

1. First homework deadline postponed by 1 week

2. To find MA160/MA190 algebra notes:

Google "Graham Ellis" "NU160"  
then click on teaching page

or

<http://hamilton.nuigalway.ie>

### Predicates

$P(x)$ :  $x$  is greater than 5

$P(2)$  False

$P(6)$  True

Definition A predicate is a statement  $P(x)$  depending on a variable  $x$  such that, for any particular value of  $x$ , the statement is either True or False.

Given two predicates  $p(x)$ ,  $q(x)$   
 we can build new predicates  
 such as

$$p(x) \wedge q(x)$$

$$q(x) \vee p(x)$$

$$\neg p(x)$$

$$p(x) \rightarrow q(x)$$

### Example

$$p(x) : (x > 15) \wedge (x < 20)$$

$$p(16) \text{ True}$$

$$p(14) \text{ False}$$

Negation (neg range over all integers)

| <u>predicate</u>             | <u>Negated predicate</u>      |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $x > 5$                      | $x \leq 5$                    |
| $(x > 0) \wedge (x < 10)$    | $(x \leq 0) \vee (x \geq 10)$ |
| $\neg (x = 8)$               | $x \neq 8$                    |
| $(x \geq 0) \vee (y \geq 0)$ | $(x < 0) \wedge (y < 0)$      |

for the set of numbers

$$D = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$$

Complete the table:

| Predicate    | True for which members of $D$ | True for at least one | True for all |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| $x < 0$      | -1                            | YES                   | NO           |
| $x > -3$     | -1, 0, 1, 2                   | YES                   | YES          |
| $x^2 < x$    | None                          | NO                    | NO           |
| $x^2 \geq x$ | -1, 0, 1, 2                   | YES                   | YES          |

### Handy notation

$k \in D$

$k$  is an element in  $D$

$\forall$

for all

$\exists$

there exists



Let  $D = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$

Statement:  $\forall d \in D, d > -2$  FALSE

Negated Statement:  $\exists d \in D, d \leq -2$  TRUE

Statement:  $\exists m \in D, m > 10$  FALSE

Negated Statement:  $\forall m \in D, m \leq 10$  TRUE

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### Multiple Quantifiers

$p(x, y): x \times y = 36$

$p(3, 4)$  FALSE

$p(-4, -9)$  TRUE

There exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $xy = 36$ .

$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, xy = 36$  TRUE

Examples Translate, and then evaluate for  $D = \{3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25\}$

For every  $n$  in  $D$ ,  $n < 20$

$\forall n \in D, n < 20$  FALSE

For all  $n$  in the set  $D$ ,  $n < 5$  or  $n$  is a multiple of 5.

$\forall n \in D, (n < 5) \text{ or } n \text{ is multiple of } 5.$   
TRUE

There is at least one  $k$  in  $D$  with the property that  $k^2$  is in  $D$ .

$\exists k \in D$  such that  $k^2 \in D$

TRUE

Negatively Quantified Statements

for every choice of integers  
 $s, t$  it is true that  $s^2 + t^2 \geq 0$ .

$$\forall s, t \in \mathbb{Z}, s^2 + t^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{TRUE}$$

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Statement:  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, x + 2y = 3$

Negated  
statement:  $\neg (\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, x + 2y = 3)$

or  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \neg (\exists y \in \mathbb{Z}, x + 2y = 3)$

or  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}, \neg (x + 2y = 3)$

or better  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}, x + 2y \neq 3$

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Statement:  $\exists x > 0, \forall y > 0, xy < x$

Negated  
statement

$\neg (\exists x > 0, \forall y > 0, xy < x)$

$\forall x > 0, \neg (\forall y > 0, xy < x)$

$\forall x > 0, \exists y > 0, \neg (xy < x)$

$\forall x > 0, \exists y > 0, xy \leq x$