

Negating Quantified Statements

Reading: Section 3.2 Intro to Predicates and Quantified Statements II

Homework: 3.2 # 4, 10, 15, 17, 25, 27, 38, 44

H03.2

Concepts and tools from previous sections that we will use:

Recall that in the video for Section 2.1, it was mentioned about negations:

In the coming week, we will encounter this idea again, that there may be a simple way to construct the sentence for a negation, but that simple way of constructing the sentence might not be the clearest. We will look for clearer ways of writing the sentence.

Definition *logically equivalent statement forms* (From Section 2.1)

symbols: $P \equiv Q$

spoken: P

is logically equivalent to Q

usage: P, Q are statement forms

meaning: For all possible substitutions of statements for their statement variables, the resulting truth values of P, Q match.

De Morgan's Laws (from Section 2.1)

$$\sim(p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q$$

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Definition of the *Conditional Statement Form* (from Section 2.2)

symbols: $p \rightarrow q$ also denoted *IF p THEN q*

spoken: *if p then q*

meaning: $p \rightarrow q$ is a statement form whose truth is given by the following table

truth of p	truth of q	truth of $p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

additional terminology: p is called the *hypothesis*, q is called the *conclusion*.

The Negation of the Conditional Statement Form (from Section 2.2)

For the *conditional statement form* $S: p \rightarrow q$

The *negation of S* is the statement form: $p \wedge \sim q$

That is, $\sim(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \sim q$

Definition of the Converse, the Inverse, and the Contrapositive (from Section 2.2)

For a statement form $S: p \rightarrow q$

Symbol: *contrapositive(S)*

- **Spoken:** the *contrapositive of S*
- **Meaning:** the statement form: $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$

Symbol: *converse(S)*

- **Spoken:** the *converse of S*
- **Meaning:** the statement form: $q \rightarrow p$

Symbol: *inverse(S)*

- **Spoken:** the *inverse of S*
- **Meaning:** the statement form: $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$

Definition of *Universally Quantified Statement*

From section 3.1

Symbol: $\forall x \in D(P(x))$

Symbol used in book: $\forall x \in D, P(x)$

Spoken: *For all x in D , $P(x)$.*

Usage: x is a variable with domain D , and $P(x)$ is a *predicate* with variable x .

Meaning: The domain D has the property that every element x in D , when substituted into predicate $P(x)$, will turn $P(x)$ into a *true* statement.

Remark: $\forall x \in D(P(x))$ is a *statement* about the domain D and the predicate $P(x)$.

Additional Terminology: If there is an element x in the domain D that, when substituted into predicate $P(x)$, turns $P(x)$ into a *false* statement, then the statement $\forall x \in D(P(x))$ is a *false* statement, as well. An example of an $x \in D$ that does this is called a *counterexample* for the statement $\forall x \in D(P(x))$.

Additional Terminology: The phrase *for all x in D* , denoted by the symbol $\forall x \in D$, is called the *universal quantifier*.

Definition of *Existentially Quantified Statement*

from Section 3.1

Symbol: $\exists x \in D(P(x))$

Symbol used in book: $\exists x \in D$ such that $P(x)$

Spoken: *There exists an x in D such that $P(x)$.*

Usage: x is a variable with domain D , and $P(x)$ is a *predicate* with variable x .

Meaning: The domain D has the property that there is an element x in D (at least one) that, when substituted into predicate $P(x)$, will turn $P(x)$ into a *true* statement.

Remark: $\exists x \in D(P(x))$ is a *statement* about the domain D and the predicate $P(x)$.

Additional Terminology: The phrase *there exists an x in D such that*, denoted by the symbol $\exists x \in D$, is called the *existential quantifier*.

Negating a *Universally Quantified Statement*

[**Example 1**] Let A be the *universally quantified statement*

Every car in the Morton Hall parking lot is silver.

What is $\sim A$?

There exists a car in the Morton Hall lot that is not silver.

More generally, let A be the *universally quantified statement*

$$\forall x \in D(Q(x))$$

What is $\sim A$?

$$\exists x \in D(\sim Q(x))$$

[Example 2] Let B be the statement

Every elephant at Ohio University is purple

Is this statement true or false?

Let D be the set of elephants at Ohio University

Let x be a variable with domain D

Let $P(x)$ be the predicate " x is purple"

Then statement B would be written "formally" (that is, abbreviated in symbols) as

statement B : $\forall x \in D (P(x))$

$\sim B$: $\exists x \in D (\sim P(x))$

There exists an Elephant at Ohio University that is not purple.

We see that $\sim B$ is false. So B is true. "Vacuously true"

Negating an Existentially Quantified Statement

[Example 3] Let C be the existentially quantified statement

There exists a car in the Morton Hall parking lot that is neon green.

What is $\sim C$?

For every car in the Morton Hall lot, the car is not neon green.

More generally, let C be the *existentially quantified statement*

$$\underline{\exists x \in D(Q(x))}$$

What is $\sim C$?

$$\forall x \in D(\sim Q(x))$$

Negating a *Universal Conditional Statement*

Let D be the *universal conditional statement*,

$$\forall x \in D, \text{ IF } P(x) \text{ THEN } Q(x)$$

What is $\sim D$?

$$D: \forall x \in D (\text{ IF } P(x) \text{ THEN } Q(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sim D &\equiv \sim \left(\forall x \in D (\text{ IF } P(x) \text{ THEN } Q(x)) \right) \\ &\equiv \exists x \in D (\sim (\text{ IF } P(x) \text{ THEN } Q(x))) \\ &\equiv \exists x \in D (P(x) \text{ AND } \sim Q(x)) \end{aligned}$$

[Example 4] Let E be the *universal conditional statement* introduced in the video for

Homework H02.1; H03.1

$$E \equiv \forall x \in \mathbf{R}(x \leq 5 \rightarrow x^2 \leq 25)$$

Find the negation $\sim E$.

$$\sim E \equiv \sim \left(\forall x \in \mathbf{R} \left((x \leq 5) \rightarrow (x^2 \leq 25) \right) \right)$$

$$\equiv \exists x \in \mathbf{R} \left(\sim \left((x \leq 5) \rightarrow (x^2 \leq 25) \right) \right)$$

negate conditional statement form

$$\equiv \exists x \in \mathbf{R} \left((x \leq 5) \text{ AND } \sim(x^2 \leq 25) \right)$$

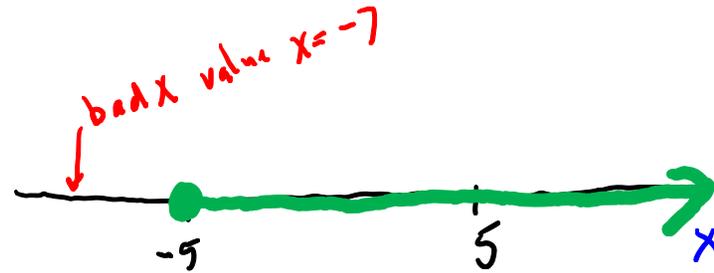
$$\equiv \exists x \in \mathbf{R} \left((x \leq 5) \text{ AND } x^2 > 25 \right)$$

For the specific example given, which statement is true? E or $\sim E$? Explain

Recall that in the video for Homework ~~H02.1~~^{H03.1}, $P(x)$ was the predicate

$$x \leq 5 \rightarrow x^2 \leq 25$$

The truth set for this predicate was the set



$$[-5, \infty)$$

Observe the truth set is not the set of all real numbers,

Because of that, we know that the universal conditional statement E

$$\forall x \in \mathbf{R}(x \leq 5 \rightarrow x^2 \leq 25)$$

is false

A counterexample is

$$x = -7$$

[Example 5] Let G be the *universally quantified statement*

Every prime number is odd.

Find the negation, $\sim G$.

There exists a prime number that is not odd.

Which is true, G or $\sim G$? Explain.

$\sim G$ is true, because $x=2$ is an example of a prime number that is not odd.

Start over.

Rewrite the original statement G as a universal conditional statement (also called G).

$G \equiv$ For all integers x , if x is prime then x is odd

Find the *negation* of the *universal conditional statement* (The negation is denoted $\sim G$).

$\sim G \equiv \sim$ (For all integers x , if x is prime then x is odd)

\equiv There exists an integer x such that \sim (if x is prime then x is odd)

\equiv There exists an integer x such that x is prime and x is odd

Contrapositive, Converse, and Inverse of Universal Conditional Statement

[Example 6] Return to the *universal conditional statement* E discussed earlier:

$$\forall x \in \mathbf{R} (x \leq 5 \rightarrow x^2 \leq 25)$$

Write the contrapositive, converse, and inverse of Statement E

$$E: \forall x \in \mathbf{R} (p \rightarrow q)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Contrapositive}(E): \quad & \forall x \in \mathbf{R} (\sim q \rightarrow \sim p) \\ & \forall x \in \mathbf{R} (x^2 > 25 \rightarrow x > 5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Converse}(E): \quad & \forall x \in \mathbf{R} (q \rightarrow p) \\ & \forall x \in \mathbf{R} (x^2 \leq 25 \rightarrow x \leq 5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Inverse}(E) \quad & \forall x \in \mathbf{R} (\sim p \rightarrow \sim q) \\ & \forall x \in \mathbf{R} (x > 5 \rightarrow x^2 > 25) \end{aligned}$$

Which of the statements E , $\text{contrapositive}(E)$, $\text{converse}(E)$, $\text{inverse}(E)$ are true and which are false?

We know from [Example 4] that E is false.

We know that $\text{contrapositive}(E) \equiv E$,
So $\text{contrapositive}(E)$ is also false.

It is easy to see that $\text{inverse}(E)$ is true.

The $\text{inverse}(E) \equiv \text{converse}(E)$, So that tells us
that $\text{converse}(E)$ is also true.

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