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## Chapter 2 Fundamentals of Logic

### § 2.4 The Use of Quantifiers

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Def : *open statement* :

- 1) contains  $\geq 1$  variables;
- 2) not statement;
- 3) becomes a statement when the variables are replaced by certain allowable choices.

Def : *universe (of discourse)* for the open statement :  
The set of all allowable choices.

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- ex : 1) “The number  $x + 2$  is an even integer” **not statement**  
2) “The number  $x + 2$  is an even integer” **is an open statement**  
3) “The number  $x + 2$  is an even integer” is denoted by  $p(x)$   
then  $\neg p(x)$ : “The number  $x + 2$  is not an even integer”  
4) Let  $q(x, y)$ : The numbers  $y + 2$ ,  $x - y$ , and  $x + 2y$  are even integers.

Hence,  $p(5)$  is F: The number 7 is an even integer.

$\neg p(7)$  is T: The number 9 is not an even integer.

$q(4, 2)$  is T: The numbers 4, 2 and 8 are even integers.

$q(5, 2), q(4, 7)$  are F:

$\neg q(5, 2), \neg q(4, 7)$  are T:

$\Rightarrow$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For some } x, p(x). \\ \text{For some } x, y, q(x, y). \end{array} \right.$  or  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For some } x, \neg p(x). \\ \text{For some } x, y, \neg q(x, y). \end{array} \right.$



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Def : 1) *existential quantifier* :  $\exists x$ :

“for some  $x$ ”, “For at least one  $x$ ”, “there exists an  $x$  such that”.

2) *universal quantifier* :  $\forall x$ :

“for all  $x$ ”, “for every  $x$ ”, “for each  $x$ ”, “for any  $x$ ”.

3) *quantified statement* : open statement with quantifier.

Note : 1)  $\exists x \exists y q(x, y) = \exists x, y q(x, y)$

2)  $\forall x \forall y q(x, y) = \forall x, y q(x, y)$

ex :  $r(x)$  : “ $2x$  is an even integer”, universe = all integers

1)  $\forall x r(x)$

2)  $\exists x r(x)$

3)  $\forall x \neg r(x)$

3)  $\exists x \neg r(x)$



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- Def :** 1) *free variable*: the variable  $x$  in each of open statement  $p(x)$   
2) *bound variable*: the variable  $x$  in the statement  $\exists x p(x)$  or  $\forall x p(x)$

**Ex 2.36 :** The universe =  $R$

$$p(x) : x \geq 0 \quad q(x) : x^2 \geq 0 \quad r(x) : x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0 \quad s(x) : x^2 - 3 > 0$$

1)  $\exists x [p(x) \wedge r(x)]$

Let  $x = 4$ , then  $p(4)$  is true and  $r(4)$  is true

$\therefore [p(4) \wedge r(4)]$  is true  $\Rightarrow \exists x [p(x) \wedge r(x)]$  is true.

2)  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$

$x$	$p(x)$	$q(x)$	$p(x) \rightarrow q(x)$
$< 0$	F		T
$\geq 0$	T	T	T

$\Rightarrow \forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  is true.

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Note : “ $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$ ” 可能被敘述成 :

- a) For every real number  $x$ , if  $x \geq 0$ , then  $x^2 \geq 0$ .
- b) Every nonnegative real number has a nonnegative square.
- c) The square of any nonnegative real number is a nonnegative real number.
- d) All nonnegative real numbers have nonnegative squares.

3)  $\exists x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  is true

1')  $\forall x [q(x) \rightarrow s(x)]$  (1)  $\exists x [p(x) \wedge r(x)]$

Let  $x = 1$ ,  $q(1)$  is true, but  $s(1): 1 - 3 > 0$  is false

$\therefore q(1) \rightarrow s(1)$  is false, i.e.  $x = 1$  is a counterexample  
 $\Rightarrow \forall x [q(x) \rightarrow s(x)]$  is false.

(不只一個反例， $\forall -\sqrt{3} < x < \sqrt{3}$  皆是)



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2')  $\forall x [r(x) \vee s(x)]$  ( 2)  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$ )

Let  $x = 1$  (or  $\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 0, \dots$ ), then  $r(1)$  is false and  $s(1)$  is false, too.  $\therefore r(1) \vee s(1)$  is false

$\Rightarrow \forall x [r(x) \vee s(x)]$  is false.

2'')  $\exists x [r(x) \vee s(x)]$  is true.

3')  $\forall x [r(x) \rightarrow p(x)]$  ( 3)  $\exists x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$ )

Let  $x = -1$ ,  $r(-1) = (-1)^2 - 3(-1) - 4 = 0$  is true, but  $p(-1)$  is false.

$\therefore r(-1) \rightarrow p(-1)$  is false. (the unique counterexample)

$\Rightarrow \forall x [r(x) \rightarrow p(x)]$  is false.

Note : “ $\forall x [r(x) \rightarrow p(x)]$ ”可被敘述成 :

a) For every real number  $x$ , if  $x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$ , then  $x \geq 0$ .

b) For every real number  $x$ , if  $x$  is a solution of the equation  $x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$ , then  $x \geq 0$ .



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Remark : 1)  $\forall x p(x) \Rightarrow \exists x p(x)$ , for the universe  $\neq \emptyset$ .  
2)  $\exists x p(x) \not\Rightarrow \forall x p(x)$

Ex 2.37 :

a) The universe =  $R$

1) If a number is rational, then it is a real number.

2) If  $x$  is rational, then  $x$  is real.

(The use of the universal quantifier is *implicit* as opposed to *explicit*)

Let  $p(x) : x$  is a rational number

$q(x) : x$  is a real number

$\Rightarrow (1) = (2) = \forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$ .





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**Ex 2.37 :**

**b) The universe = All triangles in the plane.**

**“An equilateral triangle has three angles of  $60^\circ$ , and conversely.”**

**Let  $e(t)$  : Triangle  $t$  is equilateral**

**$a(t)$  : Triangle  $t$  has three angles of  $60^\circ$**

**$\Rightarrow$  “ ” =  $\forall t [e(t) \leftrightarrow a(t)]$**

**c)  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$  (for all real number  $x$ )**

**$\Rightarrow$  The universe of  $x = R, \forall x [\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1]$**

**d) The universe =  $N$**

**“The integer 41 is equal to the sum of two perfect squares.”**

**$\Rightarrow \exists m \exists n [41 = m^2 + n^2]$**



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**Ex 2.38** :  $p(x) : x^2 \geq 0$

- (1) The universe =  $R$  :  $\forall x p(x)$  is true       $(\exists x p(x))$  is true  
(2) The universe =  $C$  :  $\forall x p(x)$  is false       $(\exists x p(x))$  is true  
 $\therefore$  let  $x = i$ , then  $p(i) : i^2 (= -1) \geq 0$  is false.

**Ex 2.39** : See Textbook

**Table 2.21** : See Textbook

**Def 2.6** : Let  $p(x), q(x)$  be open statements defined for a given universe.

- 1)  $p(x)$  is (*logically*) *equivalent* to  $q(x) : \forall x [p(x) \Leftrightarrow q(x)]$  :  
 $p(x) \Leftrightarrow q(x)$  for each  $x$  in the universe.
- 2)  $p(x)$  *logically implies*  $q(x) : \forall x [p(x) \Rightarrow q(x)]$  :  
 $p(x) \Rightarrow q(x)$  for each  $x$  in the universe.



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ex : The universe : all triangles in the plane.

Let  $p(x)$  :  $x$  is equiangular,  $q(x)$  :  $x$  is equilateral

$\therefore$  for all particular triangle  $a$ ,  $p(a) \leftrightarrow q(a)$  is true.

$\therefore \forall x [p(x) \leftrightarrow q(x)]$

Note : 1)  $\forall x [p(x) \leftrightarrow q(x)]$  iff  $\forall x [p(x) \Rightarrow q(x)] \wedge \forall x [q(x) \Rightarrow p(x)]$

2) Def 2.6 can be given for two open statements that involve  $\geq 2$  variable.

Def 2.7 :

- 1) The *contrapositive* of  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  is  $\forall x [\neg q(x) \rightarrow \neg p(x)]$
- 2) The *converse* of  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  is  $\forall x [q(x) \rightarrow p(x)]$
- 3) The *inverse* of  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  is  $\forall x [\neg p(x) \rightarrow \neg q(x)]$



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**Ex 2.40** : The universe = all quadrilaterals in the plane

Let  $s(x)$  :  $x$  is a square,  $e(x)$  :  $x$  is equilateral

- a)  $\forall x [s(x) \rightarrow e(x)]$  is a true statement  
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall x [\neg e(x) \rightarrow \neg s(x)]$  (the contrapositive)
- b)  $\forall x [e(x) \rightarrow s(x)]$  is a false statement (the converse)  
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall x [\neg s(x) \rightarrow \neg e(x)]$  (the inverse)

**Ex 2.41** : The universe =  $R$

Let  $p(x)$  :  $|x| > 3$ ,  $q(x)$  :  $x > 3$

- a)  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  is false. (let  $x = -5$ ,  $p(-5) : T$ ,  $q(-5) : F$ )
- b) The converse of (a) = Every real number greater than 3 has magnitude (or, absolute value) greater than 3.  
 $\forall x [q(x) \rightarrow p(x)]$  is true.

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### Ex 2.41 :

c) The inverse of (a) is also true :  $\forall x [\neg p(x) \rightarrow \neg q(x)]$  :  
“If the magnitude of a real number is less than or equal to 3, then the number itself is less than or equal to 3.”

(b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c)

d) The contrapositive of (a) =  $\forall x [\neg q(x) \rightarrow \neg p(x)]$  (is false) :  
“If a real number is less than or equal to 3, then so is its magnitude.”

(d)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (a)

e) Let  $r(x) : x < -3$ , defined for the universe of all real number :

Statement :  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow (r(x) \vee q(x))]$

Contrapositive :  $\forall x [\neg (r(x) \vee q(x)) \rightarrow \neg p(x)]$

Converse :  $\forall x [(r(x) \vee q(x)) \rightarrow p(x)]$

Inverse :  $\forall x [\neg p(x) \rightarrow \neg (r(x) \vee q(x))]$

$\Rightarrow \forall x [p(x) \Leftrightarrow (r(x) \vee q(x))]$

} all true



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Ex 2.42 : The universe =  $Z$

Let  $r(x) : 2x + 1 = 5$ ,  $s(x) : x^2 = 9$ .

1)  $\exists x [r(x) \wedge s(x)]$  is false

$\therefore$  no integer  $a$  such that  $2a + 1 = 5$  and  $a^2 = 9$

2)  $\exists x r(x) \wedge \exists x s(x)$  is true

$\therefore \exists b = 2$ ,  $r(b) : 2b + 1 = 5$  is true

$\exists c = 3$ ,  $s(c) : c^2 = 9$  is true

3)  $\exists x [r(x) \wedge s(x)] \not\leftrightarrow [\exists x r(x) \wedge \exists x s(x)]$

$[\exists x r(x) \wedge \exists x s(x)] \not\Rightarrow \exists x [r(x) \wedge s(x)]$

Def : 1)  $\not\leftrightarrow$  is read “*is not logically equivalent to*”

2)  $\not\Rightarrow$  is read “*does not logically imply*”





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**Note :**  $\exists x [p(x) \wedge q(x)] \Rightarrow [\exists x p(x) \wedge \exists x q(x)]$

**Proof.**

If  $\exists x [p(x) \wedge q(x)]$  is true then  
there is at least one element  $c$  in the universe  
s.t.  $p(c) \wedge q(c)$  is true.

$\therefore [p(c) \wedge q(c)] \Rightarrow p(c)$  and  $[p(c) \wedge q(c)] \Rightarrow q(c)$   
(by Conjunctive Simplification)

i.e.  $\exists x p(x)$  is true and  $\exists x q(x)$  is true

$\therefore [\exists x p(x) \wedge \exists x q(x)]$  is true.

**Table 2.22 : See Textbook**



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**Ex 2.43** : Let  $p(x)$ ,  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  denote open statements for a given universe.

$$1) \forall x [p(x) \wedge (q(x) \wedge r(x))] \Leftrightarrow \forall x [(p(x) \wedge q(x)) \wedge r(x)]$$

$\therefore$  For each  $a$  in the universe,

$$p(a) \wedge (q(a) \wedge r(a)) \Leftrightarrow (p(a) \wedge q(a)) \wedge r(a)$$

$$\therefore \forall x [p(x) \wedge (q(x) \wedge r(x))] \Leftrightarrow \forall x [(p(x) \wedge q(x)) \wedge r(x)]$$

$$2) \exists x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \exists x [\neg p(x) \vee q(x)]$$

$\therefore$  For each  $c$  in the universe,

$$[p(c) \rightarrow q(c)] \Leftrightarrow [\neg p(c) \vee q(c)]$$

$\therefore \exists x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  is true iff  $\exists x [\neg p(x) \vee q(x)]$  is true

$$\text{i.e. } \exists x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \exists x [\neg p(x) \vee q(x)]$$



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Ex 2.43 :

3) a)  $\forall x \neg \neg p(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall x p(x)$

b)  $\forall x \neg [p(x) \wedge q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \forall x [\neg p(x) \vee \neg q(x)]$

c)  $\forall x \neg [p(x) \vee q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \forall x [\neg p(x) \wedge \neg q(x)]$

4) a)  $\exists x \neg \neg p(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x p(x)$

b)  $\exists x \neg [p(x) \wedge q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \exists x [\neg p(x) \vee \neg q(x)]$

c)  $\exists x \neg [p(x) \vee q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \exists x [\neg p(x) \wedge \neg q(x)]$



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**Remark :**  $\neg [\forall x p(x)] \Leftrightarrow \exists x \neg p(x)$

**Proof.**

$\neg [\forall x p(x)]$  : It is not the case that for all  $x$ ,  $p(x)$  holds.

1) “ $\neg [\forall x p(x)]$ ” is true = “ $\forall x p(x)$ ” is false

= For some  $a$  of the universe,  $\neg p(a)$  is true

= “ $\exists x \neg p(x)$ ” is true

2) “ $\exists x \neg p(x)$ ” is true = For some  $b$  of the universe,

$\neg p(b)$  is true

= For some  $b$  of the universe,  $p(b)$  is false

= “ $\forall x p(x)$ ” is false

= “ $\neg [\forall x p(x)]$ ” is true

by (1), (2) “ $\neg [\forall x p(x)]$ ” is true iff “ $\exists x \neg p(x)$ ” is true

Similar, “ $\neg [\forall x p(x)]$ ” is false iff “ $\exists x \neg p(x)$ ” is false



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**Table 2.23 :**

$\neg [\forall x p(x)]$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\exists x \neg p(x)$
$\neg [\exists x p(x)]$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\forall x \neg p(x)$
$\neg [\forall x \neg p(x)]$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\exists x \neg \neg p(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x p(x)$
$\neg [\exists x \neg p(x)]$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\forall x \neg \neg p(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall x p(x)$

**Rules of Negating Statements with One Quantifier.**

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**Ex. 2.44 : The universe =  $Z$**

1) Let  $p(x) : x$  is odd,  $q(x) : x^2 - 1$  is even

“If  $x$  is odd, then  $x^2 - 1$  is even” =  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  (T)

$\neg [\forall x (p(x) \rightarrow q(x))]$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists x [\neg (p(x) \rightarrow q(x))] \Leftrightarrow \exists x [\neg (\neg p(x) \vee q(x))]$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists x [\neg \neg p(x) \wedge \neg q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \exists x [p(x) \wedge \neg q(x)]$

= “There exists an integer  $x$  such that  $x$  is odd and  $x^2 - 1$  is odd” (F)

2)  $r(x) : 2x + 1 = 5$ ,  $s(x) : x^2 = 9$  (In Ex 2.42)

$\exists x [r(x) \wedge s(x)]$  is false,  $\neg [\exists x (r(x) \wedge s(x))]$  is true?

$\neg [\exists x (r(x) \wedge s(x))] \Leftrightarrow \forall x [\neg (r(x) \wedge s(x))]$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall x [\neg r(x) \vee \neg s(x)]$

= “For every integer  $x$ ,  $2x + 1 \neq 5$  or  $x^2 \neq 9$ .”





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*More than one quantifier (More than one variable)*

**Ex 2.45** :  $\forall x \forall y p(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x p(x, y)$

**ex** : The universe =  $R$

1)  $\forall x \forall y (x + y = y + x) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x (x + y = y + x)$

2)  $\forall x \forall y (xy = yx) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x (xy = yx)$

**Ex 2.46** :  $\forall x, y, z p(x, y, z) \Leftrightarrow \forall y, x, z p(x, y, z)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall x, z, y p(x, y, z) \dots$  六種

( $\forall x, y, z \equiv \forall x, \forall y, \forall z$ )

**ex** : The universe =  $R$

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z [x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x \forall z [x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z]$$



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Ex 2.47 :  $\exists x \exists y p(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x p(x, y)$

ex : For the universe of all integer

“There exist integer  $x, y$  such that  $x + y = 6$ ”

$$\exists x \exists y (x + y = 6) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x (x + y = 6)$$



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### Both $\exists$ and $\forall$

**Ex 2.48** : The universe =  $Z$ , let  $p(x, y) : x + y = 17$

1)  $\forall x \exists y p(x, y) :$

“For every integer  $x$ , there exist an integer  $y$  such that  $x + y = 17$ ” (T)

$\therefore \forall x : \text{let } y = 17 - x \text{ is a integer} \quad \therefore x + y = x + (17 - x) = 17$

(Each  $x$  gives rise to a different value of  $y$ )

2)  $\exists y \forall x p(x, y) :$

“There exist an integer  $y$  so that for all integer  $x$ ,  $x + y = 17$ ” (F)

$\therefore$  Once an integer  $y$  is selected, only  $x$  satisfy  $x + y = 17$  is  $y - 17 \rightarrow \leftarrow$

$\therefore \forall x \exists y p(x, y) \not\leftrightarrow \exists y \forall x p(x, y)$

**Note** : See Textbook (1. careful & precise, 2. related statements)



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**Ex 2.49** : The universe of  $x, y$  are equal. What is the negation of

$$\forall x \exists y [(p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \rightarrow r(x, y)]$$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg [\forall x \exists y [(p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \rightarrow r(x, y)]] \\ \Leftrightarrow & \exists x [\neg [\exists y [(p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \rightarrow r(x, y)]]] \\ \Leftrightarrow & \exists x \forall y \neg [(p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \rightarrow r(x, y)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & \exists x \forall y \neg [\neg (p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \vee r(x, y)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & \exists x \forall y [\neg \neg (p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \wedge \neg r(x, y)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & \exists x \forall y [(p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \wedge \neg r(x, y)] \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  When we want to prove “ $\forall x \exists y [(p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \rightarrow r(x, y)]$ ” as the conclusion, use the method of Proof by Contradiction.

We would assume the negation of this conclusion as an additional premise. i.e. the additional premise = “ $\exists x \forall y [(p(x, y) \wedge q(x, y)) \wedge \neg r(x, y)]$ ”



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**Ex 2.50** : In calculus, the definition of *limit* :

Let  $I$  be an open interval containing the real number  $a$  and suppose the function  $f$  is defined throughout  $I$ , except possibly at  $a$ . We say  $f$  has the limit  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$ , and write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ , iff for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a  $\delta > 0$  so that, for all  $x$  in  $I$ ,  $(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon)$ .

This can be expressed in symbolic form as :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \\ \forall x [(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon)]$$

The universe = the real number in the open interval  $I$ , except possibly  $a$ .

To negate this definition :



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Sol.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq L$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg [\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \forall x [(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon)]]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall \delta > 0 \exists x \neg [(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall \delta > 0 \exists x \neg [\neg (0 < |x - a| < \delta) \vee (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall \delta > 0 \exists x [\neg \neg (0 < |x - a| < \delta) \wedge \neg (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall \delta > 0 \exists x [(0 < |x - a| < \delta) \wedge (|f(x) - L| \geq \varepsilon)]$$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq L$  iff there exist a positive real number  $\varepsilon$  such that for every positive real number  $\delta$ , there is an  $x$  in  $I$  such that  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$  (this is,  $x \neq a$  and its distance from  $a$  is less than  $\delta$ ), but  $|f(x) - L| \geq \varepsilon$  (this is, the value of  $f(x)$  differs from  $L$  by at least  $\varepsilon$ ).



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**Note** : In definition, an implication can be read as a **biconditional**, and, only in definition.

**Ex 2.51** : (1/2)

a) Universe : all quadrilaterals in the plane.

**A** : “If a quadrilaterals is a rectangle then it has four equals angles.”

**B** : “If a quadrilaterals has four equal angles, then it is a rectangle.”

Let  $p(x)$  :  $x$  is a rectangle.     $q(x)$  :  $x$  has four equal angles

**A** :  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$

**B** :  $\forall x [q(x) \rightarrow p(x)]$

Actually, they are both intending:  $\forall x [p(x) \leftrightarrow q(x)]$



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**Ex 2.51 : (2/2)**

**b) Universe =  $Z$**

**A : “For every integer  $n$ , we call  $n$  even if it is divisible by 2.”**

**Let  $p(n)$  :  $n$  is an even integer**

**$q(n)$  :  $n$  is divisible by 2 (or,  $n = 2k$ , for some integer  $k$ )  
(or,  $\exists k [n = 2k]$ )**

**A :  $\forall n [q(n) \rightarrow p(n)]$**

**Actually,  $\forall n [p(n) \leftrightarrow q(n)]$**

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**Ex 2.52** : Universe =  $\{2, 4, 6, \dots, 26\}$

For all  $n$  ( $n = 2, 4, \dots, 26$ ), we can write  $n$  as the sum of at most three perfect squares.

**Sol.** *method of exhaustion* : (不只一種，但我們只需要找出其中一種即可！)

$2 = 1 + 1$	$10 = 9 + 1$	$18 = 16 + 1 + 1 (= 9 + 9)$
$4 = 4$	$12 = 4 + 4 + 4$	$20 = 16 + 4$
$6 = 4 + 1 + 1$	$14 = 9 + 4 + 1$	$22 = 9 + 9 + 4$
$8 = 4 + 4$	$16 = 16$	$24 = 16 + 4 + 4$
		$26 = 25 + 1 (= 16 + 9 + 1)$

**Def** : *Corollary* : follow immediately from a *theorem*

*The Rule of Universal Specification* :

$\forall x$  for a given universe,  $p(x)$  is true, the  $p(a)$  is true for each  $a$  in the universe.



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**Ex 2.53 : (1/4)**

$\forall x [m(x) \rightarrow c(x)]$

a) Universe = all people

$m(\mathcal{G})$

$m(x) : x$  is a mathematics professor,  $\therefore c(\mathcal{G})$

$c(x) : x$  has studied calculus

All mathematics professors have studied calculus.

Leona is a mathematics professor.

Therefore Leona has studied calculus.

Let  $\mathcal{G} = \text{Leona (in our universe)}$  then :

Steps

Reason

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1)  $\forall x [m(x) \rightarrow c(x)]$  Premise

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2)  $m(\mathcal{G})$  Premise

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3)  $m(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow c(\mathcal{G})$  (1) & the Rule of Universal Specification

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4)  $\therefore c(\mathcal{G})$  (2), (3) and the Rule of Detachment

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**Ex 2.53 : (2/4)**

**b) Universe = all triangles in the plane**

**$p(t)$  :  $t$  has two sides of equal length**

**$q(t)$  :  $t$  is an isosceles triangle**

**$r(t)$  :  $t$  has two angles of equal measure**

**$c$  : triangle  $XYZ$**

$\neg r(c)$

$\forall t [p(t) \rightarrow q(t)]$

$\forall t [q(t) \rightarrow r(t)]$

$\therefore \neg p(c)$

**See Textbook.**

<b>Step</b>	<b>Reasons</b>
<b>1) <math>\forall t [p(t) \rightarrow q(t)]</math></b>	<b>Premise</b>
<b>2) <math>p(c) \rightarrow q(c)</math></b>	<b>(1) and the Rule of Universal Specification</b>
<b>3) <math>\forall t [q(t) \rightarrow r(t)]</math></b>	<b>Premise</b>
<b>4) <math>q(c) \rightarrow r(c)</math></b>	<b>(3) and the Rule of Universal Specification</b>
<b>5) <math>p(c) \rightarrow r(c)</math></b>	<b>(2), (4) and the Law of the Syllogism</b>
<b>6) <math>\neg r(c)</math></b>	<b>Premise</b>
<b>7) <math>\therefore \neg p(c)</math></b>	<b>(5), (6) and Modus Tollens</b>





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**Ex 2.53 : (3/4)**

**c) Universe = student at a particular college.**

**$m$  : Mary Gusberti, a student of this college.**

**$j(x)$  :  $x$  is a junior.**

**$s(x)$  :  $x$  is a senior.**

**$p(x)$  :  $x$  is enrolled in a physical education class**

**No junior or senior is enrolled in a physical education class**

**Mary Gusberti is enrolled in a physical education class**

**Therefore Mary Gusberti is not a senior**

**i.e.  $\forall x [(j(x) \vee s(x)) \rightarrow \neg p(x)]$**

**$p(m)$**

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**$\therefore \neg s(m)$**



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$$\forall x [(j(x) \vee s(x)) \rightarrow \neg p(x)]$$

$$p(m)$$

$$\therefore \neg s(m)$$

**Ex 2.53 : (4/4)**

**c) Sol.**

**Step**

**Reason**

1)  $\forall x [(j(x) \vee s(x)) \rightarrow \neg p(x)]$  **Premise**

2)  $p(m)$  **Premise**

3)  $(j(m) \vee s(m)) \rightarrow \neg p(m)$  **(1) and the Rule of Universal Specification**

4)  $p(m) \rightarrow \neg (j(m) \vee s(m))$  **(3) and  $(q \rightarrow t) \Leftrightarrow (\neg t \rightarrow \neg p)$ , and Law of Double Negation**

5)  $p(m) \rightarrow (\neg j(m) \wedge \neg s(m))$  **(4) and DeMorgan's Law**

6)  $\neg j(m) \wedge \neg s(m)$  **(2), (5) and the Rule of Detachment**

7)  $\therefore \neg s(m)$  **(6) and the Rule of Conjunctive Simplification**



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**Note** : the Rule of Universal Specification + Modus Ponens,  
Modus Tollens

$c$  : a member of the fixed universe

$p(x), q(x)$  : open statements defined for this universe

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(1)} \quad \forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)] \\ \quad \quad p(c) \\ \hline \quad \quad \therefore q(c) \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{(2)} \quad \forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)] \\ \quad \quad \neg q(c) \\ \hline \quad \quad \therefore \neg p(c) \end{array}$$



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**Ex (1/2) : Universe = all polygons in the plane**

**$c$  : quadrilateral  $EFGH$ , where  $\angle E = 91^\circ$**

**$p(x)$  :  $x$  is a square**

**$q(x)$  :  $x$  has four sides**

**(1') All squares have four sides,**

**Quadrilateral  $EFGH$  has four sides**

**Therefore quadrilateral  $EFGH$  is a square**

**(1'')  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$**

**$q(c)$**

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**$\therefore p(c) \leftarrow \text{false}$**

**$\therefore \forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  and  $c$  is a polygon in the plane**

**$\therefore p(c) \rightarrow q(c)$ , but  $[p(c) \rightarrow q(c)] \wedge q(c) \not\rightarrow p(c)$**

**$\therefore$  invalid!!**

**(converse)**



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Ex (2/2) :

(2') All squares have four sides

Quadrilateral  $EFGH$  is not a square

Therefore quadrilateral  $EFGH$  does not have four sides

(2'')  $\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$

$\neg p(c)$

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$\therefore \neg q(c)$

$\therefore \forall x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  and  $c$  is a polygon in the plane

$\therefore p(c) \rightarrow q(c)$ , but  $[(p(c) \rightarrow q(c)) \wedge \neg p(c)] \not\rightarrow \neg q(c)$

$\therefore$  invalid!!

(inverse)