

CSE 311 Section 3

Quantifiers and Proofs

Administrivia & Introductions



Announcements & Reminders

- HW1
 - If you think something was graded incorrectly, submit a regrade request!
- HW2 was due yesterday 1/17 on Gradescope
 - Use late days if you need them!
 - Gradescope: Make sure you select the pages for each question correctly
- HW3
 - Due Wednesday 1/24 @ 11:59pm

References

- Helpful reference sheets can be found on the course website!
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23au/resources/>
- How to LaTeX (found on Assignments page of website):
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23au/assignments/HowToLaTeX.pdf>
- Equivalence Reference Sheet
 - https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23au/resources/reference-logical_equiv.pdf
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23au/resources/logicalConnectPoster.pdf>
- Boolean Algebra Reference Sheet
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23au/resources/reference-boolean-alg.pdf>
- Plus more!

Predicates & Quantifiers



Predicates & Quantifiers Review

- **Predicate:** a function that outputs true or false
 - $\text{Cat}(x) := \text{“}x \text{ is a cat”}$
 - $\text{LessThan}(x, y) := \text{“}x < y\text{”}$
- **Domain of Discourse:** the types of inputs allowed in predicates
 - Numbers, mammals, cats and dogs, people in this class, etc.
- **Quantifiers**
 - Universal Quantifier $\forall x$: for all x , for every x
 - Existential Quantifier $\exists x$: there is an x , there exists an x , for some x
- **Domain Restriction**
 - Universal Quantifier $\forall x$: add the restriction as the hypothesis to an **implication**
 - Existential Quantifier $\exists x$: **AND** in the restriction

Problem 2 – ctrl-z

Translate these logical expressions to English. For each of the translations, assume that domain restriction is being used and take that into account in your English versions.

Let your domain be all UW Students. Predicates $143Student(x)$ and $311Student(x)$ mean the student is in CSE 143 and 311, respectively. $BioMajor(x)$ means x is a bio major, $DidHomeworkOne(x)$ means the student did homework 1 (of 311). Finally, $KnowsJava(x)$ and $KnowsDeMorgan(x)$ mean x knows Java and knows DeMorgan's Laws, respectively.

- $\forall x(143Student(x) \rightarrow KnowsJava(x))$
- $\exists x(143Student(x) \wedge BioMajor(x))$
- $\forall x([311Student(x) \wedge DidHomeworkOne(x)] \rightarrow KnowsDeMorgan(x))$

Work on parts (a) and (c) with the people around you, and then we'll go over it together!

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a) $\forall x(143\text{Student}(x) \rightarrow \text{KnowsJava}(x))$

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Every 143 student knows java.

“If a UW student is a 143 student, then they know java” is a valid translation of the original sentence, but it is not taking advantage of the domain restriction.

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All 311 students who do Homework 1 know DeMorgan's Laws.

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Problem 1 – Domain Restriction

Translate each of the following sentences into logical notation. These translations require some of our quantifier tricks. You may use the operators $+$ and \cdot which take two numbers as input and evaluate to their sum or product, respectively.

- a) Domain: Positive integers; Predicates: *Even, Prime, Equal*
“There is only one positive integer that is prime and even.”
- b) Domain: Real numbers; Predicates: *Even, Prime, Equal*
“There are two different prime numbers that sum to an even number.”
- c) Domain: Real numbers; Predicates: *Even, Prime, Equal*
“The product of two distinct prime numbers is not prime.”
- d) Domain: Real numbers; Predicates: *Even, Prime, Equal, Positive, Greater, Integer*
“For every positive integer, there is a greater even integer”

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But now we need to add in the restriction that this x is the ONLY positive integer that is prime and even. This is a technique you'll use whenever you need to have only one of something:

$$\exists x(\text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Even}(x) \wedge \forall y[\neg \text{Equal}(x, y) \rightarrow \neg(\text{Even}(y) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))])$$

Or, we could use the contrapositive:

$$\exists x(\text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Even}(x) \wedge \forall y[(\text{Even}(y) \wedge \text{Prime}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Equal}(x, y)])$$

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But this leaves open the possibility of x and y being equal (so they won't be two DIFFERENT numbers). So, we need to explicitly add in that x and y are not equal:

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Domain Restricting with Implications



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The **truth value** of **$Q(x)$** determines the truth value of **$P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$**

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SO we can **simplify** $\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ to:
 $\exists x(Q(x))$ where $P(x)$ is always true

How cool!!!

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Domain restricting for $\exists x$ where x **can sometimes** be true, means the whole statement becomes **vacuously true**.

$\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ becomes T

Takeaway: We would want $\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ instead

This is why we only domain restrict with an implication for universal quantifiers

\forall

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

Problem 3 – Quantifier Switch

Consider the following pairs of sentences. For each pair, determine if one implies the other, if they are equivalent, or neither.

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|----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a) | $\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$ | $\forall y \forall x P(x, y)$ |
| b) | $\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$ | $\exists y \exists x P(x, y)$ |
| c) | $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$ | $\forall y \exists x P(x, y)$ |
| d) | $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$ | $\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$ |
| e) | $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$ | $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$ |

Work on parts (d) and (e) with the people around you, and then we'll go over it together!

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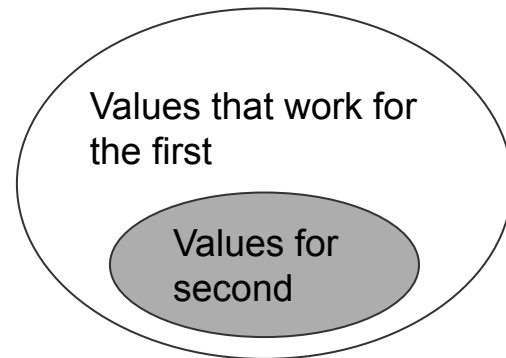
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$$e) \quad \forall x \exists y P(x, y) \qquad \exists y \forall x P(x, y)$$

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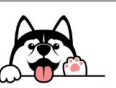

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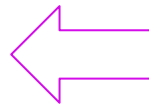
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Direct Proofs



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Writing a Proof (symbolically or in English)

- Don't just jump right in!
- Look at the **claim**, and make sure you know:
 - What every word in the claim means
 - What the claim as a whole means
- Translate the claim in predicate logic.
- Next, write down the **Proof Skeleton**:
 - Where to start
 - What your target is
- Then once you know what claim you are proving and your starting point and ending point, you can finally write the proof!

Helpful Tips for English Proofs

- Start by introducing your assumptions
 - Introduce variables with “let”
 - “Let x be an arbitrary prime number...”
 - Introduce assumptions with “suppose”
 - “Suppose that $y \in A \wedge y \notin B...$ ”
- When you supply a value for an existence proof, use “Consider”
 - “Consider $x = 2...$ ”
- **ALWAYS** state what type your variable is (integer, set, etc.)
- Universal Quantifier means variable must be arbitrary
- Existential Quantifier means variable can be specific

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Thus by (some reasoning here), $n + m$ is odd. Since n and m were arbitrary, the sum of any even and odd integer is odd.

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Biconditionals (bonus)



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We know that a biconditional $p \leftrightarrow q$ can be equivalently expressed as two implications anded together: $p \rightarrow q \wedge q \rightarrow p$. So, in order to prove a biconditional, we need to prove both implications hold.

For this problem, we need to prove both the forward direction:

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And the backward direction:

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By showing both implications hold, we prove that the biconditional holds.

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$$n + 17 = 2(k + 10) + 1 \quad \text{Factoring}$$

Thus $n + 17 = 2(k + 10) + 1$.

Since k is an integer, $k + 10$ is an integer. So $n + 17$ is 2 times an integer plus 1. Thus by definition of odd, $n + 17$ is odd.

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That's All, Folks!

**Thanks for coming to section this week!
Any questions?**