

## Quiz 17/12 Answers

### COGS 526

1. [5pts] Translate to first-order logic:

- “Either John found something, or John lost something.” (Symbolize “John”, “ $x$  found  $y$ ” and “ $x$  lost  $y$ ”.)
  - $j'$ : John
  - $F(x, y)$ :  $x$  found  $y$
  - $L(x, y)$ :  $x$  lost  $y$
  - (a) John found something:  $\exists x.F(j', x)$
  - (b) John lost something:  $\exists x.L(j', x)$

The final logical formula is the disjunction of (a) and (b):

$$\exists x.F(j', x) \vee \exists y.L(j', y)$$

- “Either John found something, or John found nothing.”

- (a) John found something:  $\exists x.F(j', x)$
- (b) John found nothing:  $\forall x.\neg F(j', x)$

The final logical formula is the disjunction of (a) and (b):

$$\exists x.F(j', x) \vee \forall y.\neg F(j', y)$$

**Interpretation:** “Either there exists something that John found, or for everything, John did not find it.”

NOTE:  $\forall x.\neg F(j', x)$  is logically equivalent to  $\neg\exists x.F(j', x)$  (There does not exist a thing that John found.)

- “Every man gave some kid every toy.” (Symbolize “ $x$  is a man”, “ $x$  is a kid”, “ $x$  is a toy”, and “ $x$  gave  $y$  to  $z$ ”.)
  - $M(x)$ :  $x$  is a man
  - $K(x)$ :  $x$  is a kid
  - $T(x)$ :  $x$  is a toy

–  $G(x, y, z)$ :  $x$  gave  $y$  to  $z$

$$\forall x.(M(x) \rightarrow \exists y.(K(y) \wedge \forall z.(T(z) \rightarrow G(x, z, y))))$$

**Interpretation:** “For every  $x$ , if  $x$  is a man, then there exists a  $y$  such that  $y$  is a kid, and for every  $z$ , if  $z$  is a toy, then  $x$  gave  $z$  to  $y$ .”

- “At least one tree isn’t climbed up by every cat in a garden.” (Symbolize “ $x$  is a tree”, “ $x$  is a cat”, “ $x$  is a garden”, and “ $x$  climbed up  $y$  in  $z$ ”.)

–  $T(x)$ :  $x$  is a tree

–  $C(x)$ :  $x$  is a cat

–  $G(x)$ :  $x$  is a garden

–  $Climb(x, y, z)$ :  $x$  climbed up  $y$  in  $z$

$$\exists x.(T(x) \wedge \exists y.(G(y) \wedge \neg\forall z.(C(z) \rightarrow Climb(z, x, y))))$$

**Interpretation:** “There exists a tree ( $x$ ) and there exists a garden ( $y$ ) such that it is not the case that for every  $z$ , if  $z$  is a cat, then  $z$  climbed up  $x$  in  $y$ .”

NOTE:  $\neg\forall z.(C(z) \rightarrow Climb(z, x, y))$  is logically equivalent to  $\exists z.(C(z) \wedge \neg Climb(z, x, y))$

- “For every cat there is a garden in which there is a tree that she climbs up.”

$$\forall x.(C(x) \rightarrow \exists y.(G(y) \wedge \exists z.(T(z) \wedge Climb(x, z, y))))$$

**Interpretation:** “For every  $x$ , if  $x$  is a cat, then there exists a garden  $y$  and there exists a tree  $z$  such that  $x$  climbed  $z$  in  $y$ .”