

- LECTURE - 12

Negating Quantified Statements

FACT: The negation of a universal (existential) statement is an existential (universal) statement with the predicate negated

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

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

EX 1 "Every prime # is odd" FALSE
 $\forall x$ $P(x)$

Negation: "There exists a prime # which is not odd" $\forall x$
 $\neg P(x)$

TRUE

$\neg \forall x$

Ex 2 "There is a negative # whose square is negative."

Negation: $P(x)$ FALSE

the square of every negative integer is nonnegative. $\forall x$
 $\neg P(x)$

Mixing Quantifiers

ALL the same quantifiers \Rightarrow order doesn't matter

DIFFERENT quantifiers \Rightarrow order can matter
(Universal & Existential)

① $\exists x, \exists y, P(x, y)$ ② $\exists y, \exists x, P(x, y)$
① = ②

③ $\forall x, \exists y, x + y = 0$ ④ $\exists x, \forall y, x + y = 0$
FALSE

2. Consider the following two propositions:

(8 points)

(1) $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, \forall y \in \mathbb{N}, P(x, y)$. false
Some x All y

(2) $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, \exists y \in \mathbb{N}, P(x, y)$. true
All x some y

Using the above two statements, give a predicate $P(x, y)$ that makes (or explain why it is not possible):

a) Both statements true.

b) Both statements false.

c) Statement 1 true and Statement 2 false.

d) Statement 1 false and Statement 2 true.

$P(x, y) = x < y$

1
2
3
4
5
6
7

$y = 1$
 $x = ?$

for all x you
can find a y
greater than

for every y, $y > x$
1 0

for all y

$y > x$

Negating Propositions with Multiple Quantifiers

- Negating quantified statements can be extended with more than 1 quantifier

$$\equiv \neg (\forall x \exists y \forall z, P(x, y, z))$$

$$\equiv \exists y \neg (\exists y \forall z, P(x, y, z))$$

$$\equiv \exists x \forall y \neg (\forall z, P(x, y, z))$$

$$\equiv \exists x \forall y \exists z, \neg (P(x, y, z))$$

Ex: \mathbb{R} = domain

$$\forall x, \exists y, xy = 1 \quad \text{FALSE}$$

"Every real # has a multiplicative inverse"

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

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

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

$$\equiv \exists x \forall y, xy \neq 1$$

\downarrow any y \downarrow
 0 = 0

$$\text{Ex) } \exists x \forall y, x+y=0 \quad \text{NEGATE.}$$

$$\neg(\exists x \forall y, x+y=0)$$

$$\forall x \neg(\forall y, x+y=0)$$

$$\forall x \exists y, \neg(x+y=0)$$

$$\underline{\forall x \exists y, x+y \neq 0}$$

Expressing Props. using one type of quantifiers

Every universal (existential) statement can be expressed as an existential (universal) statement

Changing \forall to \exists : $\forall x, P(x) \equiv \neg \neg \forall x P(x)$
 $P(x) \equiv \neg \exists x, \neg P(x)$