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### Administrivia

- ACM meeting Thursday at 4pm in HAS 329. Find out what this organization is/does. Free refreshments!

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### Minute Essay From Last Lecture

- Question:
  - 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”.
- Answers?

### Propositional Logic Versus Predicate Logic

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- In propositional logic:
  - Wffs are true or false, depending on assignment of truth values to statement letters.
  - If a wff is true for all such assignments, “tautology” — always true.
  - Can show this by checking all cases (truth table).
- In predicate logic:
  - Wffs are true or false (or neither, if they have free variables), depending on “interpretation” (domain plus meanings for predicates and constants).
  - If a wff is true for all such interpretations, “valid” — always true.
  - *Cannot* show this by checking all cases.

### Valid Arguments, Revisited

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- As with propositional logic, we want to know when we can say that a conclusion “logically follows” from a set of hypotheses — i.e., no matter what interpretation we choose, if the hypotheses are true so is the conclusion.
- What we have in our “bag of tricks”:
  - All propositional-logic rules.
  - New rules for manipulating quantifiers.

### Universal Instantiation

- Rule for removing  $\forall$ . (Why do we want to do this?)
- If we have  $(\forall x)P(x)$   
we can write  $P(t)$   
provided  $t$  doesn't already exist "bound" in  $P(x)$ .
- "If  $P(x)$  for all  $x$ , then  $P(t)$  for a particular  $t$ ".

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### Existential Instantiation

- Rule for removing  $\exists$ . (Why do we want to do this?)
- If we have  $(\exists x)P(x)$   
we can write  $P(t)$   
provided  $t$  has not been previously used in the proof.
- "If there is some  $x$  for which  $P(x)$ , we can give it a name —  $t$ , for example."

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### Universal Generalization

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- Rule for introducing  $\forall$ . (Why do we want to do this?)
- If we have  $P(x)$   
we can write  $(\forall x)P(x)$   
provided  $x$  is “arbitrary” — not a free variable in a hypothesis, not a variable we got from ei.
- “If we know  $P(x)$  for arbitrary  $x$ , then  $P(x)$  for all  $x$ .”

### Existential Generalization

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- Rule for introducing  $\exists$ . (Why do we want to do this?)
- If we have  $P(y)$  or  $P(a)$   
we can write  $(\exists x)P(x)$   
provided  $x$  doesn't appear in  $P(a)$ .
- “If we have some particular  $z$  for which  $P(z)$ , then there exists a  $z$  such that  $P(z)$ .”

## Minute Essay

- None — quiz.

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