

# What is a predicate?

A “predicate” is a statement involving variables over a specified “domain” (set).

## Example

| Domain (set)              | Predicate                              |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Integers ( $\mathbb{Z}$ ) | $S(x)$ : $x$ is a perfect square       |
| Reals ( $\mathbb{R}$ )    | $G(x, y)$ : $x > y$                    |
| Computers                 | $A(c)$ : $c$ is under attack           |
| Computers; People         | $B(c, p)$ : $c$ is under attack by $p$ |

# Quantification

- Existential quantifier:  $\exists$  (exists)
- Universal quantifier:  $\forall x$  (for all)

Domain  $D$ , Subdomain  $D'$  subset of  $D$

- $(\exists x)[P(x)]$ : Exists  $x$  in  $D$  such that  $P(x)$  is true.
- $(\exists x \in D')[P(x)]$ : Exists  $x$  in  $D'$  such that  $P(x)$  is true.
- $(\forall x)[P(x)]$ : For all  $x$  in  $D$ ,  $P(x)$  is true.
- $(\forall x \in D')[P(x)]$ : For all  $x$  in  $D'$ ,  $P(x)$  is true.

# Establishing Truth and Falsity

- To show  $\exists$  statement is true:  
Find an example in the domain where it is true.
- To show  $\exists$  statement is false:  
Show false for every member of the domain.
- To show  $\forall$  statement is true:  
Show true for every member of the domain.
- To show  $\forall$  statement is false:  
Find an example in the domain where it is false.

There are other methods!!!

# Negation of Quantified Statements

## Example

It is not the case that there is some cat that can fly:

- Some cats cannot fly.
- Only some cats can fly.
- Cats can only fly sometimes.
- All cats cannot fly.
- Watch me throw this cat out the window.

Predicate  $F(x)$ :  $x$  can fly.

$$\neg(\exists x \in \text{cats})[F(x)] \quad \equiv \quad (\forall x \in \text{cats})[\neg F(x)]$$

# Negation of Quantified Statements

## Example

Not everybody likes me:

- Nobody likes me.
- Everybody doesn't like me.
- Somebody doesn't like me.

Predicate  $L(x)$ : person  $x$  likes me.

$$\neg(\forall x \in \text{people})[L(x)] \quad \equiv \quad (\exists x \in \text{people})[\neg L(x)]$$

# Vacuous cases for universally quantified statements

- All prime numbers that are greater than 10 are the sum of two squares.
- All students in this class who are more than ten feet tall have green hair.

Are these statements True or False?  
How do we show it?

# Quantified conditional statements

- Universal conditional statement:  
 $(\forall x \in D)[P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)]$ 
  - ▶ Contrapositive:  $(\forall x \in D)[\neg Q(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x)]$
  - ▶ Converse:  $(\forall x \in D)[Q(x) \rightarrow P(x)]$
  - ▶ Inverse:  $(\forall x \in D)[\neg P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$
- Existential conditional statement:  
 $(\exists x \in D)[P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)]$ 
  - ▶ Contrapositive:  $(\exists x \in D)[\neg Q(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x)]$
  - ▶ Converse:  $(\exists x \in D)[Q(x) \rightarrow P(x)]$
  - ▶ Inverse:  $(\exists x \in D)[\neg P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$

# Multiple Quantifiers (Same Type)

Domains: set of all chairs ( $C$ ); set of all people ( $P$ ).

Predicate  $S(p, c)$ : Person  $p$  is sitting on chair  $c$ .

- Existential

- ▶  $(\exists p, \exists c)[S(p, c)]$  There is a person sitting on a chair.
- ▶  $(\exists c, \exists p)[S(p, c)]$  There is a chair with someone sitting on it.
- ▶ Alternatively:  $(\exists c, p)[S(p, c)]$  or  $(\exists p, c)[S(p, c)]$

- Universal

- ▶  $(\forall p, \forall c)[S(p, c)]$  All people are sitting on all chairs.
- ▶  $(\forall c, \forall p)[S(p, c)]$  All chairs have all people sitting on them.
- ▶ Alternatively:  $(\forall c, p)[S(p, c)]$  or  $(\forall p, c)[S(p, c)]$



# Multiple Quantifiers II

## Example

### The order of $\forall$ and $\exists$ matters!

- $(\forall p, \exists c)[S(p, c)]$  Everybody is sitting on a chair.
- $(\exists c, \forall p)[S(p, c)]$   
There is some chair that everybody is sitting on.
- $(\forall c, \exists p)[S(p, c)]$   
Every chair has somebody sitting on it.
- $(\exists p, \forall c)[S(p, c)]$   
There is some person sitting on all of the chairs.

# Multiple Quantifiers III

## Example

Domain: Set of integers ( $\mathbb{Z}$ )

- $(\forall m, \exists n)[n > m]$       **True**  
Every number has some other number larger than it.
- $(\exists n, \forall m)[n > m]$       **False**  
There exists a number larger than all other numbers.

# Meanings and Negations of Multiply Quantified Statements

English: All people like some cat.

Predicate  $L(p, c)$ : Person  $p$  likes cat  $c$ .

Do we mean:

$$(\forall p, \exists c)[L(p, c)] \quad \text{or} \quad (\exists c, \forall p)[L(p, c)] \quad ?$$

Take the negation:

$$\neg(\forall p, \exists c)L(p, c) \equiv (\exists p, \forall c)\neg L(p, c)$$

$$\neg(\exists c, \forall p)L(p, c) \equiv (\forall c, \exists p)\neg L(p, c)$$

# Quantified Cardinality

## Example

Domains: set of all students ( $S$ ); set of all colleges ( $C$ ).  
Predicate  $A(s, c)$ : Student  $s$  attends college  $c$ .

- Exactly one student attends college.

$$(\exists s \in S, \exists c \in C)[A(s, c) \wedge \neg(\exists t \in S, \exists d \in C)[(t \neq s) \wedge A(t, d)]]$$

$$(\exists s \in S, \exists c \in C)[A(s, c) \wedge (\forall t \in S, \forall d \in C) \neg[(t \neq s) \wedge A(t, d)]]$$

$$(\exists s, \exists c \in C)[A(s, c) \wedge (\forall t \in S, \forall d \in C)[(t = s) \wedge \neg A(t, d)]]$$

$$(\exists s \in S, \exists c \in C)[A(s, c) \wedge (\forall t \in S, \forall d \in C)[A(t, d) \rightarrow (t = s)]]$$

- At most one student attends college.

$$(\forall s, t \in S, \forall c, d \in C)[(A(s, c) \wedge A(t, d)) \rightarrow (s = t)]$$

- At least two students attend college.

$$(\exists s, t \in S, \exists c, d \in C)[A(s, c) \wedge A(t, d) \wedge (s \neq t)]$$

# Rules of Inference

|                               |                                                                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Universal<br>Instantiation    | $\frac{(\forall x)[P(x)]}{\therefore P(c)}$                                  |
| Universal<br>Generalization   | $\frac{P(c) \text{ for arbitrary element } c}{\therefore (\forall x)[P(x)]}$ |
| Existential<br>Instantiation  | $\frac{(\exists x)[P(x)]}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some element } c}$      |
| Existential<br>Generalization | $\frac{P(c) \text{ for some element } c}{\therefore (\exists x)[P(x)]}$      |

# Using Rules of Inference

## Example

A student in this class has not read the book.

Everyone in this class passed the first exam.

$\therefore$  Someone who passed has not read the book.

| Number   | Statement                            | Justification |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| (1)      | $(\exists x)[C(x) \wedge \neg B(x)]$ | Premise       |
| (2)      | $(\forall x)[C(x) \wedge P(x)]$      | Premise       |
| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$                             | $\vdots$      |
| (?)      | $(\exists x)[P(x) \wedge \neg B(x)]$ | Conclusion    |

Do in class.

# What is a proof?

A good proof should have:

- A clear statement of what is to be proved (labeled as Theorem, Lemma, Proposition, or Corollary).
- The word “Proof” to indicate where the proof starts.
- A clear indication of flow.
- A clear justification for each step.
- A clear indication of the conclusion.
- The abbreviation “QED” (“Quod Erat Demonstrandum” or “that which was to be proved”) or equivalent to indicate the end of the proof.

# Summary of Proof Methods

- Direct proof
- Proof by contraposition
- Proof by contradiction
- Exhaustive Proof
- Proof by cases



# Statement of Theorems

The following are equivalent:

- The sum of two positive integers is positive.
- If  $m, n$  are positive integers then their sum  $m + n$  is a positive integer.
- For all positive integers  $m, n$  their sum  $m + n$  is a positive integer.
- $(\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}) [((m > 0) \wedge (n > 0)) \rightarrow ((m + n) > 0)]$

# Number Definitions

## Definition

An integer  $n$  is *even* if  $n = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ , and is *odd* if  $n = 2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$ .

## Definition

A number  $q$  is *rational* if there exist integers  $a, b$  with  $b \neq 0$  such that  $q = a/b$ .

## Definition

A real number that is not rational is *irrational*.

# Closure

- $\mathbb{Z}$  is closed under addition.  
If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $a + b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $\mathbb{Q}^{\neq 0}$  is closed under division.  
If  $q, r \in \mathbb{Q}^{\neq 0}$  then  $\frac{q}{r} \in \mathbb{Q}^{\neq 0}$ .
- $\mathbb{Z}^{\neq 0}$  is *not* closed under division.  
 $\frac{3}{5} \notin \mathbb{Z}^{\neq 0}$ .

# Direct Proofs

- The square of an even number is even.
- The product of two odd numbers is odd.
- The sum of two rational numbers is rational.

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# Proof by Contraposition

- If  $3n + 2$  is odd, where  $n$  is an integer, then  $n$  is odd.
- If  $n^2$  is even, where  $n$  is an integer, then  $n$  is even.
- If  $n = ab$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a \leq \sqrt{n}$  or  $b \leq \sqrt{n}$ .      What is the domain for  $n$ ?

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# Proof by Contradiction

- At least four of any 22 days must fall on the same day of the week.
- $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

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# Proofs of Equivalence

- If  $n$  is an integer, then  $n$  is odd if and only if  $n^2$  is odd.
- The follow statements about the integer  $n$  are equivalent:
  - ▶  $n$  is even.
  - ▶  $n - 1$  is odd.
  - ▶  $n^2$  is even.

Do in class.