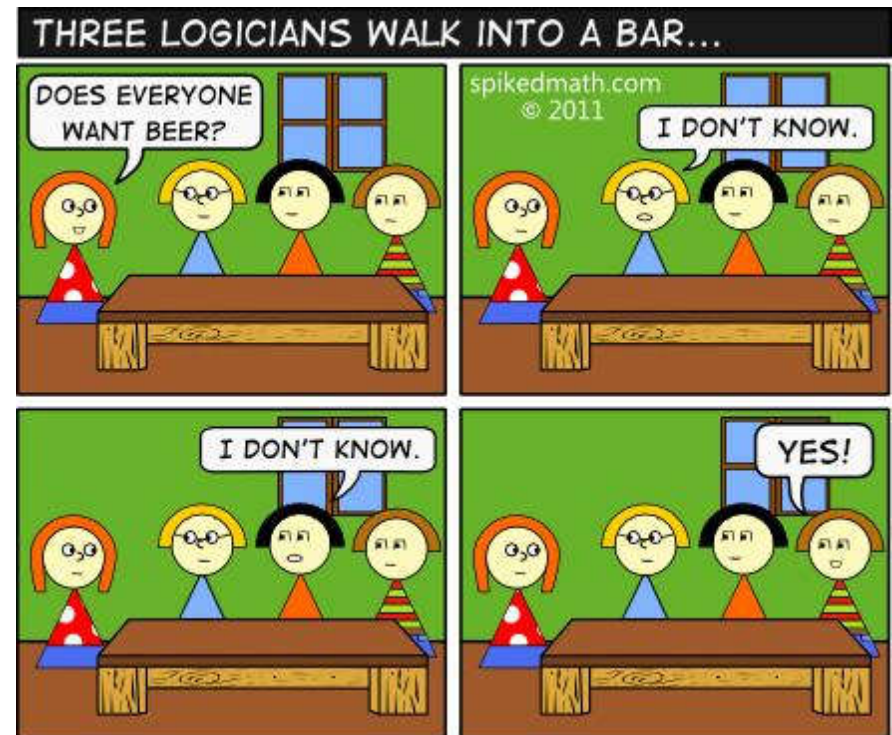


## 1.3 Predicates and Quantifiers

## 1.4 Nested Quantifiers

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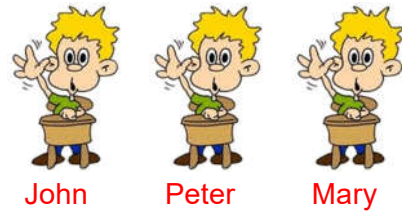
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## Limitation of Propositional Logic

- 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



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

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

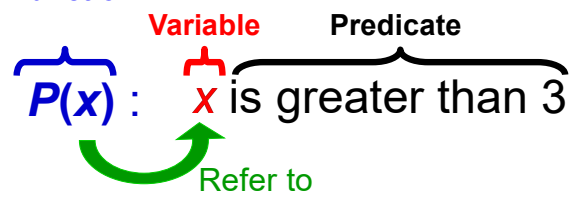
# Predicates

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

**Convention:**

- lowercase variables denote objects
- UPPERCASE variables denote predicates

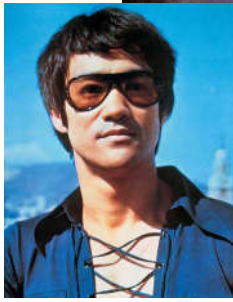
Propositional Function / Predicate



- 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  $P(2)$ ? ✗
- $P(x)$  : " $x$  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  
 $P$ : "Every student in SCUT is clever"  
 $Q$ : "Peter is SCUT student"  
What can we conclude?  
"Peter is clever"
- Given  
 $P$ : "Peter cannot pass this Discrete Maths subject"  
 $Q$ : "Peter is a SCUT student"  
What can we conclude?  
"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



Assume our class only contains three students

### Using Predicate

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

### 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

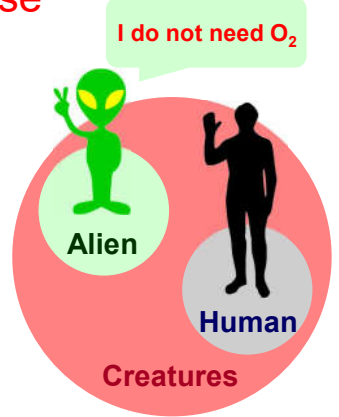
The area of logic that deals with predicates and quantifiers is called the Predicate Calculus

# 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**

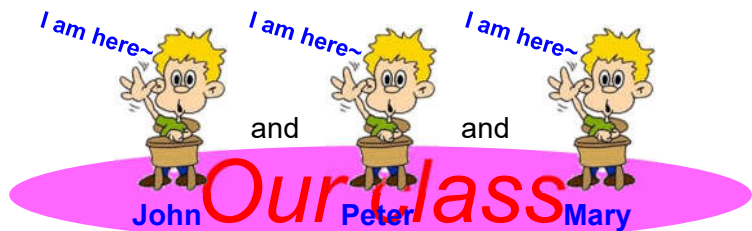
# Universal Quantifiers

- 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



# 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

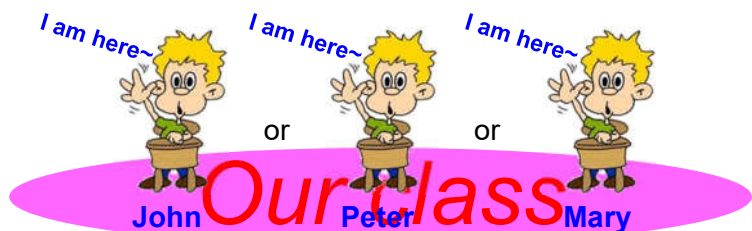
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# Quantifiers

- 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
      - $\forall x P(x) ?$   
 $\forall x P(x) \equiv P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4) \equiv \mathbf{F}$
      - $\exists x P(x) ?$   
 $\exists x P(x) \equiv P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4) \equiv \mathbf{T}$
- $P(1) \checkmark$   $P(2) \checkmark$   $P(3) \checkmark$   $P(4) \times$   
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



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

# 😊 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

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

Scope of  $\exists y$

## 😊 Small Exercise 😊

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

## Quantifiers: Logical Implication & Equivalence Universal Quantification

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

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

	Peter	John	Mary	Jessica
P(x): x is lazy	✓	✓	✓	✓
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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## Quantifiers: Logical Implication & Equivalence Universal Quantification

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

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

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Q(x): x likes beer	✓	✗	✗	✗

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


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# Existential Quantification

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

$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$  ✓

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P(x): x is lazy		✗	✓	✗	✓
Q(x): x like beer		✗	✓	✗	✗

~~$\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x) \rightarrow \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$~~

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# 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

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

$\forall x P(x) \rightarrow A$   
 $\equiv \neg(\forall x P(x)) \vee A$   
 $\equiv \exists x (\neg P(x)) \vee A$   
 $\equiv \exists x (\neg P(x) \vee A)$   
 $\equiv \exists x (P(x) \rightarrow A)$

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

$A \rightarrow \forall x P(x)$   
 $\equiv \neg(A) \vee \forall x P(x)$   
 $\equiv \forall x (\neg(A) \vee P(x))$   
 $\equiv \forall x (A \rightarrow P(x))$

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

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

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

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

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

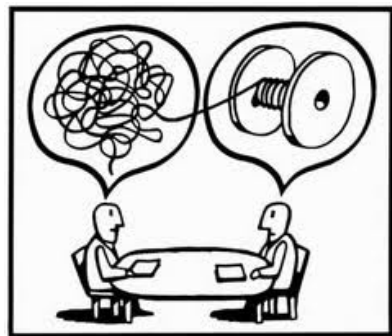
$$\equiv \neg \forall x (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

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

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

# Translation Using Quantifiers

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



# Translation Using Quantifiers Universal Quantification

- Using predicates and quantifiers, express the statement

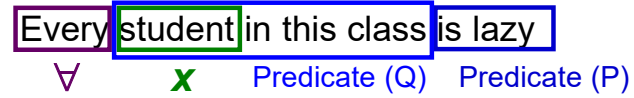


- Quantifier: **Universal Quantifier**
- Variable:  $x$
- Universe of discourse: **the students in the class**
- Propositional Function:  **$P(x)$  :  $x$  is lazy**
- Answer:  $\forall x P(x)$

# Translation Using Quantifiers Universal Quant

*The universal quantifier connects with a 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

# Translation Using Quantifiers 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 Quan

The existential quantifier connects with a conjunction

- Another way to express the statement:

Some students in this class are lazy  
 $\exists$       $x$      Predicate (Q)     Predicate (P)

- 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:

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

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

Include the case which contains no person in this class

$\exists x (Q(x) \wedge P(x))$  ✅

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

# 😊 Small Exercise 😊

- Using predicates and quantifiers, set the domain as

- Staff in IBM company
- 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" } Same meaning
    - $\exists y \exists x$  "x+y=0" }
  - If quantifiers are **different** types, read **from left to right**
    - $\forall x \exists y$  "x+y=0" } Different meaning
    - $\exists y \forall x$  "x+y=0" }

## Nested Quantifiers Different Type

- If quantifiers are **different types**, **read from left to right**
- Example 1:
  - $P(x, y) = \text{"x loves y"}$   
 $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$  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

## Different Type

Example 2:

▪  $P(x, y) = "x+y=0"$

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

▪  $\forall x \exists y (x+y=0)$  ✓

- For all  $x$ , there is at least one  $y$ , to make  $P(x,y)$  happens
- Every real number has an additive inverse

▪  $\exists y \forall x (x+y=0)$  ✗

- 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

## Same Type

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

Example:

▪ Given

- $Parent(x,y)$  : "x is a parent of y"
- $Child(x,y)$  : "x is a child of y"

▪  $\forall x \forall y (Parent(x,y) \rightarrow Child(y,x))$

▪  $\forall y \forall x (Parent(x,y) \rightarrow Child(y,x))$

- 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

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

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

$$\exists x \forall y \forall z ( (F(x,y) \wedge F(x,z) \wedge (y \neq z)) \rightarrow \neg F(y,z) )$$

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

# 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  $x$   $\exists x L(\text{Mary}, x)$
  - If Mary must love any person, he/she must be  $x$   $\forall z (L(\text{Mary}, z) \rightarrow (z = x))$

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

# 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...

- One person  $x$  loves Mary
- If anyone loves Mary, he/she must be  $x$

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

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

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

## 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,  $\forall x ( P(x) \rightarrow A ) \equiv \exists x P(x) \rightarrow A$

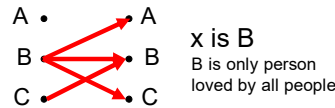
P(x): x works hard  
A: China is great

# 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



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?

