, and Roger saw him too.

$\exists p \in \{\textit{Police}\} \wedge \textit{saw}(\textit{Jane}, p) \wedge \textit{saw}(\textit{Roger}, p)$

4. Translate the following statements into idiomatic English.

(a) $\forall x[(H(x) \wedge \neg \exists M(x, y)) \Rightarrow U(x)]$

All unmarried men are unhappy.

(b) $\exists z(P(z, x) \wedge S(z, y) \wedge W(y))$

There is a parent who has a sister.

7. Are these statements true or false? The universe of discourse is \mathbb{N} .

(a) $\forall x \exists y(2x - y = 0)$ True

(b) $\exists y \forall x(2x - y = 0)$ False, because there is no one number which can be subtracted from 2 times all natural numbers to equal zero.

(c) $\forall x \exists y(x - 2y = 0)$ False, because the statement fails for $x = 1$

(d) $\forall x(x < 10 \Rightarrow \forall y(y < x \Rightarrow y < 9))$ True

(e) $\exists y \exists z(y + z = 100)$ True (e.g. $y = 1$ and $z = 99$)

(f) $\forall x \exists y(y > x \wedge \exists z(y + z = 100))$ False, because it is untrue for all cases where $x \geq 99$.

Equivalences Involving Quantifiers

1. Negate these statements and then reexpress the results as equivalent positive statements.

(a) Everyone who is majoring in maths has a friend who needs help with his homework.

$$\neg \forall x (M(x) \wedge F(x, y) \Rightarrow H(y))$$

$$\exists x (M(x) \wedge F(x, y) \Rightarrow \neg H(y))$$

(b) Everyone has a roommate who dislikes everyone.

$$\neg \forall x (R(x, y) \wedge \forall (x) D(y, x))$$

$$\exists x (R(x, y) \wedge \exists x \neg D(y, x))$$

(c) $A \cup B \subseteq C \setminus D$

$$\exists x (x \in A \vee x \in B) \wedge (x \notin C \vee x \in D)$$

(d) $\exists x \forall y [y > x \Rightarrow \exists z (z^2 + 5z = y)]$

$$\neg \exists x \forall y [y > x \Rightarrow \exists z (z^2 + 5z = y)]$$

$$\forall x \forall y [y > x \Rightarrow \neg \exists z (z^2 + 5z = y)]$$