


First-Order Predicate Logic (FOL)


Symbols

- 1 Constant symbols usually $c, d, c_1, c_2, \dots, d_1, d_2 \dots$
- 2 Variables usually $x, y, z, \dots x_1, x_2, \dots, y_1, y_2 \dots$
- 3 Function symbols usually $f, g, h, \dots f_1, f_2, \dots, g_1, g_2, \dots$
- 4 Predicate symbols (relation symbols) usually $P, Q, \dots, P_1, P_2, \dots, Q_1, Q_2, \dots$
- 5 Connectives $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow$, and \leftrightarrow
- 6 Quantifiers \forall and \exists
- 7 Punctuation $'(, ')'$, and $','$

Term

- 1 Atomic term
Any constant symbol or variable symbol.
- 2 Function application
 t_1, \dots, t_n are terms, f is an n -ary function symbol, then $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a term.
 For $n = 2$ you may use infix notation $(t_1 f t_2)$
- 3 Closure
Nothing else is a term.

Formulae

- 1 Atomic formula
Expression of the form $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$, where P is an n -ary predicate symbol and each t_i is a term ($1 \leq i \leq n$).
 For $n = 2$ you may use infix notation $(t_1 P t_2)$
- 2 Negation
If α is a formula, then $(\neg \alpha)$ is a formula.
- 3 Binary connective
If α, β are formulae, and $*$ is a binary connective, then $\alpha * \beta$ is a formula.
- 4 Quantifiers
If α is a formula, and x is a variable, then each of $(\forall x \alpha)$ and $(\exists x \alpha)$ is a formula.
- 5 Closure
Nothing else is a formula.

Semantics

- A Interpretation \mathcal{I}
 - Domain/Universe
Non-empty set $\text{dom}(\mathcal{I})$
 - Constants
For each constant symbol c , a member $c^{\mathcal{I}} \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{I})$
 - Functions
For each function symbol $f^{(i)}$, an i -ary function $f^{\mathcal{I}}$
 - Relations
For each relation symbol $R^{(i)}$, an i -ary relation $R^{\mathcal{I}}$
- B Environment E
Assigns a value to each variable
- C Satisfaction of Formulas
An interpretation \mathcal{I} and an environment E satisfy a formula α , denoted $\mathcal{I} \models_E \alpha$, if $\alpha^{(\mathcal{I}, E)} = \text{T}$, or $\mathcal{I} \models \alpha$, if $\alpha^{(\mathcal{I}, E)} = \text{T}$ for all environments