

Homework 5 . Predicate Logic: Syntax and Semantics

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1. Consider the following sentence.

Every number greater than or equal to 4 can be written as the sum of two prime numbers.

- (a) Write a language (as defined in Def 2.1) such that some formulas of the language can be used to represent the sentence above.

Solution:

Distinctive primitive symbols	Answer
Variables	a, b, c
Constants	4
Connectives	$\vee, \wedge, \neg, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$
Quantifiers	\forall, \exists
Punctuation	, ()
Predicate Symbols	P, Q, R
Function Symbols	f

- (b) Write a formula of your language that should reflect the meaning of the sentence above.

Solution:

Formula - $((\forall a P(a, 4))((\exists c Q(c))R(a, f(b, c)))$

Formula of language	Meaning of the sentence
$P(a,4)$	The condition where all integers in the predicate are greater than or equal to 4.
$Q(b), Q(c)$	The condition where all-prime-numbers are predicate.
$R(a,f(b,c))$	The clause that states that $a = b+c$.
$f(b,c)$	The equation that symbolizes $(b + c)$.

- (c) In terms of your language, write three example terms, three example atomic formulas, and three example formulas.

Solution:

Definition	Example
Terms	$a, b, c,$ $f(b, c)$
Atomic Formulas	$P(a, 4),$ $Q(b),$ $Q(c),$ $R(a, f(b, c))$
Formulas	$P(a, 4),$ $Q(b),$ $Q(c),$ $R(a, f(b, c)),$ $((\forall a P(a, 4))((\exists b Q(b))(\exists c Q(c))R(a, f(b, c))))$

2. Write a formula to represent the following information. Your formula should be as close as possible to the intended meaning of these sentences.

- (a) *There is a mother to all children.*

Solution:

$\exists x \forall y \text{ Mother}(x, y)$ where, $\text{Mother}(x, y) = x$ is mother of children y .

- (b) **ALL ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL STORES.**

Note, the sentence above is a disclaimer in the weekly flyer of specials of a grocery store chain.

Solution:

$\forall x \forall y \neg \text{available}(x, y)$ where, $\text{available}(x, y) = x$ items are available at y stores.

3. Given the language defined in Def 2.1, which of the following are formulas defined by Def 2.5?

- (a) $f(x, c)$
- (b) $R(c, f(d, z))$
- (c) $\forall x(P(x))$
- (d) $((\exists x)((\forall y)P(z)) \rightarrow R(x, y))$

Solution:

Formulas	Formulas Defined or Not?
$f(x, c)$	Formula is not defined by Def 2.5
$R(c, f(d, z))$	Formula is defined by Def 2.5
$\forall x(P(x))$	Formula is defined by Def 2.5
$((\exists x)((\forall y)P(z)) \rightarrow R(x, y))$	Formula is defined by Def 2.5

4. Given

$$((\exists x)((\forall y)P(z)) \rightarrow R(x, y)),$$

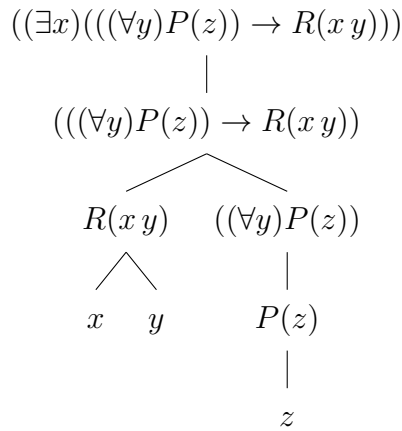
(a) List all its subformulas.

Solution:

List of Sub formulas from above given Formula
$P(z)$
$((\forall y)P(z))$
$R(x, y)$
$((\forall y)P(z)) \rightarrow R(x, y)$
$((\exists x)((\forall y)P(z)) \rightarrow R(x, y))$

(b) Draw its formation tree.

Solution:



5. Which of the following terms are substitutable for x in the corresponding formulas?

- (a) $f(z, y)$ in $((\exists y)(P(y) \wedge R(x, z)))$.

Solution:

It is not substitutable, Since y is already constrained by $\exists y$ the substitution $f(z, y)$ for x results in the wrong result because x is not bound in this situation.

- (b) $g(f(z, y), a)$ in $((\exists x)(P(x) \wedge R(x, y)))$.

Solution:

It is not substitutable, Since x is constrained by $\exists x$.

6. Connect predicate calculus to the study of this course. To focus on the substance, we need to extend (informally) predicate calculus (syntax) as follows

- You can use sets or proposition as a parameter of a predicate.
- You can use $=$ as a predicate symbol in the normal way. For example, that two terms t_1 and t_2 are equal can be represented by $t_1 = t_2$.
- You can use a variable to refer to a function or a set or a proposition. (e.g., $((\exists \mathcal{V})\mathcal{V}(x) = T)$ where T is constant.)

The form of formula will be expanded accordingly to the extension above. Consider the definition of *consequence* (Def 3.7 of Part I).

- (a) Represent it as a formula. You need to introduce all predicates you need in the formula, in the way we did in L11.1 for the subset example. Intuitively, a concept name and its parameters/arguments you identify in the definition is a good candidate of a predicate. You also need to introduce any constant

or function symbol you need. Note the main “if” in a definition should be understood as “if and only if.” Note statement “ $\forall x \in A, x \in B$ ” in the subset definition. We translate it to “ $((\forall x)(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B))$.”

Answer

Predicates: consequence (σ, Σ) : σ is a consequence of Σ

equals $(v(\tau), T)$: $v(\tau)$ equals to true.

equals $(v(\sigma), T)$: $v(\sigma)$ equals to true.

Constant: T (True)

Resulting Formula: $\text{consequence}(\sigma, \Sigma) \leftarrow ((\forall (\tau \in \Sigma), \text{equals}((v(\tau), T) \rightarrow \text{equals}(v(\sigma), T))))$

- (b) Let your formula be α . What can you logically derive (some intuition/experience from your earlier study is needed here) from the formula $(\alpha \wedge \text{“B is a consequence of } \{A, A \rightarrow B\}\text{”})$? Note you should translate the English in the formula using predicate(s) you introduced. Your answer to this question has to be in the form of a formula. You need to do a variable substitution (Σ in English definition would be replaced by $\{A, A \rightarrow B\}$, and σ by B).

Answer:

$\text{consequence}(B, A, A \rightarrow B) \leftarrow ((\forall (\tau \in A, A \rightarrow B), \text{equals}((v(\tau), T) \rightarrow \text{equals}(v(B), T))))$

7. 1) Let $A = \{1, 2\}$.

a) List all functions from A to A in the form of sets of pair. For example, one function is $\{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}$. If we let the function be named g . Then in the example function, $g(1)$ is 1 and $g(2)$ is 2.

Solution:

According to the question $A = \{1, 2\}$. All functions from A to A are : $g(A) = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$

b) List all unary relations on A . Your relations must be represented as sets.

Solution:

Assume $U(A)$ represents all unary relations on A . $U(A) = \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}$.

2) Show that $\forall x(p(x) \rightarrow q(f(x))) \wedge \forall x p(x) \wedge \exists x \neg q(x)$ is satisfiable. The format of your structure should follow the one in L12.1. In your structure, you must use the domain $A = \{1, 2\}$. You must represent the function assigned to f in the set of pairs. You must represent the relations assigned to p and q in the set forms. Note you have to figure out the constants in the language on which the formula is defined.

Solution:

Steps	Proof
a.	Assume, $\Sigma = p(x), q(f(x))$, Domain: $A = \{1,2\}$, Constant Assignments: $\{(1, one), (2, two)\}$
b.	Function Assignment: f to $\{(1,2), (2,2)\}$, p to $p1: p1\{1\}$, q to $q1: q1\{2\}$
c.	The sentences listed above are a set, as we all know. According to the definition of induction, every $a \in A$ in a sentence must be designated by a ground word L in order for it to be true.
d.	Constants and constants created by applying function symbols to other constants are considered ground terms.
e.	In this instance, $f(x)$ is grounded, making q true.
f.	Considering that $(p(x) \rightarrow q(f(x)))$, $p(x)$ is also true.
g.	All members of \exists are real based on the information above, thus $\forall x(p(x) \rightarrow q(f(x))) \wedge \forall x p(x) \wedge \exists x \neg q(x)$ is satisfiable.

QED

8. **Prove that $\mathcal{A} \models \neg \exists x \varphi(x)$ if and only if $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x \neg \varphi(x)$. You have to follow the proof format we used earlier. Working backward again is a good idea. You have to be able to apply the definitions.**

Solution:

Steps	Proof	Reason
a.	If each element of the structure is named by a ground term of L that is defined by induction, then the phrase φ satisfies the structure \mathcal{A} i.e., $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi$.	By definition 4.3.
b.	$\mathcal{A} \models \neg \exists x \varphi(x)$ for some ground term t , $\mathcal{A} \models \neg \varphi(t)$.	By definition 4.3, (ii) and (viii)).
c.	$\mathcal{A} \models \forall x \neg \varphi(x)$ for some ground term t , $\mathcal{A} \models \neg \varphi(t)$.	By definition 4.3, (ii) and (viii)).
d.	Both $\mathcal{A} \models \neg \exists x \varphi(x)$ and $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x \neg \varphi(x)$ are equivalent to the $\mathcal{A} \models \neg \varphi(t)$, hence $\mathcal{A} \models \neg \exists x \varphi(x) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \forall x \neg \varphi(x)$.	By (b) and (c).
e.	$\mathcal{A} \models \neg \exists x \varphi(x) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \forall x \neg \varphi(x)$	By (d).

QED