

# Logica (I&E)

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2. Predicate logic

2.1. The need for a richer language

2.2. Predicate logic as a formal language

*Ik maak eigenlijk zelden fouten, want ik heb moeite me te vergissen.*

## 2. Predicate logic = *first-order logic*

### 2.1. The need for a richer language

Every student is younger than some instructor.

Predicate: 'function of one or more objects, with values in {true, false}'

$S(\text{andy}), I(\text{paul}), Y(\text{andy}, \text{paul})$

How to express 'every' and 'some'?

With variables:

$S(x)$  :  $x$  is a student

$I(x)$  :  $x$  is an instructor

$Y(x, y)$  :  $x$  is younger than  $y$

And  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ :

$$\forall x(S(x) \rightarrow (\exists y(I(y) \wedge Y(x, y))))$$

Not all birds can fly.

$$\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \psi$$

$$\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$$

Sound and complete

## **Example.**

No books are gaseous.

Dictionaries are books.

Therefore, no dictionary is gaseous.

## **Example.**

Every child is younger than its mother.

Andy and Paul have the same maternal grandmother.

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Special binary predicate equality:

$x = u$  instead of  $= (x, y)$

# Function symbol

Function of **zero** or more objects, with value an object

The grade obtained by student  $x$  in course  $y$

## Example.

$b(x)$ :  $x$ 's brother...

Ann likes Mary's brother

$g(x, y)$

## 2.2. Predicate logic as a formal language

Terms and formulas

Terms:  $a, p, x, y, m(a), g(x, y)$

Formulas:  $Y(x, m(x))$

Vocabulary:

Predicate symbols  $\mathcal{P}$

Function symbols (including constants)  $\mathcal{F}$

## 2.2.1. Terms

**Definition 2.1.** Terms over  $\mathcal{F}$  are defined as follows.

- Any variable is a term.
- If  $c \in \mathcal{F}$  is a nullary function, then  $c$  is a term.
- If  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  are terms and  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  has arity  $n > 0$ , then  $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  is a term.
- Nothing else is a term.

Dependent on set  $\mathcal{F}$

$$t ::= x \mid c \mid f(t, \dots, t)$$

## Example 2.2.

Suppose:

$n$  nullary

$f$  unary

$g$  binary

$g(f(n), n)$ : OK

$f(g(n, f(n)))$ : OK

$g(n)$ : not OK

$f(f(n), n)$ : not OK

$*(- (2, +(s(x), y)), x)$

## 2.2.2. Formulas

**Definition 2.3.** Formulas over  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$  are defined as follows.

- If  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  is a predicate symbol of arity  $n \geq 0$ , and if  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  are terms over  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  is a formula.
- If  $\phi$  is a formula, then so is  $(\neg\phi)$
- If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, then so are  $(\phi \wedge \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \vee \psi)$  and  $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ .
- If  $\phi$  is a formula and  $x$  is a variable, then  $(\forall x\phi)$  and  $(\exists x\phi)$  are formulas.
- Nothing else is a formula.

$$\phi ::= P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \mid (\neg\phi) \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid (\phi \vee \phi) \mid (\phi \rightarrow \phi) \mid (\forall x\phi) \mid (\exists x\phi)$$

## Convention 2.4. Binding priorities

- $\neg$ ,  $\forall y$  and  $\exists y$  bind most tightly,
- then  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$
- then  $\rightarrow$ , which is right associative.

### **Example 2.5.** Translate

Every son of my father is my brother.

into predicate logic. With 'father' either as predicate or as function symbol:

1. Predicate. . .
2. Function symbol. . .

## 2.2.3. Free and bound variables

Two kinds of truth:

A formula can be true in a particular model or for all models:

$$\forall x(S(x, f(m)) \rightarrow B(x, m) \vee x = m)$$

$$P(c) \wedge \forall y(P(y) \rightarrow Q(y)) \rightarrow Q(c)$$

Parse tree of

$$\forall x((P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge S(x, y))$$

N.B.: function symbols and predicate symbols may have  $n > 2$  children in parse tree.

Variables occur next to  $\forall$  or  $\exists$ , or as leafs.

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $\phi$  be a formula in predicate logic.

An occurrence of  $x$  in  $\phi$  is **free** in  $\phi$  if it is a leaf node in the parse tree of  $\phi$  such that there is no path upwards from that node  $x$  to a node  $\forall x$  or  $\exists x$ .

Otherwise, that occurrence of  $x$  is called **bound**.

For  $\forall x\phi$  or  $\exists x\phi$ , we say that  $\phi$  – **minus any of  $\phi$ 's subformulas  $\exists x\psi$  or  $\forall x\psi$**  – is the scope of  $\forall x$ , respectively  $\exists x$ .

Three occurrences of  $x$ ...

One occurrence of  $y$ ...

## Example.

Parse tree of

$$(\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \rightarrow (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y))$$

Free and bound variables. . .

# Substitution

Variables are placeholders

## Definition 2.7.

Given a variable  $x$ , a **term**  $t$  and a formula  $\phi$ , we define  $\phi[t/x]$  to be the formula obtained by replacing each **free occurrence** of variable  $x$  in  $\phi$  with  $t$ .

**Example.**

$$\phi = \forall x((P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge S(x, y))$$

$$\phi[f(x, y)/x] = \dots$$

**Example.**

$$\phi = (\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \rightarrow (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y))$$

$$\phi[f(x, y)/x] = \dots$$