

# Harold's Philosophical Logic Cheat Sheet

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## The 7 Basic Logical Symbols

Operator	Symbol	Example	English Example
1) Intersection (AND)	$\cap, \bullet$	$A \bullet B$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conjunction</li> <li>A and B</li> <li>A, but B</li> <li>despite the fact that A, B</li> <li>even though A, B</li> <li>although A, B</li> <li>overlap</li> </ul>
2) Union (OR)	$\cup, \vee$	$A \vee B$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disjunction</li> <li>A or B</li> <li>inclusive or</li> <li>both combined</li> </ul>
3) Negation (NOT)	$\sim, \bar{A}$	$\sim A$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not A</li> </ul>
4) Conditional	$\rightarrow, \supset$	$A \supset B$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if A then q</li> <li>if A, B</li> <li>B if A</li> <li>A implies B</li> <li>A only if B</li> <li>B in case that A</li> <li>A is sufficient for B</li> <li>B is necessary for A</li> </ul>
5) Biconditional	$\leftrightarrow, \iff, \Leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$	$p \leftrightarrow q$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A iff B</li> <li>A if and only if B</li> <li>A is necessary and sufficient for B</li> <li>if A then B, and conversely</li> <li>if not A then not B, and conversely</li> </ul>
6) Universal Quantifier	$(x), \forall x$	$(x) p(x)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for all</li> <li>for any</li> <li>for each</li> </ul>
7) Existential Quantifier	$(\exists x)$	$(\exists x) p(x)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there exists</li> <li>there is at least one</li> </ul>
Equivalence (See Biconditional)	$\equiv$	$\text{expression}_1 \equiv \text{expression}_2$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is identical to</li> <li>is equivalent to</li> <li>is defined as</li> <li>the two expressions always have the same truth value</li> </ul>
<p><i>"... the structure of all mathematical statements can be understood using these symbols, and all mathematical reasoning can be analyzed in terms of the proper use of these symbols."</i></p> <p>Source: "<a href="#">How to Prove It: A Structured Approach</a>", 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, p. 75.</p>			

## Logical Truth Tables

A	B	AND •	NOT AND ~•	OR ∨	NOT OR ~∨	XOR ∨, ⊕	NOT XOR ⊙	NOT ~ (~A)	If ... Then ⊃	Iff ≡	Tautology (True) T	Contra- diction (False) F
F	F	F	T	F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T	F
F	T	F	T	T	F	T	F	T	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T	F
T	T	T	F	T	F	F	T	f	T	T	T	F

## Blank Truth Tables

Inputs				Output		
A	B	C	D	X	Y	Z
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Inputs		Output
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T	F	
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## Precedence Rules (PEMDAS for Logic)

#	Operator	Symbol	Precedence
1	Parenthesis	( )	Highest precedence
2	Logical NOT	~	
3	Quantifiers	(x), (∃x)	
4	Logical AND	•	Applied Left to Right
5	Logical OR	∨	
6	Logical Conditional	⊃	
7	Logical Biconditional	≡	Lowest precedence

## Logical Conditional Connective Laws

Law or Statement	Logical Expression	Is Equivalent To ( $\equiv$ )	Description	
<b>Antecedent / Consequent</b>			The Antecedent immediately follows the "if" statement.	
			If <u>&lt;Antecedent&gt;</u> then <u>&lt;Consequent&gt;</u> . <u>&lt;Consequent&gt;</u> if <u>&lt;Antecedent&gt;</u> .	
<b>Conditional Laws</b>	$p \supset q$	$\equiv$	$\sim p \vee q$ $\sim(p \cdot \sim q)$ Logical Equivalences: $p \vee q \equiv \sim p \supset q$ $p \cdot q \equiv \sim(p \supset \sim q)$ $\sim(p \supset q) \equiv p \cdot \sim q$ $(p \supset q) \cdot (p \supset r) \equiv p \supset (q \cdot r)$ $(p \supset q) \vee (p \supset r) \equiv p \supset (q \vee r)$ $(p \supset r) \cdot (q \supset r) \equiv (p \cdot q) \supset r$ $(p \supset r) \vee (q \supset r) \equiv (p \vee q) \supset r$	Conditional, If ... Then, Implication
<b>Biconditional Laws (Equivalence)</b>	$p \equiv q$ $p \leftrightarrow q$	$\equiv$	$(p \supset q) \cdot (q \supset p)$ $(p \supset q) \cdot (\sim p \supset \sim q)$ $(p \cdot q) \vee (\sim p \cdot \sim q)$ $\sim p \leftrightarrow \sim q$ Logical Equivalences: $\sim(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \sim q$	Bi-conditional, If and only If, iff, XNOR  Is equivalent to
<b>Converse*</b>	$p \supset q$	$\not\equiv$	$q \supset p$	False
<b>Inverse*</b>	$p \supset q$	$\not\equiv$	$\sim p \supset \sim q$	False

## Rules of Implication

(Inference with Propositions)

Rule Name	Rule Logic	English Example
<b>Hypothesis</b>	Givens. First lines of a proof.	It is raining today. You live in McKinney, Texas.
<b>Therefore</b>	$\therefore$	Therefore. In conclusion.
<b>1) Modus Ponens (MP)</b>	$\frac{p}{p \supset q}$ $\therefore q$	It is raining today. If it is raining today, I will not ride my bike to school. Therefore, I will not ride my bike to school.
<b>2) Modus Tollens (MT)</b>	$\frac{\sim q}{p \supset q}$ $\therefore \sim p$	If Sam studied for his test, then Sam passed his test. Sam did not pass his test. Therefore, Sam did not study for his test.
<b>3) Hypothetical Syllogism (HS)</b> (Transitivity)	$\frac{p \supset q}{q \supset r}$ $\therefore p \supset r$	If you are mad, then you will yell. If you yell, then you will wake the baby. Therefore, if you are mad, then you will wake the baby.
<b>4) Disjunctive Syllogism (DS)</b> (Elimination)	$\frac{p \vee q}{\sim p}$ $\therefore q$	Sam studied for his test or Sam took a nap. Sam did not study for his test. Therefore, Sam took a nap.
<b>5) Constructive Dilemma (CD)</b>	$\frac{p \vee q}{(p \supset r) \cdot (q \supset s)}$ $\therefore r \vee s$	Oscar is either a dog or a cat. If Oscar is a dog, then you'll have fleas, and if Oscar is a cat, then you'll have fur balls. Therefore, you'll have either fleas or fur balls.
<b>6) Simplification (Simp)</b> (Specialization)	$\frac{p \cdot q}{\therefore p}$	It is rainy today and it is windy today. Therefore, it is rainy today.
<b>7) Conjunction (Conj)</b>	$\frac{p}{q}$ $\therefore p \cdot q$	Sam studied for his test. Sam passed his test. Sam studied for his test and passed his test.
<b>8) Addition (Add)</b> (Generalization)	$\frac{p}{\therefore p \vee q}$	It is raining today. Therefore, it is either raining today or snowing today or both.
<b>Resolution</b>	$\frac{p \vee q}{\sim p \vee q}$ $\therefore q \vee r$	Your shirt is red or your pants are blue. Your shirt is not red or your pants are blue. Therefore, your pants are blue or your shoes are white.

<b>Proof by Division into Cases</b>	$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ p \supset r \\ q \supset r \\ \hline \therefore r \end{array}$	<p>It is raining or it is Monday. It is raining, so it is wet. It is Monday, so it is wet. It is wet.</p>
<b>Contradiction Rule</b>	$\frac{\sim p \supset F}{\therefore p}$	<p>If it is not raining is a false statement; then it is raining.</p>

## Rules of Replacement

(Logical Connective Laws / Equivalences / Inference)

Law	"Or" Example	"And" Example
<b>9. De Morgan's rule (DM)</b> (Propositional Logic)	$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \equiv \sim(\sim p \cdot \sim q) \\ \sim(p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \cdot \sim q \\ (p \vee \sim q) \supset r \equiv \sim r \supset (\sim p \cdot q) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} p \cdot q \equiv \sim(\sim p \vee \sim q) \\ \sim(p \cdot q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q \\ (p \cdot \sim q) \supset r \equiv \sim r \supset (\sim p \vee q) \end{array}$
<b>10. Commutative (Com)</b>	$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$	$p \cdot q \equiv q \cdot p$
<b>11. Associative (Assoc)</b>	$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$	$(p \cdot q) \cdot r \equiv p \cdot (q \cdot r)$
<b>12. Distributive (Dist)</b>	$p \cdot (q \vee r) \equiv (p \cdot q) \vee (p \cdot r)$	$p \vee (q \cdot r) \equiv (p \vee q) \cdot (p \vee r)$
<b>13. Double Negations (DN)</b> (Involution Law)	$\sim \sim p \equiv p$	
<b>14. Transposition (Trans)</b> (Contrapositive)	$(p \supset q) \equiv (\sim q \supset \sim p)$	
<b>15. Material Implication (Impl)</b>	$(p \supset q) \equiv (\sim p \vee q)$	
<b>16. Material Equivalence (Equiv)</b>	$(p \equiv q) \equiv [(p \cdot q) \vee (\sim p \cdot \sim q)]$	$(p \equiv q) \equiv [(p \supset q) \cdot (q \supset p)]$
<b>17. Exportation (Exp)</b>	$[(p \vee q) \supset r] \equiv [(p \supset r) \vee (q \supset r)]$	$[(p \cdot q) \supset r] \equiv [p \supset (q \supset r)]$
<b>18. Tautology (Taut)</b> (Idempotent)	$p \equiv (p \vee p)$	$p \equiv (p \cdot p)$
<b>Contradiction (Identity)</b>	$p \vee F \equiv p$	$p \cdot T \equiv p$
<b>Domination or Null (Universal Bound Laws)</b>	$p \vee T \equiv T$	$p \cdot F \equiv F$
<b>Negation or Complement (Complementary Laws)</b>	$\begin{array}{l} p \vee \sim p \equiv T \\ \sim F \equiv T \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} p \cdot \sim p \equiv F \\ \sim T \equiv F \end{array}$
<b>Uniting</b>	$(p \cdot q) \vee (p \cdot \sim q) \equiv p$	$(p \vee q) \cdot (p \vee \sim q) \equiv p$
<b>Absorption</b>	$p \vee (p \cdot q) \equiv p$	$p \cdot (p \vee q) \equiv p$
<b>Multiplying and Factoring Laws</b>	$\begin{array}{l} (p \vee q) \cdot (\sim p \vee r) \equiv \\ (p \cdot r) \vee (\sim p \cdot q) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} (p \cdot q) \vee (\sim p \cdot r) \equiv \\ (p \vee r) \cdot (\sim p \vee q) \end{array}$
<b>Consensus</b>	$(p \cdot q) \vee (q \cdot r) \vee (\sim p \cdot r) \equiv (p \cdot q) \vee (\sim p \cdot r)$	$(p \vee q) \cdot (q \vee r) \cdot (\sim p \vee r) \equiv (p \vee q) \cdot (\sim p \vee r)$
<b>Exclusive Or (<math>\oplus</math>)</b>	$p \oplus q \equiv (p \vee q) \vee \sim(p \cdot q)$	$p \oplus q \equiv (\sim p \cdot q) \vee (p \vee \sim q)$

## Proof Methods

Method	Definition																				
<b>Direct (DP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assume the hypothesis is true, then use logical steps to arrive at the conclusion.</li> <li>Assume <math>p</math> is true, then conclude <math>q</math>.</li> </ul>																				
<b>Indirect (IP) (Contradiction)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assume the opposite of what you want to prove, then show this leads to a contradiction.</li> <li>To prove <math>p</math>, assume <math>\sim p</math> and derive a contradiction, such as <math>\sim q \bullet q</math>.</li> <li>If some statement is assumed true, and a logical contradiction occurs, then the statement must be false.</li> <li>Can also be a proof by counterexample. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E.g., Assume <math>\sim(p \supset q)</math>, which is equivalent to <math>p \bullet \sim q</math>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Assumption for Indirect Proof (AIP)</li> </ul>																				
<b>Conditional (CP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assume a hypothesis <u>temporarily</u> is true to derive a conclusion.</li> <li>Assume <math>p</math>, derive <math>q</math>; conclude <math>p \supset q</math>.</li> <li>The goal is not to prove <math>p</math> is true in reality, but to prove that <b>if</b> <math>p</math> were true, then <math>q</math> would necessarily follow.</li> <li>Assumption for Conditional Proof (ACP)</li> </ul>																				
<b>Contrapositive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modus Tollens.</li> <li>Infers the statement <math>p \supset q</math> by establishing the logically equivalent contrapositive statement: <math>\sim q \supset \sim p</math>.</li> <li>When given <math>p \supset q</math>, assume <math>\sim q</math> is true, then prove <math>\sim p</math>.</li> <li>We prove that if the negation of the original conclusion is false, then the negation of the initial theorem is false.</li> <li>Relies on De Morgan's Law.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="477 1192 930 1394"> <thead> <tr> <th><math>p</math></th> <th><math>q</math></th> <th><math>p \supset q</math></th> <th>Technique</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>F</td> <td>T</td> <td>Modus Tollens</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>T</td> <td>T</td> <td>(seems forced)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T</td> <td>F</td> <td>F</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>T</td> <td>T</td> <td>T</td> <td>Modus Ponens</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A proof by contrapositive is a special case of a proof by contradiction (indirect).</li> </ul>	$p$	$q$	$p \supset q$	Technique	F	F	T	Modus Tollens	F	T	T	(seems forced)	T	F	F		T	T	T	Modus Ponens
$p$	$q$	$p \supset q$	Technique																		
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F	T	T	(seems forced)																		
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T	T	T	Modus Ponens																		
<b>Construction (Example)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The construction of a concrete example with a property to show that something having that property exists.</li> <li>AKA proof by example.</li> </ul>																				
<b>Exhaustion / By Cases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The conclusion is established by dividing it into a finite number of cases and proving each one separately.</li> </ul>																				
<b>Induction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A single "base case" is proved, and an "induction rule" is proved that establishes that any arbitrary case implies the next case.</li> </ul>																				

## Proof Examples with Solutions

Indirect Proof	Logical Solution Steps	Rules
<p><b>Given:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>(N \vee O) \supset (C \cdot D)</math></li> <li><math>(D \vee K) \supset (P \vee \sim C)</math></li> <li><math>(P \vee G) \supset \sim(N \cdot D)</math></li> </ol> <p><b>Prove:</b></p> $\sim N$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>(N \vee O) \supset (C \cdot D)</math></li> <li><math>(D \vee K) \supset (P \vee \sim C)</math></li> <li><math>(P \vee G) \supset \sim(N \cdot D)</math></li> <li><math>N</math></li> <li><math>N \vee O</math></li> <li><math>C \cdot D</math></li> <li><math>D \cdot C</math></li> <li><math>D</math></li> <li><math>D \vee K</math></li> <li><math>P \vee \sim C</math></li> <li><math>C</math></li> <li><math>\sim C \vee P</math></li> <li><math>\sim \sim C</math></li> <li><math>P</math></li> <li><math>P \vee G</math></li> <li><math>\sim(N \cdot D)</math></li> <li><math>\sim N \vee \sim D</math></li> <li><math>\sim \sim N</math></li> <li><math>\sim D</math></li> <li><math>D \cdot \sim D</math></li> <li><math>\sim N</math></li> </ol>	<p>Given</p> <p>Given</p> <p>Given</p> <p>AIP</p> <p>4, Add</p> <p>1, 5, MP</p> <p>6, Com</p> <p>7, Simp</p> <p>8, Add</p> <p>2, 9, MP</p> <p>6, Simp</p> <p>10, Com</p> <p>11, DN</p> <p>12, 13, DS</p> <p>14, Add</p> <p>3, 15, MP</p> <p>16, DM</p> <p>4, DN</p> <p>17, 18, DS</p> <p>8, 19, Conj</p> <p>4-20, IP</p>

Conditional Proof	Logical Solution Steps	Rules
<p><b>Given:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>Q \supset (R \supset S)</math></li> <li><math>Q \supset (T \supset \sim U)</math></li> <li><math>U \supset (R \vee T)</math></li> </ol> <p><b>Prove:</b></p> $Q \supset (U \supset S)$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>Q \supset (R \supset S)</math></li> <li><math>Q \supset (T \supset \sim U)</math></li> <li><math>U \supset (R \vee T)</math></li> <li><math>Q</math></li> <li><math>U</math></li> <li><math>R \supset S</math></li> <li><math>T \supset \sim U</math></li> <li><math>\sim \sim U</math></li> <li><math>\sim T</math></li> <li><math>R \vee T</math></li> <li><math>T \vee R</math></li> <li><math>R</math></li> <li><math>S</math></li> <li><math>U \supset S</math></li> <li><math>Q \supset (U \supset S)</math></li> </ol>	<p>Given</p> <p>Given</p> <p>Given</p> <p>ACP</p> <p>ACP</p> <p>1, 4 MP</p> <p>2, 4, MP</p> <p>5, DN</p> <p>7, 8, MT</p> <p>3, 5, MP</p> <p>10, Com</p> <p>9, 11, DS</p> <p>6, 12, MP</p> <p>5-13, CP</p> <p>4-14, CP</p>

## Logical Quantifiers

Definition	Logical Expression	Is Equivalent To ( $\equiv$ )	English Example
<b>Universal Quantifier (<math>\forall</math>)</b>	$(x) Px$ $(x) \in Px$ $(x) \in \mathbb{D}, Px$  <i>(x), if x is in <math>\mathbb{D}</math> then Px</i>	<p>“For all x in the domain, Px is true”</p> $(x) \in A Px \equiv (x) (x \in A \supset Px)$  For the finite set domain of discourse $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$ , $(x) Px \equiv Pa_1 \bullet Pa_2 \bullet \dots \bullet Pa_k$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for all</li> <li>• all elements</li> <li>• for each member</li> <li>• any</li> <li>• anyone</li> <li>• anything</li> <li>• every</li> <li>• everyone</li> <li>• everybody</li> <li>• everything</li> <li>• x could be anything at all</li> <li>• whoever</li> <li>• none but</li> <li>• only &lt;plural noun&gt;</li> <li>• the only (pronoun)</li> <li>• no ... except &lt;plural noun&gt;</li> </ul>
<b>Existential Quantifier (<math>\exists</math>)</b>	$(\exists x) Px$ $(\exists x) \in Px$ $(\exists x) \in \mathbb{D}, Px$	<p>“There exists x in the domain, such that Px is true”</p> For the finite set domain of discourse $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$ , $(\exists x) Px \equiv Pa_1 \vee Pa_2 \vee \dots \vee Pa_k$  $Px \neq \emptyset$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there exists an x</li> <li>• there is</li> <li>• some</li> <li>• someone</li> <li>• somebody</li> <li>• something</li> <li>• at least one value of x</li> <li>• there is at least one x</li> <li>• it is the case that</li> <li>• the truth set is not equal to <math>\emptyset</math></li> <li>• a few</li> </ul>
<b>Uniqueness Quantifier (<math>\exists!</math>)</b>	$\exists! x Px$	there is a unique x in Px such that ...  $(\exists x) (Px \bullet \sim(y) (Py \bullet y \neq x))$ $(\exists x) (Px \bullet (y) (Py \supset y = x))$ $(\exists x) (y) (Py \equiv y = x)$  $(\exists x) Px \bullet (y) (z) ((Py \bullet Pz) \supset y = z)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unique</li> <li>• there is a unique x</li> <li>• there exists exactly one</li> <li>• there is exactly one x such that P(x)</li> </ul>
<b>Negated Existential Quantifier</b>	$\sim [(\exists x) Px]$	$(x) \sim Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nobody</li> <li>• no one</li> <li>• not one</li> <li>• there does not exist</li> </ul>
	$\sim [(x) Px]$	$(\exists x) \sim Px$	

## Quantifier Logic Examples

Quantifier	Symbolic Translations	English Example
Everyone	$(x) Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone is &lt;something&gt;.</li> </ul>
	$(x) (y) Pxy$ NOTE: includes $(x = y)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone &lt;did something&gt; to everyone.</li> </ul>
Everyone Else	$(x) (x \neq y \supset Px)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone except &lt;someone&gt; is &lt;something&gt;.</li> </ul>
	$(x) (y) (x \neq y) \supset Pxy$ NOTE: excludes $(x = y)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone &lt;did something&gt; to everyone else.</li> </ul>
Not Every	$\sim(x) (Ax \supset Bx)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is not the case that every &lt;something&gt; &lt;did something&gt;.</li> </ul>
	$(\exists x) \sim Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not every &lt;something&gt; &lt;did something&gt;.</li> </ul>
Someone Else	$(\exists x) (x \neq y \vee Px)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Someone other than &lt;someone&gt; is &lt;something&gt;.</li> </ul>
	$(x) (\exists y) ((x \neq y) \bullet Pxy)$ NOTE: excludes $(x = y)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone &lt;did something&gt; to &lt;someone&gt; else.</li> </ul>
Exactly One	$\exists!x Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exactly one person &lt;did something&gt;.</li> </ul>
	$(\exists x) (Px \bullet (y) ((x \neq y) \supset \sim Py)) \equiv$	
No One	$\sim(\exists x) Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No one &lt;did something&gt;.</li> </ul>
	$(x) \sim Px$	

## Rules of Inference with Quantifiers

Rule Name	Rule Logic	English Example
<b>Variables</b>	$x$ : Quantified variable	The domain is the set of all integers.
<b>Elements</b>	$c, d$ : Elements of the domain, arbitrary or particular	$c$ is a particular integer. Element definition.
<b>Universal Instantiation (UI)</b>	$c$ is an element (arbitrary or particular) $(x) Px$ $\therefore Pc$	Sam is a student in the class. Every student in the class completed the assignment. Therefore, Sam completed his assignment.
<b>Universal Generalization (UG)</b>	$c$ is an arbitrary element $Pc$ _____ $\therefore (x) Px$	All psychiatrists are doctors. All doctors are college graduates. Therefore, all psychiatrists are college graduates.  1. $(x) (Px \supset Dx)$ Given 2. $(x) (Dx \supset Cx)$ Given 3. $Px \supset Dx$ 1, UI 4. $Dx \supset Cx$ 2, UI 5. ... 6. $Px \supset Cx$ 7. $\therefore (x) (Px \supset Cx)$ 6, UG
<b>Existential Instantiation (EI)</b>	$(\exists x) Px$ $\therefore (c \text{ is a particular element}) \bullet$ $Pc$	All attorneys are college graduates. Some attorneys are golfers. Therefore, some golfers are college graduates.  i.e., If an object is known to exist, then that object can be given a name.
<b>Existential Generalization (EG)</b>	$c$ is an element (arbitrary or particular) $Pc$ _____ $\therefore (\exists x) Px$	All tenors are singers. Andrea Bocelli is a tenor. Therefore, there is at least one singer.  1. $(x) (Tx \supset Sx)$ Given 2. $Ta$ Given 3. $Ta \supset Sa$ 1, UI 4. $Sa$ 2,3, MP 5. $\therefore (\exists x) Sx$ 4, EG

## Quantifier Translation Hints

Statement Form	Symbolic Translation	English Example
<b>A B</b>	$Ax \bullet Bx$	Pretty girl.
<b>Either A or B</b>	$Ax \vee Bx$	Rachel is a journalist or a newscaster.
	$(Ax \vee \sim Bx) \vee (\sim Ax \vee Bx)$	Rachel is either a journalist or a newscaster, but not both. (XOR)
<b>Neither A nor B</b>	$\sim Ax \bullet \sim Bx$	Neither Wordsworth nor Shelley was Irish.
<b>A is/are B</b>	$Ax \supset Bx$	Eli is a student. Sea lions are mammals.
<b>Anything is A</b>	$(x) Ax$	Anything is conceivable.
<b>All A are B</b>	$(x) (Ax \supset Bx)$	All maples are trees.
<b>Some A are B</b>	$(\exists x) (Ax \bullet Bx)$	Some grapes are sour.
<b>Some A are not B</b>	$(\exists x) (Ax \bullet \sim Bx)$	Some grapes are not sour.
<b>A exist</b>	$(\exists x) Ax$	Tigers exist.
<b>A do not exist</b>	$\sim(\exists x) Ax$ $(x) \sim Ax$	Unicorns do not exist.
<b>No A are B</b>	$\sim(x) (Ax \supset Bx)$ $(\exists x) (Ax \bullet \sim Bx)$	No novels are biographies.
<b>Not a single A did B</b>	$(x) (Ax \supset \sim Bx)$ $\sim(\exists x) (Ax \bullet Bx)$	Not a single psychologist attended the convention.
<b>Whoever is A is B</b>	$(x) (Ax \supset Bx)$	Whoever is a socialite is vain.
<b>Some A B iff C</b>	$(\exists x) (Ax \bullet (Bx \equiv Cx))$	Some dogs bite if and only if they are teased.
<b>Some A B are C</b>	$(\exists x) [(Ax \bullet Bx) \bullet Cx]$	Some French restaurants are exclusive.
<b>A B are C</b>	$(x) [(Ax \bullet Bx) \supset Cx]$	Ripe apples are delicious.
<b>A and B are C D</b>	$(x) [(Ax \vee Bx) \supset (Cx \bullet Dx)]$	Violins and cellos are stringed instruments.
<b>Only i is F.</b>	$Fi \bullet (x) [Fx \supset (x = i)]$	Only Sally is running.
<b>The only F that is G is i.</b>	$Fi \bullet Gi \bullet (x) [(Fx \bullet Gx) \supset (x = i)]$	The only instrument that is brass is the trumpet.
<b>No F except i is G.</b>		No plants except for Venus flytraps are carnivorous.
<b>All F except i are G.</b>	$Fi \bullet \sim Gi \bullet (x) [(Fx \bullet (x \neq i)) \supset Gx]$	All students except Billy are on time.
<b>i is the F that is most so-and-so.</b>	$Fi \bullet (x) [(Fx \bullet (x \neq i)) \supset i \text{ is more so-and-so than } x]$	Rex is the dog that is most loved than the rest.
<b>There is at most one F.</b>	$(x) (y) [(Fx \bullet Fy) \supset (x = y)]$	There is at most one moon.
<b>There are at least two F's.</b>	$(\exists x) (\exists y) [Fx \bullet Fy \bullet (x \neq y)]$	There are at least two moons.
<b>There are exactly two F's.</b>	$(\exists x) (\exists y) \{ Fx \bullet Fy \bullet (x \neq y) \bullet (z) [Fz \supset ((z = x) \vee (z = y))] \}$	There are exactly two moons.
<b>The F is G.</b>	$(\exists x) [Fx \bullet (y) (Fy \supset (y = x)) \bullet Gx]$	The moon is bright.

## Quantifier Laws

Definition	Logical Expression	Is Equivalent To ( $\equiv$ )	English Example	
<b>Abbreviation</b>	$(\exists x) (x \in A \bullet \sim Px)$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) \in A \sim Px$	Simplification
<b>Expanding Abbreviation</b>	$(x) \in A Px$	$\equiv$	$(x) (x \in A \supset Px)$	Complication
<b>1. Quantifier Negation Laws (QN)</b>	$(x) Px$	$\equiv$	$\sim(\exists x) \sim Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>everyone is perfect</li> <li>no one is imperfect</li> </ul>
	$(\exists x) Px$	$\equiv$	$\sim(x) \sim Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>somebody is perfect</li> <li>nobody is imperfect</li> </ul>
	$\sim(x) Px$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) \sim Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not everyone is perfect</li> <li>someone is imperfect</li> </ul>
	$\sim(\exists x) Px$	$\equiv$	$(x) \sim Px$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>nobody is perfect</li> <li>everybody is imperfect</li> </ul>
<b>2. Conditional Law (ACP)</b>	$x \in A \supset Px$	$\equiv$	$x \notin A \vee Px$	$p \supset q \equiv \sim p \vee q$
<b>3. Subset Negation Law</b>	$x \in A$	$\equiv$	$\sim(x \notin A)$	Negate then swap $\in$ with $\notin$ , or vice versa
<b>4. De Morgan's Law (Quantifier Negation)</b>	$\sim(x) Px$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) \sim Px$	De Morgan's Law for a <u>single</u> quantifier
	$\sim(\exists x) Px$	$\equiv$	$(x) \sim Px$	
	$\sim(x) (y) Pxy$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) (\exists y) \sim Pxy$	De Morgan's Law for <u>nested</u> quantifiers
	$\sim(x) (\exists x) Pxy$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) (y) \sim Pxy$	
	$\sim(\exists x) (y) Pxy$	$\equiv$	$(x) (\exists y) \sim Pxy$	
<b>5. Nested / Multiple-Quantified Statements</b>	$(x) (y)$	$\equiv$	$(y) (x)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for all objects x and y, ...</li> </ul>
	$(\exists x) (\exists y)$	$\equiv$	$(\exists y) (\exists x)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there are objects x and y such that ...</li> </ul>
	$(x) (\exists y) Pxy$	$\not\equiv$	$(\exists x) (y) Pxy$	False Counterexample for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ : $(x) (\exists y) (x + y = 0) \equiv \text{True}$ $(\exists x) (y) (x + y = 0) \equiv \text{False}$
	$\sim((x) (\exists y) Pxy)$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) (y) \sim Pxy$	Negation of multiple quantified statements
	$\sim((\exists x) (y) Pxy)$	$\equiv$	$(x) (\exists y) \sim Pxy$	
<b>6. Moving Quantifiers</b>	$(x) (Px \supset (\exists y) Qxy)$	$\equiv$	$(x) (\exists y) (Px \supset Qxy)$	You can move a quantifier left if the variable is not used yet

## Valid Quantifier Formulas

A		B
$(x) (Px \bullet Qx)$	$\equiv$	$(x) Px \bullet (x) Qx$
$(\exists x) (Px \bullet Qx)$	$\rightarrow$	$(\exists x) Px \bullet (\exists x) Qx$
$(x) (Px \vee Qx)$	$\leftarrow$	$(x) Px \vee (x) Qx$
$(\exists x) (Px \vee Qx)$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) Px \vee (\exists x) Qx$
$(x) (Px \supset Qx)$	$\leftarrow$	$(\exists x) Px \supset (x) Qx$
$(\exists x) (Px \supset Qx)$	$\equiv$	$(x) Px \supset (\exists x) Qx$
$(x) \sim Px$	$\equiv$	$\sim(\exists x) Px$
$(\exists x) \sim Px$	$\equiv$	$\sim(x) Px$
$(x) (\exists y) Txy$	$\leftarrow$	$(\exists y) (x) Txy$
$(y) (\exists x) Txy$	$\leftarrow$	$(\exists x) (y) Txy$
$(x) (y) Txy$	$\equiv$	$(y) (x) Txy$
$(\exists x) (\exists y) Txy$	$\equiv$	$(\exists y) (\exists x) Txy$
$(x) (Px \vee R)$	$\equiv$	$(x) Px \vee R$
$(\exists x) (Px \bullet R)$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) Px \bullet R$
$(x) (Px \supset R)$	$\equiv$	$(\exists x) Px \supset R$
$(\exists x) (Px \supset R)$	$\rightarrow$	$(x) Px \supset R$
$(x) (R \supset Qx)$	$\equiv$	$R \supset (x) Qx$
$(\exists x) (R \supset Qx)$	$\rightarrow$	$R \supset (\exists x) Qx$
$(x) R$	$\leftarrow$	$R$
$(\exists x) R$	$\rightarrow$	$R$

**Note:** The above formulas are valid in classical [first-order logic](#), assuming that  $x$  does not occur free in  $R$ .

## Invalid Quantifier Formulas

A		B	Counterexample
$(\exists x) (Px \bullet Qx)$	$\leftarrow$	$(\exists x) Px \bullet (\exists x) Qx$	$D = \{a, b\}, M = \{Pa, Qb\}$
$(x) (Px \vee Qx)$	$\rightarrow$	$(x) Px \vee (x) Qx$	$D = \{a, b\}, M = \{Pa, Qb\}$
$(x) (Px \supset Qx)$	$\rightarrow$	$(\exists x) Px \supset (x) Qx$	$D = \{a, b\}, M = \{Pa, Qa\}$
$(x) (\exists y) Txy$	$\rightarrow$	$(\exists y) (x) Txy$	$D = \{a, b\}, M = \{Tab, Tba\}$
$(\exists x) (Px \supset R)$	$\leftarrow$	$(x) Px \supset R$	$D = \emptyset, M = \{R\}$
$(\exists x) (R \supset Qx)$	$\leftarrow$	$R \supset (\exists x) Qx$	$D = \emptyset, M = \emptyset$
$(x) R$	$\rightarrow$	$R$	$D = \emptyset, M = \emptyset$
$(\exists x) R$	$\leftarrow$	$R$	$D = \emptyset, M = \{R\}$

**Note:** if empty domains are not allowed, then the last four implications above are in fact valid.

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