

# Important notions

Predicate is a statement or function that can be true or false depending on the values of its variables

- ▲ Predicates that describe properties of objects
  - ▲ Odd(3) means 3 is an odd number; Odd is a predicate, 3 is an object
  - ▲ Equal(5,6) means 5 and 6 are equal; Equal is a predicate, 5,6
- ▲ Predicates take arguments and become propositions
- ▲ The connectives for propositional logic apply the same way
  - ▲ Odd (3)  $\wedge$  Prime (3), which means 3 is odd and 3 is prime, true.
  - ▲ Even (4)  $\rightarrow$  Prime (4), which means 4 is even then 4 is prime, false.
- ▲ Quantifiers make reasoning on multiple objects
- ▲ The objects for the quantified statements are chosen from a Domain

## Quantifiers allow us to reason about multiple objects

- ▲ Existential quantifier, denoted by  $\exists$ 
  - ▲  $\exists x$  "some formula"
  - ▲ Means for some  $x$ , the statement "some formula" is true.
  - ▲ Example:  $\exists x$  Odd( $x$ ) it means some numbers are odd
  - ▲  $\exists x$  Prime( $x$ ) it means there exists at least one number that is prime
  - ▲ NOTE, it is **enough** to find one element to make the formula true

## *Quantifiers* allow us to reason about multiple objects

- Universal quantifier, denoted by  $\forall$ 
  - $\forall x$  "some formula"
  - Means for **ALL  $x$** , the statement "some formula" is true
  - Example:  $\forall x$  (Odd( $x$ )  $\vee$  Even( $x$ )) – it means all numbers are either odd or even
  - $\forall x$  ( $x < x+1$ ) – it means all numbers increase when you add 1
  - NOTE, it is **NOT enough** to find some elements that make the formula true

# Universal Quantifier

- “All Ps are Qs” translates as  $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$
- A counter-example proves that a universally quantified statement is false
- Example:  $\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow \text{Odd}(x))$ , which means all prime numbers are odd
- Let  $x$  be 2. But 2 is prime and not odd, so the statement is false
- $\forall x (\text{Multiple4}(x) \rightarrow \text{Multiple2}(x))$ , which means all multiples of 4 are multiples of 2. True.
- “No Ps are Qs” Translates as  $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x))$
- If we find one P that is Q then we prove that the statement above is false
- Example:  $\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{Square}(x))$ , which means no prime number is square number. True.
- $\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{Even}(x))$ , which means no prime number is even. False.

# Existential Quantifier

- “Some Ps are Qs” translates as  $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$
- Existentially quantified statements are true if an evidence example exists
- Example:  $\exists x (\text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Even}(x))$  – some prime numbers are even, true
- Example:  $\exists x (\text{Professor}(x) \wedge \text{Under2}(x))$  – some professors are under 2. Not true!
- “Some Ps are not Qs” translates as  $\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$
- Example:  $\exists x (\text{Prime}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Even}(x))$  – some prime numbers are not even. True

# Quantifiers to connectives

- $\exists x, P(x)$  and domain is  $D = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  means

$$P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \cdots \vee P(x_n)$$

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$$P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(x_n)$$

# De Morgan's Law

- $\exists x, P(x)$  and domain is  $D = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  means

$$P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n)$$

$$\bullet \neg \exists x, P(x) \equiv \neg((P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n))$$

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$$\equiv \forall x, \neg P(x)$$

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$$\equiv \exists x, \neg P(x)$$

## Negate the following

$$\bullet \forall x(p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$$

$$\bullet \neg \forall x(p(x) \rightarrow q(x)) \equiv \exists x \neg(p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$$

$$\equiv \exists x \neg(\neg p(x) \vee q(x))$$

$$\equiv \exists x (\neg \neg p(x) \wedge \neg q(x))$$

De Morgan's Law

$$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

