

Discrete Mathematics (2009 Spring)

Foundations of Logic (§1.1-§1.4, 4 hours)

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Foundations of Logic

- Mathematical Logic is a tool for working with complicated compound statements. It includes:
 - A language for expressing them.
 - A concise notation for writing them.
 - A methodology for objectively reasoning about their truth or falsity.
 - It is the foundation for expressing formal proofs in all branches of mathematics.

Overview

- Propositional logic (§1.1-§1.2):
 - Basic definitions (§1.1)
 - Equivalence rules & derivations (§1.2)
- Predicate logic (§1.3-§1.4)
 - Predicates
 - Quantified predicate expressions
 - Equivalences & derivations

§1.1 Propositional Logic

Definition of a Proposition

Definition

A proposition (p, q, r, \dots) is a declarative sentence with a definite meaning, having a truth value that's either true (T) or false (F) (**never** both, neither, or somewhere in between).

- However, you might not know the actual truth value, and it might be situation-dependent.

Examples of Propositions

Example

The following statements are propositions:

- “It is raining.” (In a given situation.)
- “Washington D.C. is the capital of China.”
- “ $1 + 2 = 3$ ”

But, the followings are **NOT** propositions:

- “Who’s there?” (interrogative, question)
- “La la la la la.” (meaningless interjection)
- “Just do it!” (imperative, command)
- “ $1 + 2$ ” (expression with a non-true/false value)

Propositional Logic

- Propositional Logic is the logic of compound statements built from simpler statements using so-called Boolean connectives.
- Some applications in computer science:
 - Design of digital electronic circuits.
 - Expressing conditions in programs.
 - Queries to databases & search engines.

Operators / Connectives

- An operator or connective combines one or more operand expressions into a larger expression (e.g., “+” in numeric exprs).
- Unary operators take 1 operand (e.g., -3); binary operators take 2 operands (e.g., 3×4).
- Propositional or Boolean operators operate on propositions or truth values instead of on numbers.

Some Popular Boolean Operators

Formal Name	Nickname	Arity	Symbol
Negation operator	NOT	Unary	\neg
Conjunction operator	AND	Binary	\wedge
Disjunction operator	OR	Binary	\vee
Exclusive-OR operator	XOR	Binary	\oplus
Implication operator	IMPLIES	Binary	\longrightarrow
Biconditional operator	IFF	Binary	\longleftrightarrow

The Negation Operator

- The unary negation operator " \neg " (NOT) transforms a prop. into its logical negation.
 - For example, if $p =$ "I have brown hair.", then $\neg p =$ "I do **not** have brown hair."
- Truth table for NOT:

$T \equiv$ True; $F \equiv$ False

" \equiv " means "is defined as"

Operand column	Result column
p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

The Conjunction Operator

- The binary conjunction operator “ \wedge ” (AND) combines two propositions to form their logical conjunction.

Example

p = “I will have salad for lunch.”

q = “I will have steak for dinner.”

$p \wedge q$ = “I will have salad for lunch **and** I will have steak for dinner.”

Remember: “ \wedge ” points up like an “A”, and it means “AND”

Conjunction Truth Table

- Note that a conjunction $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n$ of n propositions will have 2^n rows in its truth table.
- \neg and \wedge operations together are sufficient to express any Boolean truth table with only 1 True value.

Operand columns

p	q	$p \wedge q$
F	F	F
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

The Disjunction Operator

- The binary disjunction operator “ \vee ” (OR) combines two propositions to form their logical disjunction.

Example

p = “My car has a bad engine.”

q = “My car has a bad carburetor.”

$p \vee q$ = “Either my car has a bad engine, **or** my car has a bad carburetor.”

Meaning is like “and/or” in English.

Disjunction Truth Table

- Note that $p \vee q$ means that p is true, or q is true, **or both** are true!
- So, this operation is also called inclusive or, because it **includes** the possibility that both p and q are true.
- \neg and \vee operations together are sufficient to express any Boolean truth table with only 1 False value.

p	q	$p \vee q$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	T

Note difference from AND

Precedence of Logical Operators

- Use parentheses to group sub-expressions, for example “I just saw my old *friend*, and either he’s *grown* or I’ve *shrunk*.” = $f \wedge (g \vee s)$.
 - $(f \wedge g) \vee s$ would mean something different.
 - $f \wedge g \vee s$ would be ambiguous.
- By convention, “ \neg ” takes precedence over both “ \wedge ” and “ \vee ”.
 - $\neg s \wedge f$ means $(\neg s) \wedge f$, **not** $\neg(s \wedge f)$.

A Simple Exercise

- Let $p =$ “It rained last night.” , $q =$ “The sprinklers came on last night.” , and $r =$ “The lawn was wet this morning.”
- Translate each of the following into English:
 - $\neg p$
 - “It didn’t rain lastnight.”
 - $r \wedge \neg p$
 - $\neg r \vee p \vee q$

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 - $\neg r \vee p \vee q$
 - “Either the lawn wasn’t wet this morning, or it rained lastnight, or thes prinklers came on lastnight.”

The Exclusive OR Operator

- The binary exclusive-or operator “ \oplus ” (XOR) combines two propositions to form their logical “exclusive or” (exjunction?).
 - p = “I will earn an A in this course,”
 - q = “I will drop this course,”
 - $p \oplus q$ = “I will either earn an A for this course, or I will drop it (but not both!)”

Exclusive-OR Truth Table

- Note that $p \oplus q$ means that p is true, or q is true, but **not both!**
- This operation is called exclusive or, because it **excludes** the possibility that both p and q are true.
- “ \neg ” and “ \oplus ” together are **not** universal.

p	q	$p \oplus q$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	F

Note difference from OR.

Natural Language is Ambiguous

- Note that English “or” can be ambiguous regarding the “**both**” case!
 - “Pat is a singer or Pat is a writer.” - \vee
 - “Pat is a man or Pat is a woman.” - \oplus
- Need context to disambiguate the meaning!
- For this class, assume “or” means inclusive.

p	q	p “or” q
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	?

The Implication Operator

- The implication statement " p implies q " is denoted by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{antecedent} & & \text{consequent} \\ \underbrace{} & \rightarrow & \underbrace{} \\ p & \rightarrow & q \end{array}$$

- In other words, if p is true, then q is true; but if p is not true, then q could be either true or false.

Example

Let p = "You study hard." and q = "You will get a good grade."
Then, $p \rightarrow q$ = "If you study hard, then you will get a good grade." (else, it could go either way)

Implication Truth Table

- $p \rightarrow q$ is **false** only when p is true but q is **not** true.
- $p \rightarrow q$ does **not** say that p causes q !
- $p \rightarrow q$ does **not** require that p or q are ever true! e.g.
“(1=0) \rightarrow pigs can fly” is TRUE!

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	
F	F	T	
F	T	T	} The <u>only</u> False case!
T	F	F	
T	T	T	

Examples of Implications

- “If this lecture ends, then the sun will rise tomorrow.” True or False?
 - True
- “If Tuesday is a day of the week, then I am a penguin.” True or False?
- “If $1+1=6$, then Bush is president.” True or False?
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 - True

Why Does This Seem Wrong?

- Consider a sentence like,
 - “If I wear a red shirt tomorrow, then the U.S. will attack Iraq the same day.”
- In logic, we consider the sentence **True** so long as either I don't wear a red shirt, or the US attacks.
- But in normal English conversation, if I were to make this claim, you would think I was lying.
 - Why this discrepancy between logic & language?

Resolving the Discrepancy

- In English, a sentence “if p then q ” usually really *implicitly* means something like,
 - “*In all possible situations, if p then q .*”
 - That is, “For p to be true and q false is *impossible*.”
 - Or, “I *guarantee* that no matter what, if p , then q .”
- This can be expressed in *predicate logic* as:
 - “For all situations s , if p is true in situation s , then q is also true in situation s ”
 - Formally, we could write: $\forall s, P(s) \rightarrow Q(s)$.
- This sentence is logically **False** in our example, because for me to wear a red shirt and the U.S. not to attack Iraq is a possible (even if not actual) situation.
 - Natural language and logic then agree with each other.

English Phrases Meaning $p \rightarrow q$

- “ p implies q ”
 - “if p , then q ”
 - “if p , q ”
 - “when p , q ”
 - “whenever p , q ”
 - “ q if p ”
 - “ q when p ”
 - “ q whenever p ”
 - “ p only if q ”
 - “ p is sufficient for q ”
 - “ q is necessary for p ”
 - “ q follows from p ”
 - “ q is implied by p ”
- We will see some equivalent logic expressions later.

Converse, Inverse, Contrapositive

- Some terminology, for an implication $p \rightarrow q$:
 - Its converse is $q \rightarrow p$.
 - Its inverse is $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$.
 - Its contrapositive is $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$.
- One of these three has the same meaning (same truth table) as $p \rightarrow q$. Can you figure out which?

Contrapositive

How Do We Know For Sure?

- Proving the equivalence of $p \rightarrow q$ and its contrapositive using truth tables:

p	q	$\neg q$	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F
T	T	F	F	T	T

The Biconditional Operator

- The biconditional $p \leftrightarrow q$ states that p is true if and only if (IFF) q is true.

Example

p = "Bush wins the 2004 election."

q = "Bush will be president for all of 2005."

$p \leftrightarrow q$ = "If, and only if, Bush wins the 2004 election, Bush will be president for all of 2005."



Biconditional Truth Table

- $p \leftrightarrow q$ means that p and q have the **same** truth value.
- Note this truth table is the exact **opposite** of \oplus 's!
 - $p \leftrightarrow q$ means $\neg(p \oplus q)$.
- $p \leftrightarrow q$ does **not** imply p and q are true, or cause each other.





p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
F	F	T
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

Boolean Operations Summary

- We have seen 1 unary operator (out of the 4 possible) and 5 binary operators (out of the 16 possible). Their truth tables are below.

p	q	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \oplus q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
F	F	T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F
T	T	F	T	T	F	T	T

Some Alternative Notations

Name:	not	and	or	xor	implies	iff
Propositional logic:	\neg	\wedge	\vee	\oplus	\rightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Boolean algebra:	\bar{p}	pq	$+$	\oplus		
C/C++/Java (wordwise):	<code>!</code>	<code>& &</code>	<code> </code>	<code>!=</code>		<code>==</code>
C/C++/Java (bitwise):	<code>~</code>	<code>&</code>	<code> </code>	<code>^</code>		
Logic gates:						

Bits and Bit Operations

- A bit is a binary (base 2) digit: 0 or 1.
- Bits may be used to represent truth values.
- By convention: 0 represents “false”; 1 represents “true”.
- Boolean algebra is like ordinary algebra except that variables stand for bits, $+$ means “or”, and multiplication means “and”.
 - See chapter 10 for more details.
- Example (in C language):

End of §1.1

You have learned about:

- Propositions: What they are.
- Propositional logic operators'
 - Symbolic notations.
 - English equivalents.
 - Logical meaning.
 - Truth tables.
- Atomic vs. compound propositions.
- Alternative notations.
- Bits and bit-strings.
- Next section: §1.2
 - Propositional equivalences.
 - How to prove them.

§1.2 Propositional Equivalence

Propositional Equivalence

- Two *syntactically* (i.e., textually) different compound propositions may be the *semantically* identical (i.e., have the same meaning). We call them equivalent.
- Learn:
 - Various *equivalence rules* or *laws*.
 - How to *prove* equivalences using *symbolic derivations*.

Tautologies and Contradictions

- A *tautology* is a compound proposition that is **true** *no matter what* the truth values of its atomic propositions are!

Example

$p \vee \neg p$ [What is its truth table?]

- A *contradiction* is a compound proposition that is **false** no matter what!

Example

$p \wedge \neg p$ [Truth table?]

- Other compound props. are *contingencies*.

Logical Equivalence

- Compound proposition p is *logically equivalent* to compound proposition q , written $p \iff q$, **IFF** the compound proposition $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology.
- Compound propositions p and q are logically equivalent to each other **IFF** p and q contain the same truth values as each other in **all** rows of their truth tables.

Proving Equivalence via Truth Tables

Example

Prove that $p \vee q \iff \neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$.

p	q	$p \vee q$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
F	F	F	T	T	T	F
F	T	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T
T	T	T	F	F	F	T

Equivalence Laws

- These are similar to the arithmetic identities you may have learned in algebra, but for propositional equivalences instead.
- They provide a pattern or template that can be used to match all or part of a much more complicated proposition and to find an equivalence for it.

Equivalence Laws - Examples

■ Identity

$$\blacksquare p \wedge \mathbf{T} \iff p; p \vee \mathbf{F} \iff p.$$

■ Domination

$$\blacksquare p \vee \mathbf{T} \iff \mathbf{T}; p \wedge \mathbf{F} \iff \mathbf{F}.$$

■ Idempotent

$$\blacksquare p \vee p \iff p; p \wedge p \iff p.$$

■ Double negation

$$\blacksquare \neg\neg p \iff p.$$

■ Commutative

$$\blacksquare p \vee q \iff q \vee p; p \wedge q \iff q \wedge p.$$

■ Associative

$$\blacksquare (p \vee q) \vee r \iff p \vee (q \vee r).$$

$$\blacksquare (p \wedge q) \wedge r \iff p \wedge (q \wedge r).$$

More Equivalence Laws

■ Distributive

$$\blacksquare p \vee (q \wedge r) \iff (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r).$$

$$\blacksquare p \wedge (q \vee r) \iff (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r).$$

■ De Morgan's

$$\blacksquare \neg(p \wedge q) \iff \neg p \vee \neg q.$$

$$\blacksquare \neg(p \vee q) \iff \neg p \wedge \neg q.$$

■ Trivial tautology/contradiction

$$\blacksquare p \vee \neg p \iff \mathbf{T}.$$

$$\blacksquare p \wedge \neg p \iff \mathbf{F}.$$

Defining Operators via Equivalences

- Using equivalences, we can define operators in terms of other operators.
 - Exclusive OR
 - $p \oplus q \iff (p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q)$
 - $p \oplus q \iff (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$
 - Implies
 - $p \rightarrow q \iff \neg p \vee q$
 - Biconditional:
 - $p \leftrightarrow q \iff (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
 - $p \leftrightarrow q \iff \neg(p \oplus q)$

An Example Problem

- Check using a symbolic derivation whether

$$(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow (p \oplus r) \iff \neg p \vee q \vee \neg r.$$

- $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow (p \oplus r)$
- [Expand definition of \rightarrow]
 $\iff \neg(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \oplus r)$
- [Definition of \oplus]
 $\iff \neg(p \wedge \neg q) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r))$
- [DeMorgan's Law]
 $\iff (\neg p \vee q) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r))$
- [\vee commutes]
 $\iff (q \vee \neg p) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r))$

■ Example Continued...

■ [\vee associative]

$$\iff q \vee (\neg p \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

■ [distrib \vee over \wedge]

$$\iff q \vee (((\neg p \vee (p \vee r)) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

■ [assoc.]

$$\iff q \vee (((\neg p \vee p) \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

■ [trivial taut.]

$$\iff q \vee ((T \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

■ [domination]

$$\iff q \vee (T \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

■ [identity]

$$\iff q \vee (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r))$$

■ End of Long Example

■ [DeMorgan's]

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■ [Assoc.]

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■ [Idempotent]

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■ [Assoc.]

$$\iff (q \vee \neg p) \vee \neg r$$

■ [Commut.]

$$\iff \neg p \vee q \vee \neg r$$

Review: Propositional Logic (§1.1-§1.2)

- Atomic propositions: p, q, r, \dots
- Boolean operators: $\neg \wedge \vee \oplus \rightarrow \leftrightarrow$
- Compound propositions: $s \equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \vee r$
- Equivalences: $p \wedge \neg q \iff \neg(p \rightarrow q)$
- Proving equivalences using:
 - Truth tables.
 - Symbolic derivations. $p \iff q \iff r \dots$

§1.3 Predicate Logic

Predicate Logic

- *Predicate logic* is an extension of propositional logic that permits concisely reasoning about whole *classes* of entities.
- Propositional logic (recall) treats simple *propositions* (sentences) as atomic entities.
- In contrast, *predicate* logic distinguishes the *subject* of a sentence from its *predicate*.
 - Remember these English grammar terms?

Subjects and Predicates

- In the sentence “The dog is sleeping” :
 - The phrase “the dog” denotes the *subject* - the *object* or *entity* that the sentence is about.
 - The phrase “is sleeping” denotes the *predicate* - a property that is true of the subject.
- In predicate logic, a *predicate* is modeled as a *function* $P(\cdot)$ from objects to propositions.
 - $P(x) =$ “ x is sleeping” (where x is any object).

More About Predicates

- Convention: Lowercase variables $x, y, z \dots$ denote objects/entities; uppercase variables $P, Q, R \dots$ denote propositional functions (predicates).
- Keep in mind that the *result of applying* a predicate P to an object x is the *proposition* $P(x)$. But the predicate P **itself** (e.g. $P =$ “is sleeping”) is not a proposition (not a complete sentence).

Example

If $P(x) =$ “ x is a prime number”, then $P(3)$ is the *proposition* “3 is a prime number.”.

Propositional Functions

- Predicate logic *generalizes* the grammatical notion of a predicate to also include propositional functions of **any** number of arguments, each of which may take **any** grammatical role that a noun can take.

Example

Let $P(x, y, z) =$ "x gave y the grade z".

If $x =$ "Mike", $y =$ "Mary", $z =$ "A", then $P(x, y, z) =$ "Mike gave Mary the grade A."

Universes of Discourse (U.D.s)

- The collection of values that a variable x can take is called x 's *universe of discourse*.
- The power of distinguishing objects from predicates is that it lets you state things about *many* objects at once.

Example

Let $P(x) = "x + 1 > x"$.

We can then say, "For any number x , $P(x)$ is true" instead of $(0 + 1 > 0) \wedge (1 + 1 > 1) \wedge (2 + 1 > 2) \dots$

Quantifier Expressions

- *Quantifiers* provide a notation that allows us to *quantify* (count) how many objects in the univ. of disc. satisfy a given predicate.
- “ \forall ” is the FOR \forall LL or *universal* quantifier $\forall xP(x)$ means *for all* x in the u.d., P holds.
- “ \exists ” is the \exists XISTS or *existential* quantifier $\exists xP(x)$ means there exists an x in the u.d. (that is, 1 or more) such that $P(x)$ is true.

The Universal Quantifier

Example

Let the u.d. of x be parking spaces at NCTU. Let $P(x)$ be the *predicate* “ x is full.” Then the *universal quantification* of $P(x)$, $\forall x P(x)$, is the *proposition*:

- “All parking spaces at NCTU are full.”
- “Every parking space at NCTU is full.”
- “For each parking space at NCTU, that space is full.”

Examples of the Universal Quantifier

Example

Let $Q(x)$ be the statement " $x < 2$ ". What is the truth value of the quantification $\forall x Q(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers?

Example

Suppose that $P(x)$ is " $x^2 > 0$ ". Show that the statement $\forall x P(x)$ is false where the universe of discourse consists of all integers.

Problem

What is the outcome if the domain is an empty set?

The Existential Quantifier

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- “Some parking space at NCTU is full.”
- “There is a parking space at NCTU that is full.”
- “At least one parking space at NCTU is full.”

Examples of the Existential Quantifier

Example

Let $P(x)$ denote the statement “ $x > 2$ ”. What is the truth value of the quantification $\exists xP(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers?

Example

Suppose that $Q(x)$ is “ $x = x + 1$ ”. What is the truth value of the quantification $\exists xQ(x)$, where the domain consists of all real numbers?

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Free and Bound Variables

- An expression like $P(x)$ is said to have a *free variable* x (meaning, x is undefined).
- A quantifier (either \forall or \exists) *operates* on an expression having one or more free variables, and *binds* one or more of those variables, to produce an expression having one or more *bound* variables.

Example of Binding

- $P(x, y)$ has 2 free variables, x and y .
- $\forall xP(x, y)$ has 1 free variable, and one bound variable. [Which is which?]
- “ $P(x)$, where $x = 3$ ” is another way to bind x .
- An expression with **zero** free variables is a bona-fide (actual) proposition.
- An expression with **one or more** free variables is still only a predicate: $\forall xP(x, y)$.

Nesting of Quantifiers

Example

Let the u.d. of x & y be people.

Let $L(x, y) =$ “ x likes y ” (a predicate w. 2 f.v.'s)

- Then $\exists yL(x, y) =$ “There is someone whom x likes.” (A predicate w. 1 free variable, x)
- Then $\forall x(\exists yL(x, y)) =$ “Everyone has someone whom they like.” (A **Proposition** with **0** free variables.)

Quantifier Exercise

If $R(x, y) =$ “ x relies upon y ,” express the following in unambiguous English:

- $\forall x(\exists y R(x, y))$
 - Everyone has some one to rely on.
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- $\exists x(\forall y R(x, y))$
 - There's some needy person who relies upon everybody (including himself).
- $\forall y(\exists x R(x, y))$
- $\forall x(\forall y R(x, y))$

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 - There's a poor overburdened soul whom everyone relies upon (including himself)!
- $\exists x(\forall y R(x, y))$
 - There's some needy person who relies upon everybody (including himself).
- $\forall y(\exists x R(x, y))$
 - Everyone has someone who relies upon them.
- $\forall x(\forall y R(x, y))$

Quantifier Exercise

If $R(x, y) =$ “ x relies upon y ,” express the following in unambiguous English:

- $\forall x(\exists y R(x, y))$
 - Everyone has some one to rely on.
- $\exists y(\forall x R(x, y))$
 - There's a poor overburdened soul whom everyone relies upon (including himself)!
- $\exists x(\forall y R(x, y))$
 - There's some needy person who relies upon everybody (including himself).
- $\forall y(\exists x R(x, y))$
 - Everyone has someone who relies upon them.
- $\forall x(\forall y R(x, y))$
 - Everyone relies upon everybody, (including themselves)!

Natural language is ambiguous!

- “Everybody likes somebody.”
 - For everybody, there is somebody they like,
 - $\forall x \exists y \text{ Likes}(x, y)$ *[Probably more likely.]*
 - or, there is somebody (a popular person) whom everyone likes?
 - $\exists y \forall x \text{ Likes}(x, y)$
- “Somebody likes everybody.”
 - Same problem: Depends on context, emphasis.

Still More Conventions

- Sometimes the universe of discourse is restricted within the quantification,
 - $\forall x > 0, P(x)$ is shorthand for
“For all x that are greater than zero, $P(x)$.”
 $\forall x(x > 0 \rightarrow P(x))$

Example

- $\exists x > 0, P(x)$ is shorthand for
“There is an x greater than zero such that $P(x)$.”
 $\exists x(x > 0 \wedge P(x))$

More to Know About Binding

- $\forall x \exists x P(x)$ – x is not a free variable in $\exists x P(x)$, therefore the $\forall x$ *binding isn't used*.
- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge Q(x)$ – The variable x is outside of the scope of the $\forall x$ quantifier, and is therefore free. Not a proposition!
- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\exists x Q(x))$ – This is legal, because there are 2 *different x's!*

Quantifier Equivalence Laws

- Definitions of quantifiers: If u.d. = a, b, c, \dots
 - $\forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow P(a) \wedge P(b) \wedge P(c) \wedge \dots$
 - $\exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow P(a) \vee P(b) \vee P(c) \vee \dots$
- Negations of Quantified Expressions
 - $\neg \forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \neg P(x)$
 - $\neg \exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \neg P(x)$
- From those, we can prove the laws:
 - $\forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg(\exists x \neg P(x))$
 - $\exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg(\forall x \neg P(x))$
- Which propositional equivalence laws can be used to prove this?

DeMorgan's

More Equivalence Laws

- $\forall x \forall y P(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x P(x, y)$
 $\exists x \exists y P(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x P(x, y)$
- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\forall x Q(x))$
 $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x P(x)) \vee (\exists x Q(x))$

Example

See if you can prove these yourself.

What propositional equivalences did you use?

Examples of Negations

- What are the negations of the statement “There is an honest politician” and “All Americans eat cheeseburgers”?
- What are the negations of the statements $\forall x(x^2 > x)$ and $\exists x(x^2 = 2)$?

Review: Predicate Logic (§1.3)

- Objects x, y, z, \dots
- Predicates P, Q, R, \dots are functions mapping objects x to propositions $P(x)$.
- Multi-argument predicates $P(x, y)$.
- Quantifiers:
 - $[\forall x(P(x))] \equiv$ “For all x ’s, $P(x)$.”
 - $[\exists x(P(x))] \equiv$ “There is an x such that $P(x)$.”
- Universes of discourse, bound & free vars.

More Notational Conventions

- Quantifiers bind as loosely as needed: parenthesize
 $\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$
- Consecutive quantifiers of the same type can be combined:
 $\forall x \forall y \forall z P(x, y, z) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y, z P(x, y, z)$ or even $\forall xyz$
 $P(x, y, z)$.

Defining New Quantifiers

- As per their name, quantifiers can be used to express that a predicate is true of any given *quantity* (number) of objects.
- Define $\exists!xP(x)$ to mean “ $P(x)$ is true of *exactly one* x in the universe of discourse.”
- $\exists!xP(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x(P(x) \wedge \forall y(P(y) \wedge y \neq x) \rightarrow \neg P(y))$ “There is an x such that $P(x)$, where there is no y such that $P(y)$ and y is other than x .”

Some Number Theory Examples

Example

Let u.d. = the natural numbers $0, 1, 2, \dots$

- “A number x is even, $E(x)$, if and only if it is equal to 2 times some other number.”

$$\forall x(E(x) \leftrightarrow (\exists y \text{ s.t. } x = 2y))$$

- “A number is prime, $P(x)$, iff it's greater than 1 and it isn't the product of two non-unity numbers.”

$$\forall x(P(x) \leftrightarrow (x > 1 \wedge \neg \exists yz (x = yz \wedge y \neq 1 \wedge z \neq 1)))$$

Goldbach's Conjecture (Unproven)

- Using $E(x)$ and $P(x)$ from previous slide,
 $\forall x(x > 2) : \exists P(p), P(q) : p + q = x.$
- or, with more explicit notation:
 $\forall x[x > 2 \wedge E(x)] \rightarrow \exists p \exists q P(p) \wedge P(q) \wedge p + q = x.$
- “Every even number greater than 2 is the sum of two primes.”

Calculus Example

- One way of precisely defining the calculus concept of a limit, using quantifiers:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left(\begin{array}{l} \forall \varepsilon > 0 : \exists \delta > 0 : \forall x : \\ (|x - a| < \delta) \rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon) \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

End of §1.3-§1.4, Predicate Logic

- From these sections you should have learned:
 - Predicate logic notation & conventions
 - Conversions: predicate logic \leftrightarrow clear English
 - Meaning of quantifiers, equivalences
 - Simple reasoning with quantifiers
- Upcoming topics:
 - Introduction to proof-writing.
 - Then: Set theory –
 - a language for talking about collections of objects.