

# First Order Logic (FOL)

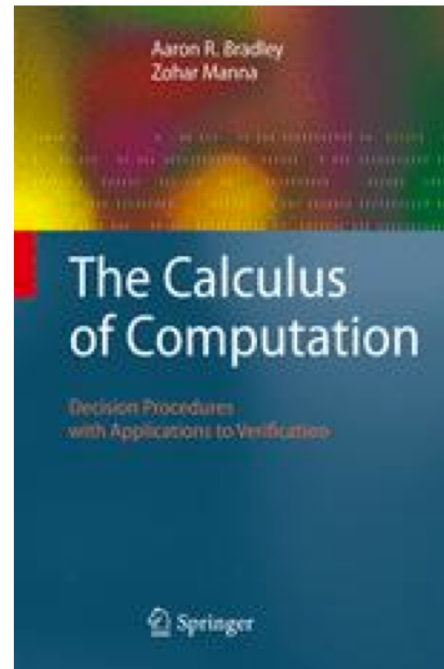
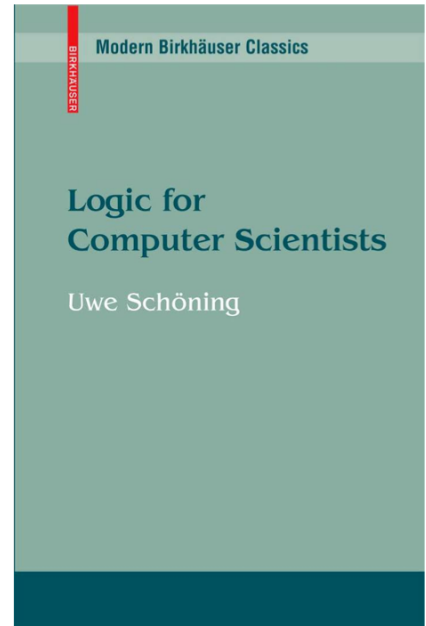
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# Syntax and Semantics (Again)




## Syntax

- MW: the way in which linguistic elements (such as words) are put together to form constituents (such as phrases or clauses)
- Determines and restricts how things are written

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of a structure

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## Semantics

- MW: the study of meanings
- Determines how syntax is interpreted to give meaning

# The language of First Order Logic

## Functions , Variables, Predicates

- $f, g, \dots$                        $x, y, z, \dots$                        $P, Q, =, <, \dots$

## Atomic formulas, Literals

- $P(x, f(y)), \neg Q(y, z)$

## Quantifier free formulas

- $P(f(a), b) \wedge c = g(d)$

## Formulas, sentences

- $\forall x . \forall y . [ P(x, f(x)) \vee g(y, x) = h(y) ]$

# Language: Signatures

A *signature*  $\Sigma$  is a finite set of:

- Function symbols:

$$\Sigma_F = \{ f, g, +, \dots \}$$

- Predicate symbols:

$$\Sigma_P = \{ P, Q, =, \text{true}, \text{false}, \dots \}$$

- And an *arity* function:

$$\Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

Function symbols with arity 0 are *constants*

- notation:  $f_{/2}$  means a symbol with arity 2

A countable set  $V$  of *variables*

- disjoint from  $\Sigma$

# Language: Terms

The set of *terms*  $T(\Sigma_F, V)$  is the smallest set formed by the syntax rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet t \in T \quad & ::= & v & & v \in V \\ & | & f(t_1, \dots, t_n) & & f \in \Sigma_F, t_1, \dots, t_n \in T \end{aligned}$$

*Ground terms* are given by  $T(\Sigma_F, \emptyset)$

- a term is *ground* if it contains no variables

# Language: Atomic Formulas

$$a \in \text{Atoms} \quad ::= P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$
$$P \in \Sigma_P \quad t_1, \dots, t_n \in T$$

An atom is *ground* if  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in T(\Sigma_F, \emptyset)$

- ground atom contains no variables

*Literals* are atoms and negation of atoms:

$$l \in \text{Literals} \quad ::= a \mid \neg a \quad a \in \text{Atoms}$$

# Language: Quantifier free formulas

The set  $\text{QFF}(\Sigma, V)$  of *quantifier free formulas* is the smallest set such that:

$\varphi \in \text{QFF} ::=$	$a \in \text{Atoms}$	<i>atoms</i>
	$  \neg \varphi$	<i>negations</i>
	$  \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi'$	<i>bi-implications</i>
	$  \varphi \wedge \varphi'$	<i>conjunction</i>
	$  \varphi \vee \varphi'$	<i>disjunction</i>
	$  \varphi \rightarrow \varphi'$	<i>implication</i>



# Language: Formulas

The set of *first-order formulas* are obtained by adding the formation rules:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \varphi ::= & \dots & \\ & | & \forall x . \varphi \quad \text{universal quant.} \\ & | & \exists x . \varphi \quad \text{existential quant.} \end{array}$$

*Free* (occurrences) of *variables* in a formula are those not bound by a quantifier.

A *sentence* is a first-order formula with no free variables.

# Dreadbury Mansion Mystery

Someone who lived in Dreadbury Mansion killed Aunt Agatha. Agatha, the Butler and Charles were the only people who lived in Dreadbury Mansion. A killer always hates his victim, and is never richer than his victim. Charles hates no one that Aunt Agatha hates. Agatha hates everyone except the butler. The butler hates everyone not richer than Aunt Agatha. The butler also hates everyone Agatha hates. No one hates everyone. Agatha is not the butler.

Who killed Aunt Agatha?



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Who killed Aunt Agatha?

Constants are **blue**

Predicates are **purple**



# Dreadbury Mansion Mystery

*killed*/<sub>2</sub>, *hates*/<sub>2</sub>, *richer*/<sub>2</sub>, *a*/<sub>0</sub>, *b*/<sub>0</sub>, *c*/<sub>0</sub>

$$\exists x \cdot \textit{killed}(x, a) \tag{1}$$

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$$\textit{hates}(a, a) \wedge \textit{hates}(a, c) \tag{4}$$

$$\forall x \cdot \neg \textit{richer}(x, a) \implies \textit{hates}(b, x) \tag{5}$$

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$$a \neq b \tag{8}$$



# Solving Dreadbury Mansion in SMT

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(declare-datatypes () ((Mansion (Agatha) (Butler) (Charles))))  
(declare-fun killed (Mansion Mansion) Bool)  
(declare-fun hates (Mansion Mansion) Bool)  
(declare-fun richer (Mansion Mansion) Bool)  
(assert (exists ((x Mansion)) (killed x Agatha)))  
(assert (forall ((x Mansion) (y Mansion))  
  (=> (killed x y) (hates x y))))  
(assert (forall ((x Mansion) (y Mansion))  
  (=> (killed x y) (not (richer x y)))))  
(assert (forall ((x Mansion))  
  (=> (hates Agatha x) (not (hates Charles x)))))  
(assert (hates Agatha Agatha))  
(assert (hates Agatha Charles))  
(assert (forall ((x Mansion))  
  (=> (not (richer x Agatha)) (hates Butler x)))))  
(assert (forall ((x Mansion))  
  (=> (hates Agatha x) (hates Butler x))))  
(assert (forall ((x Mansion)) (  
  exists ((y Mansion)) (not (hates x y)))))  
  
(check-sat)  
(get-model)
```

# Models (Semantics)

A model  $M$  is defined as:

- Domain  $S$ ; set of elements; often called the *universe*
- Interpretation,  $f^M : S^n \rightarrow S$  for each  $f \in \Sigma_F$  with  $\text{arity}(f) = n$
- Interpretation  $P^M \subseteq S^n$  for each  $P \in \Sigma_P$  with  $\text{arity}(P) = n$
- Assignment  $x^M \in S$  for every variable  $x \in V$

A *formula*  $\varphi$  is true in a model  $M$  if it evaluates to true under the given interpretations over the domain  $S$ .

$M$  is a *model* for a set of sentences  $T$  if all sentences of  $T$  are true in  $M$ .

# Models (Semantics)

A term  $t$  in a model  $M$  is interpreted as:

- Variable  $x \in V$  is interpreted as  $x^M$
- $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is interpreted as  $f^M(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,
  - where  $a_i$  is the current interpretation of  $t_i$

$P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  atom is *true* in a model  $M$  if and only if

- $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in P^M$ , where
- $a_i$  is the current interpretation of  $t_i$

# Models (Semantics)

A formula  $\varphi$  is true in a model  $M$  if:

- $M \models \neg \varphi$                       iff  $M \not\models \varphi$                       (i.e.,  $M$  is not a model for  $\varphi$ )
- $M \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi'$                       iff  $M \models \varphi$  is equivalent to  $M \models \varphi'$
- $M \models \varphi \wedge \varphi'$                       iff  $M \models \varphi$  and  $M \models \varphi'$
- $M \models \varphi \vee \varphi'$                       iff  $M \models \varphi$  or  $M \models \varphi'$
- $M \models \varphi \rightarrow \varphi'$                       iff if  $M \models \varphi$  then  $M \models \varphi'$
- $M \models \forall x. \varphi$                       iff for all  $s \in S$ ,  $M[x:=s] \models \varphi$
- $M \models \exists x. \varphi$                       iff exists  $s \in S$ ,  $M[x:=s] \models \varphi$



## Interpretation Example

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$$\Sigma = \{0, +, <\}, \text{ and } M \text{ such that } |M| = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$M(0) = a,$$

$$M(+) = \{\langle a, a \mapsto a \rangle, \langle a, b \mapsto b \rangle, \langle a, c \mapsto c \rangle, \langle b, a \mapsto b \rangle, \langle b, b \mapsto c \rangle, \\ \langle b, c \mapsto a \rangle, \langle c, a \mapsto c \rangle, \langle c, b \mapsto a \rangle, \langle c, c \mapsto b \rangle\}$$

$$M(<) = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle a, c \rangle, \langle b, c \rangle\}$$

If  $M(x) = a, M(y) = b, M(z) = c$ , then

$$M[\![+(+(x, y), z)]\!] =$$

$$M(+)(M(+)(M(x), M(y)), M(z)) = M(+)(M(+)(a, b), c) =$$

$$M(+)(b, c) = a$$

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$$M(<) = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle a, c \rangle, \langle b, c \rangle\}$$

$$M \models (\forall x : (\exists y : +(x, y) = 0))$$

$$M \not\models (\forall x : (\exists y : x < y))$$

$$M \models (\forall x : (\exists y : +(x, y) = x))$$

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# Dreadbury Mansion Mystery: Model

$killed/2, hates/2, richer/2, a/0, b/0, c/0$

$$S = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$M(a) = a$$

$$M(b) = b$$

$$M(c) = c$$

$$M(killed) = \{(a, a)\}$$

$$M(richer) = \{(b, a)\}$$

$$M(hates) = \{(a, a), (a, c), (b, a), (b, c)\}$$



# Semantics: Exercise

Drinker's paradox:

*There is someone in the pub such that, if he is drinking, everyone in the pub is drinking.*

- $\exists x. (D(x) \rightarrow \forall y. D(y))$

Is this logical formula valid?

Or unsatisfiable?

Or satisfiable but not valid?



# Inference Rules for First Order Logic

We write  $\vdash A$  when  $A$  can be inferred from basic axioms

We write  $B \vdash A$  when  $A$  can be inferred from  $B$

## Natural deduction style rules

**Notation:**  $A[a/x]$  means  $A$  with variable  $x$  replaced by term  $a$

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$$

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B}$$

$$\frac{B}{A \vee B}$$

$$\frac{A \Rightarrow B \quad A}{B}$$

$$\frac{A[e/x]}{\exists x. A}$$

$$\frac{\forall x. A}{A[e/x]}$$

$$\frac{A[a/x]}{\forall x. A} \quad a \text{ is fresh}$$

$$\frac{A \vdash B}{A \Rightarrow B}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \exists x. A \quad A[a/x] \vdash B}{\vdash B} \quad a \text{ is fresh}$$

# Theories

A (first-order) *theory*  $T$  (over signature  $\Sigma$ ) is a set of (deductively closed) sentences (over  $\Sigma$  and  $V$ ) - *axioms*

Let  $DC(\Gamma)$  be the deductive closure of a set of sentences  $\Gamma$ .

- For every theory  $T$ ,  $DC(T) = T$

A theory  $T$  is *consistent* if  $false \notin T$

A theory captures the intended interpretation of the functions and predicates in the signature

- e.g., '+' is a plus, '0' is number 0, etc.

We can view a (first-order) theory  $T$  as the class of all *models* of  $T$  (due to completeness of first-order logic).

# Theory of Equality $T_E$

Signature:  $\Sigma_E = \{ =, a, b, c, \dots, f, g, h, \dots, P, Q, R, \dots \}$

$=$ , a binary predicate, interpreted by axioms  
all constant, function, and predicate symbols.

Axioms:

1.  $\forall x . x = x$  (reflexivity)
2.  $\forall x, y . x = y \rightarrow y = x$  (symmetry)
3.  $\forall x, y, z . x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow x = z$  (transitivity)



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all constant, function, and predicate symbols.

Axioms:

4. for each positive integer  $n$  and  $n$ -ary function symbol  $f$ ,

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n. \bigwedge_i x_i = y_i \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n) \quad (\text{congruence})$$

5. for each positive integer  $n$  and  $n$ -ary predicate symbol  $P$

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n. \bigwedge_i x_i = y_i \rightarrow (P(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow P(y_1, \dots, y_n)) \quad (\text{equivalence})$$

# Theory of Peano Arithmetic (Natural Number)

Signature:  $\Sigma_{PA} = \{ 0, 1, +, *, = \}$

Axioms of  $T_{PA}$  : axioms for theory of equality,  $T_E$  , plus:

1.  $\forall x. \neg (x + 1 = 0)$  (zero)
2.  $\forall x, y. x + 1 = y + 1 \rightarrow x = y$  (successor)
3.  $F[0] \wedge (\forall x. F[x] \rightarrow F[x + 1]) \rightarrow \forall x. F[x]$  (induction)
4.  $\forall x. x + 0 = x$  (plus zero)
5.  $\forall x, y. x + (y + 1) = (x + y) + 1$  (plus successor)
6.  $\forall x. x * 0 = 0$  (times zero)
7.  $\forall x, y. x * (y + 1) = x * y + x$  (times successor)

Note that induction (#3) is an axiom schema

- one such axiom is added for each predicate  $F$  in the signature

Peano arithmetic is undecidable!

# Theory of Presburger Arithmetic

Signature:  $\Sigma_{PA} = \{ 0, 1, +, = \}$

Axioms of  $T_{PA}$ : axioms for theory of equality,  $T_E$ , plus:

1.  $\forall x. \neg (x + 1 = 0)$  (zero)
2.  $\forall x, y. x + 1 = y + 1 \rightarrow x = y$  (successor)
3.  $F[0] \wedge (\forall x. F[x] \rightarrow F[x + 1]) \rightarrow \forall x. F[x]$  (induction)
4.  $\forall x. x + 0 = x$  (plus zero)
5.  $\forall x, y. x + (y + 1) = (x + y) + 1$  (plus successor)

Note that induction (#3) is an axiom schema

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Can extend the signature to allow multiplication by a numeric constant

Presburger arithmetic is decidable

- linear integer programming (ILP)

# McCarthy theory of Arrays $T_A$

Signature:  $\Sigma_A = \{ \text{read}, \text{write}, = \}$

*read*( $a, i$ ) is a binary function:

- reads an array  $a$  at the index  $i$
- alternative notations:
  - (select  $a$   $i$ ), and  $a[i]$

*write*( $a, i, v$ ) is a ternary function:

- writes a value  $v$  to the index  $i$  of array  $a$
- alternative notations:
  - (store  $a$   $i$   $v$ ) ,  $a[i:=v]$
- side-effect free – results in new array, does not modify  $a$

# Axioms of $T_A$

## Array congruence

- $\forall a, i, j. i = j \rightarrow \text{read}(a, i) = \text{read}(a, j)$

## Read-Over-Write 1

- $\forall a, v, i, j. i = j \rightarrow \text{read}(\text{write}(a, i, v), j) = v$

## Read-Over-Write 2

- $\forall a, v, i, j. i \neq j \rightarrow \text{read}(\text{write}(a, i, v), j) = \text{read}(a, j)$

## Extensionality

- $a = b \leftrightarrow \forall i. \text{read}(a, i) = \text{read}(b, i)$

# T-Satisfiability

A formula  $\varphi(x)$  is T-satisfiable in a theory  $T$  if there is a model of  $DC(T \cup \exists x. \varphi(x))$ .

That is, there is a model  $M$  for  $T$  in which  $\varphi(x)$  evaluates to true.

Notation:

$$M \models_T \varphi(x)$$

where,  $DC(V)$  stands for deductive closure of  $V$

# T-Validity

A formula  $\varphi(x)$  is *T-valid* in a theory  $T$  if  
 $\forall x. \varphi(x) \in T$

That is,  $\forall x. \varphi(x)$  evaluates to *true* in every  
model  $M$  of  $T$

*T-validity:*

$$\models_T \varphi(x)$$

# Fragment of a Theory

*Fragment* of a theory  $T$  is a syntactically restricted subset of formulae of the theory

Example:

- Quantifier-free fragment of theory  $T$  is the set of formulae without quantifiers that are valid in  $T$

Often *decidable* fragments for undecidable theories

Theory  $T$  is *decidable* if  $T$ -validity is decidable for every formula  $F$  of  $T$

- There is an algorithm that always terminates with “yes” if  $F$  is  $T$ -valid, and “no” if  $F$  is  $T$ -unsatisfiable



# Exercises (1/2)

Find a model for  $P(f(x,y)) \Rightarrow P(g(x,y,x))$

Write an axiom that will restrict that every model has to have exactly three different elements.

Write a FOL formula stating that  $i$  is the position of the minimal element of an integer array  $A$

Write a FOL formula stating that  $v$  is the minimal element of an integer array  $A$

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Write an axiom that will restrict that every model has to have exactly three different elements.

$$(\exists x, y, z \cdot x \neq y \wedge x \neq z \wedge y \neq z) \wedge (\forall a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \cdot \bigvee_{0 \leq i < j \leq 3} a_i = a_j)$$

Write a FOL formula stating that  $i$  is the position of the minimal element of an integer array  $A$

$$\begin{aligned} & isIntArray(A) \wedge isInt(i) \wedge 0 \leq i < len(A) \\ & \forall j \cdot 0 \leq j < len(A) \wedge i \neq j \implies A[i] \leq A[j] \end{aligned}$$

Write a FOL formula stating that  $v$  is the minimal element of an integer array  $A$

$$\begin{aligned} & isIntArray(A) \wedge isInt(v) \\ & \exists i \cdot 0 \leq i < len(A) \wedge A[i] = v \\ & \forall i \cdot 0 \leq i < len(A) \implies A[i] \leq v \end{aligned}$$

## Exercises (2/2)

Show whether the following sentence is valid or not

$$(\exists x \cdot P(x) \vee Q(x)) \iff (\exists x \cdot P(x)) \vee (\exists x \cdot Q(x))$$

Show whether the following FOL sentence is valid or not

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## Exercises (2/2)

Show whether the following sentence is valid or not

$$(\exists x \cdot P(x) \vee Q(x)) \iff (\exists x \cdot P(x)) \vee (\exists x \cdot Q(x))$$

- Valid. Prove by contradiction that every model M of the LHS is a model of the RHS and vice versa.

Show whether the following FOL sentence is valid or not

$$(\exists x \cdot P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \iff (\exists x \cdot P(x)) \wedge (\exists x \cdot Q(x))$$

- Not valid. Prove by constructing a model M of the RHS that is not a model of the LHS. For example,  $S = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $M(P) = \{0\}$ , and  $M(Q) = \{1\}$

# Completeness, Compactness, Incompleteness

## Gödel Completeness Theorem of FOL

- any (first-order) formula that is true in *all* models of a theory, must be logically deducible from that theory, and vice versa (every formula that is deducible from a theory is true in *all* models of that theory)

## Corollary: Compactness Theorem

- A FOL theory  $G$  is SAT iff every finite subset  $G'$  of  $G$  is SAT
- A set  $G$  of FOL sentences is UNSAT iff exists a finite subset  $G'$  of  $G$  that is UNSAT

## Incompleteness of FOL Theories

- A theory is *consistent* if it is impossible to prove both  $p$  and  $\sim p$  for any sentence  $p$  in the signature of the theory
- A theory is *complete* if for every sentence  $p$  it includes either  $p$  or  $\sim p$
- There are FOL theories that are consistent but incomplete

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