



Foundations of Computing I

Pre-Lecture Problem

Translate the following into predicate logic:

“There is a student who is friends with every other student except her enemies.”

De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

$$\begin{aligned} \neg \forall x P(x) &\equiv \exists x \neg P(x) \\ \neg \exists x P(x) &\equiv \forall x \neg P(x) \end{aligned}$$

“There is no largest integer”

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x (\neg(\forall y(x \geq y))) &\equiv \forall x (\exists y(\neg(x \geq y))) \\ &\equiv \forall x (\exists y(x < y)) \end{aligned}$$

“For every integer there is a larger integer”

Scope of Quantifiers

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Example: } \text{NotLargest}(x) &\equiv \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x) \\ &\equiv \exists z \text{ Greater}(z, x) \end{aligned}$$

Truth Value:

- Doesn't depend on y or z “**bound** variables”
- Does depend on x “**free** variable”

Quantifiers only act on free variables of the formulas they quantify, e.g. $\forall x(\exists y(P(x,y) \rightarrow \forall x Q(y,x)))$

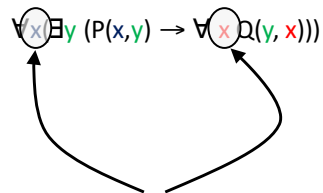
Scope of Quantifiers

$$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \quad \text{vs.} \quad \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$$

This one asserts P and Q of the *same* x .

This one asserts P and Q of potentially different x 's.

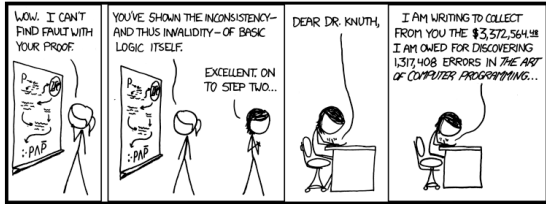
Quantifier “Style”



This isn't “wrong”, it's just horrible style.
Don't confuse your reader by using the same variable multiple times...there are a lot of letters...

CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 6: Predicate Logic, Logical Inference



MMM Candy!

Let **B** be the “starred” bag of M&Ms.

Translate “There is a green M&M in **B**.” into predicate logic.

Domain of Discourse
Colors & Bags

Predicate Definitions
 $\text{Bag}(x) ::= \text{“}x \text{ is a bag of M\&Ms”}$
 $\text{Color}(x) ::= \text{“}x \text{ is a color”}$
 $\text{Has}(b, c) ::= \text{“}b \text{ has a } c \text{ M\&M.”}$

$\text{Has}(\text{Green}, \mathbf{B})$

Notice that both “Green” and “**B**” are constants here! You could, instead, define a predicate $\text{Green}(x)$:

$\exists c(\text{Color}(c) \wedge \text{Green}(c) \wedge \text{Has}(c, \mathbf{B}))$

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Translate “Every bag of M&Ms has an M&M of some color.”

$\forall b(\text{Bag}(b) \rightarrow \exists c(\text{Color}(c) \wedge \text{Has}(b, c)))$

Translate “There is a color that all bags of M&Ms have.”

$\exists c(\text{Color}(c) \wedge \forall b(\text{Bag}(b) \rightarrow \text{Has}(b, c)))$

We’re not done!

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“There is a color that all bags of M&Ms have.”

$\exists c(\text{Color}(c) \wedge \forall b(\text{Bag}(b) \rightarrow \text{Has}(b, c)))$

For the bags on the left, this is not true. We need a **single color** that all the bags share.

vs.

“Every bag of M&Ms has an M&M of some color.”

$\forall b(\text{Bag}(b) \rightarrow \exists c(\text{Color}(c) \wedge \text{Has}(b, c)))$

For the bags on the left, this is **true**. The first bag has red; the second has orange, and the third has orange.

Still not done!

Domain of Discourse
Integers
OR
{1, 2, 3, 4}

Predicate Definitions
 $\text{GreaterEq}(x, y) ::= \text{“}x \geq y”$

“There is a number greater than or equal to all numbers.”

$\exists x(\forall y(\text{GreaterEq}(x, y)))$

“Every number has a number greater than or equal to it.”

$\forall y(\exists x(\text{GreaterEq}(x, y)))$

	1	2	3	4
1	T	F	F	F
2	T	T	F	F
3	T	T	T	F
4	T	T	T	T

The purple statement requires an **entire row** to be true.

The red statement requires one entry in **each column** to be true.

Nested Quantifiers

- Bound variable names don’t matter

$\forall x \exists y P(x, y) \equiv \forall a \exists b P(a, b)$

- Positions of quantifiers can sometimes change

$\forall x(Q(x) \wedge \exists y P(x, y)) \equiv \forall x \exists y(Q(x) \wedge P(x, y))$

- But: **order is important...**

Quantification with Two Variables

expression	when true	when false
$\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$	Every pair is true.	At least one pair is false.
$\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$	At least one pair is true.	All pairs are false.
$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$	We can find a specific y for each x. (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)	Some x doesn't have a corresponding y.
$\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$	We can find ONE y that works no matter what x is. (x_1, y), (x_2, y), (x_3, y)	For any candidate y, there is an x that it doesn't work for.

Logical Inference

- So far we've considered:
 - How to understand and *express* things using propositional and predicate logic
 - How to *compute* using Boolean (propositional) logic
 - How to show that different ways of expressing or computing them are *equivalent* to each other
- Logic also has methods that let us *infer* implied properties from ones that we know
 - Equivalence is a small part of this

Why Proofs?

Consider $f(n) = 991n^2 + 1$

Is $f(n)$ a perfect square for any $n > 0$?

Applications of Logical Inference

- **Software Engineering**
 - Express desired properties of program as set of logical constraints
 - Use inference rules to show that program implies that those constraints are satisfied
- **Artificial Intelligence**
 - Automated reasoning
- **Algorithm design and analysis**
 - e.g., Correctness, Loop invariants.
- **Logic Programming, e.g. Prolog**
 - Express desired outcome as set of constraints
 - Automatically apply logic inference to derive solution

Proofs

- Start with hypotheses and facts
- Use rules of inference to extend set of facts
- Result is proved when it is included in the set

An inference rule: *Modus Ponens*

- If p and $p \rightarrow q$ are both true then q must be true
- Write this rule as
$$\frac{p, p \rightarrow q}{\therefore q}$$
- Given:
 - If it is Monday then you have a 311 class today.
 - It is Monday.
- Therefore, by modus ponens:
 - You have a 311 class today.

Proofs

Show that r follows from p , $p \rightarrow q$, and $q \rightarrow r$

1. p given
2. $p \rightarrow q$ given
3. $q \rightarrow r$ given
4. q modus ponens from 1 and 2
5. r modus ponens from 3 and 4