

# Predicate Logic

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# From Propositional Logic to Predicate Logic

## Example

- 1 Wherever Ankush goes, so does the pet dog. Ankush goes to school. So, the dog goes to school.
- 2 No contractors are dependable. Some engineers are contractors. Therefore, some engineers are not dependable.
- 3 All actresses are graceful. Anushka is a dancer. Anushka is an actress. Therefore, some dancers are graceful.
- 4 Every passenger either travels in first class or second class. Each passenger is in second class if and only if he or she is not wealthy. Some passengers are wealthy. Not all passengers are wealthy. Therefore, some passengers travel in second class.

## Propositional Logic Insufficiency

- **Quantifications:** 'some', 'none', 'all', 'every', 'wherever' etc.
- **Associations:** 'x goes to some place y', 'z travels in first class' etc.

# Predicate Logic Argument Formulation

## Example

Wherever Ankush goes, so does the pet dog. Ankush goes to school. So, the dog goes to school.

## Formal Constructs and Fundamentals

Following are the representational extensions made in First-Order Logic (Predicate Logic) over Propositional Logic constructs:

**New Additions:** Variables (for e.g.,  $x, y$ ) and Constants (for e.g., Ankush, Dog)

**Functional Symbols:** Functional constructs returning Non-Boolean values (for e.g.,  $\text{Age}(x)$  indicates 'the age of  $x$ ')

**Predicate Symbols:** Constructs indicating associations having Boolean outcomes (for e.g.,  $\text{goes}(x, y)$  indicates 'x goes to the place y')

**Connectors:** Well-defined connectors, such as,  $\neg$  (negation),  $\wedge$  (conjunction),  $\vee$  (disjunction),  $\rightarrow$  (implication),  $\leftrightarrow$  (if and only if) etc.

**Quantifiers:** Existential ( $\exists$ , i.e. there exists) and Universal ( $\forall$ , i.e. for all)

# Predicate Logic Argument Formulation: *Example-1*

## Example

Wherever Ankush goes, so does the pet dog. Ankush goes to school. So, the dog goes to school.

## Logical Formulation

Variables:  $x$  and  $y$

Constants: Ankush, Dog and School

Predicate:  $\text{goes}(x, y)$ :  $x$  goes to  $y$

Formula:

$$F_1 : \forall x (\text{goes}(\text{Ankush}, x) \rightarrow \text{goes}(\text{Dog}, x))$$

$$F_2 : \text{goes}(\text{Ankush}, \text{School})$$

$$G : \text{goes}(\text{Dog}, \text{School})$$

Requirement: To prove whether  $(F_1 \wedge F_2) \rightarrow G$  is **valid**

# Predicate Logic Argument Formulation: *Example-2*

## Example

No contractors are dependable. Some engineers are contractors. Therefore, some engineers are not dependable.

## Logical Formulation

**Predicates:** Assuming the variable as  $x$ .

$\text{contractor}(x)$  :  $x$  is a contractor  
 $\text{dependable}(x)$  :  $x$  is dependable  
 $\text{engineer}(x)$  :  $x$  is an engineer

**Formula:**

$F_1$  :  $\forall x (\text{contractor}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{dependable}(x))$   
(Alt.) :  $\neg \exists x (\text{contractor}(x) \wedge \text{dependable}(x))$   
 $F_2$  :  $\exists x (\text{engineer}(x) \wedge \text{contractor}(x))$   
(Alt.) :  $\exists x (\text{engineer}(x) \rightarrow \text{contractor}(x)) \wedge \exists x \text{engineer}(x)$   
 $G$  :  $\exists x (\text{engineer}(x) \wedge \neg \text{dependable}(x))$

**Requirement:** To prove whether  $(F_1 \wedge F_2) \rightarrow G$  is **valid**

# Predicate Logic Argument Formulation: *Example-3*

## Example

All actresses are graceful. Anushka is a dancer. Anushka is an actress. Therefore, some dancers are graceful.

## Logical Formulation

**Predicates:** Assuming the variable as  $x$ .

$\text{actress}(x)$  :  $x$  is an actress  
 $\text{graceful}(x)$  :  $x$  is graceful  
 $\text{dancer}(x)$  :  $x$  is a dancer

**Formula:**

$F_1 : \forall x (\text{actress}(x) \rightarrow \text{graceful}(x))$   
 $F_2 : \text{dancer}(\text{Anushka})$   
 $F_3 : \text{actress}(\text{Anushka})$   
 $G : \exists x (\text{dancer}(x) \wedge \text{graceful}(x))$

**Requirement:** To prove whether  $(F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge F_3) \rightarrow G$  is **valid**

# Predicate Logic Argument Formulation: *Example-4*

## Example

Every passenger either travels in first class or second class. Each passenger is in second class if and only if he or she is not wealthy. Some passengers are wealthy. Not all passengers are wealthy. Therefore, some passengers travel in second class.

## Logical Formulation

**Predicates:** Assuming the variable as  $x$ .

$\text{pass}(x)$  :  $x$  is a passenger  
 $\text{first}(x)$  :  $x$  travels in first class  
 $\text{scnd}(x)$  :  $x$  travels in second class  
 $\text{wlty}(x)$  :  $x$  is wealthy

**Formula:** To prove whether  $(F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge F_3 \wedge F_4) \rightarrow G$  is **valid**.

$F_1 : \forall x [\text{pass}(x) \rightarrow (\text{first}(x) \vee \text{scnd}(x))]$   
 $F_1 : \forall x [\text{pass}(x) \rightarrow ((\text{first}(x) \wedge \neg \text{scnd}(x)) \vee (\neg \text{first}(x) \wedge \text{scnd}(x)))]$   
 $F_2 : \forall x [\text{pass}(x) \rightarrow ((\text{scnd}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{wlty}(x)) \wedge (\neg \text{wlty}(x) \rightarrow \text{scnd}(x)))]$   
 $F_3 : \exists x [\text{pass}(x) \wedge \text{wlty}(x)]$        $F_4 : \neg \forall x [\text{pass}(x) \rightarrow \text{wlty}(x)]$   
 $G : \exists x [\text{pass}(x) \wedge \text{scnd}(x)]$       (Alt.)  $\exists x [\text{pass}(x) \wedge \neg \text{wlty}(x)]$

# Predicate Logic Constructs: Use of Quantifiers

## Example

- |   |                          |   |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| A | Everyone likes everyone. | $\forall x \forall y \text{ likes}(x, y)$   |
| B | Someone likes someone.   | $\exists x \exists y \text{ likes}(x, y)$   |
| C | Everyone likes someone.  | $\forall x (\exists y \text{ likes}(x, y))$ |
| D | Someone likes everyone.  | $\exists x (\forall y \text{ likes}(x, y))$ |

## Example

- |     |                                |   |
|-----|--------------------------------|---|
| i   | Everyone is liked by everyone. | $\forall y (\forall x \text{ likes}(x, y))$ |
| ii  | Someone is liked by someone.   | $\exists y (\exists x \text{ likes}(x, y))$ |
| iii | Someone is liked by everyone.  | $\exists y (\forall x \text{ likes}(x, y))$ |
| iv  | Everyone is liked by someone.  | $\forall y (\exists x \text{ likes}(x, y))$ |

**Note:** Active and Passive Voice statements in English are NOT logically similar!



# Predicate Logic Constructs: Use of Quantifiers

## Example

- 1 If everyone likes everyone, then someone likes everyone.  
 $(\forall x (\forall y \text{ likes}(x, y))) \rightarrow (\exists x (\forall y \text{ likes}(x, y)))$
- 2 If some person is liked by everyone, then that person likes himself/herself.  
 $\exists y ((\forall x \text{ likes}(x, y)) \rightarrow \text{likes}(y, y))$

## Some Notions over Quantifiers

**Contrapositive** of  $\forall x (p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$  :  $\forall x (\neg q(x) \rightarrow \neg p(x))$

**Converse** of  $\forall x (p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$  :  $\forall x (q(x) \rightarrow p(x))$

**Inverse** of  $\forall x (p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$  :  $\forall x (\neg p(x) \rightarrow \neg q(x))$

**Negation Law** : (DeMorgan's Principle)

- $\neg \forall x p(x) \equiv \exists x \neg p(x)$  [also written as,  $\neg \forall x p(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \neg p(x)$ ]
- $\neg \exists x p(x) \equiv \forall x \neg p(x)$  [also written as,  $\neg \exists x p(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \neg p(x)$ ]

(Intuitively,  $\forall x$  indicates  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i$  and  $\exists x$  indicates  $\bigvee_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i$ )

# Predicate Logic Constructs: Use of Function Symbols

## Example

- ❶ If  $x$  is greater than  $y$  and  $y$  is greater than  $z$ , then  $x$  is greater than  $z$ .

**Predicate:**  $gt(x, y)$  denotes ' $x$  is greater than  $y$ '

**Formula:**  $\forall x \forall y \forall z (gt(x, y) \wedge gt(y, z) \rightarrow gt(x, z))$

- ❷ The age of a person is greater than the age of his/her child.

**Function Symbol:**  $Age(x)$  denotes 'age of the person  $x$ '

**Predicate:**  $child(x, y)$  denotes ' $x$  is a child of  $y$ '

**Formula:**  $\forall x \forall y (child(x, y) \rightarrow gt(Age(y), Age(x)))$

- ❸ The age of a person is greater than the age of his/her grandchild.

**Formula:**  $\forall x \forall y \forall z ((child(x, y) \wedge child(y, z)) \rightarrow gt(Age(z), Age(x)))$

- ❹ The sum of ages of two children are never more than or equal to the sum of ages of their parents.

**Function Symbol:**  $sum(x, y)$  denotes 'sum of  $x$  and  $y$ , i.e.  $(x+y)$ '

**Formula:**  $\forall w \forall x \forall y \forall z ((child(w, y) \wedge child(w, z) \wedge child(x, y) \wedge child(x, z)) \rightarrow (gt(sum(Age(y), Age(z)), sum(Age(w), Age(x))))$

# Predicate Logic Constructs: Equivalence and Implications

## Definitions

**Logical Equivalence:** Two predicates,  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are said to be *logically equivalent* when for each  $x = A$  in the universe,  $(p(A) \leftrightarrow q(A))$  holds. Formally, we express it as,  $\forall x (p(x) \leftrightarrow q(x))$ .

**Logical Implication:** A predicate,  $p(x)$  is said to *logically imply* another predicate  $q(x)$  when for each  $x = A$  in the universe,  $(p(A) \rightarrow q(A))$  holds. Formally, we express it as,  $\forall x (p(x) \Rightarrow q(x))$ .

## Some Logical Rules

- $\exists x (p(x) \wedge q(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x p(x) \wedge \exists x q(x))$
- $(\exists x p(x) \wedge \exists x q(x)) \not\Rightarrow \exists x (p(x) \wedge q(x))$
- $\exists x (p(x) \vee q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x p(x) \vee \exists x q(x))$  [distributed property of  $\exists$  over  $\vee$ ]
- $\forall x (p(x) \wedge q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x p(x) \wedge \forall x q(x))$  [distributed property of  $\forall$  over  $\wedge$ ]
- $(\forall x p(x) \vee \forall x q(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x (p(x) \vee q(x))$
- $\forall x (p(x) \vee q(x)) \not\Rightarrow (\forall x p(x) \vee \forall x q(x))$

# Predicate Logic Constructs: Syntax and Semantics

## Variables – Free / Bound (Scopes)

Variables are bounded under the scope of its immediately nested quantifier.

$\forall x \text{ pred}(x, y)$  :  $x$  is a bound variable and  $y$  is a free variable.

$\forall x (p(x, y) \wedge \exists z q(x, y, z, w))$  :  $x$  and  $z$  are bounded by  $\forall x$  and  $\exists z$ , respectively, whereas  $y$  and  $w$  in  $q(x, y, z, w)$  are free variables.

$\forall x (p(x, y) \wedge \exists y \exists z q(x, y, z, w))$  :  $x$  is bounded by  $\forall x$ , whereas  $y$  in  $p(x, y)$  is free. But, both  $y$  and  $z$  in  $q(x, y, z, w)$  is bounded by  $\exists y$  and  $\exists z$ , respectively, whereas  $w$  in  $q(x, y, z, w)$  is a free variable.

## Symbols – Functions / Predicates

- Propositional Symbols  $\mapsto$  Predicate Symbols (Boolean outcomes)
- Constant Symbols  $\mapsto$  Function Symbols (Value based outcomes)

## Quantification Eligibility of Variables and Symbols

Variables can be, but Symbols cannot be quantified in First-Order / Predicate Logic.

**Incorrect:**  $\exists p \forall x [p(x)]$  or  $\exists \text{Age} \forall x \exists y [\text{gt}(\text{Age}(x), \text{Age}(y))]$

# Predicate Logic: Terminologies

Constant Symbols:  $M, N, O, P, \dots$

Variable Symbols:  $x, y, z, w, \dots$

Function Symbols:  $F(x), G(x, y), H(x, y, z), \dots$

Predicate Symbols:  $p(x), q(x, y), r(x, y, z), \dots$

Connectors/Quantifiers:  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow$  and  $\exists, \forall$

**Terms:** Variables and Constant Symbols are Terms.

If  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k$  are Terms and  $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  is a Function Symbol, then  $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k)$  is a Term.

**Well-Formed Formula:** The WFF (or, simply **formula**) is recursively defined as:

- A proposition is a WFF.
- If  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k$  are Terms and  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  is a Predicate Symbol, then  $P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k)$  is a WFF.
- If  $F_1, F_2$  are WFFs, then  $\neg F_1, (F_1 \wedge F_2), (F_1 \vee F_2)$  and  $(F_1 \rightarrow F_2)$  are WFFs.
- If  $P(x, \dots)$  is a Predicate where  $x$  is a free variable, then  $\forall x P(x, \dots)$  and  $\exists x P(x, \dots)$  are WFFs.

# Predicate Logic: Interpretations and Inferencing

## Structures and Notions

**Domain,  $\mathcal{D}$ :** Set of elements/values specified for every interpretation

**Constants,  $C$ :** Get assigned values from given domains

**Functions,  $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ :** Mapping defined as,  $(\mathcal{D}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}_n) \mapsto \mathcal{D}$   
(For e.g., 'sum of x and y' =  $\text{sum}(x, y) : \text{Int} \times \text{Int} \mapsto \text{Int}$ )

**Predicates,  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ :** Mapping defined as,  $(\mathcal{D}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}_n) \mapsto \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$   
(For e.g., 'x is greater than y' =  $\text{gt}(x, y) : \text{Int} \times \text{Int} \mapsto \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$ )

## Formal Interpretations of a Formula

**Valid:** A **valid** formula is **true** for all interpretations.

**Invalid:** An **invalid** formula is **false** under at least one interpretation.

**Satisfiable:** A **satisfiable** formula is **true** under at least one interpretation.

**Unsatisfiable:** An **unsatisfiable** formula is **false** for all interpretations.

# Predicate Logic Deductions: Few Examples

## Example-1

$F_1 : \forall x (\text{goes}(\text{Ankush}, x) \rightarrow \text{goes}(\text{Dog}, x))$        $F_2 : \text{goes}(\text{Ankush}, \text{School})$   
 $G : \text{goes}(\text{Dog}, \text{School})$       **Query :** Is  $(F_1 \wedge F_2) \rightarrow G$  valid?

Let, the domain of variable  $x$  be  $\mathcal{D} = \{\text{School}, \text{Ground}, \text{Library}, \dots\}$ .

Hence, for  $x = \text{School}$ , we have,  $F'_1 : \text{goes}(\text{Ankush}, \text{School}) \rightarrow \text{goes}(\text{Dog}, \text{School})$ .

**Inferencing:**  $\frac{F'_1}{F'_2}, \text{ i.e. } \frac{\text{goes}(\text{Ankush}, \text{School}) \rightarrow \text{goes}(\text{Dog}, \text{School})}{\text{goes}(\text{Ankush}, \text{School})} \quad \frac{\text{goes}(\text{Ankush}, \text{School})}{\therefore \text{goes}(\text{Dog}, \text{School})}$  (implying  $(F_1 \wedge F_2) \rightarrow G$  as **valid**)

## Example-2

$F_1 : \forall x (\text{contractor}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{dependable}(x))$   
 $F_2 : \exists x (\text{engineer}(x) \wedge \text{contractor}(x))$   
 $G : \exists x (\text{engineer}(x) \wedge \neg \text{dependable}(x))$       **Query :** Is  $(F_1 \wedge F_2) \rightarrow G$  valid?

Here, let for  $x = A$ , we can produce,  $\frac{F'_1}{F'_2} : \frac{\text{contractor}(A) \rightarrow \neg \text{dependable}(A)}{\text{engineer}(A) \wedge \text{contractor}(A)}$ .

We can prove,  $G' : \text{engineer}(A) \wedge \neg \text{dependable}(A)$ , implying  $(F_1 \wedge F_2) \rightarrow G$  as **valid**.

**Inferencing:**  $\frac{F'_1}{F'_2}, \text{ because } \frac{\text{contractor}(A) \rightarrow \neg \text{dependable}(A)}{\text{engineer}(A) \wedge \text{contractor}(A)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\text{engineer}(A) \wedge \text{contractor}(A)}{\neg \text{dependable}(A)} \quad \therefore \text{engineer}(A) \wedge \neg \text{dependable}(A)$ .

# Predicate Logic: Inferencing and Deduction Rules

## Rule of Universal Specification

### Base Rule:

- If  $\forall x \, p(x)$  is true, then  $p(A)$  is true for each element  $A$  from the domain of  $x$ .
- If  $\exists x \, p(x)$  is true, then  $p(A)$  is true for at least one element  $A$  from the domain of  $x$ .

### Few Derived Rules:

$$\frac{\forall x \, [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)] \quad p(A)}{\therefore q(A)} \quad (\text{Modus Ponens})$$

$$\frac{\forall x \, [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)] \quad \neg q(A)}{\therefore \neg p(A)} \quad (\text{Modus Tollens})$$

$$\frac{\forall x \, [(p(x) \vee q(x)) \rightarrow \neg r(x)] \quad r(A)}{\therefore \neg p(A)}$$

## Rule of Universal Generalization

**Base Rule:** If  $\forall x \, p(x)$  is true, then  $p(c)$  is true for an arbitrarily chosen element  $c$  from the domain of  $x$ .

### Few Derived Rules:

$$\frac{\forall x \, [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)] \quad \forall x \, [q(x) \rightarrow r(x)]}{\therefore \forall x \, [p(x) \rightarrow r(x)]} \quad (\text{Universal Syllogism})$$

$$\frac{\forall x \, [p(x) \vee q(x)] \quad \forall x \, [(\neg p(x) \wedge q(x)) \rightarrow r(x)]}{\therefore \forall x \, [\neg r(x) \rightarrow p(x)]}$$



# Limitations of Predicate Logic

**Note:** Predicate Logic can model **any computable** function.

## Extensions to Predicate Logic

**Higher-Order Logics:** Can also quantify symbols along with quantifying variables.

$$\forall p ((p(0) \wedge (\forall x (p(x) \rightarrow p(S(x)))) \rightarrow \forall y (p(y)))$$

[ **Guess what this formula expresses?** Hint: A Math Theorem! ]

**Temporal Logics:** Can also relate two time universes using additional constructs, such as, **next, future, always, until**.

## Unsolvable Problem Specifications

**Russell's Paradox:** The barber shaves all those who do not shave themselves. Does the barber shave himself?

- There is a single barber in the town.
- Those and only those who do not shave themselves are shaved by the barber.
- Then, who shaves the barber? **Undecidable!**

# Thank You!