Quantifier Negation and Direct Proof

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Lecture 7

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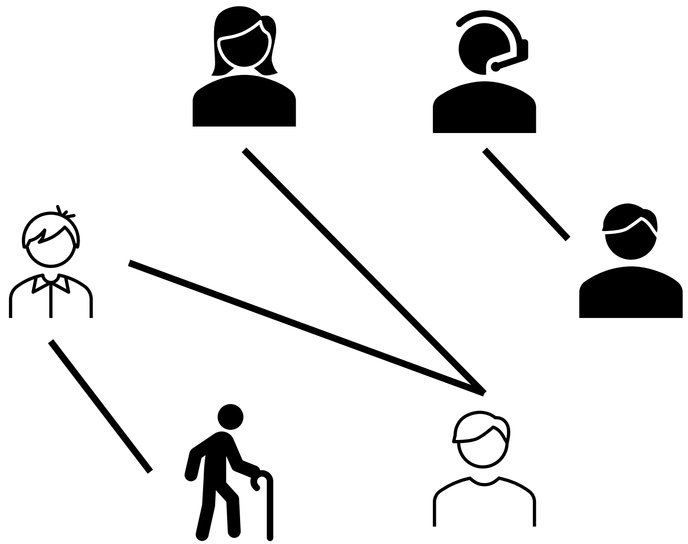

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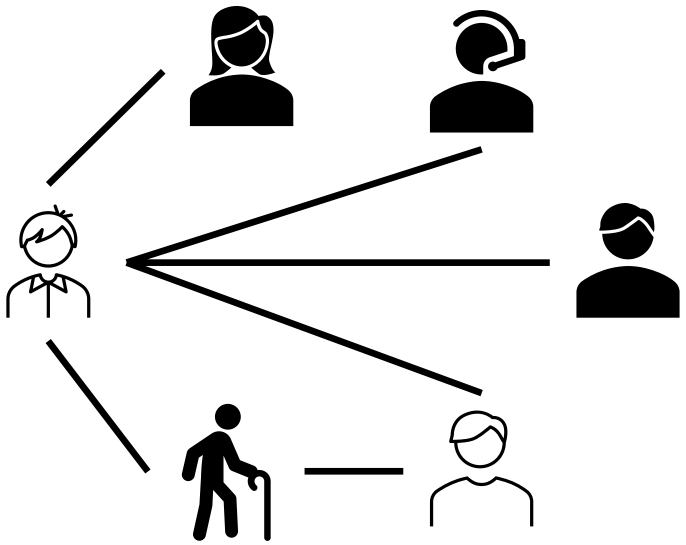

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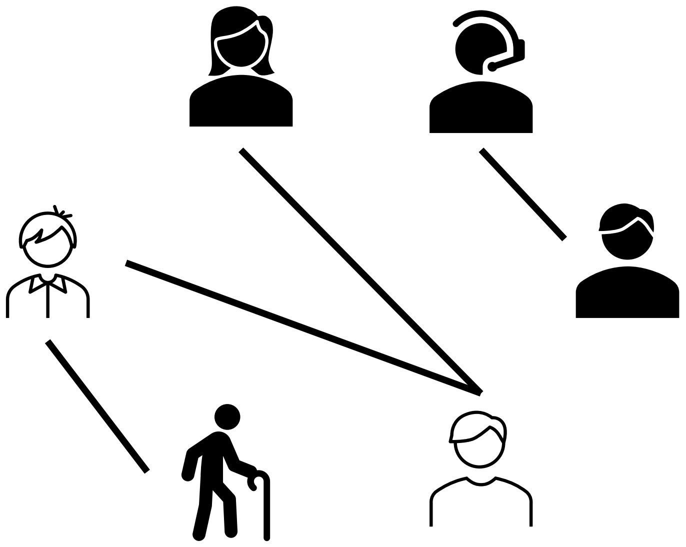

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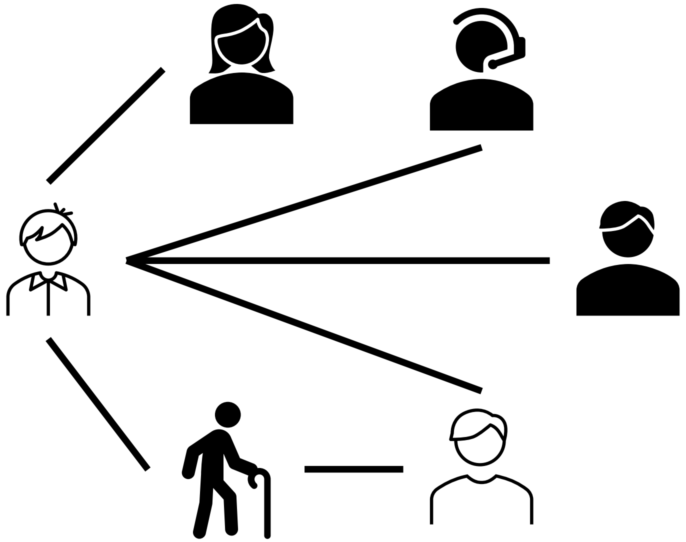

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Nested Quantifiers

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

"For every x there exists a y such that $P(x, y)$ is true."

y might change depending on the x (people have different friends!).

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

"There is an x such that for all $y, P(x, y)$ is true."

There's a special, magical x value so that $P(x, y)$ is true regardless of y.

Nested Quantifiers

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And our proposition $P(x, y)$ be given by the table.

What should we look for in the table?

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Keep everything in order

Keep the quantifiers in the same order in English as they are in the logical notation.

"There is someone out there for everyone" is a $\forall x \exists y$ statement in "everyday" English.

It would **never** be phrased that way in "mathematical English" We'll only every write "for every person, there is someone out there for them."

Try it yourselves

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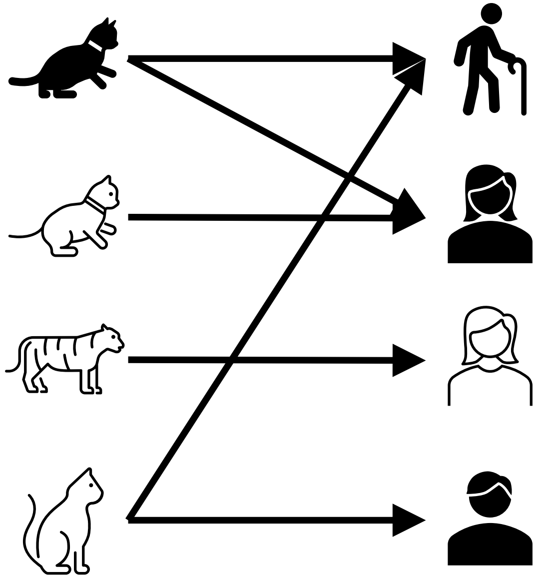

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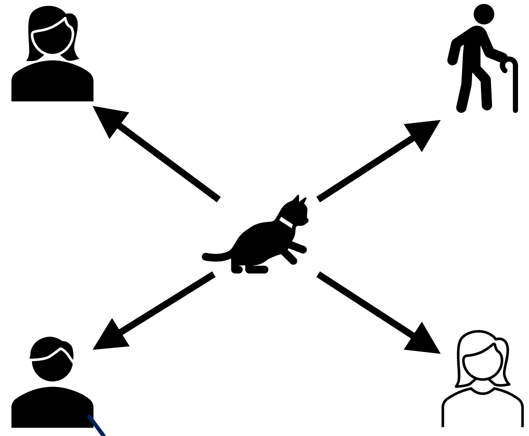

Human(x)

Let your domain of discourse be mammals.
Use the predicates `Cat`(x), `Dog`(x), and `Loves`(x, y) to mean x loves y.

Try it yourselves

$\forall x \exists y\, (C(x) \to [Lov(x,y) \wedge H(y)])$

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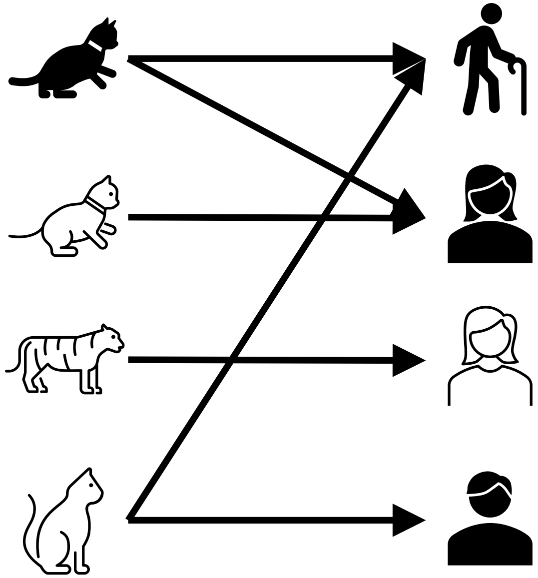

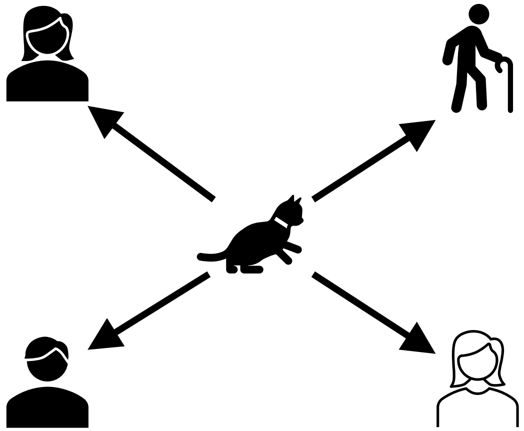

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$\forall x \exists y\, ([C(x) \wedge H(y)] \to L(x,y))$

$\exists x\ (\mathtt{Cat}(x) \wedge \forall y[\mathtt{Human}(y) \to \mathtt{Loves}(x,y)])$

$\exists x \forall y (\mathtt{Cat}(x) \wedge [\mathtt{Human}(y) \to \mathtt{Loves}(x,y)])$

Negation

How do we negate nested quantifiers?

The old rule still applies.

To negate an expression with a quantifier
1. Switch the quantifier (∀ becomes ∃, ∃ becomes ∀)
2. Negate the expression inside

$$\neg(\forall x \exists y \forall z\, [P(x,y) \land Q(y,z)])$$

$$\exists x(\neg(\exists y \forall z\, [P(x,y) \land Q(y,z)]))$$

$$\exists x \forall y(\neg(\forall z[P(x,y) \land Q(y,z)]))$$

$$\exists x \forall y \exists z(\neg[P(x,y) \land Q(y,z)])$$

$$\exists x \forall y \exists z[\neg P(x,y) \lor \neg Q(y,z)]$$

More Translation

For each of the following, translate it, then say whether the statement is true. Let your domain of discourse be integers.

For every integer, there is a greater integer.

$\forall x \exists y(\mathtt{Greater}(y, x))$ (This statement is true: y can be $x + 1$ [y depends on x])

There is an integer x, such that for all integers y, xy is equal to 1.

$\exists x \forall y(\mathtt{Equal}(xy, 1))$ (This statement is false: no single value of x can play that role for every y.)

$\forall y \exists x(\mathtt{Equal}(x + y, 1))$

For every integer, y, there is an integer x such that $x + y = 1$
(This statement is true, y can depend on x)

Theorems and Proofs

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Theorem: A statement that has been proven to be true.

Proof: A valid argument that establishes a statement to be true.

You'll also see

"claim" (the statement we're about to prove)

"lemma" (small theorem, used to prove a bigger theorem)

"corollary" (small theorem, proven using a bigger theorem)

Theorems and Proofs

Examples of theorems include…

- Given a right triangle with side lengths a, b and hypotenuse c, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
- There are infinitely many prime numbers.
- There exists a problem that cannot be solved by a program.

Integer

We need a basic starting point to be able to prove things.

Objects to work with.

An integer: is any real number with no fractional part.

Some **definitions** to analyze

Even

`Even(x)` := An integer, x, is even if and only if there is an integer k such that $x = 2k$.

Odd

`Odd(x)` := An integer, x, is odd if and only if there is an integer k such that $x = 2k + 1$.

A word on definitions

Definitions are fundamental. Our goal is to communicate precisely.

When you come across an edge case, a definition is the way to solve it.

Is -4 even? Well $\exists k(-4 = 2k)$ (take $k = -2$), so yes it is!

We go to the definition. Not your gut feeling about what feels right.

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In other resources (textbooks, Wikipedia, etc.)

You will see things that look like this:

Definition: An integer, x, is even if $\exists k(x = 2k)$.

Notice it says "if" not "if and only if."

A definition is **always** an if and only if. The word "definition" has the "only if" direction in it.

I really wish people didn't do this. I wish they explicitly said "if and only if" but some people insist that "definition" implies the "only if" direction. Otherwise it's a "sufficient condition" not a "definition"

Proof Strategy: Direct Proof

Direct Proof

Direct proof is one strategy for proving statements of the form

$$\forall x[P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)]$$

Our First Direct Proof

Prove: "For all integers x, if x is even, then x^2 is even."

What's the claim in logic?

$\forall x\ (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

How would we prove this claim?

We'll see how to prove it formally in a minute; for now, just try to convince each other this statement is true.

Our First Direct Proof

Definitions
$\mathrm{Even}(x) := \exists k(x = 2k)$

Prove: "For all integers x, if x is even, then x^2 is even." $\forall x(\mathrm{Even}(x) \rightarrow \mathrm{Even}(x^2))$

$x = 2k$

$x^2 = (2k)(2k) = 2(2k^2)$

Arbitrary

An "arbitrary" variable is one that

is part of the domain of discourse (or some sub-domain you pick).

You know **nothing** else about.

EVERY element of the domain could be plugged into that arbitrary variable. And everything else you say in the proof will follow.

An arbitrary variable is exactly what you need to convince us of a ∀.

If you want to prove a for-all you must explicitly tell us the variable is arbitrary when it is introduced.

Your reader doesn't know what you're doing otherwise.

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Now What?

Definitions
$\text{Even}(x) \coloneqq \exists k(x = 2k)$

Well….what does it mean to be even?

$x = 2k$ for some integer k.

Where do we need to end up?

$\texttt{Even}(x^2)$

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Squaring both sides, we see that:

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Because k is an integer, $2k^2$ is also an integer.

So x^2 is two times an integer.

Which is exactly the definition of even, so x^2 is even.

Since x was an arbitrary integer, we conclude that for all integers x, if x is even then x^2 is also even.

Direct Proof Template

Prove: $\forall x(\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

Declare an arbitrary variable for each ∀.	Let x be an arbitrary integer.
Assume the left side of the implication.	Suppose that x is even.
Unroll the predicate definitions.	Then by definition of even, there exists some integer k such that $x = 2k$.
Manipulate towards the goal.	Squaring both sides, we see that: $x^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 2 \cdot 2k^2$
Reroll definitions into the right side of the implication.	Because k is an integer, then $2k^2$ is also an integer. So x^2 is two times an integer. So by definition of even, x^2 is even.
Conclude that you have proved the claim.	Since x was an arbitrary integer, we can conclude that for all integers x, if x is even then x^2 is even.

Direct Proof Steps

These are the usual steps. We'll see different outlines in the future!!

- Introduction
  - Declare an arbitrary variable for each ∀ quantifier
  - Assume the left side of the implication
- Core of the proof
  - Unroll the predicate definitions
  - Manipulate towards the goal (using creativity, algebra, etc.)
  - Reroll definitions into the right side of the implication
- Conclude that you have proved the claim