

Exercise Class 5 – Solutions

Predicate Calculus

1. We will use the following predicates:

- $W(x)$ = x is white; $M(x)$ = x is a mouse; $T(x)$ = x has a tail; $P(x)$ = x is pink

and constant symbols

- b = Basil; c = Charlie

(a) All white animals are mice

$$\forall x[W(x) \rightarrow M(x)]$$

(b) Basil is a white mouse

$$M(b) \wedge W(b)$$

(c) All white mice have tails

$$\forall x[(W(x) \wedge M(x)) \rightarrow T(x)]$$

(d) There are no pink mice

$$\neg \exists x[P(x) \wedge M(x)]$$

(e) At least one of Basil and Charlie has a tail

$$T(b) \vee T(c)$$

2. We will use the following predicates:

- $L(x, y)$ = x loves y ; $H(x, y)$ = x hates y

and constant symbols

- j = John; m = Mary; c = Chris

(a) John loves Mary

$$L(j, m)$$

(b) Everybody hates Chris

$$\forall x[H(x, c)]$$

(c) Somebody loves Chris

$$\exists x[L(x, c)]$$

(d) John loves everybody

$$\forall x[L(j, x)]$$

(e) Nobody loves John

$$\neg \exists x[L(x, j)]$$

$$\text{or: } \forall x[\neg L(x, j)]$$

(f) Mary doesn't love anybody and John loves Mary

$$\neg \exists x[L(m, x)] \wedge L(j, m)$$

(g) Mary hates Chris but Chris loves Mary

$$H(m, c) \wedge L(c, m)$$

Note: the 'but' conveys some additional context, but nothing we need to capture logically.

- (h) Mary doesn't love everybody or somebody doesn't love Mary
 $\neg \forall x[L(m, x)] \vee \exists x[\neg L(x, m)]$
- (i) If Mary loves everybody then somebody doesn't love Mary and Mary loves somebody
 $\forall x[L(m, x)] \rightarrow (\exists x[\neg L(x, m)] \wedge \exists x[L(m, x)])$
Note: technically this is ambiguous and \wedge could be the main connective too
- (j) Everyone who loves Mary also loves either Chris or John
 $\forall x[L(x, m) \rightarrow (L(x, c) \vee L(x, j))]$
- (k) Everyone who loves Chris loves someone who loves John
 $\forall x[L(x, c) \rightarrow \exists y[(L(x, y) \wedge L(y, j))]]$

3. We will use the following predicates:

- $L(x, y) = x$ loves y ; $R(x) = x$ has red hair
- $V(x) = x$ is a Virgo; $C(x) = x$ is a Capricorn; $S(x) = x$ is a Scorpio

- (a) Everybody loves everybody
 $\forall x[\forall y[L(x, y)]]$
- (b) Everybody loves somebody
 $\forall x[\exists y[L(x, y)]]$
- (c) Everyone loves themselves
 $\forall x[L(x, x)]$
- (d) Everybody loves anybody with red hair
 $\forall x[\forall y[R(y) \rightarrow L(x, y)]]$
- (e) All Virgos love Scorpions
 $\forall x[V(x) \rightarrow \forall y[Le(y) \rightarrow S(x, y)]]$
- (f) All Virgos love a Capricorn
 $\forall x[V(x) \rightarrow \exists y[C(y) \wedge L(x, y)]]$
- (g) No Scorpio loves a Capricorn
 $\neg \exists x \exists y[S(x) \wedge C(y) \wedge L(x, y)]$

4. (a) Everybody has a mother therefore somebody is the mother of everyone.

We use predicate $M(x, y) = "x$ is the mother of $y"$. Then the argument is:
 $\forall x[\exists y[M(y, x)]] : \exists x[\forall y[M(x, y)]]$

- (b) Everybody who loves everybody loves himself.

We again use predicate $L(x, y) = "x$ loves $y"$. Then the argument is:
 $: \forall x[\forall y[L(x, y)] \rightarrow L(x, x)]$

The first of these is invalid, the second is valid. We'll look at ways of formally proving this in the coming weeks.