

Warm-Up: For each sentence, draw a number line and indicate all x -values making the sentence true.

$$(a) \quad (x > 2) \wedge (x^2 > 4)$$

$$(b) \quad (x > 2) \vee (x^2 > 4)$$

$$(c) \quad (x > 2) \Rightarrow (x^2 > 4)$$

$$(d) \quad (x > 2) \Leftrightarrow (x^2 > 4)$$

Free + Bound Variables

Let $P(x) = "x^2 + 6x + 8 \geq 0."$

- Is $P(x)$ true? It depends on x .

We say that x is a free variable in the sentence $P(x)$.

Think: The sentence $P(x)$ is a function of x .

• Is $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) P(x)$ true? **No!**

This sentence does NOT depend on x , because of the quantifier \forall .

In this case, we say x is a bound variable in the sentence $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) P(x)$.

The quantifier \exists can also bound variables:
 $(\exists x) P(x)$ does not depend on x .

Analogy: $f(x) = x^2$ vs. $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$

Thm (Generalized DeMorgan's Laws)

$$(a) \neg [(\forall x \in A) P(x)] \equiv (\exists x \in A) (\neg P(x))$$

$$(b) \neg [(\exists x \in A) P(x)] \equiv (\forall x \in A) (\neg P(x))$$

Proof: (a) Suppose $\neg [(\forall x \in A) P(x)]$ is true.

Then $(\forall x \in A) P(x)$ is false.

So there is some $x_0 \in A$ such that $P(x_0)$ is false, i.e. $\neg P(x_0)$ is true.

Hence $(\exists x \in A) (\neg P(x))$ is true.

Conversely, suppose $(\exists x \in A) (\neg P(x))$ is true.

Then there is $x_0 \in A$ such that $\neg P(x_0)$ is true, i.e. $P(x_0)$ is false.

So $(\forall x \in A) P(x)$ is false. Therefore,

$\neg (\forall x \in A) P(x)$ is true.

(b) is similar (see book).

Thm (Generalized Distributive Laws):

Let P be a sentence not involving x .

Let $Q(x)$ be a sentence involving x .

Then

$$a) P \wedge [(\exists x \in A) Q(x)] \equiv (\exists x \in A) [P \wedge Q(x)]$$

$$b) P \vee [(\forall x \in A) Q(x)] \equiv (\forall x \in A) [P \vee Q(x)].$$

Proof: Omitted (see book).

Order of Quantifiers

Suppose $P(x, y)$ is a sentence involving $x \in A$ and $y \in B$.

What is the difference between

$$\textcircled{1} (\forall x \in A) [(\exists y \in B) P(x, y)]$$

$$\textcircled{2} (\exists y \in B) [(\forall x \in A) P(x, y)] \quad ?$$

↑ implicit

Ex: $A = B = \mathbb{R}$, $P(x, y) = "x + y = 1"$

① is "for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x + y = 1$."

True!

Proof: Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Set $y = 1 - x \in \mathbb{R}$.
Then $x + y = x + (1 - x) = 1$. ■

② is "there exists some $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we have $x + y = 1$."

False!

Proof: Suppose $y \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $x + y = 1$ is not true for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, since we could take $x = -y$ and get $x + y = (-y) + y = 0 \neq 1$. ■

By Generalized DeMorgan, the negation

$$\begin{aligned}\neg (\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x + y = 1) &\equiv (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}) \neg (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x + y = 1) \\ &\equiv (\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(x + y \neq 1)\end{aligned}$$

is True, and this is exactly what we proved.

To summarize:

$$\textcircled{1} (\forall x \in A) (\exists y \in B) P(x, y)$$

In $\textcircled{1}$, we choose y after we know x .

$$\textcircled{2} (\exists y \in B) (\forall x \in A) P(x, y)$$

In $\textcircled{2}$, we choose y first, and it has to work with every x .

Thm: Let $P(x, y)$ be a sentence depending on $x \in A$ and $y \in B$. Then

$$\underbrace{(\exists y \in B) (\forall x \in A) P(x, y)}_{\textcircled{2}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{(\forall x \in A) (\exists y \in B) P(x, y)}_{\textcircled{1}}$$

Proof: Assume $(\exists y \in B) (\forall x \in A) P(x, y)$ is true.

Then there is some y -value $y_0 \in B$ such that $(\forall x \in A) P(x, y_0)$ is true.

That is, $P(x, y_0)$ is true for each $x \in A$.

Thus, for any $x \in A$, the sentence $(\exists y \in B) P(x, y)$ is true, because we can take $y = y_0$.

In other words, $(\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B)P(x,y)$
is true, as desired. ■

Ex: $(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(xy=0)$

True: Take $y=0$.

Thus, $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(xy=0)$ is
also true.