

# Predicate Logic

## PART 2

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Lecture Notes

# Predicate Logic Part 2

- PREDICATE LOGIC  
TAUTOLOGIES
- BASIC LAWS OF QUANTIFIERS

# Basic Laws of Quantifiers (Predicate Logic Tautologies)

## De Morgan Law

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

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

where  $A(x)$  is any formula with free variable  $x$

$\equiv$  means “logically equivalently”

## Definability:

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

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

**Application Example:**  $A(x)$  is  $((Px) \wedge \neg R(x)) \neg Q(x,y)$

$$\equiv \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg R(x) \wedge \neg Q(x,y))$$

# Example (Mathematical Formula)

Laws Application:

$$\neg \forall x((x > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > 0) \wedge \exists y (y > 0))$$

$\equiv$  (by De Morgan's Law)

$$\exists x((x > 0 \wedge x + y > 0) \wedge \exists y (y > 0))$$

$$\equiv \exists x((x > 0 \wedge x + y \leq 0) \vee \forall y (y \geq 0))$$

$$\neg (A \Rightarrow B) \equiv (A \wedge \neg B), \neg (A \wedge B) \equiv (\neg A \vee \neg B)$$

$$\neg (x + y) > 0 \equiv x + y \leq 0$$

$$\neg \exists y (y < 0) \equiv \forall y \neg (y < 0)$$

$$\equiv \exists y (y \geq 0)$$

**Logic Formula** (corresponding to the Math formula

$$\neg \forall x(A(x) \Rightarrow B(x, y)) \wedge \exists y C(y))$$

$$\equiv \exists x \neg((A(x) \Rightarrow B(x, y) \wedge \exists y C(y))$$

$$\equiv \exists x((A(x) \wedge \neg B(x, y)) \vee \neg \exists y C(y))$$

$$\equiv \exists x ((A(x) \wedge \neg B(x, y)) \vee \forall y \neg C(y))$$

# Distributivity Laws (to be proved)

1.  $\exists x(A(x) \vee B(x)) \equiv (\exists x A(x) \vee B(x))$

Existential quantifier is distributive over  $\vee$  ( $\exists x, \vee$ )

2.  $\forall x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \equiv (\forall x A(x) \wedge B(x))$  universal quantifier is distributive over  $\wedge$  ( $\forall x, \wedge$ )

3. Existential quantifier is distributive over  $\wedge$  in only one direction

$\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x A(x) \wedge \exists x B(x))$

It is not true, that for any  $x \neq \emptyset$  and any  $A(x), B(x)$   $(\exists x A(x) \wedge \exists x B(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x))$

**Example:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $x = \mathbb{R}$   $A(x) > 0, B(x) = x^2$

$\exists x (x > 0) \wedge \exists x(x > 0)$  is a **true** statement!

$\exists x(x > 0 \wedge x < 0)$  is **false**!

# Distributivity (continued)

4. Universal quantifier is distributive over  $\vee$  in only one direction:

$$((\forall x A(x) \vee \forall x B(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x(A(x) \vee B(x)))$$

$$A(x) = x < 0 \quad B(x) = x \geq 0$$

**Interpretation T  $\Rightarrow$  F = F**

**Example:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $x = \mathbb{R}$

$\forall x (x > 0 \vee x \geq 0)$  is **true**

$\forall x(x < 0) \vee \forall x(x \geq 0)$  **false**

5. Universal quantifier is distributive over  $\Rightarrow$  in one direction:

$$\forall x(A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x A(x) \Rightarrow \forall x B(x))$$

Example: Take  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$(\forall x(x < 0) \Rightarrow \forall x(x+1 > 0))$  is False

Take  $x = -2$ , we get  $(-2 < 0 \Rightarrow -2+1 > 0)$  False

# Introduction and Elimination Laws

B- Formula without free variables

$$6. \forall x(A(x) \Rightarrow B) \equiv (\exists x A(x) \Rightarrow B)$$

$$7. \exists x(A(x) \Rightarrow B) \equiv (\forall x A(x) \Rightarrow B)$$

$$8. \forall x(B \Rightarrow A(x)) \equiv (B \Rightarrow \forall x A(x))$$

$$9. \exists x(B \Rightarrow A(x)) \equiv (B \Rightarrow \exists x A(x))$$

$$10. \forall x(A(x) \vee B) \equiv (\forall x A(x) \vee B)$$

$$11. \forall x(A(x) \wedge B) \equiv (\forall x A(x) \wedge B)$$

$$12. \exists x(A(x) \vee B) \equiv (\exists x A(x) \vee B)$$

$$13. \exists x(A(x) \wedge B) \equiv (\exists x A(x) \wedge B)$$

Remark: we prove 6 -9 from 10 – 13 + de Morgan +  
definability of implication

# Intuitive (not very formal) Semantics for Predicate Logic

We can use truth sets for predicates  $x \neq \phi$

$\{x \in X: P(x)\}$  is called a truth set for the predicate  $P(x)$ .

**Example1:**

$P(x): x+1 = 3$  **interpretation of  $P(x)$  in  $x = \{3, 4\}$**

$x = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$\{x \in X: P(x)\} = 2, \{x \in X: P(x)\} = \phi$

**Example2:**

$P(x): x^2 \leq 0$  **Interpretation of  $P(x)$**

$x = \mathbb{N}$

$x = P^+ - \{0\}$

$\{x: P(x)\} = \{0\}$

$\{x: P(x)\} = \phi$



# Intuitive ( not very formal) semantics for Predicate Logic

We use truth sets for predicates  $x \neq \phi$

## Conjunction:

$$\{x \in X: (P(x) \wedge Q(x))\} = \{x: P(x)\} \cap \{x: Q(x)\}$$

$\wedge$  is used to symbolize conjunction, known as an intersection

## Disjunction:

$$\{x \in X: (P(x) \vee Q(x))\} = \{x: P(x)\} \cup \{x: Q(x)\}$$

$\vee$  is used for disjunction, known as union

## Negation:

$$\{x \in X: \neg P(x)\} = X - \{x \in X: P(x)\}$$

$\neg$  is the negation and  $-$  is the complement

# Intuitive ( not very formal) semantics for Predicate Logic

## Implication:

$$\begin{aligned}\{x \in X : (P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x))\} &\equiv X - \{x : P(x)\} \vee \{x : Q(x)\} \\ &= \{x : \neg P(x)\} \vee \{x : Q(x)\} \\ &= \{x : \neg P(x)\} \vee \{x : Q(x)\} \quad \text{Interpretation}\end{aligned}$$

## Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid n > 0 \Rightarrow n^2 < 0\} &= \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \leq 0\} \vee \{x \in \mathbb{N} : \\ & n^2 < 0\} \\ &= \{0\} \vee \emptyset = \{0\}\end{aligned}$$

# Truth Sets for Quantifiers

## Definition:

$\forall x A(x) = T$  iff  $\{x \in X : A(x)\} = X$  in the domain  $X \neq \emptyset$  where  $A(x)$  is any formula with  $x$ -free

## Definition:

$\forall x A(x) = F$  ( $X \neq \emptyset$ )

iff  $\{x \in X : A(x)\} \neq X$

where  $A(x)$  is any formula with  $x$ -free variable

# Truth Sets for Quantifiers

## Definition:

$\exists x A(x) = T$  (in  $x \neq \phi$ ) iff  $\{x \in X : A(x)\} \neq \phi$

## Definition:

$\exists x A(x) = F$  (in  $x \neq \phi$ ) iff  $\{x \in X : A(x)\} = \phi$

$A(x)$  is a formula (complex) with free variable  $x$ .

Remark

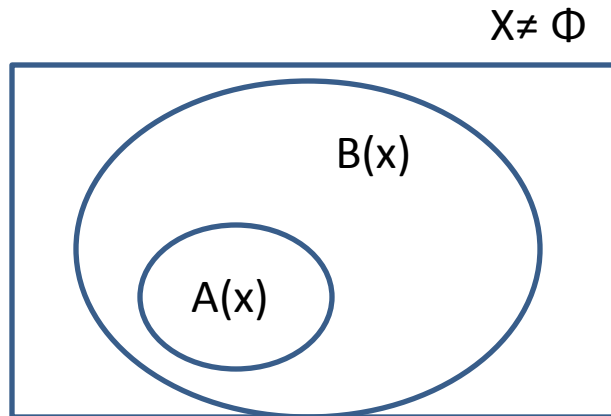
Observe that

$$\forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)) = T \quad X \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{Iff } \{x \in X : A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)\} = X$$

$$\text{Iff } \{x : A(x)\} \subseteq \{x : B(x)\}$$

Picture



Venn Diagrams For  
Quantifiers

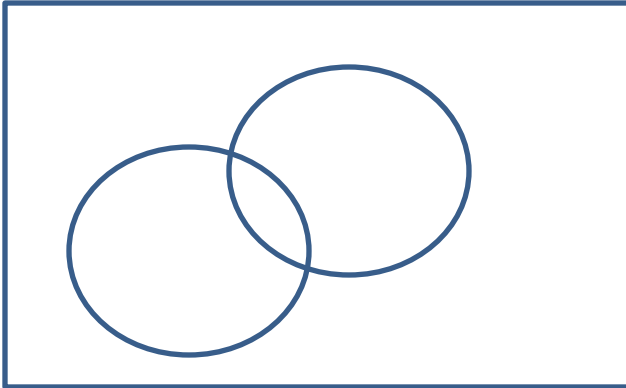
## Venn Diagrams For Quantifiers

$$\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x))=T$$

$$\text{iff } X \neq \Phi$$

$$\{x:A(x)\} \cap \{x:B(x)\} \neq \Phi$$

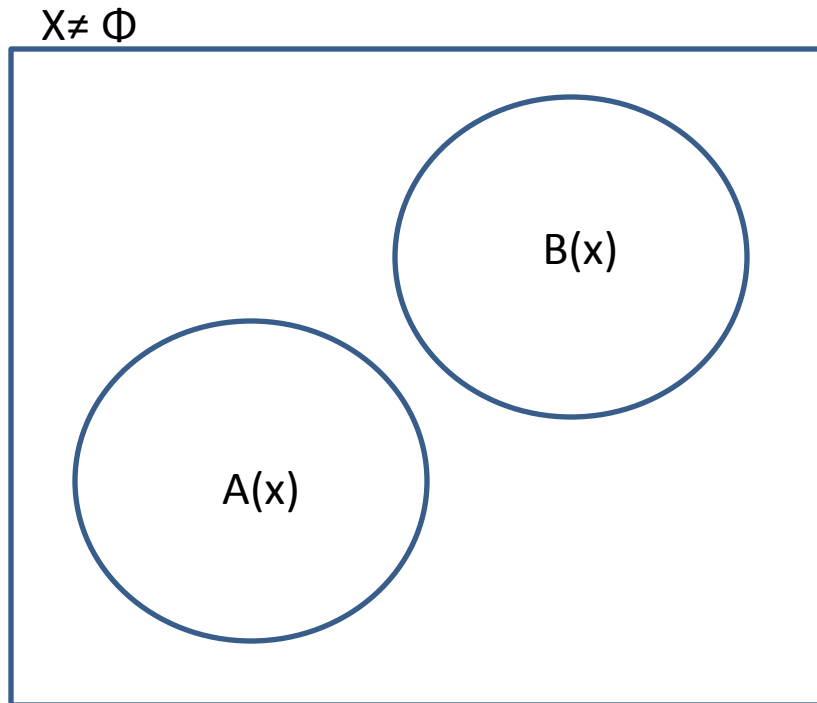
**Picture**



$$\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) = F$$

$$\text{iff } \{x:A(x)\} \cap \{x:B(x)\} = \emptyset$$

## Pictures



Remember  $\{x:A(x)\}$ ,  
 $\{x:b(x)\}$   
Can be  $\emptyset$ !

# Example:

Draw a picture for a situation where (in  $X \neq \Phi$ )

1.  $\exists x P(x) = T,$

2.  $\exists x Q(x) = T,$

3.  $\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) = F$  and

4.  $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) = F$

1.  $\exists x P(x) = T$                       iff  $\{x:P(x)\} \neq \Phi$

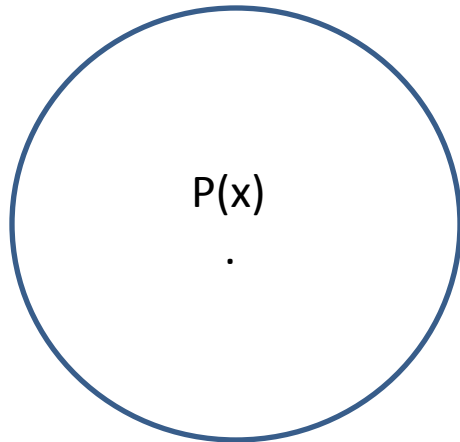
2.  $\exists x Q(x) = T$                       iff  $\{x:Q(x)\} \neq \Phi$

3.  $\{x:P(x)\} \wedge \{x:Q(x)\} \neq \Phi$

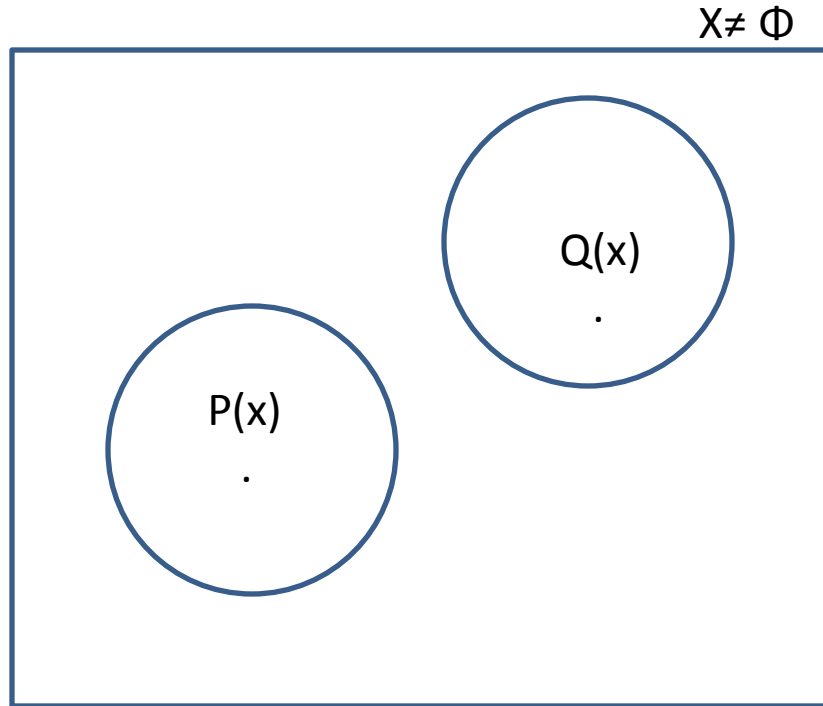
4.  $\{x:P(x)\} \vee \{x:Q(x)\} \neq X$



# Picture:



Denotes  $P(x) \neq \Phi$



# Proving Predicate Tautologies

Prove that

$\vdash (\forall x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x A(x))$

Proof:

Assume that not True

(Proof by contradiction) i.e. that there are  $X \neq \emptyset, A(x)$  such that.

$(\forall x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x A(x)) = \text{is F}$

iff  $\forall x A(x) = T$  and  $\exists x A(x) = F$        $(A \Rightarrow B) = F$

iff (def)  $x \neq \emptyset$       iff (def)

$\{x \in X : A(x)\} = X$  and  $\{x \in X : A(x)\} = \emptyset$

iff  $x = \emptyset$

Both of these formulas are a contradiction with  $x \neq \emptyset$  Hence proved!!

Prove:

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

$\exists x \neg A(x) = T$  in  $X \neq \emptyset$  **iff**  $\{x: \neg A(x)\} \neq \emptyset$  when  $B = \emptyset$   
then  $B \neq x$  as  $x \neq \emptyset$   $B \neq \emptyset$

$$X - \{x: A(x)\} \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{iff} \quad X - B \neq \emptyset$$

$$\{x: A(x)\} \neq x \quad \text{iff}$$

$$\text{iff} \quad B \neq x$$

$\forall x A(x) = F$                       we assume that for any  $A(x)$   
**iff**     $\{x \in X: A(x)\}$  exists

$$\neg \forall x A(x) = T$$

Example:

B – No variable x

$$\forall x (A(x) \vee B) \equiv \forall x A(x) \vee B$$

= T **iff**

$$\{x: A(x) \vee \{x: B\} = X$$

**iff**  $\{x: A(x) = X$

or  $B=X$

it means

$$\forall x A(x)=T \text{ or } B=T$$

and

$$\forall x (A(x) \vee B) = T$$

Prove

$$\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \equiv \exists x A(x) \wedge \exists x B(x)$$

$$\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) = T \text{ iff}$$

$$\{x: (A(x) \wedge B(x))\} \neq \phi \text{ (definition)}$$

$$= \{x: (A(x))\} \wedge \{x: (B(x))\} \neq \phi \text{ iff } A \wedge B \neq \phi$$

$$\text{iff} \quad A \neq \phi \text{ and } B \neq \phi$$

$$\{x: A(x)\} \neq \phi \text{ and } \{x: B(x)\} \neq \phi$$

$$= \exists x A(x)=T \text{ and } \exists x B(x)=T$$