

## First-order Logic Equivalences

The following equivalences are in addition to those of propositional logic<sup>1</sup> (.ps)<sup>2</sup>.

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Complementation of Quantifiers	$\forall x. \neg\phi \equiv \neg \exists x.\phi$	$\exists x. \neg\phi \equiv \neg \forall x.\phi$
Interchanging Quantifiers	$\forall x. \forall y.\phi \equiv \forall y. \forall x.\phi$	$\exists x. \exists y.\phi \equiv \exists y. \exists x.\phi$
Distribution of Quantifiers	$\forall x.(\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv (\forall x.\phi \wedge \forall x.\psi)$	$\exists x.(\phi \vee \psi) \equiv (\exists x.\phi \vee \exists x.\psi)$
The following identities each assume that $\psi$ does not have any free occurrences of variable $x$ .		
Simplification of Quantifiers	$\forall x.\psi \equiv \psi$	$\exists x.\psi \equiv \psi$
Distribution of Quantifiers	$\forall x.(\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv (\forall x.\phi \wedge \psi)$	$\exists x.(\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv (\exists x.\phi \wedge \psi)$
	$\forall x.(\phi \vee \psi) \equiv (\forall x.\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists x.(\phi \vee \psi) \equiv (\exists x.\phi \vee \psi)$
	$\forall x.(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \equiv (\exists x.\phi \rightarrow \psi)$	$\exists x.(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \equiv (\forall x.\phi \rightarrow \psi)$
	$\forall x.(\psi \rightarrow \phi) \equiv (\psi \rightarrow \forall x.\phi)$	$\exists x.(\psi \rightarrow \phi) \equiv (\psi \rightarrow \exists x.\phi)$

<sup>1</sup><http://cnx.rice.edu/modules/m10540/latest/>

<sup>2</sup><http://www.teachLogic.org/Base/Printables/algebra-laws.ps>