

CPSC 121 - PREDICATE LOGIC SOLUTIONS

Problem 1. Let C be the set of European cities, let R be the set of European rivers, and S be the set of European countries. Also consider the following predicates:

$L(x, y)$: City x lies on the river y .

$P(x, y)$: A river x or a city x is at least partially contained in country y

Translate the following predicate logic statements into English.

- (1) $\forall x \in C, L(x, \text{Seine}) \rightarrow P(x, \text{France})$

Solution: Every city that lies on the Seine river is contained in France.

- (2) $\exists x \in C, \sim L(x, \text{Rhine}) \wedge \sim L(x, \text{Danube})$

Solution: There exists a city that neither lies on the Rhine river nor on the Danube river.

- (3) $\forall x \in C, \sim (L(x, \text{Rhine}) \wedge L(x, \text{Danube}))$

Solution: No city lies on both the Rhine river and the Danube river.

- (4) $\forall x \in R, \exists y \in C, L(y, x)$

Solution: Each river has least one city that lies on the river.

- (5) $\exists x \in C, \forall y \in R, \sim L(x, y)$

Solution: There is a city that doesn't lie on a river

- (6) $\forall x \in S, \exists y \in S, \exists z \in R, (x \neq y) \wedge P(z, x) \wedge P(z, y)$

Solution: Each country has at least one river that also flows through another country.

- (7) $\forall x \in C, (\exists y \in S, \exists z \in S, (y \neq z) \wedge P(x, y) \wedge P(x, z)) \rightarrow (\exists q \in R, L(x, q))$

Solution: Every city that is divided between at least two countries lies on a river.

Problem 2. Let $L(x, y)$ be the statement “ x loves y ”, where the domain for both x and y , denoted by P , consists of all people in the world. Use quantifiers, logical connectives and $L(x, y)$ to express the following statements.

- (1) Everybody loves Karen.
- (2) There is somebody whom Mike does not love.
- (3) Everyone loves themselves.
- (4) Everybody loves somebody.
- (5) There is somebody whom everybody loves.
- (6) Nobody loves everybody.
- (7) There is somebody whom no one loves.

Here are three additional challenging questions.

- (1) There is exactly one person whom everybody loves.
- (2) There are exactly two people whom Jennifer loves.
- (3) There is someone who loves no one besides themselves.

Solutions:

- (1) Everybody loves Karen.
 $\forall x \in P, L(x, \text{Karen})$
- (2) There is somebody whom Mike does not love.
 $\exists x \in P, \sim L(\text{Mike}, x)$
- (3) Everyone loves themselves.
 $\forall x \in P, L(x, x)$
- (4) Everybody loves somebody.
 $\forall x \in P, \exists y \in P, L(x, y)$
- (5) There is somebody whom everybody loves.
 $\exists x \in P, \forall y \in P, L(y, x)$
- (6) Nobody loves everybody.
 $\sim \exists x \in P, \forall y \in P, L(x, y)$

Or alternatively, $\forall x \in P, \exists y \in P, \sim L(x, y)$

- (7) There is somebody whom no one loves.

$\exists x \in P, \sim \exists y \in P, L(y, x)$

Or alternatively, $\exists x \in P, \forall y \in P, \sim L(y, x)$

Solutions to the three additional challenging problems.

- (1) There is exactly one person whom everybody loves.

$\exists x \in P, \forall y \in P, L(y, x) \wedge \forall w \in P, (\forall z \in P, L(z, w)) \rightarrow w = x$

- (2) There are exactly two people whom Jennifer loves.

$\exists x \in P, \exists y \in P, x \neq y \wedge L(\text{Jennifer}, x) \wedge L(\text{Jennifer}, y) \wedge (\forall z \in P, L(\text{Jennifer}, z) \rightarrow z = x \vee z = y)$

- (3) There is someone who loves no one besides themselves.

$\exists x \in P, \forall y \in P, L(x, y) \leftrightarrow x = y$