

Quantificational Logic Equivalences

In the principles below, we use $\varphi(x)$ to indicate any wff with x as a free variable

Quantifier Negation:

$$1a. \neg \forall x \varphi(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \neg \varphi(x)$$

$$1b. \neg \exists x \varphi(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \neg \varphi(x)$$

Null Quantification: (x does not occur as a free variable in φ)

$$2a. \forall x \varphi \Leftrightarrow \varphi$$

$$2b. \exists x \varphi \Leftrightarrow \varphi$$

Replacing Bound Variables: ($\varphi(y)$ is the wff that results by substituting y for every free variable x in $\varphi(x)$, where y does not already occur as a free variable in $\varphi(x)$)

$$3a. \forall x \varphi(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \varphi(y)$$

$$3b. \exists x \varphi(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \varphi(y)$$

Swapping Quantifiers of Same Type

$$4a. \forall x \forall y \varphi(x,y) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x \varphi(x,y)$$

$$4b. \exists x \exists y \varphi(x,y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x \varphi(x,y)$$

Aristotelean Square of Opposition:

$$5a. \neg \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \exists x (\varphi(x) \wedge \neg \psi(x))$$

$$5b. \neg \exists x (\varphi(x) \wedge \psi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \neg \psi(x))$$

Quantifier Distribution:

$$6a. \forall x (\varphi(x) \wedge \psi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \varphi(x) \wedge \forall x \psi(x)$$

$$6b. \exists x (\varphi(x) \vee \psi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \varphi(x) \vee \exists x \psi(x)$$

Prenex Laws (x does not occur as a free variable in ψ)

$$7a1. \forall x (\varphi(x) \wedge \psi) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \varphi(x) \wedge \psi$$

$$7a2. \exists x (\varphi(x) \wedge \psi) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \varphi(x) \wedge \psi$$

$$7b1. \forall x (\varphi(x) \vee \psi) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \varphi(x) \vee \psi$$

$$7b2. \exists x (\varphi(x) \vee \psi) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \varphi(x) \vee \psi$$

$$7c1. \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi \text{ (! Quantifier changes!)}$$

$$7c2. \exists x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi \text{ (! Quantifier changes!)}$$

$$7d1. \forall x (\psi \rightarrow \varphi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \psi \rightarrow \forall x \varphi(x)$$

$$7d2. \exists x (\psi \rightarrow \varphi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \psi \rightarrow \exists x \varphi(x)$$