

Predicate Logic

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● Propositional logic disadvantages

- Too coarse to describe properties of objects
- Cannot express relations among two or more entities
- Incapable of representing statements most often used in mathematics

■ Example:

All CMSC 56 students have passed MATH 17.

Paul is a CMSC 56 student.

Therefore, Paul must have passed MATH 17.

Valid or invalid argument???

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● Features of Predicate Logic

- Predicate Logic extends the expressiveness of propositional logic by also considering:
 - ◆ subject or individual
 - ◆ an object's meaning or characteristic

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● Basic Terms and Concepts

DEFN. A declarative sentence is an **open proposition** if

- it contains one or more variables
- it is not a proposition
- it becomes a (closed) proposition when the variables in it are replaced by certain allowable choices.

Examples:

- ◆ *He* is a singer and *she* is not a pianist.
- ◆ $x \in Q$ (x is a rational number).

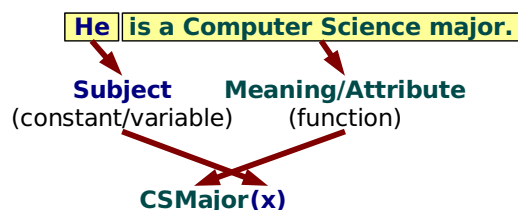
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● Basic Terms and Concepts

■ NOTATION:

Notice form of (open) proposition:



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● Basic Terms and Concepts

■ NOTATION:

variable: lower case letters

constant: name of person/thing

attribute: upper case letters or capitalized words

Examples:

- ◆ Francis is a teacher.
- ◆ He is a student.
- ◆ x is a negative integer.
- ◆ Joe likes Kathleen.
- ◆ If x is odd then x is not a multiple of 2.
- ◆ Poochie is not a dog but a python.

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Quantifiers in Predicate Logic

Universal Quantifier

- x "for all x "
"for each x "
"for every x "
- $(\forall x)(\forall y)$ or $\forall x, y$ "for all x and y "

Example:

"All things are beautiful."

$(\forall x)\text{Beautiful}(x)$ or $(\forall x)B(x)$

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Quantifiers in Predicate Logic

Existential Quantifier

- x "there exists an x (such that)"
"for some x "
"for at least one x "
- $(\exists x)(\exists y)$ or $\exists x, y$ "for some x and y "

Example:

"Some things are beautiful."

$(\exists x)\text{Beautiful}(x)$ or $(\exists x)B(x)$

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Quantifiers in Predicate Logic

- Universe** or **universe of discourse** is the collection of allowable choices for the variable x .
- If x is a variable and F is a sentence, then $(\forall x) F$ and $(\exists x) F$ are sentences and F is called the **scope** (of the quantifier).

Example:

Everyone is a college student and is at least 15 years old and he is an instructor.

$(\forall x)[S(x) \wedge F(x)] \wedge I(y)$

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Syntax & Semantics of Predicate Logic

Syntax

- Any simple open proposition (e.g. $P(x)$) is a valid open proposition.
- If P and Q are valid propositions, then the following are also valid (open) propositions:
 $\neg P, P \vee Q, P \wedge Q, P \rightarrow Q,$
 $(\forall x) P(x)$ and $(\exists x) P(x)$
- All valid (open) propositions generated from a finite number of the above.

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Syntax & Semantics of Predicate Logic

Semantics

Examples

Are each of the following quantified statements true or false?

- All fish live in salt water.
False
- Some people cannot read.
True
- For all real numbers $x, x - 1 < x$.
True
- Some people have horns.
False

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Syntax & Semantics of Predicate Logic

Semantics

- $(\forall x) F$ is true if F is true for all x in the universe.
- $(\forall x) F$ is false if F is false for at least one x in the universe.
- $(\exists x) F$ is true if F is true for at least one x in the universe.
- $(\exists x) F$ is false if F is false for all x in the universe.

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● Translating Quantified Statements

■ Preliminary exercises in translation

Restate the following so that a quantifier is clearly used:

- No UP student is not intelligent.
- Not all people can walk.

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● Translating to Symbolic Form

1. All students can read.
2. Some children are tall.
3. Not all students are 15 years old.

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● Translating to Symbolic Form

4. Nothing is perfect.
5. Some musicians can sing but cannot dance.
6. No chef is thin and malnourished.
7. Mike loves some things.

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● Translating to Symbolic Form

8. Lizzy and Willy like each other.
9. Tina bakes cookies only.
10. Tina bakes all cookies.
11. Some girls bake cookies only.

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● Translating to Symbolic Form

12. Some men fix some cars.
13. Some men fix all cars.
14. All teens drink softdrinks only.
15. All roses and jasmines are fragrant.

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● Translating to Symbolic Form

16. All children cannot fly.
17. Some people cannot talk.
18. Not all birds are flightless.
19. Manuel, a musician, is neither tone deaf nor a pianist.
20. Some integers greater than ten are even integers.
21. All old computers are slow.
22. Some movies are either too long or boring.
24. All dogs who are pets are housebroken.
25. All teens drink sugarless softdrinks only.
26. All teens do not drink fruit juices.

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● Translating to Symbolic Form

Some remarks:

- Common (but not necessarily universal) patterns:
 - ◆ $(\forall x)$ followed by an *implication*
 - ◆ $(\exists x)$ followed by an *conjunction*
- Order of writing a combination of \forall and \exists is *important*.

Example:

Consider the meanings of the following:

- $(\forall x)(\exists y)$ [y is the mother of x]
- $(\exists y)(\forall x)$ [y is the mother of x]