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LECTURE 4: QUANTIFIERS AND PROOFS

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Definition 1. A predicate is a proposition that depends on the value of variables.

$P(x) =$ "x is prime" ; $P(2)$ True $P(4)$ False
 $Q(n) :=$ " $n^2 - 4 = 0$ " $Q(2)$ True $Q(3)$ F
 $R(x, y) :=$ " $x + y = 0$ " $R(1, 3)$ F $R(3, -3)$ T

Universal Quantification

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. x^2 \geq 0$$

\downarrow
 $\{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots\}$

For all values of $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x^2 \geq 0$

$$P(x) = x^2 \geq 0$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. P(x)$$

$\equiv P(0)$ AND $P(1)$ AND $P(-1)$
AND $P(2)$

Existential Quantification

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}. x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

$$x = -2$$

$\rightarrow T$

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}. x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$Q(x) \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}. Q(x)$$

$Q(0)$ OR $Q(1)$ OR $Q(-1)$

Domain Discourse: The set over which variables take values

$$\mathbb{Z}: \forall x. x^2 \geq 0$$

$$\mathbb{R}: \forall x. x^2 \geq 0$$

$$\mathbb{C} \text{ (Complex numbers)}: \forall x. x^2 \geq 0$$

$\forall P \in \text{Prop. } \forall Q \in \text{Prop. } P \text{ AND } Q \equiv Q \text{ AND } P$

$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}. x + y = 0 \rightarrow T$ because for any x
take $y = -x$ & $x + y = 0$

~~$\exists y \in \mathbb{Z} \forall x \in \mathbb{Z} x + y = 0$~~ X

$\forall x \in \mathbb{N} \exists y \in \mathbb{N} x + y = 0$ X

$$\text{NOT}(\forall x Q(x)) \equiv \exists x. \text{NOT}(Q(x))$$

De Morgan's Laws:

$$\text{NOT}(P \text{ AND } Q) = \text{NOT}(P) \text{ OR } \text{NOT}(Q)$$

$$\text{NOT}(P \text{ OR } Q) = \text{NOT}(P) \text{ AND } \text{NOT}(Q)$$

$$\text{NOT}(\exists x Q(x)) = \forall x. \text{NOT}(Q(x))$$

$$\text{NOT}(\exists y \in \mathbb{Z} \forall x \in \mathbb{Z} x + y = 0) \equiv \forall y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{NOT}(\text{---})$$

$$\equiv \forall y \in \mathbb{Z} \exists x \in \mathbb{Z} x + y \neq 0.$$

Definition 2. An integer n is **even** if there is an integer k such that $n = 2k$. An integer n is **odd** if there is an integer k such that $n = 2k + 1$.

Problem 1. Prove: If n is an odd integer then n^2 is odd.

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$. n is odd IMPLIES n^2 is odd.

Assume n is odd.

There is some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. $n = \underline{2k + 1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 &= (2k+1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \\ &= 2(\underbrace{2k^2 + 2k}_{\in \mathbb{Z}}) + 1 \\ &= 2l + 1 \quad \text{where } l = 2k^2 + 2k. \end{aligned}$$

P	Q	P → Q
F	F	T
F	T	T
T	F	F
T	T	T

$$\text{NOT}(\forall x P(x)) = \exists x. \text{NOT}(P(x))$$

Definition 3. An integer n is a **perfect square** if there is an integer k such that $n = k^2$. Example: 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36 ...

Problem 2. Disprove: Any integer is the sum of two perfect squares.

$\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$. n is not the sum of two perfect squares.

$n = 3$. Perfect squares < 3 : 0, 1 ← Can't add two of these to get 3.

$n = -1$. All perfect squares ≥ 0