



# **CS 228 : Logic in Computer Science**

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# First-Order Logic : Semantics

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 $Q_a^{\mathcal{W}} = \{0, 1, 4, 6, 8\}$ ,  $Q_b^{\mathcal{W}} = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$ ,
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uniquely defines the word  $W = aabbababa$ .
  - ▶ For convenience, we can just write the word instead of the structure.

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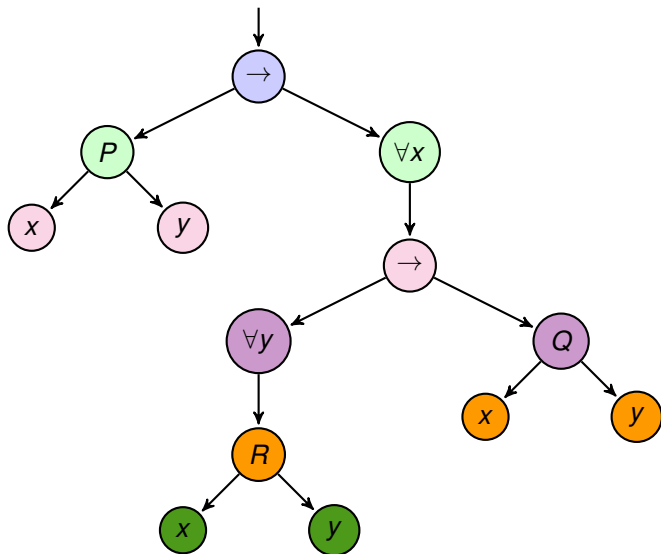
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- ▶ Given  $\varphi$ , denote by  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , that  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are the free variables of  $\varphi$ , also  $\text{free}(\varphi)$
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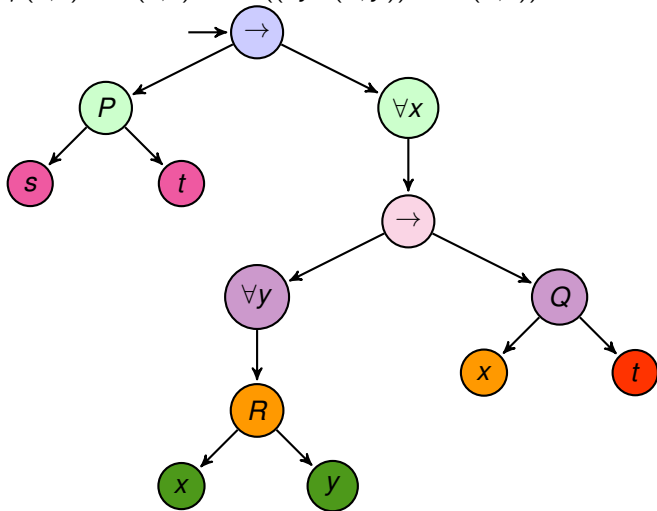
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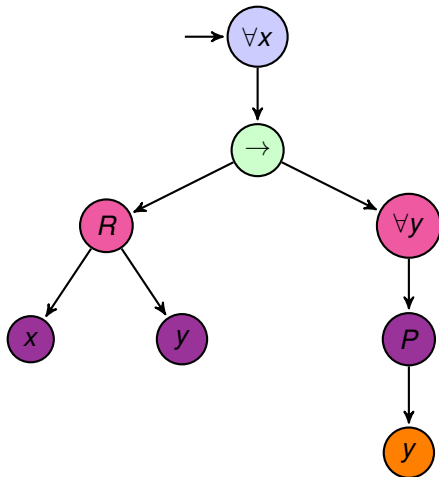

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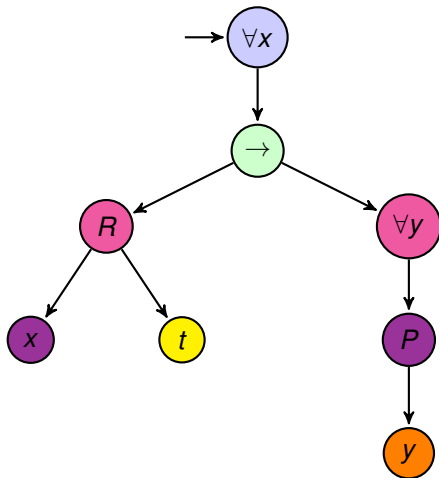
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For an assignment  $\alpha$  over  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\alpha[x \mapsto a]$  is the assignment

$$\alpha[x \mapsto a](y) = \begin{cases} \alpha(y), & y \neq x, \\ a, & y = x \end{cases}$$

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Last two cases,  $\alpha$  has no effect on the value of  $x$ . Thus, assignments matter **only** to free variables.