

Take the following q -valuation –

The domain is {Romeo, Juliet, Benedick, Beatrice}

Constants are assigned references as follows:

‘m’ \Rightarrow Romeo

‘n’ \Rightarrow Juliet

Predicates are assigned extensions as follows:

‘F’ \Rightarrow {Romeo, Benedick}

‘G’ \Rightarrow {Juliet, Beatrice}

‘L’ \Rightarrow {(Romeo, Juliet), (Juliet, Romeo), (Benedick, Beatrice),
(Beatrice, Benedick), (Benedick, Benedick)}

Then what are the truth values of the following wffs?

1. $\exists x Lmx$

True. ‘ $\exists x Lmx$ ’ is true if for some object o in the domain, the pair of objects (Romeo, o) is in the extension of ‘L’, and that condition is satisfied.

2. $\forall x Lxm$

False. ‘ $\forall x Lxm$ ’ is true if for every object o in the domain, the pair of objects (Romeo, o) is in the extension of ‘L’, and that condition isn’t satisfied.

3. $(\exists x Lmx \supset Lmn)$

True. ‘ $\exists x Lmx$ ’ is true – see (1) – and ‘Lmn’ is true, so material conditional is true.

4. $\forall x (Fx \equiv \neg Gx)$

True. ‘ $\forall x (Fx \equiv \neg Gx)$ ’ is if every x -variant of our valuation makes ‘ $(Fx \equiv \neg Gx)$ ’ true; but an x -variant makes that true if, whatever object in the domain we assign to ‘ x ’ if it is in the extension of ‘F’ it isn’t in the extension of ‘G’ and vice versa. And that condition holds.

5. $\forall x (Gx \supset (Lxm \vee \neg Lmx))$

True. ‘ $\forall x (Gx \supset (Lxm \vee \neg Lmx))$ ’ is if every x -variant makes ‘ $(Gx \supset (Lxm \vee \neg Lmx))$ ’ true. The x -variants which assign Romeo or Benedick to ‘ x ’ make ‘Gx’ false so the conditional true. The x -variant which assign Juliet to ‘ x ’ makes ‘Gx’ true but also ‘Lxm’ true, so makes the conditional true. The x -variant which assign Beatrice to ‘ x ’ makes ‘Gx’ true but also ‘ $\neg Lmx$ ’ true, so makes the conditional true. So every x -variant does indeed make ‘ $(Gx \supset (Lxm \vee \neg Lmx))$ ’ true.

6. $\forall x (Gx \supset \exists y Lxy)$

True. ‘ $\forall x (Gx \supset \exists y Lxy)$ ’ is if every x -variant makes ‘ $(Gx \supset \exists y Lxy)$ ’ true. The x -variants which assign Romeo or Benedick to ‘ x ’ make ‘Gx’ false so the conditional true. The x -variant which assign Juliet to ‘ x ’ makes ‘Gx’ true; but also ‘ $\exists y Lxy$ ’ true, since there is further extension of our valuation to give a y -variant which makes ‘Lxy’ true (namely the y -variant that assigns Romeo to ‘ y ’). Likewise the x -variant which assign Beatrice to ‘ x ’ makes ‘Gx’ true; but also ‘ $\exists y Lxy$ ’ true, since there is further extension of our valuation to give a y -variant which makes ‘Lxy’ true (namely the y -variant that assigns Benedick to ‘ y ’). So every x -variant does indeed make ‘ $(Gx \supset \exists y Lxy)$ ’ true.

7. $\exists x (Fx \wedge \forall y (Gy \supset Lxy))$

False. The x -variants which assign Juliet or Beatrice to ‘ x ’ make ‘Fx’ false so make the conjunction ‘ $(Fx \wedge \forall y (Gy \supset Lxy))$ ’ false. The x -variant which assigns Romeo to ‘ x ’ makes the first conjunct true but makes the second conjunct false so ‘ $(Fx \wedge \forall y (Gy \supset Lxy))$ ’ is again false (for note, the second conjunct is true if further extension to give a y -variant makes

' $(Gy \supset Lxy)$ ' true, but the assignment of Beatrice to 'y' makes that conditional false). Similarly the x-variant which assigns Benedick to 'x' makes ' $(Fx \wedge \forall y(Gy \supset Lxy))$ ' false again. So, no x-variant of our original valuation makes ' $(Fx \wedge \forall y(Gy \supset Lxy))$ ' true.

Now take the following *q*-valuation –

The domain is $\{4, 7, 8, 11, 12\}$

Constants are assigned references as follows:

'm' \Rightarrow 7

'n' \Rightarrow 12

Predicates are assigned extensions as follows:

'F' \Rightarrow the even numbers in the domain

'G' \Rightarrow the odd numbers in the domain

'L' \Rightarrow the set of pairs $\langle m, n \rangle$ where *m* and *n* are in the domain and *m* is less than *n*

What are the truth values of the wffs (1) to (7) now?

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| 1. | $\exists x Lmx$ | True |
| 2. | $\forall x Lxm$ | False |
| 3. | $(\exists x Lmx \supset Lmn)$ | True |
| 4. | $\forall x (Fx \equiv \neg Gx)$ | True |
| 5. | $\forall x (Gx \supset (Lxm \vee \neg Lmx))$ | False |
| 6. | $\forall x (Gx \supset \exists y Lxy)$ | True |
| 7. | $\exists x (Fx \wedge \forall y (Gy \supset Lxy))$ | True |