

Quiz 3/12 Answers

COGS 526

1. Translate to first-order logic:

- [2pts*] “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” (James Baldwin)

Predicates:

- $F(x)$: x is faced.
- $C(x)$: x can be changed.

“Not everything that is faced can be changed” can be formulated as:

$$\neg(\forall x.F(x) \rightarrow C(x))$$

“Nothing can be changed until it is faced” can be formulated as:

$$\neg(\exists x.\neg F(x) \wedge C(x))$$

The whole formula is the conjunction of two:

$$\neg(\forall x.F(x) \rightarrow C(x)) \wedge \neg(\exists x.\neg F(x) \wedge C(x))$$

$$\equiv \exists x(F(x) \wedge \neg C(x)) \wedge \forall x(C(x) \rightarrow F(x))$$

- [5pts] “Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.” Key: $R(x)$: ‘ x is a person’, $P(x)$: ‘ x is a place’, $T(x)$: ‘ x is a time’, $C(x, y)$: ‘ x causes happiness at the place y ’, $G(x, y, z)$: ‘ x goes to place y at time z ’, $L(x, y, z)$: ‘ x leaves the place y at time z ’.

“Some cause happiness wherever they go” can be reformulated as: There exists a person x such that for all places y and all times z , if x goes to y at time z , then x causes happiness at y .

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

“Others whenever they go” can be reformulated as: There exists a person a such that for all places y and all times z , if a leaves place y at time z , then a causes happiness at y .

$$\exists a.(R(a) \wedge \forall y\forall z.((P(y) \wedge T(z) \wedge L(a, y, z)) \rightarrow C(a, y)))$$

The whole expression can be formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x \exists a \left(R(x) \wedge R(a) \wedge x \neq a \right. \\ & \quad \wedge \left[\forall y \forall z ((P(y) \wedge T(z) \wedge G(x, y, z)) \rightarrow C(x, y)) \right] \\ & \quad \wedge \left. \left[\forall y \forall z ((P(y) \wedge T(z) \wedge L(a, y, z)) \rightarrow C(a, y)) \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$