

# G53KRR 2018 answers to the first formal/assessed exercise ex1

- Express the following sentences in first order logic using predicate symbols *Student* (unary, *Student*(*a*) means *a* is a student), *Tutor* (binary, *Tutor*(*b*, *a*) means *b* is *a*'s tutor), *Lazy* (unary), *Happy* (unary):

Note that there are infinitely many logically equivalent ways to express the sentences below. I am giving just one or two possible ways (that look simplest to me).

**S1** Every student has a tutor.

$$\forall x(Student(x) \supset \exists y Tutor(y, x))$$

or

$$\forall x \exists y (Student(x) \supset Tutor(y, x))$$

**S2** There are no lazy students.

$$\neg \exists x (Lazy(x) \wedge Student(x))$$

or

$$\forall x (Student(x) \supset \neg Lazy(x))$$

**S3** No student has two different tutors. *Hint: use =*

$$\neg \exists x (Student(x) \wedge \exists y \exists z (\neg (y = z) \wedge Tutor(y, x) \wedge Tutor(z, x)))$$

or

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z (Student(x) \wedge Tutor(y, x) \wedge Tutor(z, x) \supset (y = z))$$

**S4** If a student is lazy, then the student's tutor is not happy.

$$\forall x \forall y (Student(x) \wedge Lazy(x) \wedge Tutor(y, x) \supset \neg Happy(y))$$

**S5** There is a tutor all of whose tutees are lazy.

$$\exists x \forall y (Tutor(x, y) \supset Lazy(y))$$

- Consider an interpretation where the domain consists of 4 suitcases *a*, *b*, *c*, *d* where *a* and *b* are large and *c* and *d* are small. In other words, the predicate symbol *Large* is interpreted as the set  $\{a, b\}$  and *Small* is interpreted as the set  $\{c, d\}$ . There is also a predicate symbol *FitsIn* that is interpreted as the set of pairs  $\{(c, a), (c, b), (d, a), (d, b)\}$  (small suitcases fit inside large ones). Are the following first order sentences true or false in this interpretation (and why):

(a)  $\forall x \forall y (Large(x) \wedge Small(y) \supset FitsIn(x, y))$

False, because if *x* is large, *y* is small, then *FitsIn*(*x*, *y*) requires that *x* fits into *y*, and this is false for all such pairs of values for *x*, *y*.

(b)  $\forall x \forall y (Large(x) \wedge Small(y) \supset FitsIn(y, x))$

True, because for any pair of values for *x* and *y*, if *x* is large and *y* is small, then *y* fits in *x*.

(c)  $\exists x \forall y FitsIn(x, y)$

False: there is no value for  $x$  such as  $FitsIn(x, y)$  is true for all  $y$ . For example, no suitcase fits into itself, so the same value for  $x$  as for  $y$  constitutes a counterexample.

**(d)**  $\forall x \exists y \neg FitsIn(x, y)$

True for the same reason as above is false.

**(e)**  $\forall x \forall y (\neg FitsIn(x, y) \vee \neg FitsIn(y, x))$

True: if  $x$  is a large suitcase, the  $\neg FitsIn(x, y)$  is true for all  $y$ ; if  $x$  is a small suitcase,  $\neg FitsIn(y, x)$  is true for all  $y$ .