Logic - Notes

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1 Introduction

1.1 Alphabets & Strings

Definition 1.1 - *Alphabet*
An *Alphabet* is a set of symbols from which *Strings* can be created.

Definition 1.2 - *String*
A *String* over a set $\mathcal{A}$ is any sequence $\alpha := \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$ where $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}$.
N.B. Here we say α has *length* n and $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^n$.

Definition 1.3 - *Power Set*
Let $\mathcal{A}$ be an alphabet. We define

$$\mathcal{A}^* := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{A}^n = \{\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle : n \in \mathbb{N}; a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

This means $\mathcal{A}^*$ is the set of all possible strings over alphabet $\mathcal{A}$.

Remark 1.1 - *Concatenating Strings*
Define *Strings* $\alpha := \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in \mathcal{A}^n$ and $\beta := \langle b_1, \dots, b_m \rangle \in \mathcal{A}^m$.
We define *Concatenation* of α & β as $\alpha\beta := \langle a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m \rangle$ Note that

$$\alpha\beta \neq \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = \langle \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle, \langle b_1, \dots, b_m \rangle \rangle$$

N.B. Sometimes the following notation is used $\alpha * \beta$.
Example 1.1 - *English Alphabet*
If we define an alphabet $\mathcal{A} := \{`a`, \dots, `z`\}$ then $\langle `t`, `h`, `i`, `s` \rangle$ is a *String* of $\mathcal{A}$.

Remark 1.2 - *Ambiguity when using multiple Alphabets*
Consider the *Alphabets* $\mathcal{A}_1 := \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ & $\mathcal{A}_2 := \mathbb{N}$.
Then we are unsure which of the following definitions of 123 is valid

$$\langle 123 \rangle,\ \langle 12, 3 \rangle,\ \langle 1, 23 \rangle, \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

Remark 1.3 - $\mathcal{A} := \{0, 1\}$ *is sufficient to describe any language - binary*

Remark 1.4 - *Describing Formal Languages*
When describing a *Formal Language* we need to provide two things

(i) An *Alphabet* which defines what symbols are allowed.

(ii) A *Grammar* which defines what combinations of symbols are allowed.

1.2 Countable Sets

Definition 1.1 - *Countable Set*
A set X is said to be *Countable* if

$$\begin{array}{l} \exists \text{ a surjection } f : \mathbb{N} \to X \\ \exists \text{ an injection } f : X \to \mathbb{N} \end{array}$$

Definition 1.2 - *Countably Infinite Set*
A set X is said to be *Countably Infinite* if $\exists$ a bijection $f : X \to \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 1.1 - *Power set is Countable*
If set $\mathcal{A}$ is *countable* then $\mathcal{A}^*$ is *countable.*

Proof 1.1 - *Theorem 1.1*
Let $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathbb{N}$ (This function exists trivally since we define $\mathcal{A}$ to be countable).
Define the following function $g(\cdot) : \mathcal{A}^* \to \mathbb{N}$

$$g(\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle) := p_1^{f(a_1)+1} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{f(a_n)+1}$$

where p_i is the i^{th} prime.
Since each natural number can be described by a unique composition of primes and since $f(\dot{)}$ is injective, then $g(\cdot)$ is injective.
Thus there exists an injection from $\mathcal{A}^*$ to $\mathbb{N}$, making $\mathcal{A}^*$ countable.

Theorem 1.2 - *If $\mathcal{A}$ is countable, then so are $\mathcal{A}^*, (\mathcal{A}^*)^*, \dots$*

2 First-Order Languages

Definition 2.1 - *First-Order Language, $\mathcal{L}$*
The *Alphabet* of a *First-Order Language*, comprises of the following, pairwise disjoint, categories (and nothing else)

(i) Negation, $\neg$, and implication, $\implies$.

(ii) For all, $\forall$.

(iii) Infinitely many variables, $\{v_0, v_1, \dots\}$.

(iv) Parentheses, '(' ')', and comman ','.

(v) Equality, $\equiv$, which is the only logical predicate symbol with 2-arity.

(vi) A set of constant symbols, $\{c_1, c_2, \dots\}$. (Possibly empty)

(vii) For each $n \geq 1$, a set of n-arity function symbols $\{f_1^n, f_2^n, \dots\}$. (Possibly empty)

(viii) For each $n \geq 1$, a set of n-arity non-logical predicate symbols $\{P_1^n, P_2^n, \dots\}$. (Possibly empty)

N.B. We denote the set of variables by $Var := \{v_0, v_1, \dots\}$; denote a language as $\mathcal{L}$ and the alphabet of $\mathcal{L}$ as $\mathcal{A}_\mathcal{L}$.
N.B. In this course *Alphabets* are restricted to being *Countable.*

Definition 2.2 - *Negation, $\neg$*
Negation returns in the inverse of a predicate (DO I MEAN PREDICATE)

P	$\neg P$
T	F
F	T

Definition 2.3 - *Implication, $\implies$*
Implication returns whether one predicate being true necessarily implies a second predicate being true

P	Q	$P \implies Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Remark 2.1 - *First-Order Languages don't have* $\wedge,\ \vee,\ \exists$
Alphabets for *First-Order Languages* do not contain propositional connectives for AND, $\wedge$, OR, $\vee$, or EXISTS,$\exists$ since they can be expressed as a combination of negation & implication.

$$\begin{aligned} P \vee Q &\iff \neg P \implies Q \\ P \wedge Q &\iff \neg(P \implies \neg Q) \\ \exists\ x \text{ st } P(x) \text{ is true} &\iff \neg(\forall\ x,\ \neg P(x)) \end{aligned}$$

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg P \implies Q$
T	T	F	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	F	F

P	Q	$\neg Q$	$P \implies \neg Q$	$\neg(P \implies \neg Q)$
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	F
F	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	F