

# Example Sheet 09

Definition (Semantics of predicate logic)

Let  $M = \langle \mathcal{D}, F \rangle$  be a model and  $g$  an assignment function for  $M$ .

- 1  $\llbracket c \rrbracket M, g = F(c)$ , if  $c$  is an individual constant.
- 2  $\llbracket v \rrbracket M, g = g(v)$ , if  $v$  is an individual variable.
- 3  $\llbracket P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket M, g = 1$  iff  $\langle \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket M, g, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket M, g \rangle \in F(P)$
- 4  $\llbracket t_1 = t_2 \rrbracket M, g$  iff  $\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket M, g = \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket M, g$
- 5  $\llbracket \neg \varphi \rrbracket M, g = 1 - \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket M, g$
- 6  $\llbracket \varphi \wedge \psi \rrbracket M, g = \min(\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket M, g, \llbracket \psi \rrbracket M, g)$
- 7  $\llbracket \varphi \vee \psi \rrbracket M, g = \max(\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket M, g, \llbracket \psi \rrbracket M, g)$
- 8  $\llbracket \varphi \rightarrow \psi \rrbracket M, g = \max(1 - \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket M, g, \llbracket \psi \rrbracket M, g)$
- 9  $\llbracket \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi \rrbracket M, g = 1 - (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket M, g - \llbracket \psi \rrbracket M, g)^2$
- 10  $\llbracket \forall v(\varphi) \rrbracket M, g = \min(\{\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket M, g[a/v] \mid a \in \mathcal{D}\})$
- 11  $\llbracket \exists v(\varphi) \rrbracket M, g = \max(\{\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket M, g[a/v] \mid a \in \mathcal{D}\})$

## Ex. 01 Translation and interpretation of expressions

a) Translation

$\llbracket \text{constant} \rrbracket M, g \Rightarrow \text{element}$

$\llbracket \text{variable} \rrbracket M, g \Rightarrow \text{the individual domain}$

$\llbracket \text{Predicate}(\text{term}_1, \text{term}_2, \dots, \text{term}_n) \rrbracket M, g \Rightarrow \text{relation of elements (or individual domains)}$

Hints  $\Rightarrow$  first determine the right interpretation for terms then plug them in the predicates

(1)  $\llbracket \text{know}(p, j) \rrbracket M, g$

John knows Peter.

(2)  $\llbracket \text{know}(y, z) \rrbracket M, g$

She loves him.

(3)  $\llbracket \exists x \text{know}(j, x) \rrbracket M, g$

There is someone Peter knows

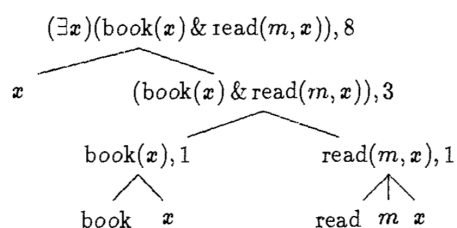
b) Interpretation: A stepwise (!) compositional interpretation of the expression.

$\llbracket P(c_1, \dots, c_n) \rrbracket M = 1$  iff  $\langle F(c_1), \dots, F(c_n) \rangle \in F(P)$

Example 1: bottom-up tree notation (in book chapter 13)

Mary is reading a book.

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### Example 2: top-down construction

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \llbracket P(x) \wedge Q(m, p) \rrbracket^{M, g} = 1 \\
 & \text{iff } \llbracket P(x) \rrbracket^{M, g} = 1 \text{ and } \llbracket Q(m, p) \rrbracket^{M, g} = 1 && \text{rule (3)} \\
 & \text{iff } \langle \llbracket x \rrbracket^{M, g} \rangle \in \llbracket P \rrbracket^{M, g} \text{ and } \langle \llbracket m \rrbracket^{M, g}, \llbracket p \rrbracket^{M, g} \rangle \in \llbracket Q \rrbracket^{M, g} && \text{rule (1)} \\
 & \text{iff } \langle g(x) \rangle \in F(P) \text{ and } \langle F(m), F(p) \rangle \in F(Q) && \text{rule (0)} \\
 & \text{iff } \text{John} \in \{\text{John}, \text{Peter}\} \text{ and } \langle \text{Mary}, \text{Peter} \rangle \in \{\langle \text{Peter}, \text{Mary} \rangle\}
 \end{aligned}$$

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“See also the tupperware model examples Natalie uploaded on Moodle; the calculations there are a little more detailed. This is roughly what it should look like, but any presentation that contains all the necessary steps is fine.”

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## Exercise 2: Understanding models and interpretations

For reference:

Semantics model M, consists of individual domain E and interpretation function F  
 Interpretation function maps individual constants to elements of E,  
 and n-place predicates to n-place relations over E.

extension to formulas:  $\llbracket P(c_1, \dots, c_n) \rrbracket^M = 1$  iff  $\langle F(c_1), \dots, F(c_n) \rangle \in F(P)$

### Definition (assignment function)

An assignment function g for a model  $M = \langle E, F \rangle$  is a function from the set of variables into the individual domain E.

### Quantifiers interpretation:

Let  $M = \langle E, F \rangle$  be a model.

$\llbracket \forall v(\varphi) \rrbracket^M g = 1$  if and only if  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^M g[a/v] = 1$  for all  $a \in E$

$\llbracket \exists v(\varphi) \rrbracket^M g = 1$  if and only if there is an object  $a \in E$  such that  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^M g[a/v] = 1$

- ellipse diagram(seen in Function): Everyone loves John.
- Understanding model.
- Understanding assignment function.

Merry Christmas!