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Exercise Class 5 Predicate Calculus

1. Translate each of the sentences below into a predicate calculus formula, after first identifying the appropriate predicate and constant symbols.

(For this question, assume that the domain is "animals")

- (a) All white animals are mice
- (b) Basil is a white mouse
- (c) All white mice have tails
- (d) There are no pink mice
- (e) At least one of Basil and Charlie has a tail
- 2. Translate each of the sentences below into a predicate calculus formula, after first identifying the appropriate predicate and constant symbols.

(Here, and from now on, you can assume that the domain is "people" unless otherwise stated)

- (a) John loves Mary
- (b) Everybody hates Chris
- (c) Somebody loves Chris
- (d) John loves everybody
- (e) Nobody loves John
- (f) Mary doesn't love anybody and John loves Mary
- (g) Mary hates Chris but Chris loves Mary
- (h) Mary doesn't love everybody or somebody doesn't love Mary
- (i) If Mary loves everybody then somebody doesn't love Mary and Mary loves somebody
- (j) Everyone who loves Mary also loves either Chris or John
- (k) Everyone who loves Chris loves someone who loves John
- 3. Translate each of the sentences below into a predicate calculus formula, after first identifying the appropriate predicate and constant symbols.
 - (a) Everybody loves everybody
 - (b) Everybody loves somebody
 - (c) Everyone loves themselves
 - (d) Everybody loves anybody with red hair
 - (e) All Virgos love Leos
 - (f) All Virgos love a Capricorn
 - (g) No Leo loves a Capricorn

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4. Translate these arguments into the predicate calculus and explain whether or not they are valid.

- (a) Everybody has a mother therefore somebody is the mother of everyone.
- (b) Everybody who loves everybody loves themself.