

14. Show that $\exists x_1 \forall x_2 P(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow \forall x_2 \exists x_1 P(x_1, x_2)$ is logically valid, but not a tautology.

Proof. First we will show that the above sentence is logically valid. Consider each of the sentences $\varphi_1 = \exists x_1 \forall x_2 P(x_1, x_2)$ and $\varphi_2 = \forall x_2 \exists x_1 P(x_1, x_2)$. We then want to evaluate the truth of $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$. If φ_2 evaluates as false, that is, for some particular x'_2 there is no x_1 such that $P(x_1, x'_2)$ is true, then it must also be the case that φ_1 evaluates as false since for any given x_1 , $P(x_1, x'_2)$ cannot be true. Note that φ_2 could evaluate to true while φ_1 evaluates to false, for example in \mathbb{R} with $P(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \leq x_2$, or in the case that the model is empty. However since $\neg\varphi_2 \rightarrow \neg\varphi_1$ in any valuation we can deduce that $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ is logically valid.

However, this sentence is not a tautology. To see this, consider $\exists x_1 \forall x_2 P(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow \forall x_2 \exists x_1 P(x_1, x_2)$ as a tree. At the root is \rightarrow , but then the rest of the tree comprises two non-equivalent subtrees which each begin with quantifiers. Hence this statement must have come from substituting sentences for P and Q in the sentence $P \rightarrow Q$, or from substituting the whole thing for P in the sentence P , neither of which are propositional tautologies. \square