

# PREDICATES AND QUANTIFIERS

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Limitations of Propositional Logic:

Consider,

Every CS student of NSU must study discrete mathematics

"Name" is a CS student at NSU

Thus,

It looks logical to deduce that

"Name" must study discrete mathematics

↳ Syllogistic method of Aristotle

But,

How do we express it using propositional logic; precisely, using propositional operators?

↳ operators we learnt are not applicable

So,

WE NEED NEW TOOL

↳ The PREDICATE LOGIC

Another example:

"Every computer connected to the university n/w is functioning properly"

Given that, MATH3 is a computer in the university n/w we can not conclude that

MATH3 is functioning properly

↓  
Limitations

→

Motivation/Requirement  
of New tool.

☐ A few examples

$x > 3$        $x = y + 3$       and       $x + y = z$

∴ These statements are neither true or false, as the values of the variables are not specified.

"  $x$  is greater than 3 "

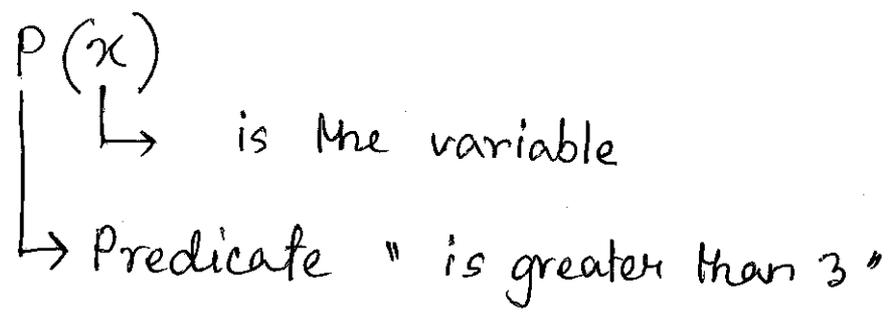
↓ has two parts in this statement

- ① Variable  $x$ , subject of the statement
- ② PREDICATE "is greater than 3"

↳ Refers to a property that the subject of statement can have.

Now,

Let's denote "  $x$  is greater than 3 " by  $P(x)$



∴  $P(x)$  also means the value of the propositional function  $P$  at  $x$ .

∴ if  $x$  is chosen,  $P(x)$  becomes a proposition and it holds a truth value

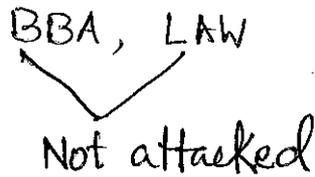
$P(4) \Rightarrow 4 > 3$  , is TRUE

$P(2) \Rightarrow 2 > 3$  is FALSE

Example :

$A(x) \Rightarrow$  denotes the statement

" Computer  $x$  is under attack by an intruder "



$A(CSE) : TRUE$

$A(BBA) : FALSE$

$A(MAT) : TRUE$

$A(LAW) : FALSE$

We can also define statements with more than one variable.

$Q(x,y)$  denotes " $x = y + 3$ "

For  $Q(1, 2)$ , we obtain  $1 = 2 + 3$  FALSE

For  $Q(3, 0)$ , we obtain  $3 = 0 + 3$  TRUE

$A(c, n)$  means Computer " $c$ " is connected to network " $n$ "

say,	Computer	N/W
	CSE	NSU1
	BBA	NSU2

Then  $A(CSE, NSU2) = FALSE$

# Quantifiers

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When variables in a propositional fn<sup>c</sup> is assigned values, we obtain proposition with certain values.

↓ alternatively,

if we quantify a propositional fn<sup>c</sup>, we can get propositions.

↓ Quantification

Quantification expresses the extent to which a predicate is true over a range of elements.

A few examples:

$P(x, y, z)$

$$x + y = z$$

$P(-4, 6, 2)$  is true

$P(5, 2, 10)$  is false

$P(5, x, 7)$  is not a proposition

$Q(x, y, z)$

$$x - y = z$$

Now,  $P(1, 2, 3) \wedge Q(5, 4, 1)$  is true

$P(1, 2, 4) \rightarrow Q(5, 4, 0)$  is true

| if

$P(1, 2, 3) \rightarrow Q(5, 4, 0)$  is FALSE

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☐ That is, for "some" combinations we have the propositions TRUE

for "some", FALSE

for "some", not a proposition even.

Similarly, "all", "some", "many" and "none" these are used in quantifications.

☐ Two types of quantifications are generally used.

a. Universal quantification

A predicate is true for every element under consideration.

b. Existential quantification

Predicate is true for at least a few or one element

☐ Domain of Discourse:

If a property is true for all values of a variable in particular domain, called domain of Discourse.

We need universal quantifier.

Similarly, we can have more variables to the propositional fn<sup>s</sup>.

For example :

$R(x, y, z)$  denoting the statement  $x + y = z$

Let's say,

$R(1, 2, 3) T$   
 $R(0, 0, 1) F$  } Asks students to fill it up

⋮

In general, statements can involve 'n' variables

$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$

↳ P is called an n-place predicate  
↳ or, n-ary predicate.

APPLICATION :

Consider a statement

if  $x > 0$  then  $x := x + 1$

$P(x)$  here " $x > 0$ ", When  $P(x)$  is TRUE  $x$  is increased by 1, and if  $P(x)$  is FALSE, assignment statement is not executed.

Definition:

Universal quantification of  $P(x)$  is the statement

" $P(x)$  for all values of  $x$  in the domain"

Notation:  $\forall x P(x)$

$\rightarrow \forall$  is the universal quantifier.

$\forall x P(x)$  : for all  $x P(x)$   
for every  $x P(x)$

Now,

An element that makes  $P(x)$  false is known as counterexample of  $\forall x P(x)$

Example:

Let  $P(x)$  be the statement " $x+1 > x$ "

then,

$\forall x P(x)$  is TRUE if the domain consists of all real numbers.

NOT

Caution: The domain should be empty.

☐ "For all" and "For every"

→ all of  
→ for each  
→ Given any  
→ For arbitrary

→ "for each"  
→ "for any"

⊞ A statement  $\forall x P(x)$  is false if and only if  $P(x)$  is not always true when  $x$  takes value from the domain.

One way to show that  $P(x)$  is not always true is  
 counter example.

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

FALSE.

Cause as  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x$  can be 3, and  
 $3 < 2$ .

Another example:  $P(x)$  states " $x^r > 0$ "

so,  $\forall x P(x)$  T/F? counter example:  
 $x=0, x^r=0$

QUESTION:

What is the truth value of  $\forall x P(x)$ , where  
 $P(x)$  is the statement  $x^r < 10$  and the domain  
 consists of positive integers not exceeding 4.

$P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4)$ , so  $\forall x P(x)$  is FALSE

Definition:

## Existential Quantifier

Existential quantification of  $P(x)$  is the proposition

"There exists an element  $x$  in the domain such that  $P(x)$ "

Notation:  $\exists x P(x)$

✓ Without specifying the domain, statement  $\exists x P(x)$  has no meaning.

✓ So, one must define the domain.

✓ Existential quantification,  $\exists x P(x)$  is read as

There's an  $x$  such as that  $P(x)$

There's at least one  $x$  such that  $P(x)$

A few alternatives ... "for some", "for at least one", or "there is"

Example:

Let  $P(x)$  denote the statement " $x > 3$ ". for Domain consists of all real numbers.

Then  $\exists x P(x)$  is true

↳ it is sometimes true

Example:

Let  $Q(x)$  denotes statement " $x = x + 1$ ". What is the truth value of quantification  $\exists x Q(x)$ , where domain consists of all real numbers.

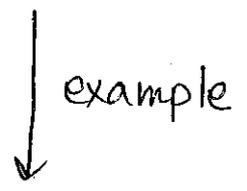
Answer is FALSE

Generally, an implicit assumption is that all domains are non-empty.

AND  $\exists x Q(x)$  is always FALSE

When all elements in the domain can be listed - say  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots \dots x_n$ , the existential quantification  $\exists x P(x)$  is the same as

$$P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee P(x_3) \dots \dots P(x_n).$$



What is the truth value of  $\exists x P(x)$ , where  $P(x)$  is the statement  $x^2 > 10$ , and the universe discourse consists of positive integers not exceeding 4.

$$\text{Domain } \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

The proposition  $\exists x P(x)$  is the same as  $P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4)$  gives true value

## NEGATING QUANTIFIED EXPRESSIONS

Let's say, Domain: All students in this class

We assume,

$P(x)$  denotes

$x$  has taken a course in  $M$

↓ Negation

?

$\forall x P(x)$ : Every student in this class has taken  $M$

↓ Negation

It is not the case that every student in this class has taken  $M$

||| equivalent to

There is at least one student in this class who has not taken a course in  $M$

↳ Gives us the existential quantifier.

So,

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

Therefore

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

Comments:  $\neg \forall x P(x)$  is true, then  $\forall x P(x)$  is FALSE. When  $\forall x P(x)$  is false,

## Existential Quantification

There exists an element  $x$  in the domain such that  $P(x)$

We use the notation  $\exists x P(x)$  for the existential quantification of  $P(x)$

$\exists$  is called the existential quantifier

## Quantifiers as disjunction

When all elements in the domain <sup>can be</sup> listed as —  
 $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots \dots x_n$ , the existential  
 quantification  $\exists x P(x)$  is the same as disjunction  
 $P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee P(x_3) \dots \dots \vee P(x_n)$

Comments: Suppose "n objects" in a domain.

To determine whether  $\forall x P(x)$  is true

we use for loop to see if  $P(x)$  is  
 always true

To determine whether  $\exists x P(x)$  is true

we see if for one "x"

$\exists x P(x)$  is true

## Other quantifiers:

W In principle, we can define as many quantifiers as we need.

\* "There are exactly two"

\* "There are no more than three"

A few more ...

\* "There are at least 50"

\* "There are no less than 7"

## Uniqueness quantifier:

W Denoted as  $\exists!$

W  $\exists! x P(x)$  that "There exists a unique  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  is true"

\* There is exactly one

\* There is one and only one

Example:

$\exists! x P(x)$ , where  $P(x)$  denotes  $x+1 = 2x$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

☐ Some more examples

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \forall x < 0 \ (x^2 > 0) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \exists x > 0 \ (x^2 = 2) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Example 1 denotes:

Square of a negative real number is positive

↓ can be written as

$$\forall x (x < 0 \rightarrow x^2 > 0)$$

Example 2 denotes:

There exists a real number  $x$  with  $x > 0$   
such that  $x^2 = 2$ . For instance,  $x = \sqrt{2}$

↓ can be written as

$$\exists x (x > 0 \wedge x^2 = 2)$$

So,  $\forall$  Restriction of universal quantification is the same as quantification of a conditional statement Example 1

$\exists$  Restriction of existential quantification is the same as the existential quantification of a conjunction.

Example 2

☐ Quantifier's Precedence

$\forall$  and  $\exists$  have higher precedence than all logical operators.

$$(\forall x P(x)) \vee (Q(x))$$

### Binding and Free variable

Let's consider the statement  $\exists x (x+y=1)$ .

Here, quantifier is used on  $x$ , but not on  $y$ .  
 $\exists x$  is labeled "bound" and  $y$  is labeled "free".

When a quantifier is used on the variable  $x$  it is bound

If a variable is not bound by a quantifier, it's free.

$\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  and  $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$  are logically equivalent

Let's assume  $x=a$ .

Let's assume  $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  is true. As  $x=a$ , so,

$P(a) \wedge Q(a)$  is true

$\Rightarrow P(a)$  true,  $Q(a)$  true conjunction operation

Now. As  $P(a)$  and  $Q(a)$  are both true; for every element in the domain. Thus, we can conclude

$\forall x P(x)$  and  $\forall x Q(x)$  both are true



$\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$  true

Similarly,

Let's assume that  $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$  is true

↓ This follows that

$\forall x P(x)$  is true,  $\forall x Q(x)$  is true

↓ This implies

if  $a$  in the domain, then

$P(a)$ ,  $Q(a)$  are true

↓ this suggests for all "a"

$P(a) \wedge Q(a)$  is true

↓ true for all  $x$

$\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$

Finally,

$$\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$$

### ☐ Translating English to Logic Using Quantifiers.

" Every student in this class has taken a course  
in C programming "

Sol<sup>n</sup>: When  $U$ , the domain, is all students in class

Assume,  $C(x)$  denotes "  $x$  has taken course in C ".

we can translate by  $\forall x C(x)$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: When  $U$ , the domain, is all people.

We need to define a new propositional fn<sup>c</sup>.  
Let's say that,

$S(x)$  denoting,

" $x$  is a student in this class"

$$S(x) \rightarrow C(x)$$

$\hookrightarrow$  if " $x$  is a student in this class, then  
 $x$  has taken course in  $C$ "

We now can translate

$$\forall x (S(x) \rightarrow C(x))$$

Question :

$$\forall x (S(x) \wedge C(x)) \text{ is not correct.}$$

Why ?

Here,

the statement says that  
" all people are student in this class  
and have studied  $C$  "

SEE EXAMPLES IN BOOK

Use Predicates & quantifier to express —

Every mail larger than 1 MB will be compressed.

Let's assume  $S(m, y)$  denotes Mail message "m" is larger than y MB.

Then,  $y = 1 \text{ MB}$  or other interested value.

$$\forall m (S(m, 1) \rightarrow C(m))$$

where,  $C(m)$  denotes

Mail "m" will be compressed  
↳ domain "all message"

More examples ...

- Premises { " All lions are fierce "
  - " Some lions do not drink coffee "
  - " Some fierce creatures do not drink coffee "
- Conclusion

Assume domain consists of all creatures

$P(x)$  denotes:  $x$  is a lion

$Q(x)$  denotes:  $x$  is fierce (ferocious)

$R(x)$  denotes:  $x$  drinks coffee

↗ opposite: gentle

So,  $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$

$\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg R(x)) \equiv \exists x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x))$   
we cannot ...

$\exists x (Q(x) \wedge \neg R(x))$

consider

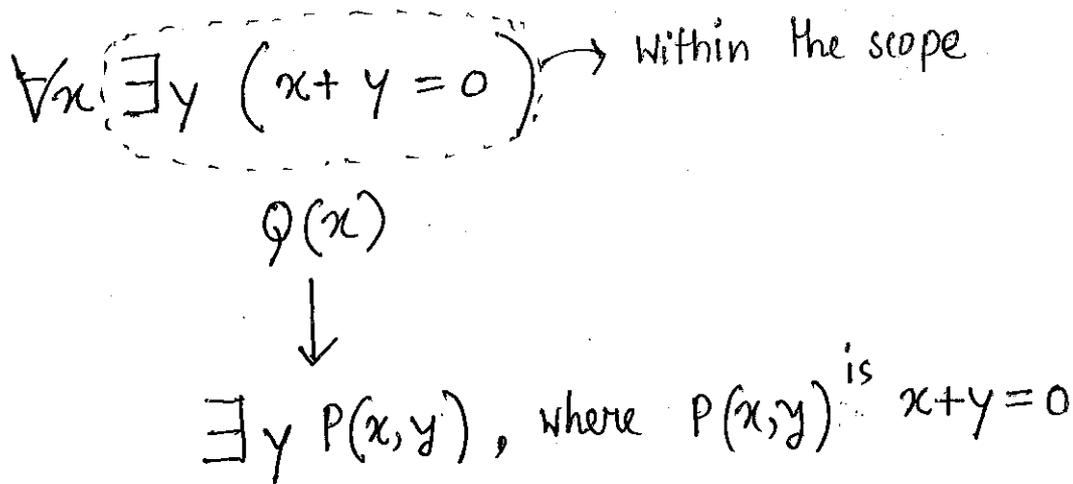
P	q	$P \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Two quantifiers are nested if one is within the scope of the other.

"within the scope"

↳ Everything within the scope of a quantifier can be thought of a propositional function.

For example



Example:

$\forall x \forall y (x+y = y+x)$       domain:  $\mathbb{R}$

↓  
says that  $x+y = y+x$  for all real numbers

↳ This is also known as commutative law

$\forall x \exists y (x+y=0)$  says that

For every real number  $x$  there is a real number  $y$  such that  $x+y=0$

$\forall x \forall y \forall z (x+(y+z) = (x+y)+z)$

↳ Associative law

☐ Translate into English

Domain: IR

$$\forall x \forall y ((x > 0) \wedge (y < 0) \rightarrow (xy < 0))$$

For every real number  $x$  and

For every real number  $y$

if  $x > 0$  and  $y < 0$ , then  $xy < 0$

↓  
Positive

↓  
Negative

↓  
Product is negative

☐ Quantification as Loops

If  $\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$  is true: Loop through for  $x$  and for each  $x$ , we loop through the values for  $y$ .

If  $\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$  is true: To see whether this nested quantifier is true, we loop through the values for  $x$  until we find an  $x$  for which  $P(x, y)$  is always true when we loop through all values for  $y$ .

If  $\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$  is true: We loop through  $x$  until we hit an " $x$ " for which we find a  $y$  that makes  $P(x, y)$  true

Example :

$Q(x, y)$  denotes  $x+y=0$

Truth values of  $\exists y \forall x Q(x, y)$  ?

Domain : real numbers.  $\forall x \exists y Q(x, y)$  ?

$\exists y \forall x Q(x, y)$  :

There is a real number  $y$  such that for every real number  $x$   $Q(x, y)$

Say,  $y=3$ ,  $x+y=0$  only if  $x=-3$

So, not true for other values of "x"

FALSE

$\forall x \exists y Q(x, y)$  :

For every real number  $x$ , there is a real number  $y$  such that  $Q(x, y)$

Say, $x = 1$	$y = -1$	$x+y=0$	TRUE
$= 2$	$y = -2$	$x+y=0$	
$= 3$	$y = -3$	$x+y=0$	

COMMENTS:

Orders at which quantifiers appear make a difference.

So,  $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$  and  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$  are not logically equivalent.

### Translate Mathematical statements into Nested Quantifiers.

"Every real number except zero, has a multiplicative inverse"

↓ rewrite

For every real number  $x$ , if  $x \neq 0$ , then there exists a real number  $y$  such that  $xy = 1$ .

↓

$$\forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists y (xy = 1))$$

More example at Book.

### Negating Nested Quantifier

Find negation of the statement  $\forall x \exists y (xy = 1)$  so that no negation precedes a quantifier.

$$\begin{aligned} \neg \forall x \exists y (xy = 1) &\equiv \exists x \neg (\exists y (xy = 1)) \\ &\equiv \exists x \forall y (\neg (xy = 1)) \\ &\equiv \exists x \forall y (xy \neq 1) \end{aligned}$$

This comes from De'Morgan Thm

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

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

Example :

There does not <sup>exist</sup> a <sup>woman</sup> person who has taken a flight on every <sup>a</sup> airline in the world

Negation of

There exists a <sup>w</sup> woman who has taken a flight on every <sup>a</sup> airline in the world.

→  $\exists w \forall a \exists f (P(w, f) \wedge Q(f, a))$

$P(w, f)$ : "w has taken flight f"		a : airline
$Q(f, a)$ : "f is a flight on a"		f : flight
		w : woman

So, negation of  $\exists w \forall a \exists f (P(w, f) \wedge Q(f, a))$  will provide us the answer.

→ Apply De Morgan's law successively.

$$\neg \exists w \forall a \exists f (P(w, f) \wedge Q(f, a))$$

$$\equiv \forall w \neg \forall a \exists f (P(w, f) \wedge Q(f, a))$$

$$\equiv \forall w \exists a \neg \exists f (P(w, f) \wedge Q(f, a))$$

$$\equiv \forall w \exists a \forall f \neg (P(w, f) \wedge Q(f, a))$$

$$\equiv \forall w \exists a \forall f (\neg P(w, f) \vee \neg Q(f, a))$$

So, For every woman, there is an airline such that for all flights, this woman has not taken that flight or that flight is not on this airline.