

First Order Logic (FOL):

First order logic is also known as predicate logic or first-order predicate logic. First order logic is a powerful language that develops information about the objects in a more easy way and can also express the relationship between those objects.

Objects

Relations

Quantifiers

Two main parts:

Syntax

Semantics

- More expressive than propositional logic
- $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \neg$
- \forall, \exists
- $P(x)$; p is a predicate
 x is a subject
 Predicate (subject).

Example:

John is tall

Tall (John)

Chinky is a cat

Cat (Chinky)

Quantifiers in FOL:

A quantifier is a language element which generates quantifications and quantification specifies the quantity of specimen in the universe of discourse.

Two types of Quantifiers:

- Universal Quantifier $(\rightarrow) (\forall)$
- Existential Quantifier $(\wedge) (\exists)$

Universal quantifier is a symbol of logical representation, which specifies that the statement within its range is true for everything or every instance of a particular thing.

→ For all

→ Everyone

→ Everything

For example:

All man drink coffee

$\forall x \text{ man}(x) \rightarrow \text{drink}(x, \text{coffee})$

→ Existential Quantifier are the type of quantifiers which express that the statement within its scope is true for at least one instance of something.

→ for some

→ At least one

For example:

Some boys are intelligent.

$\exists x: \text{boys}(x) \wedge \text{intelligent}(x)$

Some red cats don't like tofu.

$\exists y ((\text{Red}(y) \wedge \text{cat}(y)) \wedge \neg \text{likesTofu}(y))$

Examples:

All happy people smile

$\forall x: \text{people}(x) \wedge \text{happy}(x) \rightarrow \text{smile}(x)$

All boys like cricket.

$\forall x: \text{boys}(x) \rightarrow \text{like}(x, \text{cricket})$

Some boys like football.

$\exists x: \text{boys}(x) \wedge \text{like}(x, \text{football})$

All birds fly.

$\forall x: \text{birds}(x) \rightarrow \text{fly}(x)$

Every man respects his parent.

$\forall x: \text{man}(x) \rightarrow \text{respects}(x, \text{parent})$

Some boys play cricket.

$\exists x: \text{boys}(x) \wedge \text{play}(x, \text{cricket})$

Not all students like both maths and science.

$\neg \forall x [\text{student}(x) \rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{maths}) \wedge \text{like}(x, \text{science})]$

Free Variable:

A variable is said to be a free variable in a formula if it occurs outside the scope of the quantifier.

e.g:

$\forall x \exists y [P(x, y, z)]$, where z is a free variable.

Bound Variables

A variable is said to be a bound variable in a formula if it occurs within the scope of the quantifier.

e.g.;

$\forall x [A(x) B(y)]$, here x and y are the bound variable.

Predicate is a function that returns a truth value.

e.g.;

$Cat(x) \rightarrow x$ is a cat

$Prime(x) \rightarrow x$ is prime

$has\ taken(x, y) \rightarrow x$ has taken y

$less\ than(x, y) \rightarrow x < y$

$Sum(x, y, z) \rightarrow x + y = z$

$greater\ than\ 5(x) \rightarrow x > 5$

$has\ N\ chars(s, n) \rightarrow x$ has length n

Predicates can have varying numbers of arguments and input types.

Statements with Quantifiers:

$\exists x\ Even(x)$

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2, 4, 6

$\forall x\ Odd(x)$

F

2, 4, 6

$\forall x (Even(x) \vee Odd(x))$

T

every integer is either even or odd

$\exists x (Even(x) \wedge Odd(x))$

F

no integer is both even and odd

$\forall x\ Greater(x+1, x)$

T

adding 1 makes a bigger number

$\exists x (Even(x) + Prime(x))$

T

Even(2) is true and Prime(2) is true

For example:

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

For every positive integer, there is some larger positive integer.

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

There is a positive integer that is larger than every other positive integer.

$$\rightarrow \forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$$

For every positive integer, there is a prime that is larger.