


# 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  $\alpha$  is a formula, then  $(\neg \alpha)$  is a formula.
- 3 Binary connective  
If  $\alpha, \beta$  are formulae, and  $*$  is a binary connective, then  $\alpha * \beta$  is a formula.
- 4 Quantifiers  
If  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$ , 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