

## Discrete Mathematical Structures CS 3233 Lecture Three

Prof. William Winsborough  
January 22, 2008

## Business

- Questions???
- Recall: Homework 2 due Thursday January 24
  - Section 1.2: 2, 6, 10
    - I am removing problem 12
  - Section 1.3: 10d, 10e, 14, 24c, 24d, 32a, 32b, 44
- Practice quiz 1
  - Quizzes are not turned in and do not affect your grade

22 January 2008

Winsborough CS 3233 Lecture 3

2

## Universe of Discourse and Quantifiers

- The *universe of discourse* or *domain* is the set of all possible values for variables
- We can refer to values in the universe either by using constant symbols (like "Fred") or by using quantifiers
- There are two quantifiers in standard predicate calculus: *for all* ( $\forall$ ) and *there exists* ( $\exists$ )
- There are called the universal quantifier and the existential quantifier, respectively

22 January 2008

Winsborough CS 3233 Lecture 3

3

## Universal Quantifiers

- The universal quantification of  $p(x)$  is the following proposition:
  - " $p(x)$  is true for all values of  $x$  in the universe of discourse"
  - Written  $\forall x p(x)$  or  $\forall x.p(x)$
- Similarly, if  $\phi(x)$  is a formula in  $x$ ,  $\forall x.\phi(x)$  means the formula holds for all elements of the universe
  - What does  $\forall x.(r(x) \rightarrow q(x))$  mean?
  - How is it different from  $(\forall x.r(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x.q(x))$  ?

22 January 2008

Winsborough CS 3233 Lecture 3

4

## Existential Quantifiers

- The existential quantification of  $p(x)$  is the proposition
  - "there exists an element  $x$  in the universe of discourse such that  $p(x)$  is true"
  - Written  $\exists x p(x)$  or  $\exists x.p(x)$
  - What does  $\exists x.(r(x) \wedge \neg q(x))$  mean?
- If the universe of discourse is  $\{0,1,2\}$ , then
  - $\exists x.p(x) \equiv p(0) \vee p(1) \vee p(2)$

22 January 2008

Winsborough CS 3233 Lecture 3

5

## Scope of Quantifiers

- $(\exists x.x>3) \wedge (\exists x.x<1)$
- The scope of a quantifier is the formula following the dot

22 January 2008

Winsborough CS 3233 Lecture 3

6

## Universal Quantifiers

- Note that  $\forall x.p(x) \equiv \forall y.p(y)$
- If the universe of discourse is  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ , then  $\forall x.p(x) \equiv p(0) \wedge p(1) \wedge p(2)$
- Can you always rewrite  $\forall x.p(x)$  this way?
  - What if the universe of discourse is infinite?
  - Logical statements are finite objects

22 January 2008

Winsborough CS 3233 Lecture 3

7

## Negations of Quantified Formulas

- De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers
  - $\neg \exists x.p(x) \equiv \forall x.\neg p(x)$
  - $\neg \forall x.p(x) \equiv \exists x.\neg p(x)$

22 January 2008

Winsborough CS 3233 Lecture 3

8

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Quiz 1/22/08  
CS 3233 Discrete Mathematical Structures Spring 2008

1. How can you tell whether a given string is a propositional formula?
2. What is the syntax of propositional formulas?
3. What is the semantics of a propositional formula?

