
First Order Logic

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First Order Logic (**FOL**)

- Domain of discourse
- Variables range over specific domains such Integers or Reals
- Relations such as \leq and functions like \times and $+$
- Variables may be quantified universally or existentially
- Examples of formulae in **FOL**:
 $\forall x \in \mathcal{Z}. \exists y \in \mathcal{Z}. x + y = 0$
 $\forall x \in \mathcal{N}. x \neq x + 1$

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Signatures

- **Signature** $\mathcal{G} = (V, F, R)$ with three disjoint sets:
 - Set of variable symbols V
 - Function symbols F
 - Relation symbols R
- Each **function** and **relation** symbol is associated an **arity**
 - For instance *add* has arity two
 - Constant symbols such as *zero* or *one* are considered to be function symbols of arity 0

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Semantics

- In order to interpret terms, we first need to assume a given domain \mathcal{D} of values, for instance, **integers** or **natural** numbers
- A **first order structure** $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{R}, f)$ is defined over a **signature** \mathcal{G}
 - $\mathcal{G} = (V, F, R)$
 - A domain \mathcal{D} of discourse
 - A set of functions \mathcal{F} (including constant symbols)
 - A set of relations \mathcal{R}
 - And a mapping $f : F \cup R \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{R}$

First Order Structure: Example

$$\mathcal{S} = ((\{x, y\}, \{add, mult\}, \{ge\}), \mathcal{N}, \{+, \times\}, \{\geq\}, f)$$

- f associates add to $+$ (addition over integers)
- f associates $mult$ to \times (multiplication over integers)
- f associates ge to \geq

Semantic Interpretation: Terms

- An **assignment** $a : V \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a mapping of variables to values in the domain \mathcal{D}
- A **semantic interpretation** $T_a : \text{terms}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ maps each term to a variable in the domain

$$T_a(v) = a(v), \text{ for } v \in V$$

$$T_a(\text{func}(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)) = f(\text{func})(T_a(e_1), T_a(e_2), \dots, T_a(e_n))$$

Semantic Interpretation: Example

- \mathcal{D} is the domain of **Integers**
- Assignment $a = \{x \mapsto 2, y \mapsto 3, z \mapsto 4\}$
- f maps *add* to the addition over **Integers**
- **Therefore**, $T_a(\text{add}(\text{add}(x, y), z)) = 5 + 4 = 9$

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$$M_a(e_1 \equiv e_2) = (T_a(e_1) = T_a(e_2))$$

$$M_a(f_1 \wedge f_2) = \text{TRUE iff } M_a(f_1) = \text{TRUE and } M_a(f_2) = \text{TRUE}$$

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Interpreting the formula $\phi = ge(add(add(x, y), z), y) \wedge ge(z, zero)$ under the assignment $a = \{x \mapsto 2, y \mapsto 3, z \mapsto 4\}$ is done as follows:

- $T_a(add(add(x, y), z)) = 9$ as in the example before
- $T_a(y) = 3$
- $T_a(z) = 4$
- $T_a(zero) = 0$
- $M_a(ge(add(add(x, y), z), y)) = f(ge)(T_a(add(add(x, y), z)), T_a(y)) = 9 > 3 = \text{TRUE}$
- $M_a(ge(z, zero)) = f(ge)(T_a(z), T_a(zero)) = 4 \geq 0 = \text{TRUE}$
- $M_a(\phi) = \text{TRUE}$

Semantic Interpretation

- Let a be an assignment, v a variable, and $d \in \mathcal{D}$
- A **variant** $a[d/v]$ is defined as

$$a[d/v](u) = \begin{cases} a(u) & \text{if } u \neq v \\ d & \text{if } u = v \end{cases}$$

$M_a(\forall v(\phi)) = \text{TRUE}$ iff for each $d \in \mathcal{D}$, $M_{a[d/v]}(\phi) = \text{TRUE}$

$M_a(\exists v(\phi)) = \text{TRUE}$ iff there exists $d \in \mathcal{D}$, $M_{a[d/v]}(\phi) = \text{TRUE}$

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Formal Definition

- $a \models^{\mathcal{S}} \phi$ if $M_a(\phi) = \text{TRUE}$
- $\models^{\mathcal{S}} \phi$ if $a \models^{\mathcal{S}} \phi$ for each assignment a
- $\models \phi$ if $\models^{\mathcal{S}} \phi$ for each structure \mathcal{S}

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• $\models (x \equiv y \wedge y \equiv z) \rightarrow x \equiv z$

Substitution

For a formula ϕ , term e , and variable v , $\phi[e/v]$ denotes

- Substitution of **free occurrences** of variable v in ϕ by e
- A **free occurrence** of v is not allowed to be replaced by a term that contains variables quantified in ϕ

Substitution

- $(\lambda x. \lambda y. y > x \rightarrow y > z)(y - 1)$ requires y to be renamed by some w such that $w \neq y, w \neq z$
- In $\forall y.(y > x \rightarrow y > z)$, variable x is not allowed to be replaced by the term $y - 1$

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- The graph contains **cycles** ?
- The graph is **finite** ?