

Warm up translate to predicate logic:  
"For every  $x$ , if  $x$  is prime, then  $x$  is odd or  $x = 2$ ."

# Nested Unalike Quantifiers

CSE 311 Fall 25  
Lecture 6

# Announcements

HW1 solutions handed out in lecture today.

If you missed them, they are in an envelope outside Miya's office door CSE 460---in Allen take the elevator to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, turn left.

Don't need to wait for office hours, just grab them.

Robbie will also have copies in office hours as well.

# Where were we?

A predicate is a function that outputs a Boolean

`Prime(x) := "x is prime"`

`LessThan(x, y) := "x < y"`

The "domain of discourse" is the set of all values your variables can take.  
Usually the "type" you're allowing

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## Universal Quantifier

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Remember: upside-down-A for All.

# Quantifiers

## Existential Quantifier

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Remember: backwards-E for Exists.

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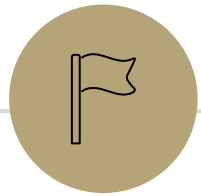
$$\exists x(\text{Tasty}(x) \wedge \text{Ripe}(x))$$

For every fruit, if it is not ripe then it is not tasty.

$$\forall x(\neg \text{Ripe}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{Tasty}(x))$$

There is a fruit that is sliced and diced.

$$\exists x(\text{Sliced}(x) \wedge \text{Diced}(x))$$



# Domain Restriction

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# Quantifiers

$\forall$  (for **A**ll) and  $\exists$  (there **E**xists)

Write these statements in predicate logic with quantifiers. Let your domain of discourse be "cats"

This sentence implicitly makes a statement about all cats!

If a cat is fat, then it is happy.

$$\forall x[\text{Fat}(x) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)]$$

# Quantifiers

Writing implications can be tricky when we change the domain of discourse.

For every cat: if the cat is fat, then it is happy.

Domain of Discourse: cats

$$\forall x[\text{Fat}(x) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)]$$

What if we change our domain of discourse to be all mammals?

We need to limit  $x$  to be a cat. How do we do that?

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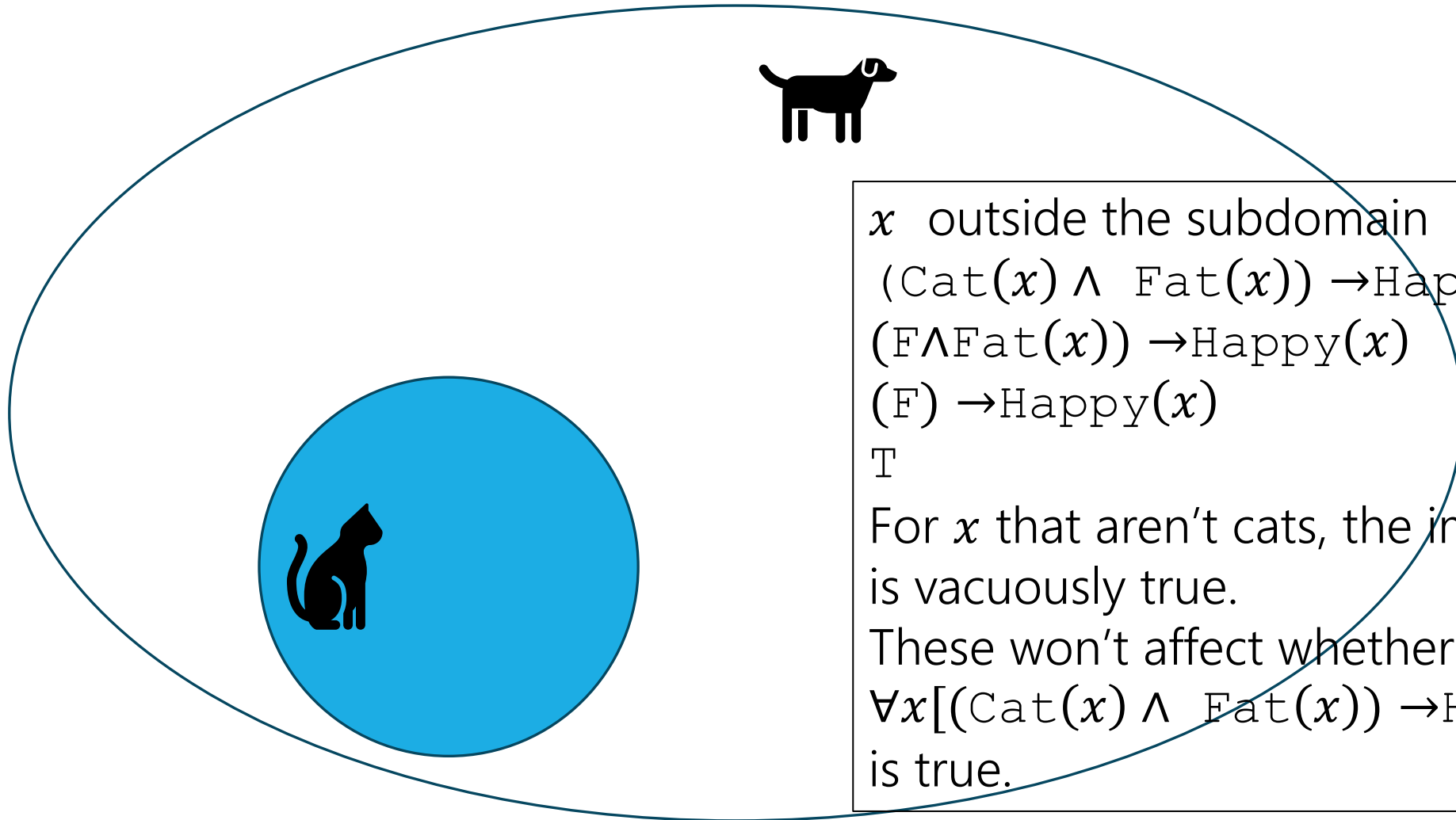
For all mammals, if  $x$  is a cat and fat then it is happy  
[if  $x$  is not a cat, the claim is vacuously true, you can't use the promise for anything]

$$\forall x[\text{Cat}(x) \wedge (\text{Fat}(x) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x))]$$

For all mammals, that mammal is a cat and if it is fat then it is happy.  
[what if  $x$  is a dog? Dogs are in the domain, but...uh-oh. This isn't what we meant.]

To “limit” variables to a portion of your domain of discourse under a universal quantifier add a hypothesis to an implication.

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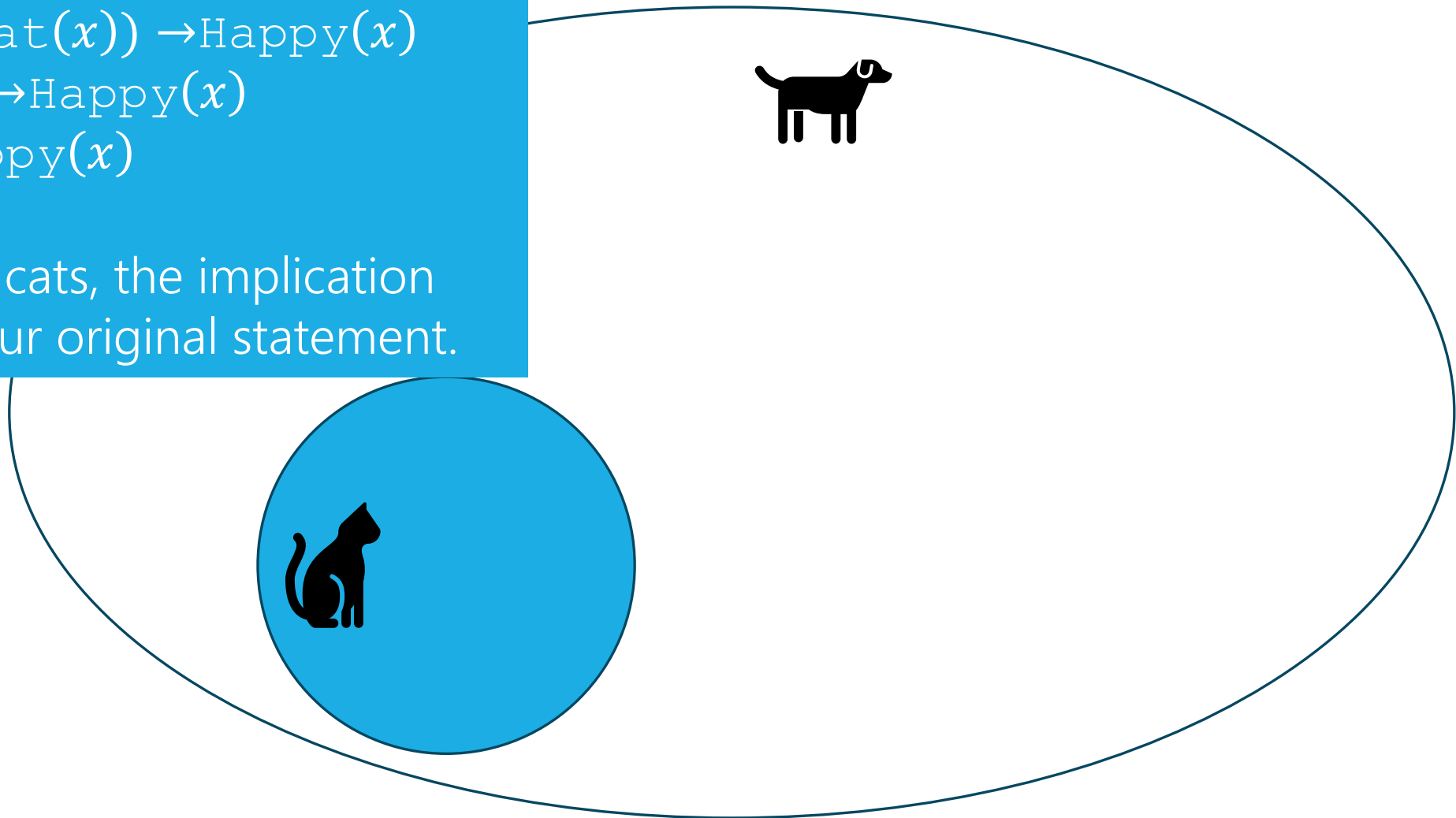
$x$  inside the subdomain

$$(\text{Cat}(x) \wedge \text{Fat}(x)) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)$$

$$(\text{T} \wedge \text{Fat}(x)) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)$$

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For  $x$  that are cats, the implication simplifies to our original statement.



# Quantifiers

Existential quantifiers need a different rule:

To “limit” variables to a portion of your domain of discourse under an existential quantifier AND the limitation together with the rest of the statement.

There is a dog who is not happy.

Domain of discourse: dogs

$\exists x(\neg \text{Happy}(x))$

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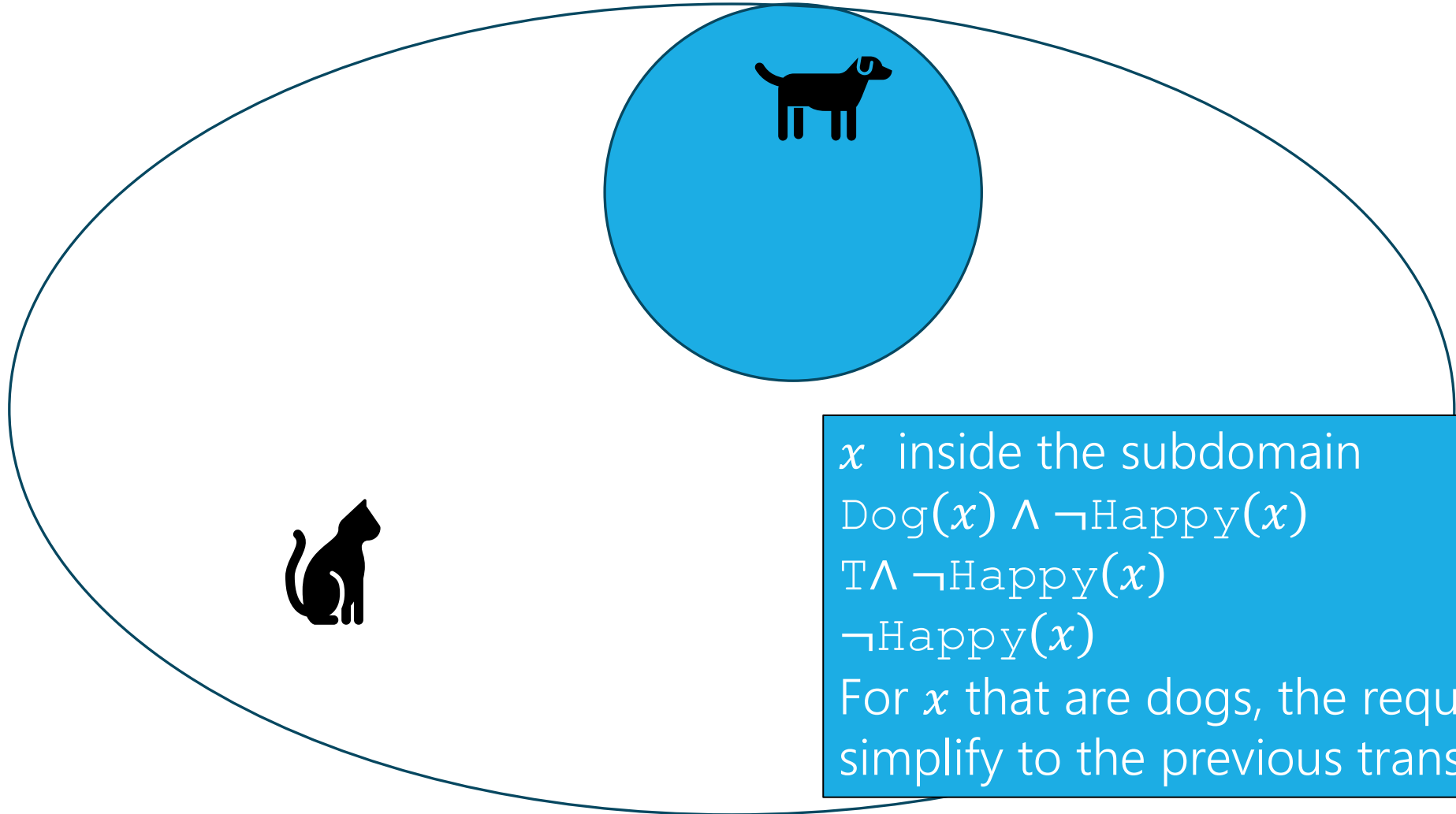
There is a mammal, such that if  $x$  is a  
dog then it is not happy.  
[this can't be right – plug in a cat for  $x$   
and the implication is true]

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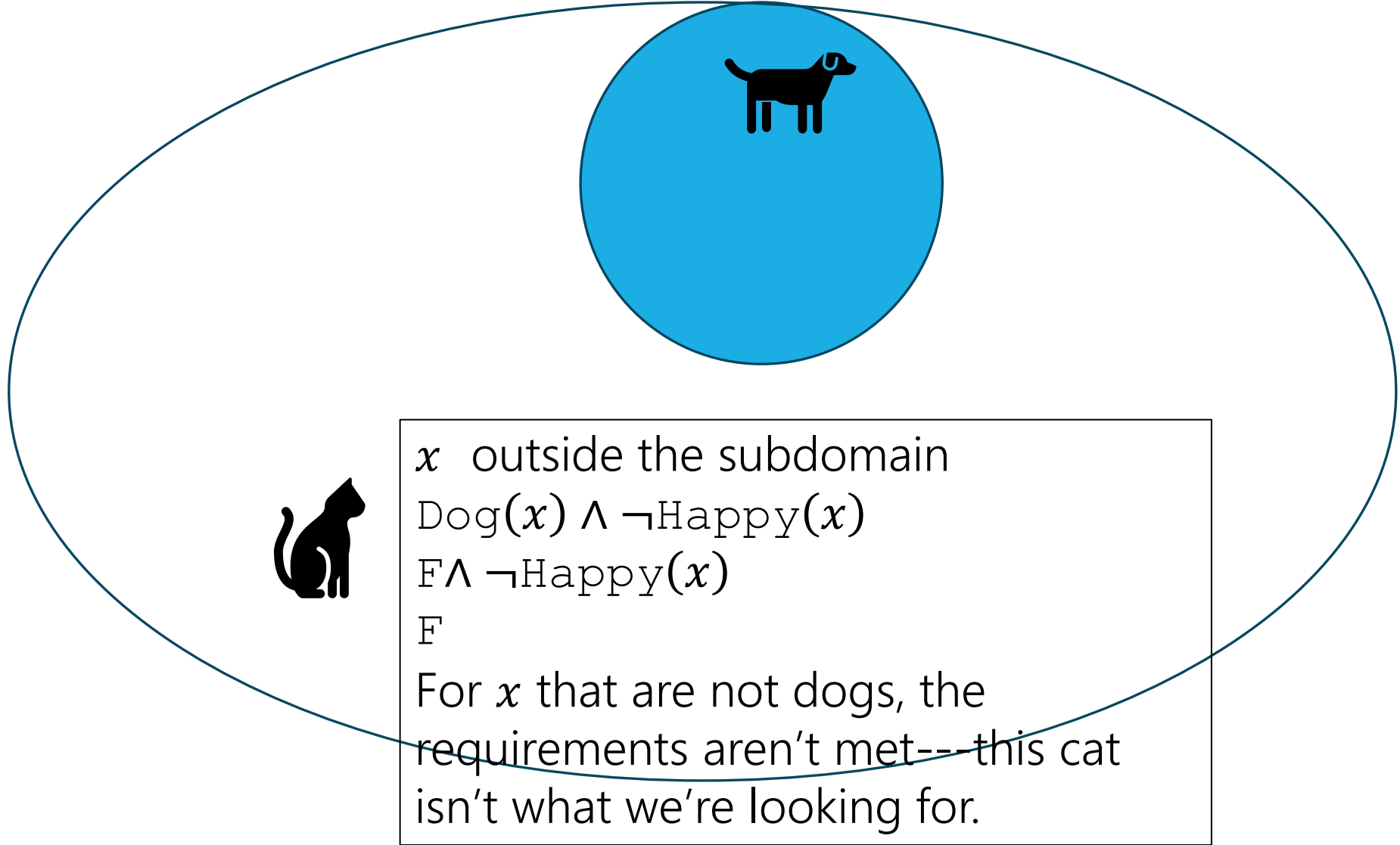
There is a mammal that is both a dog  
and not happy.  
[this one is correct!]

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$$\forall x(Cat(x) \rightarrow NumLives(x, 9))$$

$\exists x(Cat(x) \wedge \neg(NumLives(x, 9)))$  "There is a cat without 9 lives."

All dogs love every person.

$$\forall x\forall y(Dog(x) \wedge Human(y) \rightarrow Love(x, y))$$

$\exists x\exists y(Dog(x) \wedge Human(y) \wedge \neg Love(x, y))$  "There is a dog who does not love someone." "There is a dog and a person such that the dog doesn't love that person."

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"For every cat and every human, the cat does not love that human."

"Every cat does not love any human" ("no cat loves any human")

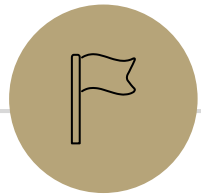
# Negation with Domain Restriction

$\exists x \exists y (Cat(x) \wedge Human(y) \wedge Love(x, y))$

$\forall x \forall y ([Cat(x) \wedge Human(y)] \rightarrow \neg Love(x, y))$

There are lots of equivalent expressions to the second. This one is by far the best because it reflects the domain restriction happening. How did we get there?

There's a problem in this week's section handout showing similar algebra.



# Nested Quantifiers

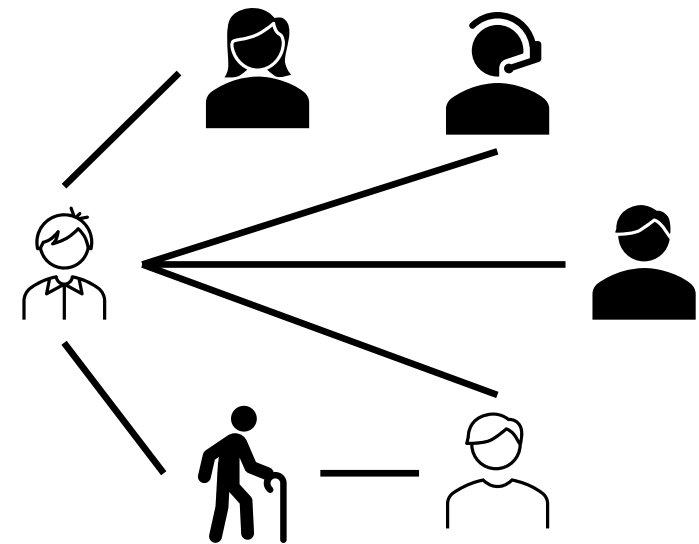
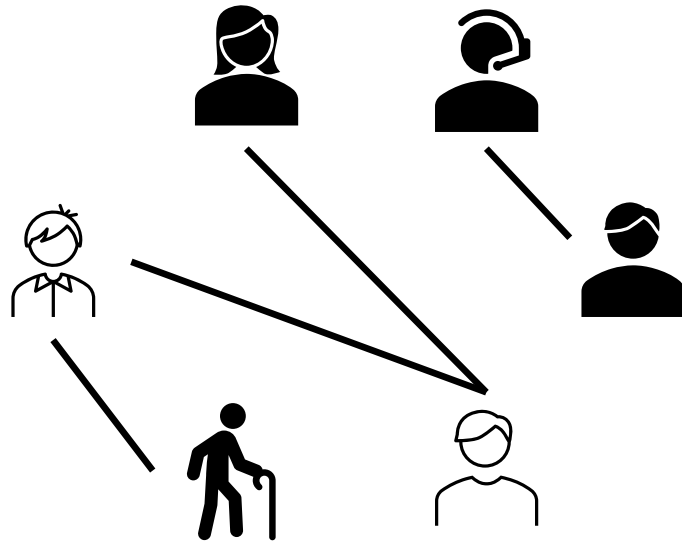
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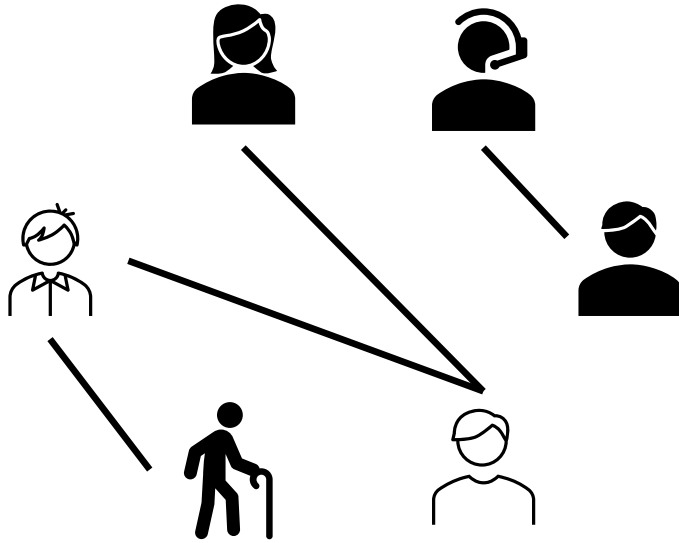


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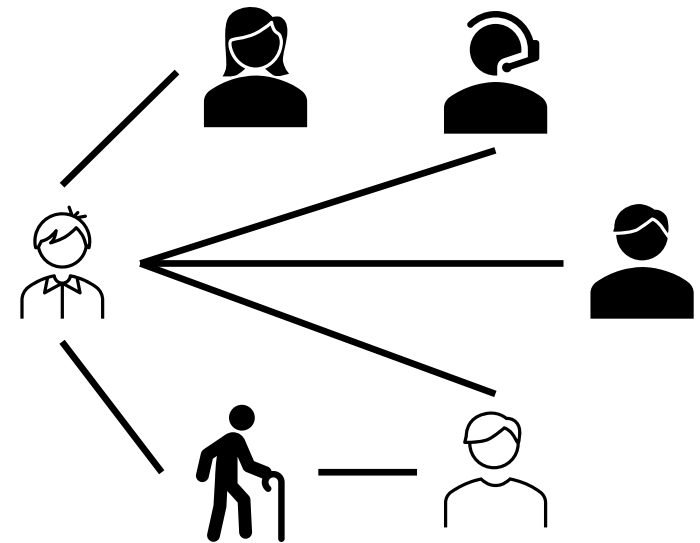
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$$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$$

"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  $y$ .

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| B         | T   | F | F | T | F |
| C         | F   | T | F | F | F |
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# Keep everything in order

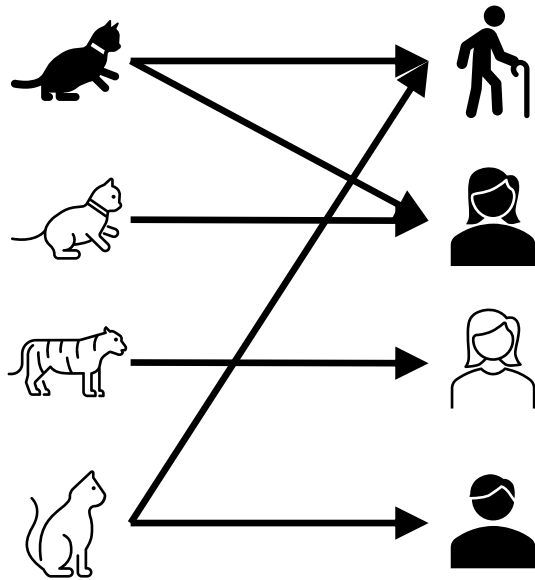
Keep the quantifiers in the same order in English as they are in the logical notation.

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

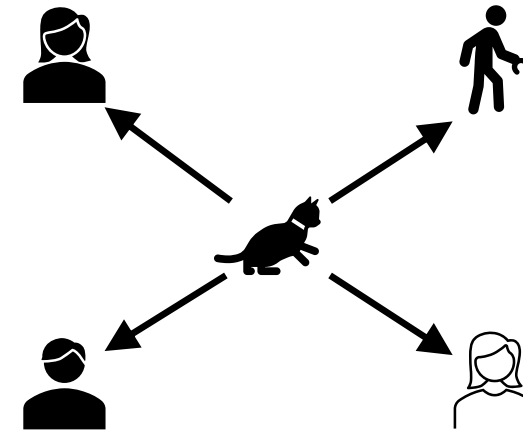
It would **never** be phrased that way in “mathematical English” We’ll only ever write “for every person, there is someone out there for them.”

# Try it yourselves

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There is a cat that loves every human.

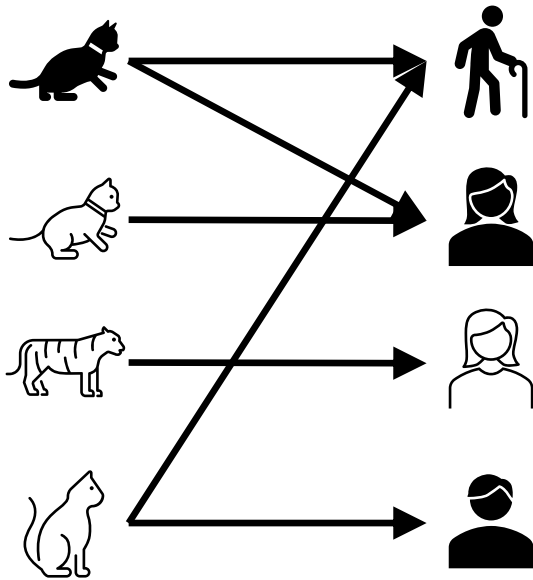


Let your domain of discourse be mammals.

Use the predicates  $\text{Cat}(x)$ ,  $\text{Dog}(x)$ , and  $\text{Loves}(x, y)$  to mean  $x$  loves  $y$ .

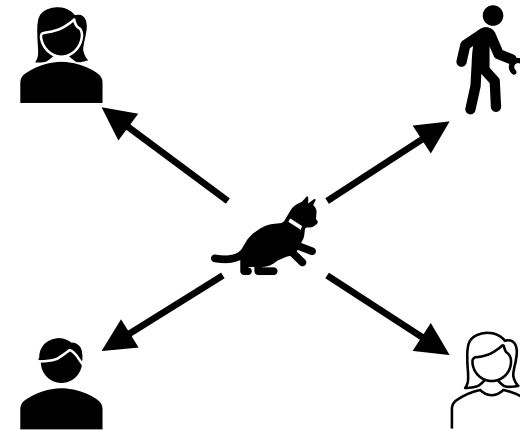
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# Negation

How do we negate nested quantifiers?

The old rule still applies.

To negate an expression with a quantifier

1. Switch the quantifier ( $\forall$  becomes  $\exists$ ,  $\exists$  becomes  $\forall$ )
2. Negate the expression inside

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

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

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

# 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.

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

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

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

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