

# The language of predicate logic

1.  $Rx$  means that  $x$  is a rodent.  $Fx$  means that  $x$  is a feline.  $Exy$  means that  $x$  eats  $y$ .  $Cx$  means that  $x$  is cute. Let  $j$  be a constant referring to Jerry,  $t$  be a constant referring to Tom,  $m$  be a constant referring to Minnie, and  $k$  be a constant referring to Kitty. Translate the following English sentences into sentences of predicate logic.

(a) Jerry is a rodent.

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(b) Kitty is a feline.

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(c) Felines are cute.

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(d) Tom is not cute.

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(e) If Tom is feline, then some felines are not cute.

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(f) Tom does not eat Jerry.

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(g) Minnie is not a feline.

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(h) If something is not a feline, it is a rodent.

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(i) Some things are rodents.

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(j) There are rodents.

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(k) Rodents are not cute.

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(l) No rodent is cute.

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(m) If Minnie is a rodent, Kitty eats Minnie.

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(n) Some rodents eat felines.

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(o) There are rodents that eat felines.

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(p) No rodents eat felines.

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(q) Kitty does not eat rodents.

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(r) If something is a rodent, Kitty does not eat it.

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(s) Some rodents are cute.

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(t) Some cute things eat cute things.

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2. Let the domain of discourse be all 5C (Pomona, Pitzer, Scripps, Harvey Mudd, CMC) students. Let  $Fx$  mean that  $x$  is a Pomona student,  $Gx$  mean that  $x$  is a Scripps student,  $Hx$  mean that  $x$  is a Harvey Mudd student,  $Jx$  mean that  $x$  is a Pitzer student. Let's also say no one attends two 5C colleges at once (I think that's true), every 5C college has some students. Let  $Px$  mean that  $x$  is currently taking PHIL60, and let's say that PHIL60 has a mix of 5C students except CMC students. Finally, let  $Sxy$  mean that  $x$  and  $y$  are taking the same class.

Given this interpretation, indicate for each of the following sentences whether or not it is true.

- (a)  $\exists xGx \wedge \exists xZx$   
..... True/False
- (b)  $\exists x(Fx \wedge Hx)$   
..... True/False
- (c)  $\forall x(Fx \supset Zx)$   
..... True/False
- (d)  $\forall x(Gx \supset \neg Hx)$   
..... True/False
- (e)  $\exists x(Zx \wedge Hx)$   
..... True/False
- (f)  $\exists x(Px \wedge Fx)$   
..... True/False
- (g)  $\exists y(Py \wedge Fy)$   
..... True/False
- (h)  $\neg \forall x(Px \supset Hx)$   
..... True/False
- (i)  $\forall x \forall y[(Px \wedge Py) \supset Sxy]$   
..... True/False

- (j)  $\forall x \forall y [Sxy \supset (Px \wedge Py)]$   
..... True/False
- (k)  $\forall x \{Fx \vee [Gx \vee (Hx \vee Zx)]\}$   
..... True/False
- (l)  $\exists x \neg \{Fx \vee [Gx \vee (Hx \vee Zx)]\}$   
..... True/False
- (m)  $\exists x (\neg Fx \wedge \neg Gx)$   
..... True/False
- (n)  $\exists x [(\neg Fx \wedge \neg Gx) \wedge Px]$   
..... True/False
- (o)  $\forall x \forall y [(Gx \wedge Hy) \supset \neg Sxy]$   
..... True/False
- (p)  $\exists x \exists y [(Fx \wedge Zy) \wedge Sxy]$   
..... True/False
- (q)  $\forall z \left( Pz \supset \{Fz \vee [Gz \vee (Hz \vee Zz)]\} \right)$   
..... True/False
- (r)  $\forall x [Px \supset \exists y (Zy \wedge Sxy)]$   
..... True/False
- (s)  $\forall x \exists y [Px \supset (Zy \wedge Sxy)]$   
..... True/False
- (t)  $\neg \exists x \left( Px \wedge \neg \{Fx \vee [Gx \vee (Hx \vee Zx)]\} \right)$   
..... True/False
- (u)  $\neg \exists x \left( Px \wedge \{ \neg Fx \wedge [\neg Gx \wedge (\neg Hx \wedge \neg Zx)] \} \right)$   
..... True/False

3. For each of the following sentences, create an interpretation that makes the sentence true.

(a)  $Gb$

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(b)  $Gc \supset Fc$

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(c)  $(Gc \supset Fc) \wedge \neg Fd$

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(d)  $\exists xFx$

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(e)  $\exists xGx$

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(f)  $\exists xFx \wedge \exists xGx$

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(g)  $\exists xFx \wedge \neg\exists xGx$

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(h)  $\forall x(Gx \supset Fx)$

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(i)  $\neg\forall x(Gx \supset Fx)$

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(j)  $\neg\exists x(Fx \vee Gx)$

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