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Recap: Predicate logic

- in predicate logic, the atoms come in two parts: **predicates** and **terms**
- a term is either a **constant** or a **variable**
 - a constant refers to a fixed entity, e.g. an individual like John
 - a variable does not refer to a fixed entity
- **predicates** express properties of terms, they can be understood as functions

(1) Max is small. $\underbrace{SMALL}_{\text{predicate}}(\underbrace{max}_{\text{constant}})$

- we represent predicates with capital letters: S, P, Q, R, \dots and terms with lower-case letters, where variables are often x, y, z, \dots and constants are either written out ($max, peter, \dots$) or abbreviated (m, p, \dots)

(2) Max is small = $S(max) = S(m)$

Recap: Predicate logic

- when predicates combine with constants, they form statements
 - predicates have different arities, also called valency
 - a predicate may be ...
 - *one-place*: Susan is human = $H(\text{susan})$
 - *two-place*: John loves Peter = $L(\text{john}, \text{peter})$
 - *three-place*: Lee introduces Jane to Mo. = $I(\text{lee}, \text{mo}, \text{jane})$
 - ... or more, depending on the number of terms it combines with to form a statement
 - like in statement logic, we can form complex expressions by using connectives
- (3)
- a. Jumbo ist größer als Max oder Max ist größer als Jumbo.
= $G(\text{jumbo}, \text{max}) \vee G(\text{max}, \text{jumbo})$
 - b. Hans und Peter sind Studenten. = $S(h) \wedge S(p)$
 - c. Felix ist ein gelber Papagei. = $G(f) \wedge P(f)$
 - d. Wenn Max Hans sieht, dann lacht Hans immer. = $S(m, h) \rightarrow L(h)$

Recap: Quantifiers

- when a predicate combines with a variable, the result is not a statement but an an open statement
- we can convert an open statement into a statement by adding something extra to the beginning of the expression: a logical primitive called a **quantifier**
 - 1 the **universal quantifier** = $\forall \approx$ *all, each, and every*
 - 2 the **existential quantifier** = $\exists \approx$ *some, at least one, ...*
- $SLEEP(x)$ can be converted into a statement by adding a quantifier

(4) a. $(\forall x)S(x)$ = Everyone sleeps.

b. $(\exists x)S(x)$ = Someone sleeps.

- statements that involve complex quantifiers (i.e. quantifiers that come with a explicit **restriction**) make use of connectives

(5) a. Every woman ran.

= $(\forall x)(W(x) \rightarrow R(x))$ = For every x , if x is female, then x ran.

b. Some woman ran.

= $(\exists x)(W(x) \wedge R(x))$ = There is at least one x , such that x is female and x ran.

Exercise: Predicate logic

- Translate the following statements into predicate logic!
 - (6) a. Einige Lehrer sind freundlich.
 - b. Alle Lehrer sind unfreundlich.
 - c. Kein Lehrer ist freundlich.
 - d. Alle fahren nach Rom.
 - e. Nicht jeder fährt nach Rom.
 - f. Jemand fährt nicht nach Rom.
 - g. Kein Kind fährt nicht nach Rom.

Exercise: Predicate logic

- Translate the following statements into predicate logic!

(6) a. Einige Lehrer sind freundlich.

$$(\exists x)(L(x) \wedge F(x))$$

b. Alle Lehrer sind unfreundlich.

$$(\forall x)(L(x) \rightarrow \neg F(x))$$

c. Kein Lehrer ist freundlich.

$$\neg(\exists x)(L(x) \wedge F(x))$$

d. Alle fahren nach Rom.

$$(\forall x)F(x, \text{rom})$$

e. Nicht jeder fährt nach Rom.

$$\neg(\forall x)F(x, \text{rom})$$

f. Jemand fährt nicht nach Rom.

$$(\exists x)\neg F(x, \text{rom})$$

g. Kein Kind fährt nicht nach Rom.

$$\neg(\exists x)(K(x) \wedge \neg F(x, \text{rom}))$$

The vocabulary of predicate logic

- in statement logic, we only used statements as logical expressions and connectives
- predicate logic has more components:
 - 1 individual constants: $\{dan, norbert, m, j, \dots\} \rightarrow terms$
 - 2 individual variables: $\{x, y, z, \dots\} \rightarrow terms$
 - 3 predicate constants: $\{C, D, L, \dots\}$
 - 4 connectives: $\{\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$
 - 5 auxiliary symbols: $(,), [,]$
 - 6 quantifiers: \forall universal, \exists existential
- these various pieces are combined to make up expressions (atomic or complex) and (open) statements
- recall that within formal languages we separate between form and content
 - **syntax:**
properties of expressions of the system itself, such as its primitives, axioms, rules of inference
 - **semantics:**
relations between the system and its models or interpretations

The syntax of predicate logic

- the syntactic rules below generate the set of well-formed formulas by combining the vocabulary pieces appropriately (statements are a proper subset of the list below)
- the first rule creates atomic formulas (formulas without connectives or quantifiers)
- the remaining rules create complex (possibly open) statements

(7) *Syntax of predicate logic*

- a. If δ is an n -place predicate and t_1, \dots, t_n are terms, then $\delta(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a well-formed formula.
 - b. If ϕ is a formula, then $(\neg\phi)$ is a well-formed formula.
 - c. If ϕ and ψ are formulas, then $(\phi \wedge \psi)$, $(\phi \vee \psi)$, $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$, and $(\phi \leftrightarrow \psi)$ are well-formed formulas.
 - d. If ϕ is a formula and x is an individual variable, then $(\forall x)\phi$ and $(\exists x)\phi$ are well-formed formulas.
 - e. Nothing else is a formula.
- note that the fourth rule allows for quantifiers being prefixed to expressions that do not contain a variable or that do not contain the variable the quantifier refers to, e.g. $(\forall x)P(y)$ and $(\forall x)L(\text{mary}, \text{john})$ are wff (well-formed formulas): vacuous quantification

Exercise

- Determine the well-formedness of the following formulas

(8) a. $C(john)$

b. $(\forall x)D(n, d)$

c. $C(j \wedge d)$

d. $(L(n, joe) \vee C(x))$

e. $((C(d) \wedge L(n, j)) \rightarrow H(n))$

(9) a. $D(C(j), m)$

b. $D(n, d)$

c. $(C(j) \wedge H(\neg d))$

d. $(L(n, j) \vee C(j))$

e. $(\forall y)((C(d) \wedge D(y)) \rightarrow H(n))$

Exercise

- Determine the well-formedness of the following formulas

- (8) a. $C(john)$ **wff**
b. $(\forall x)D(n, d)$ **wff**
c. $C(j \wedge d)$ **not wff**
d. $(L(n, joe) \vee C(x))$ **wff**
e. $((C(d) \wedge L(n, j)) \rightarrow H(n))$ **wff**
- (9) a. $D(C(j), m)$ **not wff**
b. $D(n, d)$ **wff**
c. $(C(j) \wedge H(\neg d))$ **not wff**
d. $(L(n, j) \vee C(j))$ **wff**
e. $(\forall y)((C(d) \wedge D(y)) \rightarrow H(n))$ **wff**

The semantics of predicate logic

- as with statement logic, a statement in predicate logic can have one of two binary values: True or False (relative to a model M)
- unlike in statement logic, truth values are not the only possible semantic values
- this is because predicate logic is more complex than statement logic: it doesn't just consist of statements, it also consists of terms and predicates, constants for example have entities as values
- except for the first rule, the semantic rules are identical to those of statement logic

(10) *Semantics of predicate logic*

- If δ is an n -place predicate and t_1, \dots, t_n are terms, then $\llbracket \delta(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket^M = 1$ iff $\langle \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket^M, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket^M \rangle \in \llbracket \delta \rrbracket^M$.
- If ϕ is a formula, then $\llbracket (\neg\phi) \rrbracket^M = 1$ iff $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M = 0$.
- If ϕ and ψ are formulas, then $\llbracket (\phi \wedge \psi) \rrbracket^M = 1$ iff both $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M = 1$ and $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket^M = 1$.
- If ϕ and ψ are formulas, then $\llbracket (\phi \vee \psi) \rrbracket^M = 1$ iff at least one of $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M, \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^M = 1$.
- If ϕ and ψ are formulas, then $\llbracket (\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rrbracket^M = 1$ iff either $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M = 0$ or $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket^M = 1$.
- If ϕ and ψ are formulas, then $\llbracket (\phi \leftrightarrow \psi) \rrbracket^M = 1$ iff $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M = \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^M$.

The semantics of predicate logic

- the following example constitutes a statement with a truth value

(11) $H(s) =$ Susan is happy

- s denotes an individual, chosen from a domain of discourse D
- D is the set whose members we agree on in advance
- H , a one-place predicate, denotes a set: specifically, the set of all happy people
- the statement $H(s)$ is True iff the individual corresponding to s happens to be member of H
- otherwise, $H(s)$ is False
- to make this more clear, let us consider two scenarios (models M and M'):

(12) a. $\llbracket s \rrbracket^M = \text{Susan}; \llbracket s \rrbracket^{M'} = \text{Susan}$

b. $\llbracket H \rrbracket^M = \{\text{Bill, Mary, Jack}\}$

c. $\llbracket H \rrbracket^{M'} = \{\text{Bill, Susan, Jack}\}$

(13) a. $\llbracket H(s) \rrbracket^M = \text{False}$

b. $\llbracket H(s) \rrbracket^{M'} = \text{True}$

The semantics of predicate logic

- set theory is also useful when we talk about two-place predicates

(14) $L(m, j) = \text{Mary loves Jane}$

- m and j denote individuals, chosen from a domain of discourse D
- L also denotes a set, but this time a set of ordered pairs of individuals chosen from D , where the first individual of the ordered pair loves the second
- L is a subset of the Cartesian Product $D \times D$
- the statement $L(m, j)$ is True iff the pair $\langle m, j \rangle$ is a member of L
- otherwise, $L(m, j)$ is False
- to make this more clear, let us again consider two scenarios:

(15) a. $\llbracket m \rrbracket^{M, M'} = \text{Mary}$

b. $\llbracket j \rrbracket^{M, M'} = \text{Jane}$

c. $\llbracket L \rrbracket^M = \{ \langle m, j \rangle, \langle b, a \rangle, \langle m, k \rangle \}$

d. $\llbracket L \rrbracket^{M'} = \{ \langle b, a \rangle, \langle m, k \rangle \}$

(16) a. $\llbracket L(m, j) \rrbracket^{M'} = \text{False}$

b. $\llbracket L(m, j) \rrbracket^M = \text{True}$

The semantics of predicate logic

- so we formulate semantic rules of predicate logic with notions of set theory

(17) *Semantics of predicate logic*

- If δ is a one-place predicate and α is a term, then $\llbracket \delta(\alpha) \rrbracket^M = 1$ iff $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^M \in \llbracket \delta \rrbracket^M$.
- If γ is a two-place predicate and α and β are terms, then $\llbracket \gamma(\alpha, \beta) \rrbracket^M = 1$ iff $\langle \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^M, \llbracket \beta \rrbracket^M \rangle \in \llbracket \gamma \rrbracket^M$.
- ...

- as with statement logic, we relativize truth values to a model M (which shows up as a superscript sometimes if we want to make it explicit)
- also, similar to statement logic, there are certain statements whose truth value is fixed, regardless of the model

- (18) a. $(P(s) \vee \neg P(s))$ is always True (logical tautology)
b. $(P(s) \wedge \neg P(s))$ is always False (logical contradiction)

- in contrast to statement logic, we now also consider values which are not truth values

The semantics of predicate logic

- we are now going to be more precise about the nature of logical models
- truth-values are logically contingent on the membership of the domain of discourse and the choice of semantic values (i.e. the denotations) of constants and predicates involved
- a model M is a pair $\langle D, I \rangle$, where D is the domain, a set of individuals, and I is an interpretation function: as assignment of semantic values to every basic expression in the language
- models are distinguished both by the objects in their domains and by the values assigned to the expressions of the language by I – by the particular way that the words of the language are “linked” to the things in the world

(19) $M = \langle D, I \rangle$, where:

- a. $D = \{Dee, Nat, Jean, Mo\}$
- b. I determines the following mapping between terms and predicate terms and objects in D :

term	value	predicate	value
d	Dee	H	$\{Nat, Mo\}$
n	Nat	C	$\{Nat, Mo, Dee\}$
j	Jean	R	$\{\langle Mo, Dee \rangle, \langle Nat, Dee \rangle\}$
m	Mo	L	$\{\langle Nat, Jean \rangle, \langle Dee, Jean \rangle, \langle Mo, Jean \rangle\}$

Exercise

Determine the truth values of the (well-formed) formulas!

- (20) a. $\llbracket C(j) \rrbracket^M$
b. $\llbracket R(n, d) \rrbracket^M$
c. $\llbracket C(j \wedge d) \rrbracket^M$
d. $\llbracket (L(n, j) \vee C(j)) \rrbracket^M$
e. $\llbracket (C(d) \wedge L(n, j)) \rightarrow H(n) \rrbracket^M$

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Table: Model M

Exercise

Determine the truth values of the (well-formed) formulas!

- (20) a. $\llbracket C(j) \rrbracket^M$ **false**
b. $\llbracket R(n, d) \rrbracket^M$ **true**
c. $\llbracket C(j \wedge d) \rrbracket^M$ **not well-formed**
d. $\llbracket (L(n, j) \vee C(j)) \rrbracket^M$ **true**
e. $\llbracket (C(d) \wedge L(n, j)) \rightarrow H(n) \rrbracket^M$ **true**

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