

Class 26 - October 27  
More Derivations in Predicate Logic and Changing Quantifiers (§8.2 - §8.3)

**I. More complex derivations**

You may not instantiate a line on which the quantifier is not the main operator.  
In this example, line 2 can not be instantiated.

1.  $(x)(Dx \cdot Ex)$
2.  $(x)Dx \supset Fa$  /  $(\exists x)Fx$
3.  $Dx \cdot Ex$  1, UI
4.  $Dx$  3, Simp
5.  $(x)Dx$  4, UG
6.  $Fa$  2, 5, MP
7.  $(\exists x)Fx$  6, EG

QED

Similarly, we we can not take off either quantifier in line 1 of the following derivation.

1.  $(x)(Jx \vee Kx) \supset (\exists y)Ly$
2.  $(x)(Jx \vee Lx)$
3.  $(x)(\sim Lx \vee Kx)$  /  $(\exists x)Lx$
4.  $Jx \vee Lx$  2, UI
5.  $\sim Jx \supset Lx$  4, DN, Impl
6.  $\sim Lx \vee Kx$  3, UI
7.  $Lx \supset Kx$  6, Impl
8.  $\sim Jx \supset Kx$  5, 7, HS
9.  $Jx \vee Kx$  8, Impl, DN
10.  $(x)(Jx \vee Kx)$  9, UG
11.  $(\exists x)Lx$  1, 10, MP

QED

You may instantiate the same quantifier twice.  
When that quantifier is universal, there are no restrictions.

1.  $(x)(Mx \supset Nx)$
2.  $(x)(Nx \supset Ox)$
3.  $Ma \cdot Mb$  /  $Na \cdot Ob$
4.  $Ma \supset Na$  1, UI
5.  $Ma$  3, Simp
6.  $Na$  4, 5, MP
7.  $Mb \supset Nb$  1, UI
8.  $Mb$  3, Com, Simp
9.  $Nb$  7, 8, MP
10.  $Nb \supset Ob$  2, UI
11.  $Ob$  9, 10, MP
12.  $Na \cdot Ob$  6, 11, Conj

QED

When the quantifier is existential, the second instantiation must go to a new constant.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. $(\exists x)(Px \cdot Qx)$ |                 |
| 2. $(x)(Px \supset Rx)$       | / $Ra \cdot Qb$ |
| 3. $Pa \cdot Qa$              | 1, EI           |
| 4. $Pa \supset Ra$            | 2, UI           |
| 5. $Pa$                       | 3, Simp         |
| 6. $Ra$                       | 4, 5, MP        |
| 7. $Pb \cdot Qb$              | 1, EI           |
| 8. $Qb$                       | 7, Com, Simp    |
| 9. $Ra \cdot Qb$              | 6, 8, Conj      |

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**II. Exercises A.** Derive the conclusions of each of the following arguments.

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|----|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | 1. $(x)(Mx \supset Nx)$                         |                                   |
|    | 2. $\sim Na$                                    | / $\sim Ma$                       |
| 2. | 1. $(x)(Ox \supset \sim Px)$                    |                                   |
|    | 2. $(\exists x)(Rx \cdot Px)$                   | / $(\exists x)(Rx \cdot \sim Ox)$ |
| 3. | 1. $(\exists x)Sx \supset (x)Tx$                |                                   |
|    | 2. $(\exists x)Ux \supset (\exists x)Wx$        |                                   |
|    | 3. $Sb \cdot Ub$                                | / $(\exists x)(Wx \cdot Tx)$      |
| 4. | 1. $(\exists x)Gx \supset (y)(\sim Hy \vee Iy)$ |                                   |
|    | 2. $Gc$   |                                   |
|    | 3. $\sim If$                                    | / $(\exists x)\sim Hx$            |
| 5. | 1. $(\exists x)Ax \supset (x)(Bx \supset Ex)$   |                                   |
|    | 2. $(\exists x)Dx \supset (\exists x)\sim Ex$   |                                   |
|    | 3. $(\exists x)(Ax \cdot Dx)$                   | / $(\exists x)\sim Bx$            |

**III. Exercises B.** Match each sentence in the left column with its equivalent in the right column.

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|--|---|
| 1. Everything is made of atoms.            | A. Not everything is made of atoms.                       |
| 2. Something is made of atoms.             | B. It's wrong to say that nothing is made of atoms.       |
| 3. Nothing is made of atoms.               | C. It's not the case that something is not made of atoms. |
| 4. At least one thing isn't made of atoms. | D. It's false that something is made of atoms.            |

Solutions: 1C, 2B, 3D, 4A

#### IV. Changing quantifiers

Look at the predicate logic regimentations of each set of equivalent pairs.

$(x)Ax$	is equivalent to	$\sim(\exists x)\sim Ax$
$(\exists x)Ax$	is equivalent to	$\sim(x)\sim Ax$
$(x)\sim Ax$	is equivalent to	$\sim(\exists x)Ax$
$(\exists x)\sim Ax$	is equivalent to	$\sim(x)Ax$

The rule of **Changing Quantifiers (CQ)**: Any place where you have an expression of one of the above forms, you may replace it with a statement of its logically equivalent form.

Like rules of replacement, CQ is based on logical equivalence, rather than validity, and thus may be used on part of a line.

Another way to look at these four rules.

There are three spaces around each quantifier:

1. Directly before the quantifier
2. The quantifier itself
3. Directly following the quantifier

CQ says that to change a quantifier, you change each of the three spaces.

- Add or remove a negation directly before the quantifier.
- Switch quantifiers: existential to universal or vice versa.
- Add or remove a negation directly after the quantifier.

#### V. Some transformations permitted by CQ

'It's not the case that every P is Q' is equivalent to 'something is P and not Q'.

$\sim(x)(Px \supset Qx)$	
$(\exists x)\sim(Px \supset Qx)$	CQ
$(\exists x)\sim(\sim Px \vee Qx)$	Impl
$(\exists x)(Px \cdot \sim Qx)$	Dm, DN

'It's not the case that something is both P and Q' is equivalent to 'everything that's P is not Q,' and to 'everything that's Q is not P'.

$\sim(\exists x)(Px \cdot Qx)$	
$(x)\sim(Px \cdot Qx)$	CQ
$(x)(\sim Px \vee \sim Qx)$	DM
$(x)(Px \supset \sim Qx)$	Impl
$(x)(Qx \supset \sim Px)$	Trans, DN

**VI. Sample derivations using CQ**

1.     1.  $(\exists x)Lx \supset (\exists y)My$   
        2.  $(y)\sim My$                      / $\sim La$   
        3.  $\sim(\exists y)My$                      2, CQ  
        4.  $\sim(\exists x)Lx$                      1, 3, MT  
        5.  $(x)\sim Lx$                      4, CQ  
        6.  $\sim La$                          5, UI                     Note: You may not use EI to get this conclusion!

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2.     1.  $(x)[(Ax \cdot Bx) \supset Ex]$   
        2.  $\sim(x)(Ax \supset Ex)$              / $\sim(x)Bx$   
        3.  $(\exists x)\sim(Ax \supset Ex)$            2, CQ  
        4.  $(\exists x)\sim(\sim Ax \vee Ex)$        3, Impl  
        5.  $(\exists x)(Ax \cdot \sim Ex)$            4, DM, DN  
        6.  $Aa \cdot \sim Ea$                    5, EI  
        7.  $(Aa \cdot Ba) \supset Ea$              1, UI  
        8.  $\sim Ea$                          6, Com, Simp  
        9.  $\sim(Aa \cdot Ba)$                  7, 8, MT  
        10.  $\sim Aa \vee \sim Ba$              9, DM  
        11.  $Aa$                              6, Simp  
        12.  $\sim Ba$                          10, 11, DN, DS  
        13.  $(\exists x)\sim Ba$                  12, EG  
        14.  $\sim(x)Bx$                      13, CQ

QED

3.     1.  $(x)\sim Dx \supset (x)Ex$   
        2.  $(\exists x)\sim Ex$                  / $(\exists x)Dx$   
        3.  $\sim(x)Ex$                      2, CQ  
        4.  $\sim(x)\sim Dx$                  1, 3, MT  
        5.  $(\exists x)Dx$                      4, CQ

QED

Note: No instantiation!

**Exercises B.** Derive the conclusions of each of the following arguments.

1.     1.  $\sim(\exists x)Hx$   
        2.  $(x)\sim Hx \supset (z)Iz$            / $Ia$
2.     1.  $(\exists x)(Hx \cdot Gx) \supset (x)Ix$   
        2.  $\sim Ia$                          / $(x)(Hx \supset \sim Gx)$
3.     1.  $(\exists x)(Ax \vee Bx) \supset (x)Dx$   
        2.  $(\exists x)\sim Dx$                  / $\sim(\exists x)Ax$
4.     1.  $(x)\sim Fx \supset (x)\sim Gx$        / $(\exists x)Gx \supset (\exists x)Fx$

5.      1.  $(\exists x)\sim Ax \supset (x)\sim Bx$   
          2.  $(\exists x)\sim Ax \supset (\exists x)Bx$   
          3.  $(x)(Ax \supset Fx) \quad / (x)Fx$

Solutions may vary.