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Administrivia

- Homework 1 due today. Turn in at end of class or in my mailbox by 5pm.
- Quiz 1 is scheduled for Wednesday. Quizzes are open book, open notes.
- Handout from last time has typos in rules for associativity.
- "Useful links" page updated.
- Tuesday office hours now 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

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Minute Essay From Last Lecture

- (There wasn't one. Let's do problem 34 from section 1.2.)

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Why Predicate Logic?

- Propositional logic captures some of what we need to talk about things logically, but not everything.
- Example from classical logic:
"All humans are mortal. Socrates is human. Therefore Socrates is mortal."
No way to express this in propositional logic.
- What we want to add is some way to express the idea of something being true "for all x " or "for at least one x ".

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Predicates

- Define "predicate" — boolean-valued function of one or more variables.
- Examples with integer variables:
 $P(x) = (x > 0)$
 $Q(x, y) = (x < y)$
- Examples with people variables:
 $P(x)$ means " x is a student in CSCI 1323".
 $Q(x, y)$ means " x is taller than y ".

Quantifiers

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- Universal quantification: $(\forall x)P(x)$ means “for all x , $P(x)$ is true.”
- Existential quantification: $(\exists x)P(x)$ means “there exists an x such that $P(x)$ is true.”
- How to decide whether such a statement is true? For propositional-logic connectives, we could write down a truth table for different values of the formulas being connected. That won't work here.
- Instead, we have the notion of a “domain of interpretation” — (non-empty) range of values for the variable, definition of predicate(s).
 $(\forall x)P(x)$ means — ?
 $(\exists x)P(x)$ means — ?

A Few More Definitions

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- Define “variables” (usually write them x, y , etc.) and “constants” (usually write them a, b , etc.) — elements of domain of interpretation.
- “Free variables” are those not within scope of a quantifier — e.g., x but not y in $(\forall y)P(x, y)$.
- Notice that we can change the variable in a quantification — it's a “dummy variable” — except we can't duplicate another variable.
- As in propositional logic, can define notion of well-formed formula (wff) — “sensible” combination of predicates, quantifiers, connectives from propositional logic, and parentheses.
- How to express “All men are mortal”, etc?

Interpretations

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- Expressions involving predicates are true/false depending on “interpretation”:
 - Domain of the interpretation (must not be empty).
 - Assignment of a property of objects in the domain to each predicate.
 - Assignment of a particular object to each constant symbol.
- Given an interpretation and an expression, we can (usually) compute a value for it. (What if there’s at least one free variable?)

Interpretations, Example

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- Suppose the domain is the integers, and $Q(x)$ means “ x has an integer square root”.
- What is the “truth value” of the following?
 - $Q(4)$
 - $Q(2)$
 - $(\forall x)Q(x)$
 - $(\exists x)Q(x)$
 - $Q(4) \vee Q(2)$
 - $Q(c)$
 - $Q(x)$

English to Formulas

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- Given people as a domain and predicates
 - $C(x)$ meaning x is a CS student
 - $D(x)$ meaning x must pass CSCI 1323 to graduate
 - $B(x)$ meaning x is a business major
 - $M(x)$ meaning x likes math.
- Translate:
 - “All CS majors must pass CSCI 1323 to graduate.”
 - “Some CS majors are business majors.”
 - “Some CS majors like math.”
 - “Not all CS majors like math.”

Minute Essay

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- Consider formulas $Q(a)$, $Q(b)$, $(\forall x)Q(x)$. Tell me whether each is true or false for the following interpretations.
- Interpretation 1: domain of interpretation is the integers, $a = 1$, $b = 2$, and $Q(x)$ means “ $2x$ is an even integer”.
- Interpretation 2: domain of interpretation is the rational numbers, $a = 1/2$, $b = 1$, and $Q(x)$ means “ $2x$ is an even integer”.