# Predicate Logic

- Predicates and Propositional Functions
- Universal and Existential Quantifiers
- Negating Quantified Statements
- Nested Quantified Expressions

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### Quantified Expression: Recap

- Propositional function becomes proposition when specific value is given to variable
- Quantifiers make it proposition for a range of values
- Universal Quantifier: ∀
   ∀x P(x) := P(x) (is true) for all values of x in the UoD

Proposition  $\forall x P(x)$  is **True** iff for every x in UoD, P(x) is **True** 

■ Existential Quantifier: ∃
■ ∃x P(x) := P(x) (is true) for some value(s) of x in the UoD

Proposition  $\exists x P(x)$  is **True** iff for at least one x in UoD, P(x) is **True** 

A quantified predicate is a proposition

Hence, it's negation is a well defined proposition

Which is True when the quantified predicateis False and vice-versa

"Every student in this class has taken Calculus"

- C(x) : x has taken Calculus
- UoD: Students in this class
- $\forall x \ C(x)$

#### Negation:

- "It is not the case that every student in this class has taken Calculus"
- "There is a student in this class who has Not taken Calculus"

"Every student in this class has taken Calculus"

- C(x) : x has taken Calculus
- UoD: Students in this class
- $\blacksquare \forall x \ C(x)$

#### Negation:

• "It is not the case that every student in this class has taken Calculus"

There is a student in this class who has Not taken Calculus.		
∃x	$\neg C(x)$	
$\blacksquare \exists x \neg C(x)$		
In general,	$\neg \forall x \ P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$	

"Every student in this class has taken Calculus"

- C(x) : x has taken Calculus
- D(x) : x is taking DM (x is in this class)
- UoD: Students in LUMS
- $\forall x (D(x) \to C(x))$

Negation:

• "There is a student in this class who has Not taken Calculus"

$$\neg \forall x \ (D(x) \to C(x)) \ \equiv \ \exists x \ \neg (D(x) \to C(x))$$

$$\equiv \exists x \neg (\neg D(x) \lor C(x)) \equiv \exists x (D(x) \land \neg C(x))$$

The last two equivalences follow from Implication and DeMorgan's Law

"Some student in this class has taken Chemistry"

- *C*(*x*) : *x* has taken Chemistry
- UoD: Students in this class
- $\blacksquare \exists x \ C(x)$

#### Negation:

It is not the case that there is a student in this class who has taken Chemistry



"Some student in this class has taken Chemistry"

- *C*(*x*) : *x* has taken Chemistry
- D(x) : x is taking DM (x is in this class)
- UoD: Students in LUMS
- $\blacksquare \exists x (C(x) \land D(x))$

#### Negation:

 "It is not the case that some student is this class and has taken chemistry"

Every student who is this class has not taken Chemistry  $\forall x \qquad \neg (C(x) \land D(x))$ 

 $\neg \exists x \ (C(x) \land D(x)) \ \equiv \ \forall x \ \neg (C(x) \land D(x)) \ \equiv \ \forall x \ (\neg D(x) \lor \neg C(x))$ 

DeMorgan's Laws: 1.  $\neg (p \lor q) \equiv \neg p \land \neg q$  2.  $\neg (p \land q) \equiv \neg p \lor \neg q$ 

Universal Quantifier:  $\forall$ 

- $\forall x P(x) := P(x)$  (is true) for all values of x in the UoD
- $\forall x \ P(x) :\simeq P(1) \land P(2) \land P(3) \land \ldots \land P(n)$  assuming UoD is {1...n}

Existential Quantifier:  $\exists$ 

- $\exists x P(x) := P(x)$  (is true) for some value(s) of x in the UoD
- $\exists x \ P(x) :\simeq P(1) \lor P(2) \lor P(3) \lor \ldots \lor P(n)$  assuming UoD is {1...n}
- $\neg \exists x \ P(x) :\simeq \neg [P(1) \lor \ldots \lor P(n)] = \neg P(1) \land \ldots \land \neg P(n) = \forall x \ \neg P(x)$

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

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

### Truth Values of Quantified Expressions

Statement	When True?	When False?
$\forall x P(x)$	<i>P</i> ( <i>x</i> ) is true for every <i>x</i>	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is false
$\exists x P(x)$	There is an <i>x</i> for which <i>P</i> ( <i>x</i> ) is true	P(x) is false for every $x$
$\neg \exists x P(x)$	P(x) is false for every $x$	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is true
$\neg \forall x \ P(x)$	There is an $x$ for which $P(x)$ is false	<i>P</i> ( <i>x</i> ) is true for every <i>x</i>

All people are smart

- $P(x) : x \text{ is smart.} \quad \forall x P(x) \qquad \triangleright \text{ False}$

Some people are stupid

### Example and Counter Example



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### ICP 2-24

Which of the following is equivalent to  $\neg \forall x P(x)$ ?

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

### Example and Counter Example

### ICP 2-25

Which of the following is equivalent to  $\neg \exists x P(x)$ ?

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

ICP 2-26 Perform the following tasks on the statement

All students in CS 410 are CS majors.

- Negate it in English. Do not use the phrase "It is not the case that" At least one student in CS 410 is NOT a CS major
- **2** Express it using quantifiers (define appropriate predicates and UoD) UoD: CS410 students, C(x) : x is CS major  $\forall x \ C(x)$
- 3 Negate the quantified expression, with no  $\neg$  symbol left of a quantifier  $\neg \forall x \ C(x) \equiv \exists x \neg C(x)$
- Translate the negation into simple English
   There is a CS 410 student who is not CS major
- 5 Compare this negation with the earlier one

They are equivalent

Perform the following tasks on each of these statements

- There is a chemistry major in CS 210.
- Every computer scientist does programming.
- No chemistry major knows Python.
- **1** Negate it in English. Do not use the phrase "It is not the case that"
- 2 Express it using quantifiers (define appropriate predicates and UoD)
- 3 Negate the quantified expression, with no  $\neg$  symbol left of a quantifier
- 4 Translate the negation into simple English
- 5 Compare this negation with the earlier one

### Negating Quantified Expressions: Summary

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

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

They follows from DeMorgan's law (when UoD are finite)