

- Bound variables are “dummy” : their name do not matter.

$$\forall x Fx \equiv \forall y Fy$$

But beware of unintended captures :

$$\forall x (Fx \wedge Gy) \not\equiv \forall y (Fy \wedge Gy)$$

- Duality rules (*de Morgan laws*)

$$\forall x \alpha \equiv \neg \exists x \neg \alpha$$

for instance :

$$\forall x Rx \equiv \neg \exists x \neg Rx$$

All is relative \approx *Nothing is absolute* (\approx *non relative*)

$$\forall x (Px \rightarrow Kx) \equiv \neg \exists x (Px \wedge \neg Kx)$$

All professors are kind \approx *There are no non-kind professors*

Other variants :

$$\exists x \alpha \equiv \neg \forall x \neg \alpha$$

$$\neg \exists x \alpha \equiv \forall x \neg \alpha$$

$$\neg \forall x \alpha \equiv \exists x \neg \alpha$$

- Distribution rules :

$$\forall x (\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\forall x \alpha \wedge \forall x \beta)$$

All is rare and expensive \approx *All is rare and all is expensive*

But :

$$\forall x (\alpha \vee \beta) \not\equiv (\forall x \alpha \vee \forall x \beta)$$

All is either relative or absolute $\not\approx$ *Either all is relative or all is absolute*

$$\exists x (\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\exists x \alpha \vee \exists x \beta)$$

But :

$$\exists x (\alpha \wedge \beta) \not\equiv (\exists x \alpha \wedge \exists x \beta)$$

$$\exists x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\forall x \alpha \rightarrow \exists x \beta)$$

- Conditional distribution ($\bar{\beta}$ doesn't contain free occurrences of x)

$$\bar{\beta} \equiv \forall x \bar{\beta}$$

$$\bar{\beta} \equiv \exists x \bar{\beta}$$

$$\forall x (\alpha \vee \bar{\beta}) \equiv (\forall x \alpha \vee \bar{\beta})$$

$$\exists x (\alpha \wedge \bar{\beta}) \equiv (\exists x \alpha \wedge \bar{\beta})$$

$$\forall x (\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\beta}) \equiv (\exists x \alpha \rightarrow \bar{\beta})$$

Every entity is such that if it breaks, there is noise \approx *If some entity breaks, there is noise*

$$\forall x (\bar{\beta} \rightarrow \alpha) \equiv (\bar{\beta} \rightarrow \forall x \alpha)$$

For all person, if there is noise, s/he is upset \approx *If there is noise, everyone is upset*