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## 2. First-order logic

### Chapters (Predicate logic)

Plans

Semantics

1) Introduce 1<sup>st</sup>-order structures

2) 1<sup>st</sup>-order languages

3) Syntax  
Describe a formal system

4) Show that the theorems of the formal system are logically valid formulas i.e. ones true in all structures.

4: Gödel's completeness thm. ①

### 2.1 Structures

(2.1.1) Def: Suppose  $A$  is a set and  $n \geq 1$ . An  $n$ -ary relation

(on  $A$ ) is a subset

$$\bar{R} \subseteq A^n$$

(where  $A^n = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) : a_i \in A\}$   
 $\uparrow$   $n$ -tuple

An  $n$ -ary function on  $A$  is

a function  $\bar{f} : A^n \rightarrow A$

## Examples.

- a) ordering  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  :  
2-ary relation on  $\mathbb{R}$
- b)  $+$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  : 2-ary function  
on  $\mathbb{C}$
- c)  $\bar{P} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$   $\bar{P} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \text{ is even}\}$

1-ary relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$

(sometimes see  
'predicates' rather than  
'relations').

Notation:  $\bar{R} \subseteq A^n$  is  
an  $n$ -ary rel. on  $A$  and  
 $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  write  
 $\bar{R}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  to mean  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \bar{R}$ .

## (2.1.2) Def. A first-order structure <sup>②</sup>

$A$  consists of :

- 1) A non-empty set  $A$

(the Domain of  $A$ )

- 2) A set  $\{\bar{R}_i : i \in I\}$  of  
relations on  $A$ ,  $\bar{R}_i \subseteq A^{n_i}$ .

- 3) A set  $\{\bar{f}_j : j \in J\}$  of  
functions on  $A$ ,  $\bar{f}_j : A^{m_j} \rightarrow A$

- 4) A set  $\{\bar{c}_k : k \in K\}$

of constants : just elements of  $A$ .

the sets  $I, J, K$  indexing sets

(can be empty). Usually, subsets

of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

the information :

$\left. \begin{array}{l} (n_i : i \in I) \\ (m_j : j \in J) \end{array} \right\}$  is called  
 the signature  
 of  $\mathcal{A}$ .  
 the set  $K$

might denote the structure by:

$\mathcal{A} = \langle A ; (\bar{R}_i : i \in I), (\bar{f}_j : j \in J), (\bar{c}_k : k \in K) \rangle$   
 $\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$   
 domain relations fns. constants

## (2.1.3) Examples.

### ① Orderings

$A = \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$

and  $I = \{1\}$ ,  $J, K = \emptyset$   
 $n_1 = 2$

$\bar{R}_1(a_1, a_2)$  to mean  $a_1 < a_2$ .

### ② Groups

could use the

signature:

$\bar{R}$  2-ary relation of equality  
 $\bar{m}$  2-ary function (for multiplication)  
 $\bar{i}$  1-ary function (for inversion)  
 $\bar{e}$  constant (for the identity element).

### ③ Rings Signature :

$\bar{R}$  2-ary relation for equality

$\bar{m}$  2-ary function for multiplication

$\bar{a}$  2-ary function for addition

$\bar{n}$  1-ary function  $x \mapsto -x$

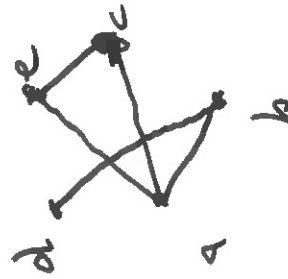
$\bar{0}, \bar{1}$  constants for zero and one.

### ④ Graphs.

$\bar{R}$  2-ary relation for equality

$\bar{E}$  2-ary relation for 'adjacency'

eg.  $\bar{E}(a, b)$



### (2.2) First-order languages. ④

(2.2.1) Def. A first order language

$\mathcal{L}$  has an alphabet of symbols :

variables :  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$

punctuation :  $( \quad ) ,$

connectives :  $\neg \rightarrow$

quantifier :  $\forall$

relation symbols :  $R_i \quad (i \in I)$

function symbols :  $f_j \quad (j \in J)$

constant symbols :  $c_k \quad (k \in K)$

Here  $I, J, K$  are indexing sets (could have  $J$  or  $K$  being  $\emptyset$ ).  
 Each  $R_i$  comes with an arity  $n_i$   
 Each  $f_j$  comes with an arity  $m_j$ .

The information  $(n_i: i \in I), (m_j: j \in J), K$  is called the signature of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

A first-order str.  $\mathcal{A}$  with the same signature as  $\mathcal{L}$  is called an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure.

(2.2.2) Def. A term of  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined as follows

- i) any variable is a term;
- ii) any constant symbol is a term;
- iii) if  $f$  is an  $m$ -ary fn. symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  are terms then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_m)$  is a term.
- iv) any term arises in this way.

Example:  $\mathcal{L}$  has a 2-ary fn. symbol  $f$  and constant symbols  $c_1, c_2$ .

Some terms:  $c_1, c_2, x_1$

$f(c_2, x_1)$ ;  $f(f(c_2, x_1), x_2)$   
 not in  $\mathcal{L}$

Not terms:  $ffx_1x_2$   $q(x_1)$

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(2.2.3) Def. (Formulas).

~~Def~~ Define  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas

inductively:

① An atomic formula of  $\mathcal{L}$

is of the form

$R(t_1, \dots, t_m)$  with

$R$  an  $m$ -ary relation symbol  
and  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  terms of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

② i) Any atomic formula is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula

ii) if  $\phi, \psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas

then  
 $(\neg \phi)$   
 $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$   
 $(\forall x) \phi$

are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas

(where  $x$  is any variable)

Example Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  has

2-ary fn. symbol  $f$

1-ary fn. symbol  $g$

2-ary rel. symbol  $R$

constant symbol  $c_1$

Some terms

$x_1, x_2, c_1, f(g(x_2), c_1)$

Atomic formulas

$R(x_1, f(g(x_2), c_1))$

$R(g(x_3), x_4)$

$(\forall x_4) R(g(x_3), x_4) \dots$

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Ex: Take the signature for groups  
in 2.1.3(2) write down some  
terms + atomic formulas.  
Can you write the group axioms?  
Eg.

$$(\forall x_1) R(m(i(x_1), x_1), e)$$

(2.2.4) Def. (Short-hand)

Suppose  $\phi, \psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas

$(\exists x) \phi$  means

$$(\neg (\forall x) (\neg \phi))$$

$(\phi \vee \psi)$  means

$$((\neg \phi) \rightarrow \psi)$$

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(2.2.5) Def. Suppose

$\mathcal{L}$  is as in 2.2.1 ~~the~~ and

$$A = \langle A; (\bar{R}_i : i \in I), (\bar{f}_j : j \in J), (\bar{c}_k : k \in K) \rangle$$

is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure.

the correspondence between

the relation, function + constant symbols  
in  $\mathcal{L}$

and the actual relations, functions

and constants of  $A$  (with  
matching arities) is called

an interpretation of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

(or say  $A$  is an interpretation  
of  $\mathcal{L}$ ).

(2.2.6) Def. Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure. A valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$  is a function  $v$  from the set of terms of  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $A$  (the domain of  $\mathcal{A}$ ) satisfying:

- $v(c_k) = \bar{c}_k$
- if  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  are terms and  $f$  is an  $m$ -ary fn. symbol (of  $\mathcal{L}$ ) then

$$v(f(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = \bar{f}(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_m))$$

(2.2.7) Lemma: Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -str. and  $a_0, a_1, \dots \in A$ . Then there is a unique valuation

$v$  (in  $\mathcal{A}$ ) with

$$v(x_\ell) = a_\ell \quad (\text{for all } \ell \in \mathbb{N}).$$

[the variables are  $x_0, x_1, \dots$ ].

Pf: (Sketch) By induction on the length of terms: show that if we let

- $v(x_\ell) = a_\ell$  (for  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ )
- $v(\bar{c}_k) = \bar{c}_k$  ( $k \in K$ )
- $v(f(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = \bar{f}(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_m))$

then this is a well-defined valuation. ~~th~~



# Example

Signature

Groups

$R$

$m$

$i$

$e$

as in

2.1.3.

Let  $G$  be a group

$$= \langle G; \bar{R}; \bar{m}, \bar{i}, \bar{e} \rangle$$

Let  $g, h \in G$ .

Let  $v$  be a valuation with

$$v(x_0) = g, \quad v(x_1) = h, \dots$$

$$v(m(m(x_0, x_1), i(x_0)))$$

$$= ghg^{-1}.$$

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$$v(m(x_0, x_1))$$

$$= \bar{m}(v(x_0), v(x_1))$$

$$= gh$$

etc.

(2.2.9) Def.

Suppose  $A$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -str.

and  $v$  is a valuation in  $A$

define, inductively, for an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\phi$  what's meant by

$v$  satisfies  $\phi$  (in  $A$ )

(abbreviated as  $v[\phi] = T$ )

(negation:  $v[\phi] = F$ )

for  $v$  does not satisfy  $\phi$  (in  $A$ ).

(i) Atomic formulas:

Suppose  $R$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms (of  $\mathcal{L}$ ). Then

$v$  satisfies the atomic

formula  
iff  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$   
iff  $\neg R(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_n))$

holds in  $A$ .

(ii) Suppose  $\phi, \psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas (and we already know about valuations satisfying  $\phi, \psi$ ).

(a) Say  $v[\neg\phi] = T$

iff  $v[\phi] = F$

(i.e.  $v$  satisfies  $(\neg\phi)$  iff

$v$  does not satisfy  $\phi$  (in  $A$ )).

(b) Say  $v[(\phi \rightarrow \psi)] = F$

iff

$v[\phi] = T$  and  $v[\psi] = F$ .

(c)