

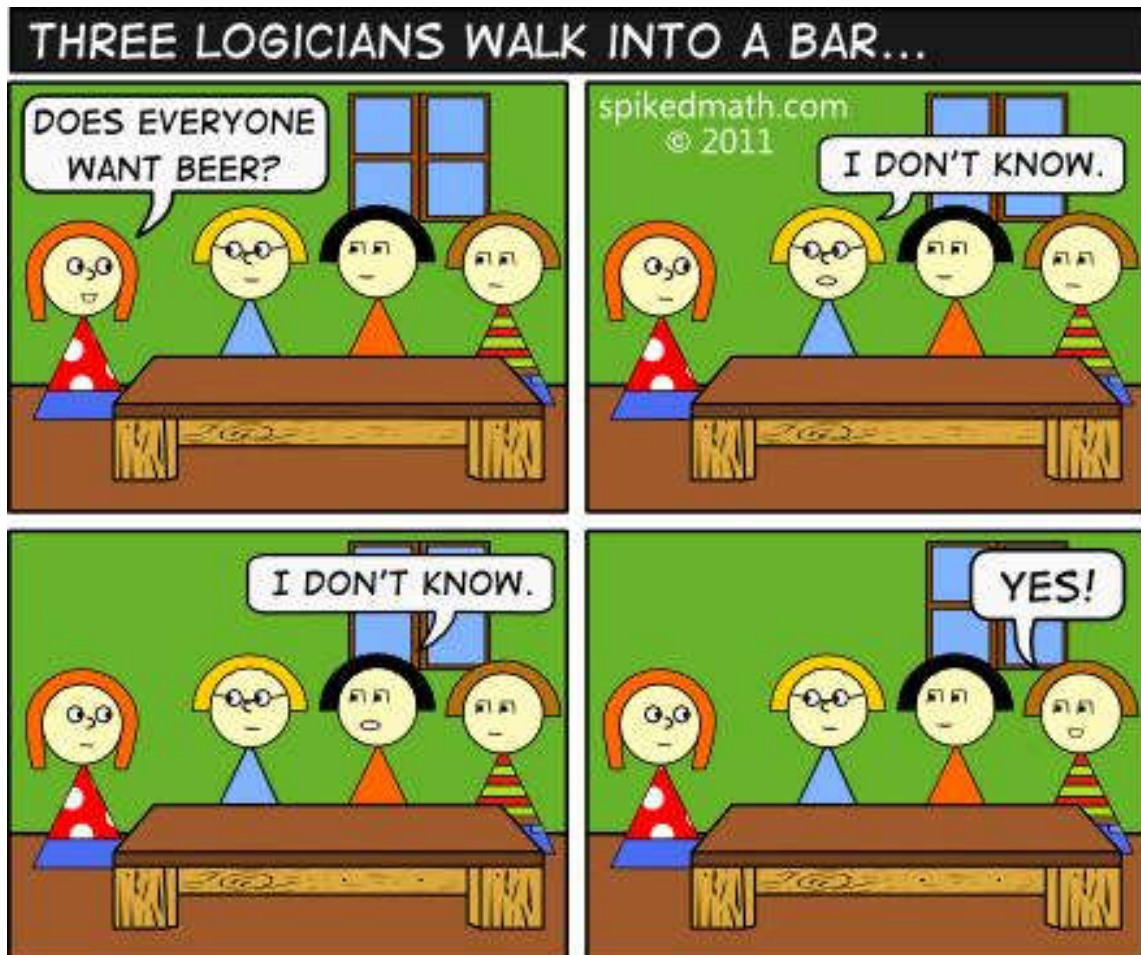
Chapter 1: Logic and Proof

# 1.3 Predicates and Quantifiers

# 1.4 Nested Quantifiers

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## Limitation of Propositional Logic

- Limitation 1:
  - p** : John is a SCUT student
  - q** : Peter is a SCUT student
  - r** : Mary is a SCUT student
- Try to represent them using propositional variable
  - However, these propositions are very similar
  - A more powerful type of logic named **Predicate Logic** will be introduced

# Predicates

- **Predicate logic** is an extension of propositional logic that permits concisely reasoning about whole classes of entities



John



Peter



Mary



- **Propositional Logic** treats simple propositions as atomic entities

- **Predicate Logic** distinguishes the subject of a sentence from its predicate

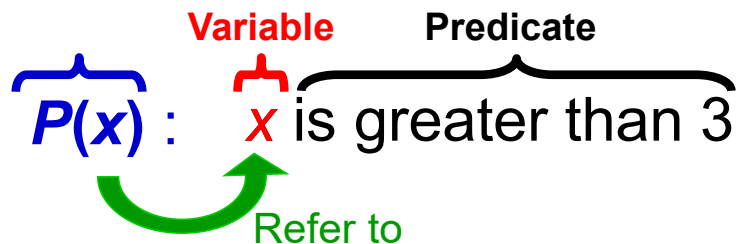
# Predicates

- **Predicate** is a function of proposition
- Example:

**Convention:**

- lowercase variables denote objects
- UPPERCASE variables denote predicates

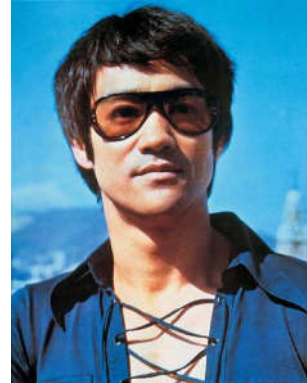
Propositional Function /  
Predicate



- The truth value of proposition function can only be determined when the values of variables are known

# Predicates

- Example:
  - $P(x) : "x > 3"$
  - What is  $P(4)$ ? ✓
  - What is  $P(2)$ ? ✗
  
- $P(x) : "x \text{ is a singer}"$
- $P(\text{Michael Jackson})$ ? ✓
- $P(\text{Bruce Lee})$ ? ✗



# Predicates

- Propositional function can have **more than one variables**
- Example:
  - $P(x, y) : x + y = 7$ 
    - $P(2, 5)$  ✓
  - $Q(x, y, z) : x = y + z$ 
    - $Q(5, 2, 8)$  ✗

# Predicates

## ■ General case

- A statement involving the  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  can be denoted by

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

- A statement of the form  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is the value of the propositional function  $P$  at the **n-tuple**  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- $P$  is also called a  **$n$ -place predicate** or a  **$n$ -ary predicate**

## Limitation of Propositional Logic

### ■ Limitation 2:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ■ Given                                      | ■ Given   |
| $P$ : “Every student in SCUT is clever”      | $P$ : “Peter cannot pass this Discrete Maths subject”   |
| $Q$ : “Peter is SCUT student”                | $Q$ : “Peter is a SCUT student”   |
| ■ What can we conclude?<br>“Peter is clever” | ■ What can we conclude?<br>“At least one student in SCUT cannot pass this Discrete Maths subject” |
- 
- **No rules of propositional logic** can **conclude** the truth of this statement

# Limitation of Propositional Logic

- **Propositional Logic** does **not adequately express the following meanings**
  - Every, all, some, partial, at least one, one, etc
- A **more powerful tool, Quantifiers**, will be introduced

## Quantifiers

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

- For example

- **Using Propositional Logic**

- p: Peter has iPhone
- q: Paul has iPhone
- r: Mary has iPhone

- **Using Predicate**

- $P(x)$  : x has iPhone
- $P(\text{Peter})$
- $P(\text{Paul})$
- $P(\text{Mary})$



Assume our class only contains three students

- **Using Quantifier**

- $P(x)$  : x has iPhone
- For all x,  $P(x)$  is true
- Domain consists of all student in this class

# Quantifiers

- **Four aspects** should be mentioned in **Quantification**

1. **Quantifier**  
(e.g. all, some...)
2. **Variable**
3. **Predicate**
4. **Domain**



$P(x) : x \text{ has iPhone}$   
For **all**  $x$ ,  $P(x)$  is true  
Domain consists of **all student** in this class

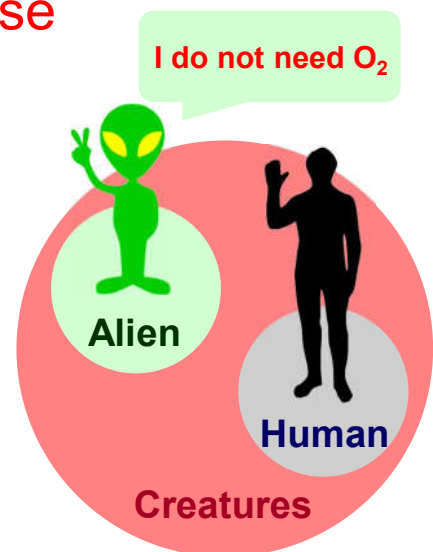
- The area of **logic** that deals with **predicates and quantifiers** is called the **Predicate Calculus**

# Quantifiers

- **Universes of Discourse (U.D.s)**

- Also called the **domain of discourse**
- Refers to the **collection of objects** being discussed in a **specific discourse**
- Example:

- $P(x) : "x \text{ breaths oxygen}"$
- Domain consists of **humans**  
 $P(x)$  is true for all  $x$ ? ✓
- Domain consists of **creatures**  
 $P(x)$  is true for all  $x$ ? ✗



# Quantifiers

- Three types of quantification will be focused:
  - **Universal Quantification**
    - i.e. all, none
  - **Existential Quantification**
    - i.e. some, few, many
  - **Unique Quantification**
    - i.e. exactly one
    - Can be expressed by using **Universal Quantification** and **Existential Quantification**

## Quantifiers

### Universal Quantifiers (ALL)

- Definition  
**Universal quantification** of  $P(x)$  is the statement  
“ $P(x)$  is true for all values of  $x$  in the domain”
- Notation:  $\forall x P(x)$ 
  - $\forall$ LL, reversed “A”
  - Read as
    - “for all  $x P(x)$ ”
    - “for every  $x P(x)$ ”
- Truth value
  - **True** when  $P(x)$  is true for all  $x$
  - **False otherwise**
    - An **element** for which  $P(x)$  is **false** is called a **counterexample**



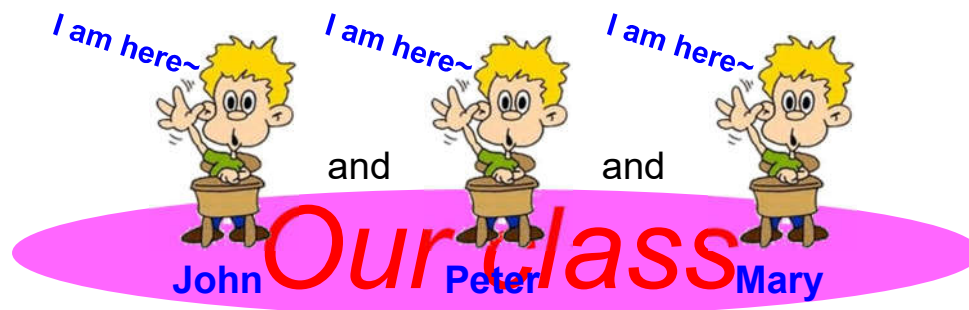
## Quantifiers

# Universal Quantifiers

- When all of the **elements in the universe of discourse** can be listed **one by one** (discrete) (e.g.  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ ),

$$\forall x P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)$$

- For example
  - Our class** has three students: **John, Peter and Mary**
  - Every student in our class has attended the class**



## Quantifiers

# Existential Quantifiers (SOME)

- Definition  
**Existential quantification** of  $P(x)$  is the proposition  
"There exists an element  $x$  in the domain such that  $P(x)$  is true"
- Notation:  $\exists x P(x)$ 
  - $\exists$ XIST, reversed "E"
  - Read as
    - "There is an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ "
    - "There is at least one  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ "
    - "For some  $x P(x)$ "
- Truth value
  - False** when  $P(x)$  is false for all  $x$
  - True** otherwise

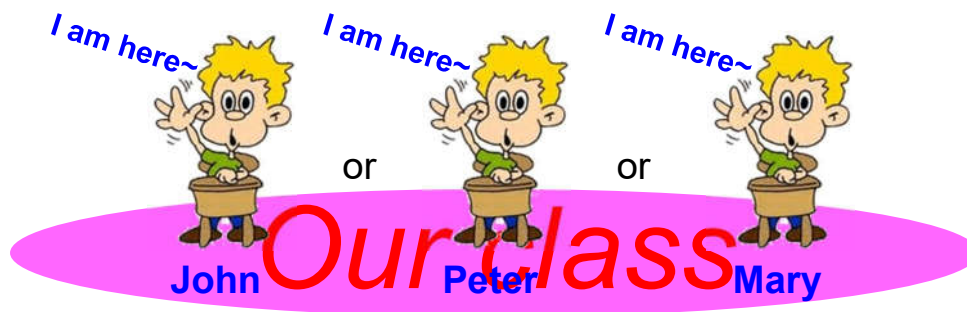
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## Quantifiers

- Examples:
  - $P(x): x+1 > x$** , U.D.s: the set of real number
    - $\forall x P(x)$  ? **True**  $P(x)$  is always true
    - $\exists x P(x)$  ? **True**
  - $Q(x): x < 2$** , U.D.s: the set of real number
    - $\forall x Q(x)$  ? **False**  $Q(y)$  is false when  $y \geq 3$  (counterexamples)
    - $\exists x Q(x)$  ? **True**  $Q(y)$  is true when  $y < 2$
  - $S(x): 2x < x$** , U.D.s: the set of real positive number
    - $\forall x S(x)$  ? **False**  $S(x)$  is always false
    - $\exists x S(x)$  ? **False**

# Universal Quantifiers

- Examples:

- $P(x): x^2 < 10,$

U.D.s. the positive integer not exceeding 4

- $\forall x P(x) ?$

$$\forall x P(x) \equiv P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4) \equiv \mathbf{F}$$

- $\exists x P(x) ?$

$$\exists x P(x) \equiv P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4) \equiv \mathbf{T}$$

$$P(1) \checkmark \quad P(2) \checkmark \quad P(3) \checkmark \quad P(4) \times$$

counterexample

# Quantifiers

- How can we prove the followings:

- Universal quantification is true

- Universal quantification is false

- Existential quantification is true

- Existential quantification is false

Finding one is ok  
(counterexample)

Need to consider ALL

Attend the class?



John Peter Mary

Statement	When true?	When false?
$\forall x P(x)$	$P(x)$ is true for every $x$	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is false.
$\exists x P(x)$	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is true.	$P(x)$ is false for every $x$ .

# Precedence of Quantifiers

- Recall,

Precedence	Operator	
1	$\neg$	NOT
2	$\wedge$	AND
3	$\vee \oplus$	OR XOR
4	$\rightarrow$	Imply
5	$\leftrightarrow$	Equivalent

←  $\forall$  and  $\exists$  have **higher precedence** than all logical operators from proposition calculus

- Example

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

$(\forall x P(x)) \wedge Q(x)$  ✓

$\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  ✗

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- How to interpret the following expression:

- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge \exists z Q(x,z) \rightarrow \exists y R(x,y)) \vee Q(x,y)$

- $\forall x ( P(x) \wedge (\exists z Q(x,z)) \rightarrow (\exists y R(x,y)) ) \vee Q(x,y)$

- $\forall x ( (P(x) \wedge (\exists z Q(x,z))) \rightarrow (\exists y R(x,y)) ) \vee Q(x,y)$

# Bound and Free Variable

- **Free Variable**: No any restriction
- **Bound Variable**: Some restrictions (quantifier or condition)
- Example:
  - $P(x)$  : “ $x > 3$ ” **Free Variable** Not Proposition
  - $P(x)$  : “ $x > 3$ ” and  $x = 4$  **Bound Variable** Proposition
  - $\forall x P(x, y)$  **x:Bound Variable** **y:Free Variable** Not Proposition
- All the variables that occur in a **quantifier** must be **bounded** to turn it into a **proposition**
  - i.e. the truth value can be determined
- **Giving restrictions** on a free variable is called **blinding**

## Scope

- The part of a **logical expression** to which a quantifier is applied is called the **scope of this quantifier**
- For example

$$\forall x \underbrace{\left( P(x) \wedge (\exists y Q(y)) \right)}_{\text{Scope of } \forall x} \vee R(z)$$

Scope of  $\exists y$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- $$\forall x ( (P(x) \wedge (\exists z Q(x,z))) \rightarrow (\exists y R(x,y)) ) \vee Q(x,y)$$
  - Scope of  $\exists z$ :  $Q(x,z)$
  - Scope of  $\exists y$ :  $R(x,y)$
  - Scope of  $\forall x$ :  $P(x) \wedge \exists z Q(x,z) \rightarrow \exists y R(x,y)$
  - Free Variable:  $x, y$  in  $Q(x,y)$
  - Bound Variable:  $x, y, z$  in the first component

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- $\forall x \exists x P(x)$  **Not a free variable**
  - Any problem?
    - $x$  is not a free variable in  $\exists x P(x)$ , therefore the  $\forall x$  binding is not used
- $\forall x P(x) \wedge Q(x)$  **1<sup>st</sup> x is Bounded variable 2<sup>nd</sup> x is Free variable**
  - Is  $x$  a free variable?
    - The variable  $x$  in  $Q(x)$  is outside of the *scope* of the  $\forall x$  quantifier, and is therefore free
- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\exists x Q(x))$  **Different variables**
  - Are  $x$  the same?
    - This is legal, because there are **2 different  $x$**

# Recall....

- $\exists x (x^2 > 1)$ 
  - Domain of  $x$  is real number ✓
  - Domain of  $x$  is between  $-1$  and  $1$  ✗
- $\forall x (x^2 \geq 1)$ 
  - Domain of  $x$  is integer ✗
  - Domain of  $x$  is positive integer ✓

# Recall, the Equivalences

- Two propositions  $P$  and  $Q$  are logically equivalent if  $P \leftrightarrow Q$  is a tautology
- $P \leftrightarrow Q$  means  $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$ 
  - $(P \rightarrow Q)$  : Given  $P$ ,  $Q$  is true
  - $(Q \rightarrow P)$  : Given  $Q$ ,  $P$  is true
- Therefore,  
if we want to show  $P \equiv Q$ ,  
we can show  $P \rightarrow Q$  and  $Q \rightarrow P$

# Universal Quantification

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

- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$  ✓

	P(x): x is lazy	Peter	John	Mary	Jessica
	Q(x): x likes beer	✓	✓	✓	✓


- $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x) \rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  ✓

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# Universal Quantification

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	P(x): x is lazy	Peter	John	Mary	Jessica
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# Existential Quantification

■  ~~$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$~~

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Q(x): x like beer	✗	✓	✗	✗


# Existential Quantification

■  $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$

■  $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$  ✓

	Peter	John	Mary	Jessica
P(x): x is lazy	✗	✗	✗	✗
Q(x): x like beer	✗	✓	✗	✗

■  $\exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x) \rightarrow \exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$  ✓

	Peter	John	Mary	Jessica
P(x): x is lazy	✗	✗	✓	✗
Q(x): x like beer	✗	✗	✗	✗

# Logical Implication & Equivalence

- **For Universal Quantifiers,**

- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$
- $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x) \rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$

- **For Existential Quantifiers,**

- $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$
- $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$

## Quantifiers: Logical Equivalence

- $\forall x (A \wedge P(x)) \equiv A \wedge \forall x P(x)$
- $\forall x (A \vee P(x)) \equiv A \vee \forall x P(x)$
- $\exists x (A \wedge P(x)) \equiv A \wedge \exists x P(x)$
- $\exists x (A \vee P(x)) \equiv A \vee \exists x P(x)$

\* A does not consist of free variable x

- $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow A \equiv \exists x (P(x) \rightarrow A)$



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

- $A \rightarrow \forall x P(x) \equiv \forall x (A \rightarrow P(x))$



$$\begin{aligned} &A \rightarrow \forall x P(x) \\ &\equiv \neg(A) \vee \forall x P(x) \\ &\equiv \forall x (\neg(A) \vee P(x)) \\ &\equiv \forall x (A \rightarrow P(x)) \end{aligned}$$

- $\exists x P(x) \rightarrow A \equiv \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow A)$

- $A \rightarrow \exists x P(x) \equiv \exists x (A \rightarrow P(x))$

## Negating Quantifiers

# Universal Quantification

- De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

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

Not all students are good

There is a student is bad



## Negating Quantifiers

# Existential Quantification

- De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

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

There is not exist a good student

All students are bad



## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- What are the negation of the following statements?

- $\forall x (x^2 > x)$

- $\neg \forall x (x^2 > x) \equiv$

- $\exists x (x^2 = 2)$

- $\neg \exists x (x^2 = 2) \equiv$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Show that

$$\neg \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$$

$$\neg \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

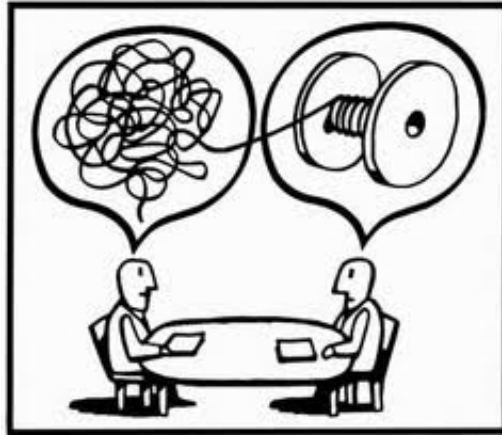
$$\equiv \neg \forall x (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

$$\equiv \exists x \neg (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

$$\equiv \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$$

# Translation Using Quantifiers

- Translating from **English** to **Logical Expressions with quantifiers**



## Translation Using Quantifiers

### Universal Quantification

- Using predicates and quantifiers, express the statement

Every student in this class is lazy

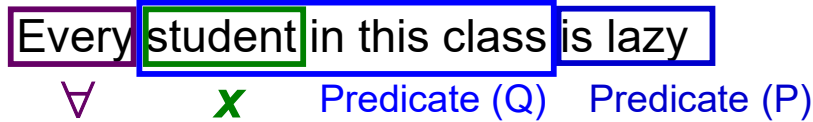
$\forall$        $x$       Universe of Discourse      Predicate

- Quantifier: **Universal Quantifier**
- Variable:  $x$
- Universe of discourse: **the students in the class**
- Propositional Function:  **$P(x) : x$  is lazy**
- Answer:  $\forall x P(x)$

# Universal Quantification

*The universal quantifier connects with an implication*

- Another way to express the statement:



- Quantifier: **Universal Quantifier**
- Variable: **x**
- Universe of discourse: **Any person**
- Propositional Function: **P(x): x is lazy**  
**Q(x): x is a student in this class**

- Answer:

$\forall x (Q(x) \rightarrow P(x))$  ✓

For every person, if he/she is in this class, he/she is lazy

$\forall x (Q(x) \wedge P(x))$  ✗

For every person, he/she is in this class and lazy

# Existential Quantification

- Using predicates and quantifiers, express the statement

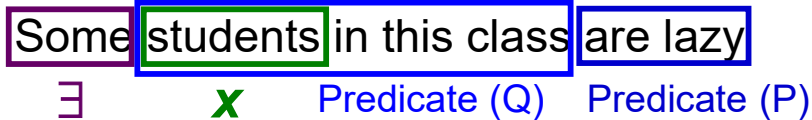


- Quantifier: **Existential Quantifier**
- Variable: **x**
- Universe of discourse: **the students in the class**
- Propositional Function: **P(x) : x is lazy**
- Answer:  $\exists x P(x)$

# Existential Quantifier

*The existential quantifier connects with a conjunction*

- Another way to express the statement:



- Quantifier: **Existential Quantifier**
- Variable:  $x$
- Universe of discourse: **Any person**
- Propositional Function: **P(x): x is lazy**  
**Q(x): x is a student in this class**

- Answer:

$\exists x (Q(x) \rightarrow P(x))$  ❌

Include the case which contains no person in this class

For some persons, if he/she is in this class, he/she is lazy

$\exists x (Q(x) \wedge P(x))$  ✅

For some persons, he/she is in this class and lazy

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Using predicates and quantifiers, set the domain as
  1. Staff in IBM company
  2. Any persons

express the following statements:

- Every staff in IBM company has visited Mexico
- Some staff in IBM company has visited Canada or Mexico

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Every staff in IBM company has visited Mexico
  - **Solution 1:**
    - Universal Quantifier
    - Variable:  $x$
    - U.D.: Staffs in IBM company
    - Let  $P(x)$ :  $x$  has visited Mexico
    - $\forall x P(x)$
  - **Solution 2:**
    - Universal Quantifier
    - Variable:  $x$
    - U.D.: Any person
    - Let  $Q(x)$ :  $x$  is a staff in IBM company
    - Let  $P(x)$ :  $x$  has visited Mexico
    - $\forall x (Q(x) \rightarrow P(x))$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Some staff in IBM company has visited Canada or Mexico
  - **Solution 1:**
    - Existential Quantifier
    - Variable:  $x$
    - U.D.: Staffs in IBM company
    - Let  $P(x)$ :  $x$  has visited Mexico
    - Let  $Q(x)$ :  $x$  has visited Canada
    - $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$
  - **Solution 2:**
    - Existential Quantifier
    - Variable:  $x$
    - U.D.: Any person
    - Let  $S(x)$ :  $x$  is a staff in IBM company
    - Let  $P(x)$ :  $x$  has visited Mexico
    - Let  $Q(x)$ :  $x$  has visited Canada
    - $\exists x (S(x) \wedge (P(x) \vee Q(x)))$



## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Some students in this class has visited Canada or Mexico
- **Better Solution:**
  - Existential Quantifier
  - Variable:  $x$
  - U.D.: Any person
  - Let  $S(x)$ :  $x$  is a student in this class
  - Let  $P(x, loc)$ :  $x$  has visited  $loc$
  - $\exists x (S(x) \wedge (P(x, Canada) \vee P(x, Mexico)))$
- **Solution 2:**
  - Existential Quantifier
  - Variable:  $x$
  - U.D.: Any person
  - Let  $S(x)$ :  $x$  is a student in this class
  - Let  $P(x)$ :  $x$  has visited Mexico
  - Let  $Q(x)$ :  $x$  has visited Canada
  - $\exists x (S(x) \wedge (P(x) \vee Q(x)))$

## Quantifiers with Restricted Domains

- An **abbreviated notation** is often used to **restrict the domain** of a quantifier
- Example
  - the square of any real number **which greater than 10** is greater than 100
  - **Using Domain**  
 $\forall x (x^2 > 100)$ ,  
U.D.s: the set of real number which is bigger than 10
  - **Using Predicate**  
 $\forall x (x > 10 \rightarrow x^2 > 100)$ , U.D.s: the set of real number
  - **Using Abbreviated Notation**  
 $\forall x > 10 (x^2 > 100)$ , U.D.s: the set of real number

# Quantifiers with Restricted Domains

- Example
  - Given that the domain in each case consists of the real number, what do the following statements mean?
    - $\forall x < 0 (x^2 > 0)$   
The square of negative real number is positive
    - $\forall y \neq 0 (y^3 \neq 0)$   
The cube of nonzero real number is nonzero
    - $\exists z > 0 (z^2 = 2)$   
There is a positive square root of 2

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Using predicates and quantifiers, express the following statements:
  - Every mail message larger than one megabyte will be compressed
  - If a user is active, at least one network link will be available.

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Every mail message larger than one megabyte will be compressed
- Solution:
  - Let  $S(m, y)$  be  
"Mail message  $m$  is larger than  $y$  megabytes"
    - Domain of  $m$  :
    - Domain of  $y$  :
  - Let  $C(m)$  denote  
"Mail message  $m$  will be compressed"
  - $\forall m (S(m, 1) \rightarrow C(m))$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- If a user is active, at least one network link will be available.
- Solution
  - Let  $A(u)$  be  
"User  $u$  is active"
    - Domain of  $u$  :
  - Let  $S(n, x)$  be  
"Network link  $n$  is in state  $x$ "
    - Domain of  $n$  :
    - Domain of  $x$  :
  - $\exists u A(u) \rightarrow \exists n S(n, \text{available})$

# Nested Quantifiers

- Two quantifiers are **nested** if **one is within the scope of the other**
- How to interpret it?
  - If quantifiers are **same** type, the **order is not a matter**
    - $\exists x \exists y$  “ $x+y=0$ ”
    - $\exists y \exists x$  “ $x+y=0$ ” } Same meaning
  - If quantifiers are **different** types, read **from left to right**
    - $\forall x \exists y$  “ $x+y=0$ ”
    - $\exists y \forall x$  “ $x+y=0$ ” } Different meaning

## Nested Quantifiers Different Type

- If quantifiers are **different types**, **read from left to right**
- Example 1:
  - $P(x, y) =$  “ $x$  loves  $y$ ”  
 $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$  VS  $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$
  - $\forall x \exists y$  “ $x$  loves  $y$ ”
    - For all  $x$ , there is at least one  $y$ , to make  $P(x,y)$  happens
    - For all persons, there is a person they love
    - ALL people loves some people
  - $\exists y \forall x$  “ $x$  loves  $y$ ”
    - At least one  $y$ , all  $x$ , to make  $P(x,y)$  happens
    - There is a person who is loved by all persons
    - Some people are loved by ALL people

## Nested Quantifiers

# Different Type

- Example 2:

- $P(x, y) = "x+y=0"$

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

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- $\forall x \exists y (x+y=0)$  ✓

- For all  $x$ , there is at least one  $y$ , to make  $P(x,y)$  happens
        - Every real number has an additive inverse
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- $\exists y \forall x (x+y=0)$  ✗

- At least one  $y$ , all  $x$ , to make  $P(x,y)$  happens
      - There is a real number which all real number are its inverse addition

## Nested Quantifiers

# Same Type

- If quantifiers are the same type, the order is not a matter

- Example:

- Given

- $\text{Parent}(x,y)$  : "x is a parent of y"

- $\text{Child}(x,y)$  : "x is a child of y"

- $\forall x \forall y (\text{Parent}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Child}(y,x))$

- $\forall y \forall x (\text{Parent}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Child}(y,x))$

- Two equivalent ways to represent the statement:

- For all  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $x$  is a parent of  $y$ ,  $y$  is a child of  $x$

# Nested Quantifiers: Example 1

- Let domain be the real numbers,
- $P(x,y)$ : “ $xy = 0$ ”
- Which one(s) is correct?

■  $\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$  ✗

■  $\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$  ✓

■  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$  ✓

e.g.  $y = 0$

■  $\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$  ✓

e.g.  $x = 0$

# Nested Quantifiers: Example 2

- Translate the statement

$$\forall x (C(x) \wedge \underbrace{\exists y (C(y) \wedge F(x,y))}$$

into English, where

- $C(x)$  is “ $x$  has a computer”,
- $F(x,y)$  is “ $x$  and  $y$  are friends” and
- the universe of discourse for both  $x$  and  $y$  is the set of all students in your school

**Every student in your school has a computer and has a friend who has a computer.**

# Nested Quantifiers: Example 3

- Translate the statement “If a person is female and is a parent, then this person is someone’s mother” as a logical expression

Let

- $F(x)$ : x is female
- $P(x)$ : x is a parent
- $M(x,y)$ : x is y’s mother

$$(F(x) \wedge P(x)) \rightarrow M(x, y)$$

↑ ↑ ↑ ↓  
 All x  At least one y

- The domain is the set of all people

$$\forall x ( (F(x) \wedge P(x)) \rightarrow \exists y M(x, y) ), \text{ or}$$

$$\forall x \exists y ( (F(x) \wedge P(x)) \rightarrow M(x, y) )$$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Translating the following statement into logic expression:

“The sum of the two positive integers is always positive”

- $\forall x \forall y (x+y > 0)$   
The domain for two variables consists of **all positive integers**
- $\forall x \forall y ((x>0) \wedge (y>0) \rightarrow (x+y > 0))$   
The domain for two variables consists of **all integers**

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- $Q(x, y, z)$  be the statement " $x + y = z$ "
- The domain of all variables consists of all real
- What are the meaning of the following statements?
  - $\forall x \forall y \exists z Q(x,y,z)$  ✓
    - For all real numbers  $x$  and for all real numbers  $y$  there is a real number  $z$  such that  $x + y = z$
  - $\exists z \forall x \forall y Q(x,y,z)$  ✗
    - There is a real number  $z$  such that for all real numbers  $x$  and for all real numbers  $y$  it is true that  $x + y = z$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Translate the statement

$$\exists x \forall y \forall z$$

$$\left( \underbrace{(F(x,y) \wedge F(x,z) \wedge (y \neq z))}_{\text{red bracket}} \rightarrow \neg F(y,z) \right)$$

into English, where

- $F(a,b)$  means  $a$  and  $b$  are friends and
- the universe of discourse for  $x, y$  and  $z$  is the set of all students in your school

**There is a student none of whose friends are also friends each other**



# Exactly One

- It also called **uniqueness quantification** of  $P(x)$  is the proposition “There exists a unique  $x$  such that the predicate is true”
- In the book, the notation is:  $\exists! xP(x)$  ,  $\exists_1 xP(x)$
- But we will try to express the concept of “**exactly one**” using the **Universal and Existential** quantifiers
- In next few slides, we assume  $L(x, y)$  be the statement “ $x$  loves  $y$ ”
- Four cases will be discussed

$L(x, y) : \text{"x loves y"}$

## Exactly One: Case 1

- Mary loves exactly one person

- It means...

- Mary loves one person  $(x)$   $\exists x L(\text{Mary}, x)$
- If any people who is not  $(x)$  Mary must not love him/her  $\forall z ((z \neq x) \rightarrow \neg L(\text{Mary}, z))$

$$\exists x (L(\text{Mary}, x) \wedge \forall z ((z \neq x) \rightarrow \neg L(\text{Mary}, z)))$$

# Exactly One: Case 1 (v2)

- Mary loves exactly one person

- It means...

- Mary loves one person  $x$
- If Mary must love any person, he/she must be  $x$

$$\exists x L(\text{Mary}, x)$$

$$\forall z ( L(\text{Mary}, z) \rightarrow (z = x) )$$

$$\exists x ( L(\text{Mary}, x) \wedge \forall z ( L(\text{Mary}, z) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

# Exactly One: Case 1

- Mary loves exactly one person

- Version 1

$$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$$

$$\exists x ( L(\text{Mary}, x) \wedge \forall z ( (z \neq x) \rightarrow \neg L(\text{Mary}, z) ) )$$

- Version 2

$$q \rightarrow p$$

$$\exists x ( L(\text{Mary}, x) \wedge \forall z ( L(\text{Mary}, z) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

- As  $p \rightarrow q$  and its Contrapositive are equivalent, Version 1 and 2 are the same

## Exactly One: Case 2

- Exactly one person loves Mary

- It means...

$$\exists x L(x, \text{Mary})$$

- One person (x) loves Mary

- If anyone loves Mary, he/she must be (x)

$$\forall z ( L(z, \text{Mary}) \rightarrow (z = x) )$$

$$\exists x ( L(x, \text{Mary}) \wedge \forall z ( L(z, \text{Mary}) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

## Exactly One: Case 3

- All people love exactly one person

- It means...

- Everyone (y) loves a person (x)  $\forall y \exists x L(y, x)$

- If (y) loves someone, it must be (x)

$$\forall z ( L(y, z) \rightarrow (z = x) )$$

$$\forall y \exists x ( L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( L(y, z) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

# Exactly One: Case 4

- Exactly one person loves all people

It means...

- A person  $x$  loves everyone  $y$   $\exists x \forall y L(x, y)$

- ~~If anyone loves  $y$  it must be  $x$~~

- If anyone loves all people, it must be  $x$

$$\forall z ( \underbrace{\forall w L(z, w)} \rightarrow (z = x) )$$

$$\exists x \forall y ( L(x, y) \wedge \forall z ( \forall w L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

# Exactly One: Case 4

- Exactly one person loves all people

$$\exists x \forall y ( L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( \forall w L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

- Is the following answer also correct?

$$\exists x \forall y ( L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( L(z, y) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

# Exactly One: Case 4

$$\exists x \forall y ( L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( L(z, y) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x ( \forall y L(y, x) \wedge \forall y \forall z ( L(z, y) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x ( \forall y L(y, x) \wedge \forall z \forall y ( L(z, y) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x ( \forall y L(y, x) \wedge \forall z \forall w ( L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

$$\exists x \forall y ( L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( \forall w L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x ( \forall y L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( \forall w L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

# Exactly One: Case 4

$$\exists x ( \forall y L(y, x) \wedge \forall z \forall w ( L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

$$\exists x ( \forall y L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( \forall w L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

- Are they the same? **No!**
  - $\forall x ( P(x) \rightarrow A )$ 
        - For all people, if he/she works hard, China is great
        - Any people works hard will make China great
      - $\forall x ( P(x) ) \rightarrow A$ 
        - if all people work hard, China is great
    - Therefore,  $\forall x ( P(x) \rightarrow A ) \equiv \exists x P(x) \rightarrow A$

$P(x)$ : x works hard  
 $A$ : China is great

# Exactly One: Case 4

$$\exists x ( \forall y L(y, x) \wedge \forall z \forall w ( L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

$$\exists x ( \forall y L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( \forall w L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

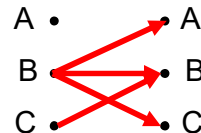
■ Are they the same? **No!**

■  $\forall z ( \forall w ( L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$

- For any people (z) and any people (w), if z is loved by w, z is x

■  $\forall z ( \forall w ( L(z, w) ) \rightarrow (z = x) )$

- For anyone (z), if z is loved by all people (all w), z is x



x is B  
B is only person loved by all people

$L(x, y)$  : "x loves y"

# Exactly One: Case 1 VS Case 3

■ **Case 1:** Mary loves exactly one person

$$\exists x ( L(\text{Mary}, x) \wedge \forall z ( L(\text{Mary}, z) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

■ **Case 3:** All people love exactly one person

$$\forall y \exists x ( L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( L(y, z) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

## Exactly One: Case 2 VS Case 4

- **Case 2:** Exactly one person loves **Mary**

$$\exists x ( L(x, \text{Mary}) \wedge \forall z ( L(z, \text{Mary}) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

- **Case 4:** Exactly one person loves **all people**

$$\exists x \forall y ( L(x, y) \wedge \forall z ( \forall w L(z, w) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- There is exactly one person whom everybody loves

- It means...  $\exists x \forall y L(y, x)$

- A person is loved by everyone
- If anyone is loved by everyone, it must be x

$$\forall z ( \forall w L(w, z) \rightarrow (z = x) )$$

$$\exists x \forall y ( L(y, x) \wedge \forall z ( \forall w L(w, z) \rightarrow (z = x) ) )$$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Exactly two people love Mary
- It means...  $\exists x \exists y ( L(x, \text{Mary}) \wedge L(y, \text{Mary}) \wedge (x \neq y) )$ 
  - At least two persons love Mary
  - At most two persons love Mary
    - If anyone loves Mary, he/she must be x or y

$$\forall z ( L(z, \text{Mary}) \rightarrow ((z = x) \vee (z = y)) )$$

$$\exists x \exists y ( L(x, \text{Mary}) \wedge L(y, \text{Mary}) \wedge (x \neq y) \wedge \forall z ( L(z, \text{Mary}) \rightarrow ((z = x) \vee (z = y)) ) )$$

## Nested Quantifiers

- Recall,
  - When all of the elements in the universe of discourse **can be listed one by one** (discrete) (e.g.  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ ),

$$\forall x P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)$$

$$\exists x P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n)$$



# Nested Quan

$$\forall x P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)$$
$$\exists x P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n)$$

## ■ Example

- Find an expression equivalent to

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

where the universe of discourse consists of the positive integer not exceeding 3?

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \exists y P(x, y) &= \forall x (\exists y P(x, y)) \\ &= \exists y P(1, y) \wedge \exists y P(2, y) \wedge \exists y P(3, y) \\ &= [P(1, 1) \vee P(1, 2) \vee P(1, 3)] \wedge \\ &\quad [P(2, 1) \vee P(2, 2) \vee P(2, 3)] \wedge \\ &\quad [P(3, 1) \vee P(3, 2) \vee P(3, 3)]\end{aligned}$$

# Negating Nested Quantifiers

## ■ Recall, De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

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

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

## ■ They also can be applied in Nested Quantifiers

# Negating Nested Quantifiers

- Example:

- What is the negation of  $\forall x \exists y (xy = 1)$ ?

- $\neg \forall x \exists y (xy = 1) = \neg \forall x (\exists y (xy = 1))$

Not every x, there are some y, can make "xy=1" success

$$= \exists x (\neg \exists y (xy = 1))$$

$$= \exists x (\forall y \neg(xy = 1))$$

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

Some x, for all y, cannot make "xy = 1" success

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

## Can you understand it now?

