

Generally,  $\forall x$  is very often followed by an implication. ( $p \rightarrow q$ )

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+ Answer

$\exists x$  is very often followed by an AND (Conjunction)

ex. All mathematicians know Calculus.

Let  $M(x) : x$  is a mathematician  
 $C(x) : x$  knows Calculus

$$\forall x, [M(x) \rightarrow C(x)] \text{ --- (1)}$$

(1) is the symbolic notation of the given ex.  
(or mathematical representation).

ex. Some parallelograms are squares.

Let predicates be  
 $P(x) : x$  is a parallelogram  
 $S(x) : x$  is a square.

Symbolic notation  $\exists x, [P(x) \wedge S(x)]$

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 $\wedge x^2 \geq 0$

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$\therefore \exists x=1$  s.t.  $q(x) \rightarrow r(x)$  is F  
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# Predicate Validity

(Pred. Validity)

## Rules of Inference for Quantified Propositions

Rule 1: Rule of Detachment

$$\begin{array}{l} p \supset q \\ p \\ \hline \therefore q \end{array}$$

Rule 2: Transitive Rule

Rule 3: De Morgan's Laws

Rule 4: Law of Contrapositive

Rule 5: Universal Specification (US)

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall x, P(x) \\ \hline \therefore P(c) \text{ for all } c \end{array}$$

Rule 6: Universal Generalization (UG)

$$\begin{array}{l} P(c) \text{ for all } c \\ \hline \therefore \forall x, P(x) \end{array}$$

This Rule 6 is True provided  $P(c)$  is True for all each element  $c$  in the universe.

Rule 7: Existential Specification (ES)

$$\begin{array}{l} \exists x, P(x) \\ \hline \therefore P(c) \text{ for some } c \end{array}$$

Note: element  $c$  is NOT arbitrary (as it was in Rule 5) but must be one for which  $P(x)$  is True.

Rule 8: Existential Generalization (EG)

$$\begin{array}{l} P(c) \text{ for some } c \\ \hline \therefore \exists x, P(x) \end{array}$$

Ex Symbolize the following argument then check for its validity.

Predvarid(2)

Lions are dangerous animals.  
There are lions.

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$\therefore$  There are dangerous animals.

Sol Let  $L(x)$ :  $x$  is a lion  
 $D(x)$ :  $x$  is dangerous

Argument becomes:  $\forall x, [L(x) \rightarrow D(x)]$   
 $\exists x, L(x)$   

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 $\therefore \exists x, D(x)$

Note: Here Lions are dangerous animals, it is implied that All lions are dangerous animals.

Steps

Reasons

1.  $\exists x, L(x)$

Premise

2.  $L(a)$

Step 1, Rule 7 (ES)

3.  $\forall x, [L(x) \rightarrow D(x)]$

Premise

4.  $L(a) \rightarrow D(a)$

Step 3, Rule 5 (US)

5.  $D(a)$

Steps 2, 4, Rule 1 (Detachment)

6.  $\exists x, D(x)$   $\checkmark$

Step 5, Rule 8 (EG).

$\therefore$  Argument is Valid.

In problems like these, generally, (prevail 3)  
 remove quantifiers properly, argue  
 with the resulting proposition & then properly  
 prefix the correct quantifiers.

EX. Prime:  $(\exists x) (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow (\exists x) P(x) \wedge (\exists x) Q(x)$   
 Converse does not hold.

SP. steps

1.  $(\exists x) (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$
2.  $P(y) \wedge Q(y)$
3.  $P(y)$
4.  $Q(y)$
5.  $(\exists x) P(x)$
6.  $(\exists x) Q(x)$
7.  $(\exists x) P(x) \wedge (\exists x) Q(x)$

Reasons

Premise

ES, step 1,  $y$  fixed

step 2, Rule of  
 Conjunctive Simplification  
 $[P \wedge Q \rightarrow P]$

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 Simplification  $[P \wedge Q \rightarrow Q]$

step 3, EG

EG, step 4

step 5, 6, Rule of  
 Conjunction  
 $\vee P, Q \rightarrow P \wedge Q$

HP

Converse does not hold:

Presumably

Steps

1.  $(\exists x) P(x) \wedge (\exists x) Q(x)$

2.  $(\exists x) P(x)$

3.  $\exists x Q(x)$

4.  $P(y)$

5.  $Q(z)$

Reasons

Premise

Step 1, Rule of Conjunctive  
Simplification  
 $P \wedge Q \rightarrow P$

Step 2, Rule of Conjunctive  
Simplification  
 $P \wedge Q \rightarrow Q$

ES, step 2,  $y$  is fixed

ES, step 3

Note In step 4,  $y$  is fixed & it is no longer possible to use that variable again in step 5. We can not proceed any further to derive the LHS so Converse does not hold. HP.