

# PHIL 112 Homework 1

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1. Specify the atomic formulas of PL.

Every expression of PL that is either a sentence letter of PL, or an  $n$ -place predicate of PL followed by  $n$  individual terms of PL is an atomic formula of PL.

2. Give the recursive definition of 'formula of PL'.

- (a) Every atomic formula  $\mathbf{P}$  is a formula of PL.
- (b) If  $\mathbf{P}$  is a formula of PL, then so is  $\neg\mathbf{P}$ .
- (c) If  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are formulae of PL, then so are  $\mathbf{P}\wedge\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}\vee\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}\supset\mathbf{Q}$ , and  $\mathbf{P}\equiv\mathbf{Q}$ .
- (d) If  $\mathbf{P}$  is a formula of PL that contains at least one occurrence of  $\mathbf{x}$  and no  $\mathbf{x}$ -quantifier, then  $\forall\mathbf{x}\mathbf{P}$  and  $\exists\mathbf{x}\mathbf{P}$  are formulae of PL.
- (e) Nothing else is a formula of PL unless it can be made from the previous rules.

3. Indicate which of the following are formulas of PL, and which of those are sentences of PL.

- (a) Quantified Formula of PL.

Not a Sentence of PL since the subformula has a quantified  $\mathbf{x}$ .

$(\forall\mathbf{x})[\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{a} \supset (\forall\mathbf{x})\mathbf{G}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{a}]$

- (b) Truth-functionally compound Formula of PL and Sentence of PL.

$(\forall\mathbf{z})\mathbf{F}\mathbf{z}\mathbf{a} \supseteq \neg(\exists\mathbf{z})\mathbf{G}\mathbf{z}\mathbf{a}$

- (c) Truth-functionally compound Formula of PL and Sentence of PL.

$\supset(\forall\mathbf{y})\mathbf{G}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}$

- (d) Truth-functionally compound Formula of PL.

Not a sentence of PL for the subformula has at least one free variable.

$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{z} \supseteq (\forall\mathbf{x})\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{a}$

- (e) Not a formula of PL for there is no  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}$ .

$\neg(\exists\mathbf{x})\mathbf{F}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}$

4. List all the sub-formulas of each of the following:

formula	subformulae
$(\forall x)[(\exists y)Fxy \supset Gax]$	$(\forall x)[(\exists y)Fxy \supset Gax]$ $(\exists y)Fxy \supset Gax$ $(\exists y)Fxy$ $Fxy$ $Gax$
$\neg Fab \equiv (\forall x) \neg Fxb$	$\neg Fab \equiv (\forall x) \neg Fxb$ $\neg Fab$ $Fab$ $(\forall x) \neg Fxb$ $\neg Fxb$ $Fxb$

5. Symbolize English sentences a-d in PL, and give English readings for e-h

- (a)  $(\forall x)(Tx \supset Ux)$
- (b)  $(\forall x)(Tx \supset \neg Ux)$
- (c)  $(\exists x)(Tx \wedge \neg Ux)$
- (d)  $(\exists x)(Tx \wedge Ux)$
- (e) Sarah likes all brown toads.
- (f) Some brown toads like Sarah but not all brown toads like Sarah.
- (g) Sarah likes all toads if and only if they are brown.
- (h) Sarah does not like any toads and no toads like Sarah.

6. Symbolize a-d in PL and give English readings of e-h.

- (a)  $Ccs \wedge (\exists x)((Fx \wedge Gx) \wedge Csx)$
- (b)  $\neg (\exists x)[Fx \wedge (\forall y)(Ty \supset Lxy)]$
- (c)  $(\forall x)[(\forall y)[(Fx \wedge Ty) \supset \neg Lxy]]$
- (d)  $(\forall x)[(Fx \wedge Lsx) \supset (\forall y)(Ty \supset Lyx)]$
- (e) No frog likes any toad.
- (f) There exists at least one frog that is liked by all toads.
- (g) All green frogs like all brown toads.
- (h) Every toad that is liked by at least one frog is liked by Sarah.