

Solutions to Workbook Exercises

Unit 17:

Negated Categorical Propositions

Exercise “Negated Proposition A”

Symbolize the following propositions in two equivalent ways (as negations of a universal proposition and as an existential proposition). State the existential proposition in English.

U.D.: animals Bx : x barks Hx : x howls
 Cx : x is a cat Lx : x likes to walk
 Dx : x is a dog Mx : x meows
 Fx : x likes canned food Wx : x wags its tail

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| | $\sim\forall x (Sx \rightarrow Px)$ | $\exists x (Sx \bullet \sim Px)$ |
| (a) Not all dogs howl. | $\sim\forall x (Dx \rightarrow Hx)$ | $\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Hx)$ |
| There is a dog that does not howl. | | |
| (b) Not every cat meows. | $\sim\forall x (Cx \rightarrow Mx)$ | $\exists x (Cx \bullet \sim Mx)$ |
| There is a cat that does not meow. | | |
| (c) Not all dogs wag their tails. | $\sim\forall x (Dx \rightarrow Wx)$ | $\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Wx)$ |
| There is a dog that does not wag its tail. | | |
| (d) Not all cats like canned food. | $\sim\forall x (Cx \rightarrow Fx)$ | $\exists x (Cx \bullet \sim Fx)$ |
| There is a cat that does not like canned food. | | |
| (e) Not every dog likes to walk. | $\sim\forall x (Dx \rightarrow Lx)$ | $\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Lx)$ |
| There is a dog that does not like to walk. | | |
| (f) Not all dogs bark. | $\sim\forall x (Dx \rightarrow Bx)$ | $\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Bx)$ |
| There is a dog that does not bark. | | |

Exercise “Negated Proposition E”

Symbolize the following propositions in two equivalent ways (as negations of a universal proposition and as an existential proposition). State the existential proposition in English.

U.D.: animals Ax : x likes to stay alone Fx : x likes canned food
 Cx : x is a cat Sx : x likes to swim
 Dx : x is a dog Wx : x likes to walk

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| | | $\sim\forall x (Sx \rightarrow \sim Px)$ | $\exists x (Sx \bullet Px)$ |
| (a) | It isn't the case that no cat likes to walk. | $\sim\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Wx)$ | $\exists x (Cx \bullet Wx)$ |
| | There is a cat that likes to walk. | | |
| (b) | It is false that no dogs like canned food. | $\sim\forall x (Dx \rightarrow \sim Fx)$ | $\exists x (Dx \bullet Fx)$ |
| | There is a dog that likes canned food. | | |
| (c) | It is false that no dog likes to stay alone. | $\sim\forall x (Dx \rightarrow \sim Ax)$ | $\exists x (Dx \bullet Ax)$ |
| | There is a dog that likes to stay alone. | | |
| (d) | It is false that no cats like canned food. | $\sim\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Fx)$ | $\exists x (Cx \bullet Fx)$ |
| | There is a cat that likes canned food. | | |
| (e) | The claim that no cat likes to swim is false | $\sim\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Sx)$ | $\exists x (Cx \bullet Sx)$ |
| | There is a cat that likes to swim. | | |
| (f) | It is false that no cat likes to stay alone. | $\sim\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Ax)$ | $\exists x (Cx \bullet Ax)$ |
| | There is a cat that likes to stay alone. | | |

Exercise “Negated Proposition I”

Symbolize the following propositions in two equivalent ways (as negations of an existential proposition and as a universal proposition). State the negation of the existential proposition in English.

U.D.: animals Ax : x likes to stay alone Fx : x likes canned food
 Cx : x is a cat Sx : x likes to swim
 Dx : x is a dog Wx : x likes to walk

		$\sim\exists x (Sx \bullet Px)$	$\forall x (Sx \rightarrow \sim Px)$
(a)	No cats like to swim.	$\sim\exists x (Cx \bullet Sx)$	$\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Sx)$
	It is not the case that: there is a cat that likes to swim.		
(b)	No dogs like canned food.	$\sim\exists x (Dx \bullet Fx)$	$\forall x (Dx \rightarrow \sim Fx)$
	It is not the case that: there is a dog that likes canned food.		
(c)	No dog likes to stay alone.	$\sim\exists x (Dx \bullet Ax)$	$\forall x (Dx \rightarrow \sim Ax)$
	It is not the case that: there is a dog that likes to stay alone.		
(d)	No cats like canned food.	$\sim\exists x (Cx \bullet Fx)$	$\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Fx)$
	It is not the case that: there is a cat that likes canned food.		
(e)	No cat likes to walk.	$\sim\exists x (Cx \bullet Wx)$	$\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Wx)$
	It is not the case that: there is a cat that likes to walk.		
(f)	No cat likes to stay alone.	$\sim\exists x (Cx \bullet Ax)$	$\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Ax)$
	It is not the case that: there is a cat that likes to stay alone.		

Exercise “Negated Proposition O”

Symbolize the following propositions in two equivalent ways (as negations of an existential proposition and as a universal proposition). State the universal proposition in English.

U.D.: animals Bx : x barks Hx : x howls
 Cx : x is a cat Lx : x likes to walk
 Dx : x is a dog Mx : x meows
 Fx : x likes canned food Wx : x wags its tail

		$\sim\exists x (Sx \bullet \sim Px)$	$\forall x (Sx \rightarrow Px)$
(a)	There are no cats that do not meow.	$\sim\exists x (Cx \bullet \sim Mx)$	$\forall x (Cx \rightarrow Mx)$
	All cats meow.		
(b)	There are no dogs that do not bark.	$\sim\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Bx)$	$\forall x (Dx \rightarrow Bx)$
	All dogs bark		
(c)	There are no dogs that do not howl.	$\sim\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Hx)$	$\forall x (Dx \rightarrow Hx)$
	All dogs howl		
(d)	There are no dogs that don't wag their tails.	$\sim\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Wx)$	$\forall x (Dx \rightarrow Wx)$
	All dogs wag their tails.		
(e)	There are no dogs that do not like to walk.	$\sim\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Lx)$	$\forall x (Dx \rightarrow Lx)$
	All dogs like to walk.		
(f)	There are no cats that dislike canned food.	$\sim\exists x (Cx \bullet \sim Fx)$	$\forall x (Cx \rightarrow Fx)$
	All cats like canned food.		

Exercise “Negated Categorical Propositions”

Symbolize the following opinions about politicians using the symbolization key provided. In each case, provide two equivalent symbolizations.

U.D.: politicians

Ax : x is ambitious

Ix : x is intelligent

Cx : x is corrupt

Nx : x is new to politics

Dx : x is diligent

Px : x is pretentious

Hx : x is honest

Tx : x is tired

(a) No intelligent politicians are corrupt.	$\forall x (Ix \rightarrow \sim Cx)$	$\sim \exists x (Ix \bullet Cx)$
(b) There are no intelligent politicians who are not honest.	$\sim \exists x (Ix \bullet \sim Hx)$	$\forall x (Ix \rightarrow Hx)$
(c) Not all corrupt politicians are intelligent.	$\sim \forall x (Cx \rightarrow Ix)$	$\exists x (Cx \bullet \sim Ix)$
(d) Not all diligent politicians are tired.	$\sim \forall x (Dx \rightarrow Tx)$	$\exists x (Dx \bullet \sim Tx)$
(e) There are no ambitious politicians who are not honest.	$\sim \exists x (Ax \bullet \sim Hx)$	$\forall x (Ax \rightarrow Hx)$
(f) No honest politician is corrupt.	$\forall x (Hx \rightarrow \sim Cx)$	$\sim \exists x (Hx \bullet Cx)$
(g) It is not the case that no diligent politician is corrupt.	$\sim \forall x (Dx \rightarrow \sim Cx)$	$\exists x (Dx \bullet Cx)$
(h) No corrupt politician is honest.	$\forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Hx)$	$\sim \exists x (Cx \bullet Hx)$
(i) There are no pretentious politicians who are new to politics.	$\forall x (Px \rightarrow \sim Nx)$	$\sim \exists x (Px \bullet Nx)$
(j) Not all honest politicians are tired.	$\sim \forall x (Hx \rightarrow Tx)$	$\exists x (Hx \bullet \sim Tx)$
(k) It is not the case that no corrupt politician is tired.	$\sim \forall x (Cx \rightarrow \sim Tx)$	$\exists x (Cx \bullet Tx)$
(l) No honest politician is pretentious.	$\forall x (Hx \rightarrow \sim Px)$	$\sim \exists x (Hx \bullet Px)$
(m) Not only ambitious politicians are corrupt.	$\sim \forall x (Cx \rightarrow Ax)$	$\exists x (Cx \bullet \sim Ax)$