Chapter 1. The Foundations: Logic and Proofs

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Let's see the new type of logic: Predicate Logic

consider the statement: "*x* is greater than 3" - it has two parts:

variable x (subject of a statement)

predicate (refers to a property the subject of a statement can have)

denotation: *P(x)*: "*x* is greater than 3"
- this kind of statement is neither true nor false when the value of variable is not specified.

P(x) reads as propositional function P at *x*

Once *x* is assigned a value, *P(x)* becomes a proposition that has a truth value.

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In general, a statement of the form $P(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ is the value of the propositional function *P* at the *n-tuple*.

P is also called n-place predicate or n-ary predicate.

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- quantification

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For example *x=-2, then Q(-2)* is "$2 \cdot (-2) \geq (-2)$", i.e. "$-4 \geq -2$" False.
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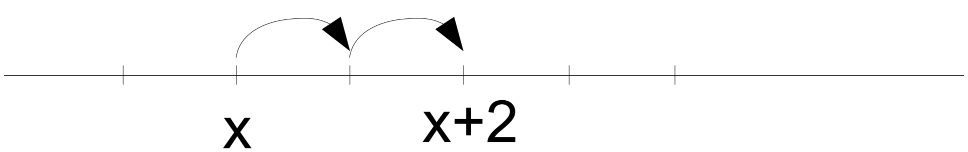

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P(1): "$1^2 \leq 16$", *P(2)*: "$2^2 \leq 16$", *P(3)*: "$3^2 \leq 16$", *P(4)*: "$4^2 \leq 16$"
true true true true

Therefore $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4)$ is true, hence ∀*xP(x)* is true.

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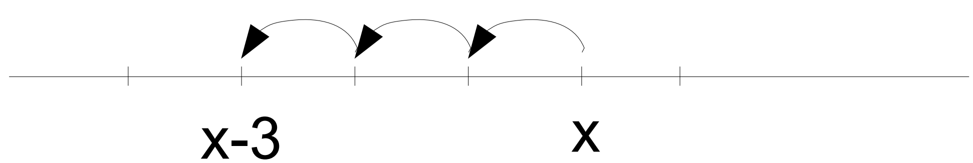

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Reasoning:

Following the definition, it will be enough for us to provide one value of x for which $x > 10$ is true.

For example, when $x=20$, $P(20)$: $20 > 10$ is true.

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$4^2 \leq 16$ $5^2 \leq 16$ $6^2 \leq 16$ $7^2 \leq 16$

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Reasoning:
Let's read it: If there exists a unique *x* such that *P(x)* holds, then there exists at least one *x*, such that *P(x)* holds. - sounds good.

Let's do a truth table:

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Therefore, the statement $\exists! x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$ is true.

Quantifiers with restricted domain

Let's assume that our domain is all real numbers.

examples:

$\forall x<0\ P(x)$ "for all x less than *0*, *P(x)* holds"

$\exists! x>0\ Q(x)$ "there exists a unique *x* grater than *0*, such that *Q(x)* holds"

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Predicate logic – predicates + quantifiers

Precedence of quantifiers and logical connectives:

$\forall$, $\neg$, $\wedge$, $\vee$, $\rightarrow$, $\leftrightarrow$

$\exists$

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! All the variables that occur in propositional function must be bound or set equal to a particular value to *turn into a proposition*.

A part of a logical expression to which a quantifier is applied is called *the scope of this quantifier*.

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c) $\forall$x (P(x) $\vee$ $\exists$y Q(x,y))

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x is bound by; ∀ *x* is bound by ∃ *scopes do not overlap*

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Logical Equivalences Involving Quantifiers

Statements involving predicates and quantifiers are *logically equivalent* if and only if (*iff*) they have the same truth values no matter which predicates are substituted into these statements and which domain is used for the variables in these propositional functions.

$S \equiv T$ (same notation as before, with propositions only)

Negating Quantified Expressions - De Morgan's Laws

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

Reading: Let P(x): "x has taken a Calculus class", and domain: all students from our class,then

"It is not the case that there exists a student x that has taken a Calculus class"

is similar to saying

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