First-Order Logic

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Propositional possible worlds

Each possible world is a structure $<\{0,1\}, \Sigma, v>$

$\{0,1\}$ are the *truth values*

Σ is the ***signature*** of the formal language: a set of propositional symbols

v is a *function* $: \Sigma \to \{0,1\}$ assigning truth values to the symbols in Σ

Propositional symbols (*signature*)

Each symbol in Σ stands for an actual *proposition* (in natural language)

In the simple convention, we use the symbols $A, B, C, D, \ldots$

Caution: Σ is not necessarily *finite*

Possible worlds

The class of structures contains all possible worlds:

$<\{0,1\}, \Sigma, v>$
$<\{0,1\}, \Sigma, v'>$
$<\{0,1\}, \Sigma, v''>$
...

Each class of structure shares Σ and $\{0,1\}$

The functions v are different: the assignment of truth values varies, depending on the possible world

If $\boldsymbol{P}$ is finite, there are only *finitely* many distinct possible worlds (actually $2^{|\boldsymbol{P}|}$)

An aside: tuples, relations and functions

- **Tuple**

  Consider a generic set of objects $\mathbf{U}$

  An example *set* of objects from $\mathbf{U}$ is denoted as $\{u_1, u_2\}$, where $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbf{U}$

  In a set, the order of elements is not relevant

  An example of *tuple* of objects from $\mathbf{U}$ is denoted as $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$, where $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbf{U}$

  In a tuple, the order is relevant, i.e. $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \neq \langle u_2, u_1 \rangle$

- **Cartesian product**

  The cartesian product $\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{U} =: \mathbf{U}^2$ is the set of all tuples $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle,\ u_1, u_2 \in \mathbf{U}$

  Analogously, $\mathbf{U}^3$ is the set of all tuples $\langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle,\ u_1, u_2, u_3 \in \mathbf{U}$
  $\mathbf{U}^4$ is the set of all tuples $\langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle,\ u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \in \mathbf{U}$ and so on …

- **Relation**

  arity is always an integer

  A relation of *arity* n is a subset of $\mathbf{U}^n$

- **Function**

  A function of type $\mathbf{U}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{U}$ is a relation of arity $n+1$ such that each tuple is constructed by associating each tuple of $\mathbf{U}^n$ with exactly one object from $\mathbf{U}$

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Signature Σ

- *individual constants*: $a, b, c, d, ...$
- *function symbols (with arity)*: $f /n, g /p, h /q, ...$
- *predicate symbols* (with arity): $P /k, Q /l, R /m, ...$

Arity is an integer that describes the expected number of arguments

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Function v (***interpretation***)

- v assigns each *individual constant* to an *object* in $\mathbf{U}$
  $v(a) \in \mathbf{U}$ (a individual constant)
- v assigns each *functional symbol* a *function* defined on $\mathbf{U}$
  $v(f/n) : \mathbf{U}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{U}$ (f/n functional symbol)
- v assigns each *predicate symbol* a *relation* defined on $\mathbf{U}$
  $v(P/m) \subseteq \mathbf{U}^m$ (P/m predicate symbol)

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The semantics of a **term** $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is

$$v(f/n) (<v(t_1), \dots, v(t_n)>) \in \mathbf{U}$$

that is, the result of applying the function that v associates to f/n
to the tuple of objects in $\mathbf{U}$ created from the semantics of $t_1, \dots, t_n$

It is yet an object in $\mathbf{U}$

First-order language (*without variables*)

- Well-formed formulae (wff)

  All symbols in the *signature* Σ (i.e. *constants*, *function* and *predicate symbols*)

  Two (primary) ***logical connectives***: $\neg$, $\rightarrow$

  Three (derived) ***logical connectives***: $\wedge$, $\vee$, $\leftrightarrow$

  Parenthesis: (,) (there are no *precedence rules* in this language)

  The definition of *terms* and *atoms* (see before)

  A set of syntactic rules

  The set of all the **wff** of L_{FO} is denoted as $\text{wff}(L_{FO})$

φ is an *atom* $\Rightarrow \varphi \in \text{wff}(L_{FO})$

$\varphi \in \text{wff}(L_{FO}) \Rightarrow (\neg\varphi) \in \text{wff}(L_{FO})$

$\varphi, \psi \in \text{wff}(L_{FO}) \Rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \in \text{wff}(L_{FO})$

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Note that rules are identical to the propositional ones!

Satisfaction (*without* *variables*)

- Given a possible world $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$

If φ is an *atom* (i.e. φ has the form $P(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$)

$<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \models \varphi$ iff $<v(t_1), \ldots, v(t_n)> \in v(P/n)$

If φ e ψ are wffs

$<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \models (\neg\varphi)$ iff $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \not\models \varphi$

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What is *true*?

- **A world of *cats***

Likes	Tom	Spot	Kitty	Felix
Tom	x			
Spot	x		x	
Kitty		x	x	
Felix			x	

translates into $\langle \mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v \rangle$

- ***Universe***

$\mathbf{U} := \{\underline{\text{tom}}, \underline{\text{spot}}, \underline{\text{kitty}}, \underline{\text{felix}}\}$ ← *Could not put real cats in* **U***:*
underlined names represent *real objects*

- ***Signature***

$\Sigma := \{tom, spot, kitty, felix, Likes/2\}$ *i.e. four constants and one predicate symbol*

- ***Interpretation***

$v(tom) = \underline{\text{tom}}$, $v(spot) = \underline{\text{spot}}$, $v(kitty) = \underline{\text{kitty}}$, $v(felix) = \underline{\text{felix}}$,

$v(Likes/2) =$ *a subset of* $\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{U}$

$\{\langle \underline{\text{tom}}, \underline{\text{tom}} \rangle, \langle \underline{\text{spot}}, \underline{\text{tom}} \rangle, \langle \underline{\text{spot}}, \underline{\text{kitty}} \rangle, \langle \underline{\text{kitty}}, \underline{\text{spot}} \rangle, \langle \underline{\text{kitty}}, \underline{\text{kitty}} \rangle, \langle \underline{\text{felix}}, \underline{\text{kitty}} \rangle\}$

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$<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \models \ Likes(spot, kitty)$ because $<v(spot), v(kitty)> \in v(Likes/2)$

$<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \models \ Likes(tom, tom)$ because $<v(tom), v(tom)> \in v(Likes/2)$

$<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \models \ \neg Likes(kitty, felix)$ because $<v(kitty), v(felix)> \notin v(Likes/2)$

$<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \not\models \ Likes(tom, kitty)$ because $<v(tom), v(kitty)> \notin v(Likes/2)$

$<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \not\models \ \neg Likes(felix, kitty)$ because $<v(felix), v(kitty)> \in v(Likes/2)$

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$$\langle \mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v \rangle \models (Likes(spot, kitty) \wedge Likes(felix, kitty))$$

$$\langle \mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v \rangle \models (Likes(tom, kitty) \vee Likes(tom, tom))$$

$$\langle \mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v \rangle \models (Likes(spot, tom) \vee \neg Likes(spot, tom))$$

is satisfied in this possible world but also in <u>any</u> possible world

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$\varphi \in \text{wff}(L_{FO}) \Rightarrow (\forall x\, \varphi) \in \text{wff}(L_{FO})$ ← x *can be any variable*

$\varphi \in \text{wff}(L_{FO}) \Rightarrow (\exists x\, \varphi) \in \text{wff}(L_{FO})$

Satisfaction

- Given a possible world $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$ and a valuation s (on that world)

  A valuation is a function s : *Variables* $\rightarrow \mathbf{U}$ ⟵ *A valuation s transforms all variables into constants*

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  Quantified formulae

  $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> [s] \models \forall x\, \varphi$ iff FORALL $\underline{d} \in \mathbf{U}$ we have $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> [s](x:\underline{d}) \models \varphi$

  $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> [s] \models \exists x\, \varphi$ iff it EXISTS $\underline{d} \in \mathbf{U}$ such that $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> [s](x:\underline{d}) \models \varphi$

  Where $[s](x:\underline{d})$ is the *variant* of function s that assigns $\underline{d}$ to x and remains unaltered for any other variables.

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$\langle \mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v \rangle\ [s] \models (\forall x\ (\exists y\ Likes(x, y)))$ because

FORALL $\underline{\text{cat1}} \in \mathbf{U}$, $\langle \mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v \rangle\ [s](x{:}\underline{\text{cat1}}) \models (\exists y\ Likes(x, y))$ because

it EXISTS $\underline{\text{cat2}} \in \mathbf{U}$, $\langle \mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v \rangle\ ([s](x{:}\underline{\text{cat1}}))(y{:}\underline{\text{cat2}}) \models Likes(x, y)$

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$\langle \mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v \rangle\ [\mathrm{s}] \not\models (\exists x\ (\forall y\ Likes(x, y)))$ because

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Variables and quantifiers: further examples

- "Being brothers means being relatives"

  $\forall x \forall y\ (Brother(x, y) \rightarrow Relative(x, y))$

- "Being relative is a symmetric relation"

  $\forall x \forall y\ (Relative(x, y) \leftrightarrow Relative(y, x))$

- "By definition, being mother is being parent and female"

  $\forall x\ (Mother(x) \leftrightarrow (\exists y\ Parent(x, y) \wedge Female(x)))$

- "A cousin is a son of either a brother or a sister of either parents"

  $\forall x \forall y\ (Cousin(x,y)$

  $\leftrightarrow \exists z \exists w\ (Parent(z, x) \wedge Parent(w, y) \wedge (Brother(z, w) \vee Sister(z, w))))$

- "Everyone has a mother"

  $\forall x \exists y\ Mother(y, x)$

  BE CAREFUL about the order of quantifiers, in fact:

  $\exists y \forall x\ Mother(y, x)$

  "There is one (common) mother to everyone"

Open formulae, sentences

- ***Bound*** and ***free*** variables

  The occurrence of a *variable* in a wff is ***bound*** if it lies in the scope of a quantifier (for that *variable*)

  The occurrence of a *variable* in a wff is ***free*** if it is not *bound*

  Examples of bound variables:
  $\forall x\ P(x)$
  $\exists x\ (P(x) \rightarrow (A(x) \wedge B(x))$

  Examples of free variables:
  $P(x)$
  $\exists y\ (P(y) \rightarrow (A(x,y) \wedge B(y)))$

- ***Open*** and ***closed*** formulae: ***sentences***

  A wff is ***open*** if there is at least one free occurrence of a variable

  Otherwise, the wff is ***closed*** (also called ***sentence***)

  Only *closed* wffs, i.e. *sentences*, have a truth value (see after)

Models

- **Validity** in a possible world, **model**

  A wff φ such that $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> [s] \models \varphi$ for any *valuation* s is **valid** in $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$

  $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$ is also a **model** of φ
  and we write $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \models \varphi$ (i.e. the reference to s can be omitted)

  A possible world $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$ is a **model** of a *set* of wff Γ iff it is a model for all the wffs in Γ
  and we write $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> \models \Gamma$

- **Truth**

  A **sentence** ψ such that $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v> [s] \models \psi$ for one valuation s is **valid** in $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$
  If the sentence is true for one valuation s *, then is true for all valuations*

  A **sentence** ψ is **true** in $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$ if it is **valid** in $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$

Validity in general

- Validity and logical truth

  A wff (either open or closed) is **valid** (also **logically valid**)
  if it is **valid** in any possible world $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$

  Example:

  $(P(x) \vee \neg P(x))$

  A sentence ψ is a **logical truth**
  if it is **true** in any possible world $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$

  we write then $\models \psi$ (i.e. no reference to $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$)

  Examples:

  $\forall x\, (P(x) \vee \neg P(x))$

  $\forall x \forall y\, (G(x,y) \rightarrow (H(x,y) \rightarrow G(x,y)))$

- Inconsistence

  A wff (either open or closed) is **inconsistent** if its not *satisfiable*

  Example:

  $\forall x\, (P(x) \wedge \neg P(x))$

Entailment

- Definition

  Given a set of wffs Γ and one wff φ , we have

  $$\Gamma \models \varphi$$

  iff all possible worlds $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$ $[s]$ satisfying Γ also satisfy φ

  This definition embraces all possible combinations $<\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, v>$ $[s]$
  The only thing that does not vary is the language Σ

  Is this problem decidable?

  In general, in first-order logic, a direct calculus of entailment is impossible…