

↳ Quantifier scope reduction and expansion equivalences

- **Quantifier scope reduction and expansion equivalences:** To adjust the scope of quantifiers (\forall , \exists) while preserving logical equivalence.
 - Let $A(x)$ be a formula in which x appears freely, and let B be a formula in which x does not appear.

Universal quantifier

$$\forall x(A(x) \vee B) \Leftrightarrow \forall xA(x) \vee B$$

$$\forall x(A(x) \wedge B) \Leftrightarrow \forall xA(x) \wedge B$$

$$\forall x(A(x) \rightarrow B) \Leftrightarrow \exists xA(x) \rightarrow B$$

$$\forall x(B \rightarrow A(x)) \Leftrightarrow B \rightarrow \forall xA(x)$$

Existential quantifier

$$\exists x(A(x) \vee B) \Leftrightarrow \exists xA(x) \vee B$$

$$\exists x(A(x) \wedge B) \Leftrightarrow \exists xA(x) \wedge B$$

$$\exists x(A(x) \rightarrow B) \Leftrightarrow \forall xA(x) \rightarrow B$$

$$\exists x(B \rightarrow A(x)) \Leftrightarrow B \rightarrow \exists xA(x)$$

■ Substitution Rule:

Let $\Phi(A)$ be a formula containing formula A , and $\Phi(B)$ be the formula obtained by replacing all occurrences of A in $\Phi(A)$ with formula B . Then, $\Phi(A) \Leftrightarrow \Phi(B)$.

■ Renaming Rule:

In a formula A , change the bound variables (and their occurrences within the scope of the quantifier) of a quantifier to an individual term that has not appeared within the scope of that quantifier. The rest of the formula remains unchanged, and the resulting formula is denoted as A' . Then, $A' \Leftrightarrow A$.

Note:

- (1) *Substitution* can be used to transform expressions and find equivalent forms of expression.
- (2) *Renaming* can eliminate variable name conflicts and clarify the scope of quantifiers.
- (3) When substituting, the replaced terms should not become variables within the scope of some quantifier.
- (4) When renaming, only the variable names bound by quantifiers are changed, and the rest of the formula structure remains unchanged.

e.g. >>> **Example:** Eliminate the individual variables that appear both in the constraints and as free variables in the equation.

$$(1) \forall xF(x,y,z) \rightarrow \exists yG(x,y,z)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall uF(u,y,z) \rightarrow \exists yG(x,y,z)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall uF(u,y,z) \rightarrow \exists vG(x,v,z) \quad (\text{Renaming Rule Equivalence})$$

Avoid variable confusion and improve expression readability and consistency.

$$(2) \forall x(F(x,y) \rightarrow \exists yG(x,y,z))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x(F(x,y) \rightarrow \exists tG(x,t,z)) \quad (\text{Renaming Rule Equivalence})$$

Only changed the bound variable name of the existential quantifier y .

e.g. >>> **Example:** Let the domain of individuals be $D=\{a,b,c\}$, eliminate the quantifiers in the following formula:

(1) $\forall x(F(x)\rightarrow G(x))$

$$\Leftrightarrow (F(a)\rightarrow G(a))\wedge(F(b)\rightarrow G(b))\wedge(F(c)\rightarrow G(c))$$

(2) $\forall x(F(x)\vee\exists yG(y))$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall xF(x)\vee\exists yG(y) \quad (\text{Quantifier scope reduction})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (F(a)\wedge F(b)\wedge F(c))\vee(G(a)\vee G(b)\vee G(c))$$

(3) $\exists x\forall yF(x,y)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x(F(x,a)\wedge F(x,b)\wedge F(x,c))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (F(a,a)\wedge F(a,b)\wedge F(a,c))\vee(F(b,a)\wedge F(b,b)\wedge F(b,c))$$

$$\vee(F(c,a)\wedge F(c,b)\wedge F(c,c))$$

e.g. >>> Example: Given I : (a) $D = \{2, 3\}$, (b) \bar{f} : $\bar{f}(2) = 3, \bar{f}(3) = 2$,

(c) $\bar{F}(x)$: x is even, $\bar{G}(x, y)$: $x=2 \vee y=2$, $\bar{L}(x, y)$: $x=y$.

Solve the true value under I :

(1) $\exists x(F(f(x)) \wedge G(x, f(x)))$

Solve: $(F(f(2)) \wedge G(2, f(2))) \vee (F(f(3)) \wedge G(3, f(3)))$

$$\Leftrightarrow (0 \wedge 1) \vee (1 \wedge 1) \Leftrightarrow 1$$

(2) $\exists x \forall y L(x, y)$

Solve: $\forall y L(2, y) \vee \forall y L(3, y)$

$$\Leftrightarrow (L(2, 2) \wedge L(2, 3)) \vee (L(3, 2) \wedge L(3, 3))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1 \wedge 0) \vee (0 \wedge 1) \Leftrightarrow 0$$

e.g. >>> **Example:** Prove the following equivalence:

$$\neg \exists x(M(x) \wedge F(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x(M(x) \rightarrow \neg F(x))$$

Prove:

$$\text{Left} \Leftrightarrow \forall x \neg(M(x) \wedge F(x)) \quad (\text{De Morgan's laws for quantifiers})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x(\neg M(x) \vee \neg F(x))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x(M(x) \rightarrow \neg F(x))$$

i The proof applies three key logical transformation rules: quantifier negation, De Morgan's laws, and implication equivalence.

■ 3.2.1 First-Order Logic Equivalences and Substitution Rules

Basic Equivalences Substitution Rules, Renaming Rules

■ 3.2.2 Prenex normal form of first-order logic

↳ Prenex normal form

- **Definition 3.8:** Let A be a first-order logic formula. If A has the form

$$Q_1x_1Q_2x_2\dots Q_kx_k B$$

where each Q_i is either \forall or \exists (for $1 \leq i \leq k$), and B is a formula without quantifiers, then A is called a *prenex normal form*.

e.g. >>> **Examples:**

$\forall x \exists y (F(x) \rightarrow (G(y) \wedge H(x, y)))$ (prenex normal form)

$\forall x \neg (F(x) \wedge G(x))$ (prenex normal form)

$\forall x (F(x) \rightarrow \exists y (G(y) \wedge H(x, y)))$ (not prenex normal form)

$\neg \exists x (F(x) \wedge G(x))$ (not prenex normal form)

Objective :

Key Concepts :