

# First-Order Logic Representation

# Previously



- Propositional Logic (Reasoning):
  - Entailment
  - Arguments
  - Inference Rules
  - Deductive Reasoning From a Knowledge Base

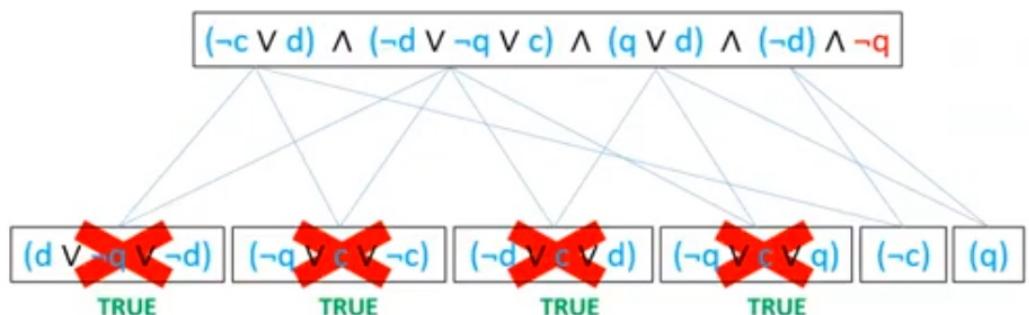


$$\begin{array}{c} p \rightarrow q \\ p \\ \therefore q \end{array}$$

*Modus Ponens*

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	$(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

*Resolution*



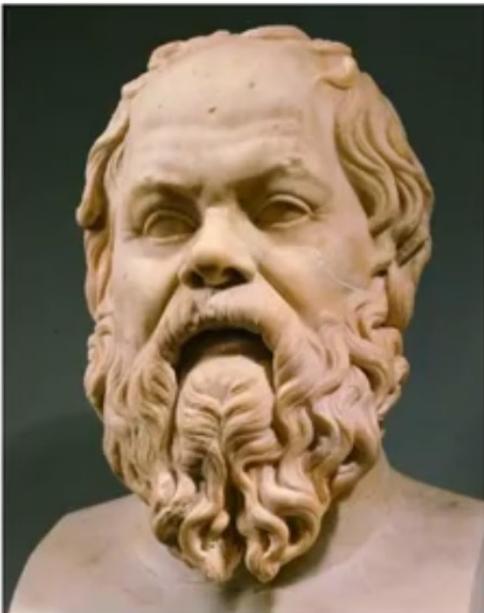
# Lecture Outline

- What is Predicate Logic?
- Predicate Logic Syntax
- Predicate Logic Equivalence
- Predicate Logic Semantics



# What is Predicate Logic?

# The Socrates Argument



All men are mortal

Socrates is a man

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Therefore, Socrates is mortal

Written in propositional logic →

$$\begin{array}{c} p \\ q \\ \therefore r \end{array}$$

Does this make sense?

The validity of this argument comes from the internal structure of these sentences--which **propositional logic** cannot “see” (indivisible)

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- This would require an enumeration of propositions:
  - “Finn eats what he likes”
  - “Finn likes cake”, “Finn likes bananas”, “Finn likes kale”...
- Socrates Argument:
  - Would it be practical to enumerate all people who are mortal?



# What is Needed?



- We need to **split the atom!**
- Display the internal structure of those “atomic” sentences by adding **new categories of vocabulary items**
- Give a **semantic** account of these new vocabulary items
- Introduce **rules for operating** with them

# Why First Order Predicate Logic?

- Flexibility and conciseness!
- Predicate logic makes general statements possible
- Rather than having simple, concrete propositions:
  - Predicate logic allows for conditional and collective propositions:
    - Statements of existence and statements of number
- Important for dealing with more complex problems and environments

# First-Order Predicate Logic

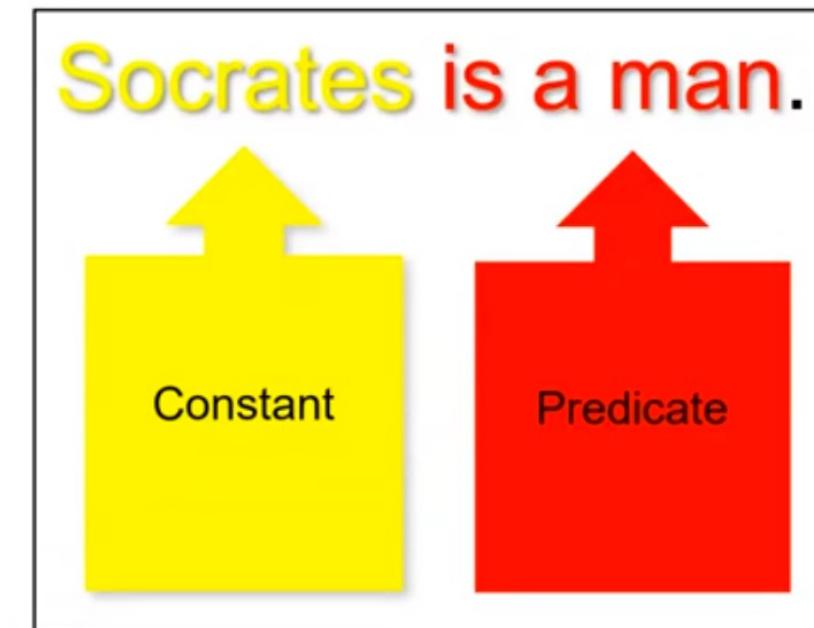
- Aka: **Predicate Logic**, **First-Order Logic (FOL)**, **Quantificational Logic**, **First-Order Predicate Calculus**

- Abstraction of propositional logic



- Requires additional syntax

- Constants
- Variables
- **Predicates**
- Functions
- Equality
- Quantifiers



- **Syllogistic logic** is like **learning to count**
- **Propositional logic** is like **learning to do basic arithmetic**
- **Predicate logic** is like **learning algebra**
- They are a progressive elaboration

# ‘First-Order’

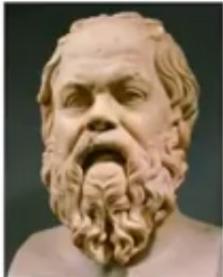
- Distinguishes first-order logic from higher-order logic:
  - First-order: (Simpler)
    - Predicates quantify objects or things (work with a set)
  - Higher-order: (More complex)
    - Quantifiers can refer to predicates or functions
    - Predicates can have nested predicates or functions (sets of sets)

# Predicate Logic Syntax

# Individual ‘Constants’

- Are **invariable nouns**, i.e. their value/meaning does not change

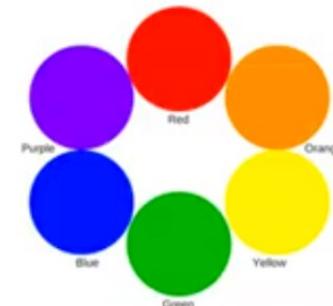
- Represent objects: persons, places, things, times...
  - E.g. Ryan, Socrates, Ohio, Saturday, cake, Philadelphia
- Can be represented by most any symbol (like a proposition):
  - Some conventions use lower case letters (e.g. a,b,c,...u,v,w)
  - For natural interpretability, can use the original noun name
- **Truth Symbols (T & F)** are preserved from propositional logic



# Variables

- Are symbols that stands for an **individual** in a **collection** or **set**

- E.g. The variable  $x$  may stand for one of the days
  - $x = \text{Monday}$ ,  $x = \text{Tuesday}$ , ...
- Normally use letters at the end of the alphabet such as  $x, y, z$
- A collection of objects is called the domain of objects
- For the above example, the days in the week is the domain of variable  $x$



# Predicates

- Aka: **propositional functions, function expressions**
- Verbal statement which describes:
  - The **property of some individual** (constant or variable)
    - E.g. “  is human”
  - The **relation between individuals**
    - E.g. “  the teacher of  ”
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- **Atomic Sentences:**
  - “Finn likes chocolate” represented as:
    - *likes(Finn, chocolate)*
  - “Finn likes all food” represented as:
    - *likes(Finn, x)* where x is a variable within the domain ‘food’

# Statements in Predicate Logic

- Are constructed (much as in propositional logic)
  - By combining atomic sentences with logical connectives

• Conjunction ( $\wedge$ ):	AND
• Disjunction ( $\vee$ ):	OR
• Negation ( $\neg$ ):	NOT
• Implication ( $\rightarrow$ ):	IF....THEN
• Equivalence ( $\Leftrightarrow$ ):	IF AND ONLY IF

- Examples:
  - “If Alison is friends with Richard then she likes him.”
    - $\text{friends(alison,richard)} \rightarrow \text{likes(alison,richard)}$
  - “Alison likes Richard or chocolate.”
    - $\text{likes(alison,richard)} \vee \text{likes(alison,chocolate)}$
  - “Alison doesn’t like rain and snow.”
    - $\neg\text{likes(alison,rain)} \wedge \neg\text{likes(alison,snow)}$

# Functions

- Recall that constants are ‘fixed’ objects
  - It’s not always concise to enumerate constants for every object
- Functions are similar (at first glance) to predicates but flexibly map terms to other terms (i.e. don’t return a truth)
- Examples:
  - Mathematical function:  $p(x) \rightarrow x^2$ 
    - Any value of  $x$  gets squared
  - Object: `LeftLeg(John)`
    - Interpreted as “John’s left leg”
    - Rather than specifying a constant name for John’s left leg

# Quantifiers

- An operator allowing more general statements that indicate **how many** objects have a certain property

- Two kinds:

- Universal Quantifier**: represented by  $\forall$ , “for all”, “for every”, “for each”, or “for any”

- Implication** is the main connective

- E.g. “Finn eats everything that he likes.”

$$\forall x(\text{likes}(\text{Finn}, x) \rightarrow \text{eats}(\text{Finn}, x))$$

- Existential Quantifier**: represented by  $\exists$ , “for some”, “there exists”, “there is a”, or “for at least one”

- Conjunction** is the main connective

- E.g. “There exists some bird that doesn’t fly.”

$$\exists x(\text{bird}(x) \wedge \neg\text{flies}(x))$$

- E.g. “Every person has something that they love.”

$$\forall x(\text{person}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{ loves}(x, y))$$

# Quantifiers: Common Mistakes

- Using  $\wedge$  as the **main connective** with  $\forall$ :

- $\forall x(\text{likes}(\text{Finn}, x) \wedge \text{eats}(\text{Finn}, x))$

- Translates to: “Finn likes everything and eats everything.”
  - Intended: “Finn eats everything that he likes.”

- Using  $\rightarrow$  as the **main connective** with  $\exists$ :

- $\exists x(\text{bird}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{flies}(x))$

- Translation <sup>is</sup> very difficult, but this statement is only true if there is something other than a bird:
  - Intended: “There exists some bird that doesn’t fly.”

# Unary, Binary,.. N-ary Predicates

- Unary Predicates:
  - Involving properties of a single variable
    - $\forall x (\text{house}(x) \rightarrow \text{physical\_object}(x))$
    - “Every house is a physical object”
- Binary Predicate:
  - Involving properties of two variables
    - $\forall x,y (\text{Brother}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Sibling}(x,y))$
    - “Brothers are siblings.”
- Ternary and n-ary predicates are also possible

# Sentences with Quantifiers

- Brothers are siblings.
  - $\forall x,y (\text{Brother}(x,y) \rightarrow \text{Sibling}(x,y))$
- ‘Sibling’ is symmetric
  - $\forall x,y (\text{Sibling}(x,y) \Leftrightarrow \text{Sibling}(y,x))$
- One’s mother is one’s female parent
  - i.e. defining mother in terms of parentage
  - $\forall x,y (\text{Mother}(x,y) \Leftrightarrow (\text{Female}(x) \wedge \text{Parent}(x,y)))$
- A first cousin is a child of a parent’s sibling
  - i.e. defining ‘first cousin’ in terms of parentage and siblingship
  - $\forall x,y (\text{FirstCousin}(x,y) \Leftrightarrow \exists p,ps \text{ Parent}(p,x) \wedge \text{Sibling}(ps,p) \wedge \text{Parent}(ps,y))$

# Scope of a Variable in an Expression

- The scope of a variable is the sentence to which the quantifier syntactically applies

- Examples:

- $\exists x (\text{Cat}(x) \wedge \forall x (\text{Black}(x)))$

- The  $x$  in  $\text{Black}(x)$  is universally quantified, but elsewhere it's not
- "There is a cat that is all black"

- $\forall x ((\exists y) (\text{P}(x,y) \wedge \text{Q}(x,y)) \rightarrow \text{R}(x))$

- Scope of  $\forall x$  is entire expression
- Scope of  $\exists y$  is  $(\text{P}(x,y) \wedge \text{Q}(x,y))$

- $\forall x (\text{P}(x,y) \rightarrow (\exists y) \text{Q}(x,y))$

- Scope of  $\forall x$  is entire expression
- Scope of  $y$  not defined for  $\text{P}(x,y)$  hence  $y$  is a free variable

# Bound vs Free Variables

- Variables are bound or free based on their connection to some quantifier
- **Bound variable**: a variable is in the scope of some quantifier
  - Variables can be given specific values (as constants) or can be constrained by quantifiers
  - $\forall x (A(x) \rightarrow B(x))$
  - $x$  is bound by  $\forall$
  - A **formula** (wff) with **no free variables** is called a **closed formula**, a **sentence**, or a **proposition**, and has a **truth value**
- **Free variable**: any variable that is not bound by a quantifier
  - To evaluate the formula the free variable must be replaced by an object/value
  - $\forall x ((\exists y A(x,y)) \rightarrow B(z))$
  - Such an expression is simply a **formula**

# Ground and Closed Formulas

- Ground Formula:

- A formula F is **ground** if it does not contain variables
- Example:
  - Fish (Nemo)

- Closed Formula:

- A formula F is **closed** if it does not contain free variables
- Examples:
  - $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow G(x))$  (closed, not ground)
  - $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow G(y, x))$  (not closed, not ground)

# Negation of Quantification

- Be aware of how to translate negations of quantification
- Negation of a universal quantification becomes an existential quantification, and vice versa
- “Everything is beautiful”  $\forall x P(x)$
- “Not everything is beautiful”  $\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$ 
  - “There is at least something that is not beautiful”
- “It is not the case that something is beautiful”  $\neg \exists x P(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$ 
  - “Everything is not beautiful”
  - “Nothing is beautiful”

**De Morgan:**

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg P \vee \neg Q$$

$$\neg(P \vee Q) \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

# Uniqueness Quantification

- Sometimes we want to say that there is a single, unique object that satisfies a certain condition (i.e. only one)
- “There exists a unique  $x$  such that  $\text{king}(x)$  is true”
  - How is this done with our existing operators and connectives?
    - $\exists x \text{ king}(x) \wedge \forall y (\text{king}(y) \rightarrow x=y)$
    - $\exists x \text{ king}(x) \wedge \neg \exists y (\text{king}(y) \wedge x \neq y)$
  - How is this done with a uniqueness quantification?
    - $\exists! x \text{ king}(x)$
- “Every country has exactly one ruler”
  - $\forall c (\text{country}(c) \rightarrow \exists! r \text{ ruler}(c,r))$
- Iota operator: “ $\text{i } x P(x)$ ” means “the unique  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  is true”
  - “The unique ruler of Freedonia is dead”
  - $\text{dead}(\text{i } x \text{ ruler(freedonia,}x\text{))}$

# Equality (=)

- Not strictly the same as equivalence!
  - $(=)$  vs  $(\equiv)$
- Equality indicates that two terms refer to the same objects

- Examples:
  - Consider the function:  $\text{father}(\text{John})$ 
    - $\text{father}(\text{John}) = \text{Henry}$
    - This function refers to the same object as the constant Henry

- $\exists x, y (\text{Brother}(x, \text{Richard}) \wedge \text{Brother}(y, \text{Richard}) \wedge \neg(x=y))$ 
  - “Richard has at least two brothers”

# Precedence

- The quantifiers  $\forall$  and  $\exists$  have **higher precedence** than all logical operators from propositional calculus
- Then other connectives as in predicate logic
- As in propositional logic use **parentheses** to disambiguate

Operator	Precedence
$\neg$	1
$\wedge$	2
$\vee$	3
$\rightarrow$	4
$\leftrightarrow$	5

# Translation Practice Examples

“Every gardener likes the sun.”

$$\forall x (\text{gardener}(x) \rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{Sun}))$$

“You can fool some of the people all of the time.”

$$\exists x \forall y (\text{person}(x) \wedge \text{time}(y) \rightarrow \text{can\_fool}(x, y))$$

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Equivalent

“All purple mushrooms are poisonous.”

$$\forall x (\text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{purple}(x)) \rightarrow \text{poisonous}(x)$$

“No purple mushroom is poisonous.”

$$\neg \exists x (\text{purple}(x) \wedge \text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{poisonous}(x))$$

$$\forall x ((\text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{purple}(x)) \rightarrow \neg \text{poisonous}(x))$$

Equivalent

“There are exactly two purple mushrooms.”

$$\exists x \exists y (\text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{purple}(x) \wedge \text{mushroom}(y) \wedge \text{purple}(y) \wedge \neg(x=y) \wedge \forall z \\ (\text{mushroom}(z) \wedge \text{purple}(z)) \rightarrow ((x=z) \vee (y=z)))$$

# Predicate Logic Equivalence

# Return to Equivalence

- All logical equivalences defined in propositional logic still hold in FOL

Distributivity:

$$\begin{aligned} P \wedge (Q \vee R) &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R), \\ P \vee (Q \wedge R) &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R) \end{aligned}$$

Bi-implication:

$$P \Leftrightarrow Q \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} (P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$$

Associativity:

$$\begin{aligned} (P \wedge Q) \wedge R &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \wedge (Q \wedge R), \\ (P \vee Q) \vee R &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \vee (Q \vee R), \\ (P \Leftrightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow R &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \\ &P \Leftrightarrow (Q \Leftrightarrow R) \end{aligned}$$

True/False-elimination:

$$\begin{aligned} P \wedge \text{True} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P, \\ P \wedge \text{False} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{False}, \\ P \vee \text{True} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{True}, \\ P \vee \text{False} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \end{aligned}$$

Inversion:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg \text{True} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{False}, \\ \neg \text{False} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

Double Negation:

$$\neg \neg P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P$$

De Morgan:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(P \wedge Q) &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg P \vee \neg Q, \\ \neg(P \vee Q) &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg P \wedge \neg Q \end{aligned}$$

Contraposition:

$$P \Rightarrow Q \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

Commutativity:

$$\begin{aligned} P \wedge Q &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} Q \wedge P, \\ P \vee Q &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} Q \vee P, \\ P \Leftrightarrow Q &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} Q \Leftrightarrow P \end{aligned}$$

Idempotence:

$$\begin{aligned} P \wedge P &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P, \\ P \vee P &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction:

$$P \wedge \neg P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{False}$$

Excluded Middle:

$$P \vee \neg P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{True}$$

Negation:

$$\neg P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \Rightarrow \text{False}$$

Implication:

$$P \Rightarrow Q \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg P \vee Q$$

Self-equivalence:

$$P \Leftrightarrow P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{True}$$

Absorption Laws

$$\begin{aligned} p \vee (p \wedge q) &\equiv p \\ p \wedge (p \vee q) &\equiv p \end{aligned}$$

- However, there are additional rules for formulas containing quantifiers

# Equivalence in FOL

- Statements involving predicates and quantifiers are logically equivalent iff they have the same truth value no matter which:
  - Predicates are substituted into these statements
  - Domain of discourse is used for the variables in these propositional functions

- Applying the previous propositional equivalences

- Outside a propositional function with quantifier:

$$\neg\neg(\forall x A(x)) \equiv (\forall x A(x))$$

Double Negation:  
 $\neg\neg P \stackrel{val}{=} P$

- Inside the scope of a quantifier:

$$\forall x (\neg\neg P(x)) \equiv \forall x (P(x))$$

$$\forall x \exists y (A(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \equiv \forall x \exists y (\neg B(y) \rightarrow \neg A(x))$$

Contraposition:  
 $P \Rightarrow Q \stackrel{val}{=} \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$

- But be careful not to assume too much here
  - Check equivalence rules first!

# Basic Equivalences with Quantifiers

- Formulas are logically equivalent if they differ in:
  - The name of variables in the scope of quantifiers
    - $\forall x P(x) \equiv \forall y P(y)$
  - Addition or elimination of quantifiers whose variable does not occur in their scope
    - $\forall x P(x) \equiv P(y)$
  - The order of quantifiers of the same kind (nested quantifiers)
    - $\forall x \forall y P(x,y) \equiv \forall y \forall x P(x,y) \equiv \forall y,x P(x,y)$

# Equivalence of Nested Quantifiers

- $\forall x \forall y P(x,y) \equiv \forall y \forall x P(x,y)$

- $\forall x \forall y Loves(x,y) \equiv \forall y \forall x Loves(x,y)$ 
    - “Everyone in the world loves everyone in the world”

- $\exists x \exists y P(x,y) \equiv \exists y \exists x P(x,y)$

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- $\forall x \exists y P(x,y)$  is not the same as  $\forall y \exists x P(x,y)$

- $\forall x \exists y \text{ Loves}(x,y)$ 
  - “Everyone in the world loves at least one person”

- $\forall y \exists x \text{ Loves}(x,y)$ 
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# Equivalence of Negated Quatification

- Saw these first two earlier...

**De Morgan:**

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) \stackrel{val}{=} \neg P \vee \neg Q$$

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- From De Morgan's laws:

- $\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$

“Someone doesn’t love Finn”

- $\neg \exists x P(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$

“Everyone doesn’t love Finn”

- Related Equalities

- $\forall x \neg P(x) \equiv \neg \exists x P(x)$

“No one loves Finn”

- $\forall x P(x) \equiv \neg \exists x \neg P(x)$

“Everyone loves Finn”

- $\exists x P(x) \equiv \neg \forall x \neg P(x)$

“Someone loves Finn”

# Other Equivalences with Quantifiers

- Trivial Conjunctions

- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$

- “All things are and were”

- $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$

- “Some things are or were”

- However:

- $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \not\equiv \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$

- $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \not\equiv \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$

# Predicate Logic Semantics

# Interpretation vs Model

- An **interpretation** specifies/assigns/instantiates the meaning and values of a formula's **signature** given a **domain**
- The **signature** includes all non-logical symbols
  - Predicates
  - Constants
  - Functions
- This yields a proposition with a corresponding truth value
- A **model** is an interpretation that **satisfies** a sentence

# Domain of Predicate Variables

- The **domain** ( $\mathcal{U}$ ) is the **set** of all possible values that the variable may take
  - E.g.  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  ...or...  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathbb{R}\}$  (i.e. all real numbers)
  - Each predicate variable may have different domains
- Example:
  - Given predicate,  $P(x, y) = "x > y"$
  - $\mathcal{U} = \{\text{all integers}\}$
  - Instantiated:
    - $P(4, 3)$  means “ $4 > 3$ ”, so **TRUE**
    - $P(1, 2)$  means “ $1 > 2$ ”, so **FALSE**
- Can explicitly define the domain in a formula:
  - i.e. **Conditional quantification**
  - $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) P(x)$ 
    - i.e. the domain is the **set** of all real numbers
- A predicate **instantiated** is a **proposition**
  - Where variables are evaluated with specific values

# Sets

- A **set** { } is a well defined collection of objects
- The elements of a set, i.e. **members**, can be anything:
  - Numbers, people, letters of the alphabet, other sets, etc
- Sets A and B are equal **iff** they have precisely the same elements
- Sets are “abstract objects”:
  - They don’t occupy time or space, or have causal powers even if their members do

# Substitution

- Replacement of a formula's **signature** with objects or values from the **domain**
- Important part of determining formula truth needed for inference in FOL
- Example:
  - $\forall x (\text{Fish}(x) \rightarrow \text{Swim}(x)), \text{ Fish(Nemo)}$
  - To determine if Nemo can swim we must replace every occurrence of the variable  $x$  in the implication by the term Nemo (an object from the real world)
  - $\forall x (\text{Fish}(\text{Nemo}) \rightarrow \text{Swim}(\text{Nemo}))$
  - Now we can evaluate truth
- Formally, **substitution** takes place **within each atomic sentence**
  - **Only applies to free variables** within each atomic sentence
    - Ignore bindings from the sentence, as a whole, in determining 'free variables' here
  - Substitution is formally denoted here by:  $\text{Fish}[\text{Nemo}/x]$

# Quantifiers as Conjunctions/Disjunctions

- If the domain is finite then:
  - Universal/existential quantifiers can be expressed by conjunctions/disjunctions
- If the domain  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then...
  - $\forall x P(x) = P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3) \wedge P(4)$
  - $\exists x P(x) = P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4)$
- If the domains are infinite the equivalent expressions without quantifiers will be infinitely long
- Helpful when considering sentence truthfulness
  - Consider:  $P(x) = x^2 < 10$

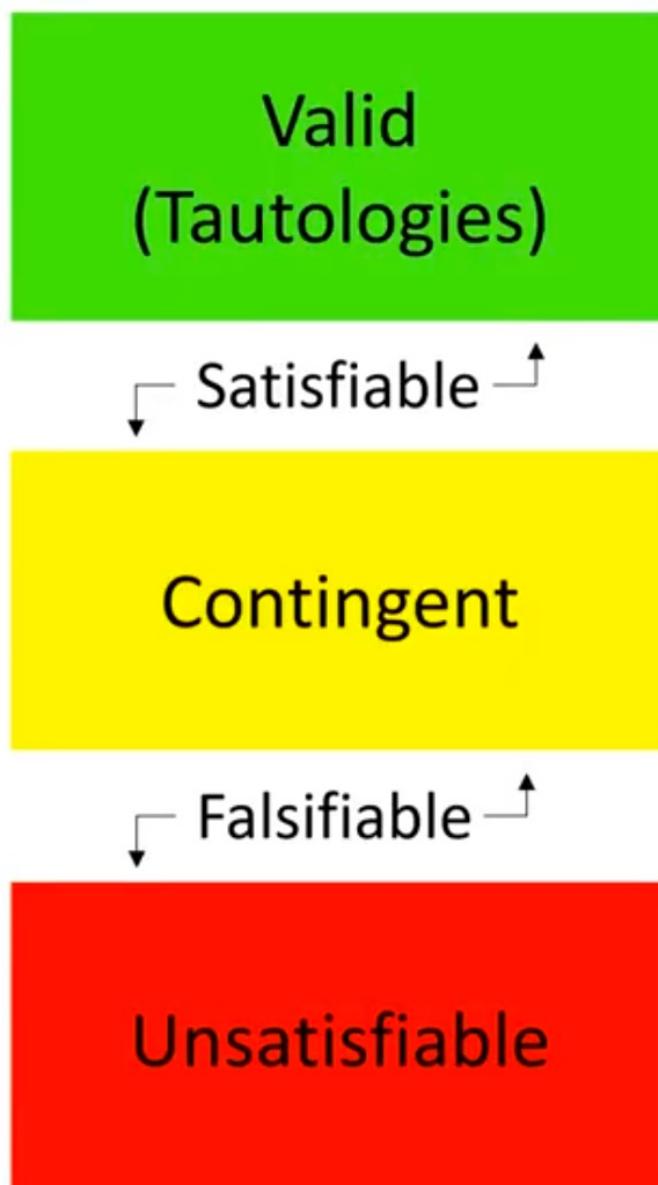
# Sentence Satisfiability

- A sentence in predicate calculus is **satisfiable** **iff** it is true for:
  - Some **domain**
  - Some **propositional function substituted for the predicates** in the sentence
- An element (e.g.  $x$ ) for which makes a sentence false is called a **counterexample**
- Satisfiable example:
  - $\forall x \exists y P(x,y)$
- **Unsatisfiable/inconsistent** (no model) example:
  - $\forall x (P(x) \wedge \neg P(x))$
  - Can never be true

# Sentence Validity

- A sentence in predicate calculus is **valid** if it is true in every interpretation
  - iff it is true for
    - All domains
    - Every propositional function substituted for the predicates in the sentence
  - It is true for all rows of the truth table
- Valid sentences in predicate logic play a role similar to **tautologies** in propositional logic
  - However they are referred to as **first order validity**

# Properties of Abstract Propositions



- Every interpretation is satisfied (i.e. True)
- Some interpretations satisfy it but others don't
- No interpretations are satisfied

# Tautology in Propositional Logic

- An abstract proposition that is always true



- Example:
  - This course is easy 'and' this course is not easy

$$p \vee (\neg p) \equiv T$$

- Truth table column is always True
  - (0 = False, 1 = True)

$a$	$b$	$b \Rightarrow a$	$a \Rightarrow (b \Rightarrow a)$
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1

# First-Order Validity in Predicate Logic

- A first-order predicate logic sentence is **first order valid** if it is satisfied for every interpretation

$$\forall x.P(x) \rightarrow \exists x.P(x);$$

$$\forall x.P(x) \rightarrow P(c);$$

$$P(c) \rightarrow \exists x.P(x);$$

$$\forall x(P(x) \leftrightarrow \neg\neg P(x));$$

$$\forall x(\neg(P_1(x) \wedge P_2(x)) \leftrightarrow (\neg P_1(x) \vee \neg P_2(x))).$$

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**TABLE 1** Quantifications of Two Variables.

Statement	When True?	When False?
$\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$ $\forall y \forall x P(x, y)$	$P(x, y)$ is true for every pair $x, y$ .	There is a pair $x, y$ for which $P(x, y)$ is false.
$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$	For every $x$ there is a $y$ for which $P(x, y)$ is true.	There is an $x$ such that $P(x, y)$ is false for every $y$ .
$\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$	There is an $x$ for which $P(x, y)$ is true for every $y$ .	For every $x$ there is a $y$ for which $P(x, y)$ is false.
$\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$ $\exists y \exists x P(x, y)$	There is a pair $x, y$ for which $P(x, y)$ is true.	$P(x, y)$ is false for every pair $x, y$ .

# How to Determine Truth Value?

- Systematic approaches:
  - Method of exhaustion
  - Method of case
  - Method of logic derivation

# Method of Exhaustion

- If the domain contains a small number of elements, try them all!

- Let  $D=\{5,6,7,8,9\}$ . Is  $\exists x \in D, x^2=x$  true or false?
  - $5^2=25 \neq 5$ ,  $6^2=36 \neq 6$ ,  $7^2=49 \neq 7$ ,  $8^2=64 \neq 8$ ,  $9^2=81 \neq 9$
  - So, false!



- Limitation?
  - Domain may be too large to try out all options
    - E.g., all integers

# Method of Case

- Realization: we can't hope to exhaustively search a domain
  - Positive examples to prove existential quantification
  - Let  $Z$  denote all integers. Is  $\exists x \in Z, x^2 = x$  true or false?
    - Take  $x = 0$  or  $1$  and we have it. True.
  - Counterexample to disprove universal quantification
  - Let  $R$  denote all reals. Is  $\forall x \in R, x^2 > x$  true or false?
    - Take  $x=0.3$  as a counterexample. False.

Positive example is **not** a proof of universal quantification

Negative example **is not** disproof of existential quantification

May be **hard** to find suitable “cases” even if such cases do exist!

# Method of Logical Derivation

- This method consists of using logical steps to transform one logical expression into another

Consider an (arbitrary) domain with  $n$  members. Is  
 $\exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  logically equivalent to  $\exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$  ?

$$\exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

$$\equiv [P(x_1) \vee Q(x_1)] \vee \dots \vee [P(x_n) \vee Q(x_n)]$$

$$\equiv [P(x_1) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n)] \vee [Q(x_1) \vee \dots \vee Q(x_n)]$$

$$\equiv \exists xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x)$$

# Undecidability of Satisfiability/Validity

- There does not exist any algorithm (no computer program) that decides whether a first-order predicate logic sentence is satisfiable
  - i.e., for input sentence  $G$  outputs “Yes” if  $G$  is satisfiable and “No” if  $G$  is not satisfiable
- Similarly there is no computer program that decides whether a given computer program  $P$  halts for a given input number  $n$ 
  - Called undecidability of the halting problem

# Summary of FOL Representation

- What is Predicate Logic?
- Predicate Logic Syntax
  - Constants
  - Variables
  - **Predicates**
  - Functions
  - Equality
  - **Quantifiers**
  - Bound vs Free Variables
  - Translating from natural text to FOL
- Predicate Logic Equivalence
  - **How does equivalence differ** between propositional and FOL?
  - Focus on universal and existential quantifiers
- Predicate Logic Semantics
  - Interpretations and models
  - Satisfiability, validity, and truthfulness
  - How to determine truth in FOL?