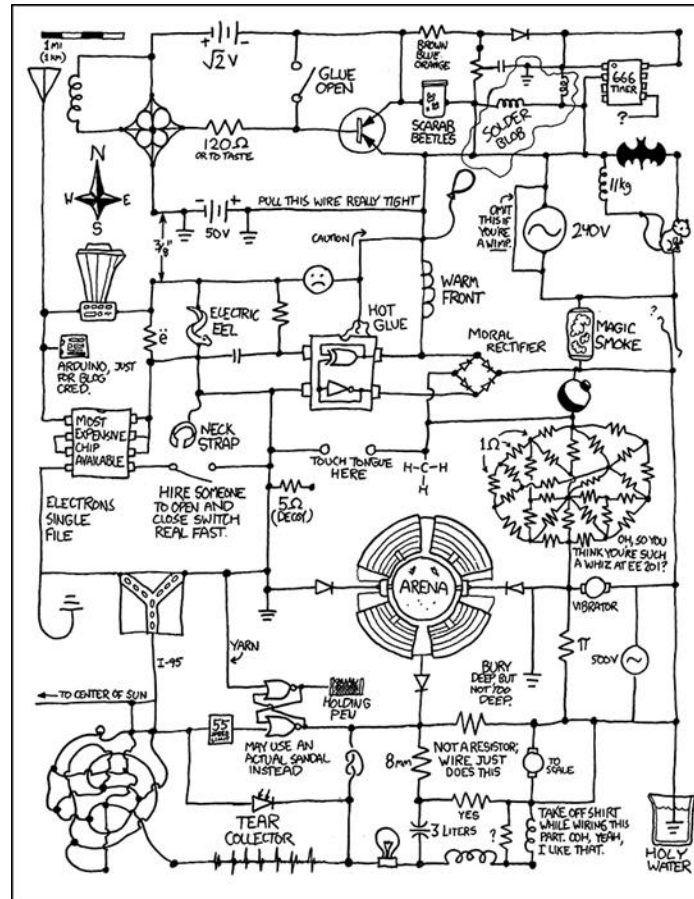


# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

## Lecture 5: CNF and Predicate Logic



# Recap from last class: DNF

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- A propositional logic formula is in **disjunctive normal form (DNF)**, if it is an OR of AND terms of **literals** (i.e. variables or negated variables)
- Example for DNF:  $(q \wedge \neg r \wedge s) \vee (\neg q \wedge \neg r) \vee (\neg r \wedge \neg s)$
- Every propositional formula has an equivalent DNF

# Conjunctive Normal Form

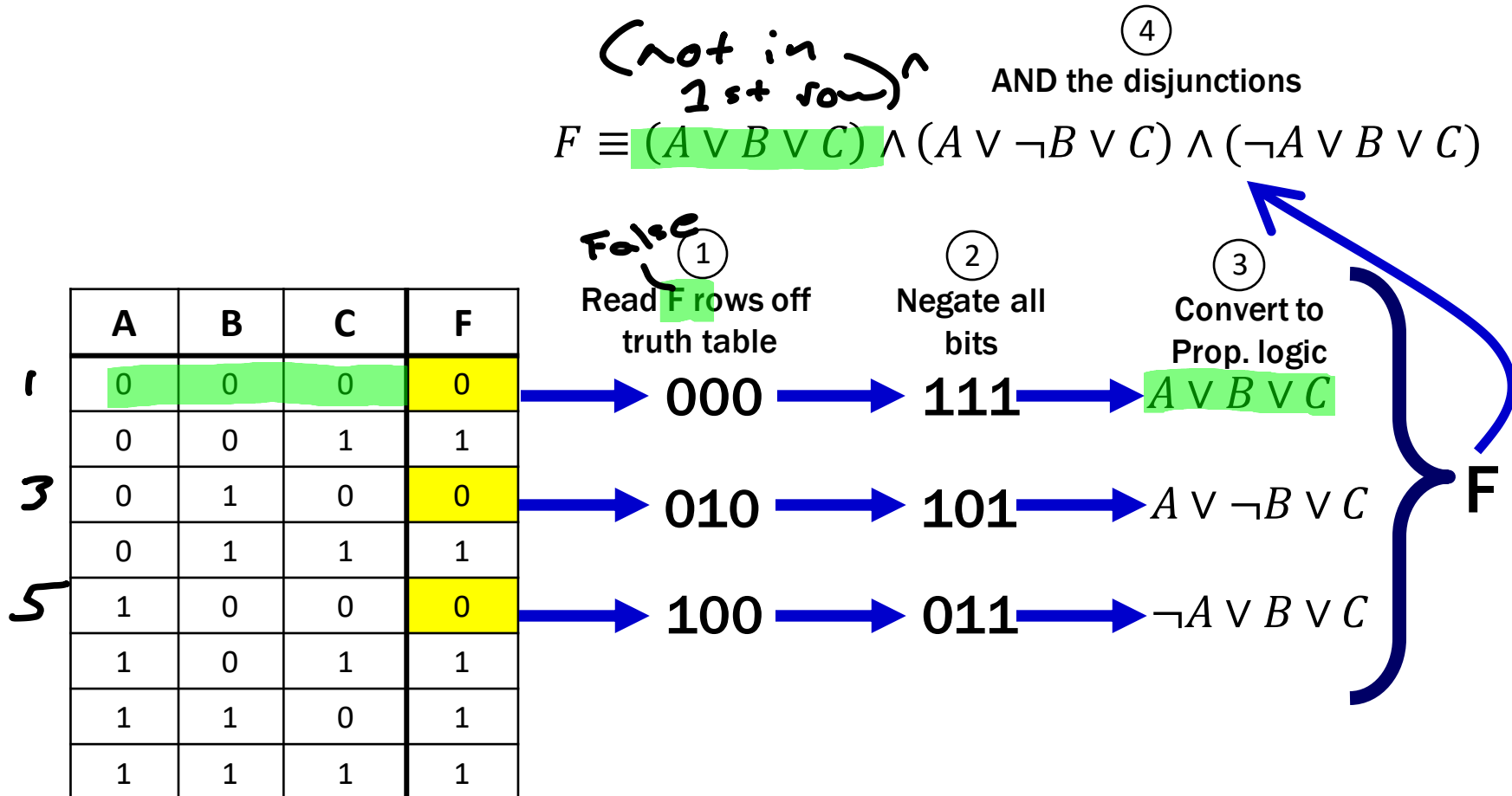
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- Every propositional logic formula has an equivalent CNF. Again that CNF is not necessarily unique (but the full CNF is)
- Other names for CNF:
  - **Product-of-Sums Canonical Form**
  - **Maxterm Expansion**

# Construction of Conjunctive Normal Form



# CNF: Why does this procedure work?

Useful Facts:

- We know  $F \equiv \neg(\neg F)$
- We know how to get a **DNF** for  $\neg F$

$$\neg(A \vee B \vee C) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg(B \vee C) \\ \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C$$

if  $X \equiv Y$ , then  $\neg X \equiv \neg Y$

**DNF**

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

$$\neg F \equiv (\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee (\neg A \wedge B \wedge \neg C) \vee (A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C)$$

Taking the complement of both sides...

$$F \equiv \neg((\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee (\neg A \wedge B \wedge \neg C) \vee (A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C))$$

And using DeMorgan/~~Comp~~ **Double Negation**

$$F \equiv \neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \wedge \neg(\neg A \wedge B \wedge \neg C) \wedge \neg(A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C)$$

$$F \equiv (A \vee B \vee C) \wedge (A \vee \neg B \vee \neg C) \wedge (\neg A \vee B \vee C)$$

# Predicate Logic

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- **Propositional Logic**

“If you take the high road and I take the low road then I’ll arrive in Scotland before you.”

- **Predicate Logic**

“All positive integers  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  satisfy  $x^3 + y^3 \neq z^3$ .”

# Predicate Logic

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- **Propositional Logic**

- Allows us to analyze complex propositions in terms of their simpler constituent parts (a.k.a. atomic propositions) joined by connectives

- **Predicate Logic**

- Lets us analyze them at a deeper level by expressing how those propositions depend on the objects they are talking about

# Predicate Logic

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**Adds two key notions to propositional logic**

– **Predicates**

– **Quantifiers**





# Predicates

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## Predicate

- A function that returns a truth value, e.g.,

$\text{Cat}(x) ::= \text{“}x \text{ is a cat”}$

$\text{Prime}(x) ::= \text{“}x \text{ is prime”}$

$\text{HasTaken}(x, y) ::= \text{“student } x \text{ has taken course } y\text{”}$

$\text{LessThan}(x, y) ::= \text{“}x < y\text{”}$

$\text{Sum}(x, y, z) ::= \text{“}x + y = z\text{”}$

$\text{GreaterThan5}(x) ::= \text{“}x > 5\text{”}$

$\text{HasNChars}(s, n) ::= \text{“string } s \text{ has length } n\text{”}$

**Predicates can have varying numbers of arguments and input types.**

# Domain of Discourse

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For ease of use, we define one “type”/“domain” that we work over. This set of objects is called the “**domain of discourse**”.

For each of the following, what might the domain be?

(1) “x is a cat”, “x barks”, “x ruined my couch”

(2) “x is prime”, “ $x = 0$ ”, “ $x < 0$ ”, “x is a power of two”

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“mammals” or “sentient beings” or “cats and dogs” or ...

(2) “x is prime”, “ $x = 0$ ”, “ $x < 0$ ”, “x is a power of two”

“numbers” or “integers” or “integers greater than 5” or ...

(3) “student x has taken course y” “x is a pre-req for z”

“students and courses” or “university entities” or ...

# Quantifiers

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We use *quantifiers* to talk about collections of objects.

$\forall x P(x)$

$P(x)$  is true **for every**  $x$  in the domain

read as “**for all  $x$ ,  $P$  of  $x$** ”



$\exists x P(x)$

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$\{1, 3, -1, -27\}$	Integers	Odd Integers
True	False	True
True	False	False

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<b>{1, 3, -1, -27}</b>	<b>Integers</b>	<b>Positive Multiples of 5</b>
True	True	True
True	True	False



# Statements with Quantifiers

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Just like with propositional logic, we need to define variables (this time **predicates**) before we do anything else. We must also now define a **domain of discourse** before doing anything else.

**Domain of Discourse**

Positive Integers

## Predicate Definitions

Even(x) ::= "x is even"      Greater(x, y) ::= "x > y"

Odd(x) ::= "x is odd"      Equal(x, y) ::= "x = y"

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Determine the truth values of each of these statements:

$\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$

$\forall x \text{ Odd}(x)$

$\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \vee \text{Odd}(x))$

$\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(x))$

$\forall x \text{ Greater}(x+1, x)$

$\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$

# Statements with Quantifiers

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|---|----------|--------------------------------------|
| $\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$                         | <b>T</b> | e.g. 2, 4, 6, ...                    |
| $\forall x \text{ Odd}(x)$                          | <b>F</b> | e.g. 2, 4, 6, ...                    |
| $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \vee \text{Odd}(x))$     | <b>T</b> | every integer is either even or odd  |
| $\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(x))$   | <b>F</b> | no integer is both even and odd      |
| $\forall x \text{ Greater}(x+1, x)$                 | <b>T</b> | adding 1 makes a bigger number       |
| $\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$ | <b>T</b> | Even(2) is true and Prime(2) is true |

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Translate the following statements to English

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

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$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

# Statements with Quantifiers (Literal Translations)

Domain of Discourse

Positive Integers

## Predicate Definitions

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Translate the following statements to English

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

For every positive integer x, there is a positive integer y, such that  $y > x$ .

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$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

For every positive integer x, there is a pos. int. y such that  $y > x$  and y is prime.

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

For each positive integer x, if x is prime, then  $x = 2$  or x is odd.

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

There exist positive integers x and y such that  $x + 2 = y$  and x and y are prime.

# Statements with Quantifiers (Natural Translations)

Domain of Discourse

Positive Integers

## Predicate Definitions

Even(x) ::= "x is even"      Greater(x, y) ::= "x > y"

Odd(x) ::= "x is odd"      Equal(x, y) ::= "x = y"

Prime(x) ::= "x is prime"      Sum(x, y, z) ::= "x + y = z"

Translate the following statements to English

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

There is no greatest positive integer.

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

There is no least positive integer.

$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

For every positive integer there is a larger number that is prime.

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

Every prime number is either 2 or odd.

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

There exist prime numbers that differ by two."

# Lecture 5 Activity

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- You will be assigned to **breakout rooms**. Please:
- Introduce yourself
- Choose someone to share screen, showing this PDF
- What is the English language translation of
$$\exists x (Odd(x) \wedge LessThan(x, 5))$$

Fill out a poll everywhere for **Activity Credit!**

Go to [pollev.com/philipmg](https://pollev.com/philipmg) and login with your UW identity

**Domain of Discourse**  
Positive Integers

## Predicate Definitions

$Odd(x) ::=$  “x is odd”       $LessThan(x, y) ::=$  “x < y”

# English to Predicate Logic

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**Domain of Discourse**

Mammals

**Predicate Definitions**

$\text{Cat}(x) ::= \text{"x is a cat"}$

$\text{Red}(x) ::= \text{"x is red"}$

$\text{LikesTofu}(x) ::= \text{"x likes tofu"}$

**"Red cats like tofu"**

**"Some red cats don't like tofu"**



# English to Predicate Logic

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**“Red cats like tofu”**

$\forall x ((\text{Red}(x) \wedge \text{Cat}(x)) \rightarrow \text{LikesTofu}(x))$

**“Some red cats don’t like tofu”**

$\exists y ((\text{Red}(y) \wedge \text{Cat}(y)) \wedge \neg \text{LikesTofu}(y))$

# English to Predicate Logic

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When putting two predicates together like this, we use an "and".

**"Red cats like tofu"**

When restricting to a smaller domain in a "for all" we use **implication**.

When there's no leading quantification, it means "for all".

**"Some red cats don't like tofu"**

When restricting to a smaller domain in an "exists" we use **and**.

"Some" means "there exists".

# Negations of Quantifiers

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## Predicate Definitions

PurpleFruit(x) ::= “x is a purple fruit”

(\*)  $\forall x$  PurpleFruit(x) (“All fruits are purple”)

What is the negation of (\*)?

- (a) “there exists a purple fruit”
- (b) “there exists a non-purple fruit”
- (c) “all fruits are not purple”

Try your intuition! Which one “feels” right?

**Key Idea:** In **every** domain, **exactly one** of a statement and its negation should be true.

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Domain of Discourse

{plum}

Domain of Discourse

{apple}

Domain of Discourse

{plum, apple}

The only choice that ensures exactly one of the statement and its negation is (b).

# De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

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

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

# De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

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

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

**“There is no largest integer”**

$$\neg \exists x \forall y (x \geq y)$$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg \forall y (x \geq y)$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y \neg (x \geq y)$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y (x < y)$$

**“For every integer there is a larger integer”**

# Scope of Quantifiers

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$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$     **vs.**     $\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$

# Scope of Quantifiers

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

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

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



# Scope of Quantifiers

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**Example:**  $\text{NotLargest}(x) \equiv \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$   
 $\equiv \exists z \text{ Greater}(z, x)$

truth value:

doesn't depend on  $y$  or  $z$  “**bound** variables”

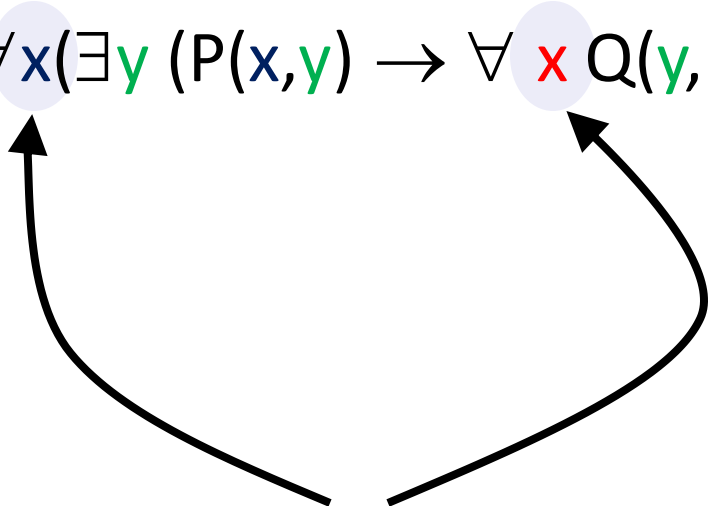
does depend on  $x$  “**free** variable”

**quantifiers only act on free variables** of the formula  
they quantify

$$\forall x (\exists y (P(x, y) \rightarrow \forall x Q(y, x)))$$

# Quantifier “Style”

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$$\forall x(\exists y(P(x,y) \rightarrow \forall x Q(y,x)))$$


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...

# Nested Quantifiers

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- **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...**

# Quantifier Order Can Matter

Domain of Discourse

Integers  
OR  
{1, 2, 3, 4}

Predicate Definitions

GreaterEq(x, y) ::= "x ≥ 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.”

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

	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.

# Quantification with Two Variables

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expression	when <b>true</b>	when <b>false</b>
$\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$	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.