

Theory of Computer Science

B5. Predicate Logic II

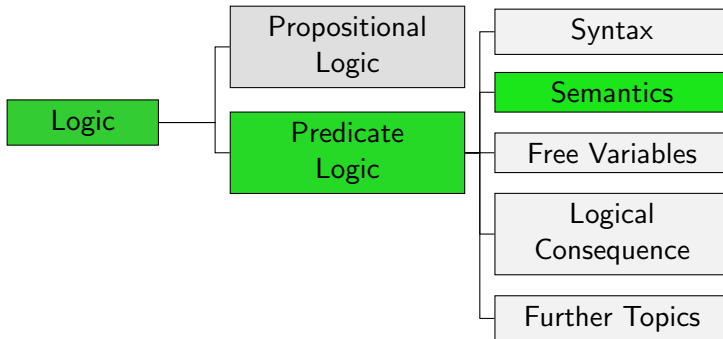
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Semantics of Predicate Logic

Logic: Overview



Semantics: Motivation

- interpretations in propositional logic:
truth assignments for the **propositional variables**
- There are no propositional variables in predicate logic.
- instead: interpretation determines meaning
of the **constant**, **function** and **predicate symbols**.
- meaning of **variable symbols** not determined by interpretation
but by separate **variable assignment**.

Interpretations and Variable Assignments

Let $\mathcal{S} = \langle \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P} \rangle$ be a signature.

Definition (Interpretation, Variable Assignment)

An **interpretation** (for \mathcal{S}) is a pair $\mathcal{I} = \langle U, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle$ of:

- a non-empty set U called the **universe** and
- a function $\cdot^{\mathcal{I}}$ that assigns a meaning to the constant, function, and predicate symbols:
 - $c^{\mathcal{I}} \in U$ for constant symbols $c \in \mathcal{C}$
 - $f^{\mathcal{I}} : U^k \rightarrow U$ for k -ary function symbols $f \in \mathcal{F}$
 - $P^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq U^k$ for k -ary predicate symbols $P \in \mathcal{P}$

A **variable assignment** (for \mathcal{S} and universe U) is a function $\alpha : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow U$.

German: Interpretation, Variablenzuweisung, Universum (or Grundmenge)

Interpretations and Variable Assignments: Example

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$\mathcal{I} = \langle U, \cdot^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle$ with

- $U = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6\}$
- $\text{zero}^{\mathcal{I}} = u_0$
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- $\text{sum}^{\mathcal{I}}(u_i, u_j) = u_{(i+j) \bmod 7}$ for all $i, j \in \{0, \dots, 6\}$
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Semantics: Informally

Example: $(\forall x(\text{Block}(x) \rightarrow \text{Red}(x)) \wedge \text{Block}(a))$

“For all objects x : if x is a block, then x is red.

Also, the object called a is a block.”

- **Terms** are interpreted as **objects**.
- **Unary predicates** denote properties of objects
(to be a block, to be red, to be a square number, ...)
- **General predicates** denote relations between objects
(to be someone’s child, to have a common divisor, ...)
- **Universally quantified** formulas (“ \forall ”) are true
if they hold for **every** object in the universe.
- **Existentially quantified** formulas (“ \exists ”) are true
if they hold for **at least one** object in the universe.

Interpretations of Terms

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Definition (Interpretation of a Term)

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and let α be a variable assignment for \mathcal{S} and universe U .

Let t be a term over \mathcal{S} .

The **interpretation of t** under \mathcal{I} and α , written as $t^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha}$,
is the element of the universe U defined as follows:

- If $t = x$ with $x \in \mathcal{V}$ (t is a **variable term**):
 $x^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha} = \alpha(x)$
- If $t = c$ with $c \in \mathcal{C}$ (t is a **constant term**):
 $c^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha} = c^{\mathcal{I}}$
- If $t = f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ (t is a **function term**):
 $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha} = f^{\mathcal{I}}(t_1^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha}, \dots, t_k^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha})$

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Interpretations of Terms: Example (ctd.)

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■ $\text{zero}^{\mathcal{I},\alpha} =$

■ $y^{\mathcal{I},\alpha} =$

■ $\text{sum}(x, y)^{\mathcal{I},\alpha} =$

■ $\text{product}(\text{one}, \text{sum}(x, \text{zero}))^{\mathcal{I},\alpha} =$

Semantics of Predicate Logic Formulas

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Definition (Formula is Satisfied or True)

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and let α be a variable assignment for \mathcal{S} and universe U .
We say that \mathcal{I} and α **satisfy** a predicate logic formula φ
(also: φ is **true** under \mathcal{I} and α), written: $\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \varphi$,
according to the following inductive rules:

$$\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models P(t_1, \dots, t_k) \quad \text{iff } \langle t_1^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha}, \dots, t_k^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha} \rangle \in P^{\mathcal{I}}$$

$$\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models (t_1 = t_2) \quad \text{iff } t_1^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha} = t_2^{\mathcal{I}, \alpha}$$

$$\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \neg \varphi \quad \text{iff } \mathcal{I}, \alpha \not\models \varphi$$

$$\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models (\varphi \wedge \psi) \quad \text{iff } \mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \varphi \text{ and } \mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \psi$$

$$\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models (\varphi \vee \psi) \quad \text{iff } \mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \varphi \text{ or } \mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \psi$$

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$\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \forall x \varphi$ iff $\mathcal{I}, \alpha[x := u] \models \varphi$ for all $u \in U$

$\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \exists x \varphi$ iff $\mathcal{I}, \alpha[x := u] \models \varphi$ for at least one $u \in U$

where $\alpha[x := u]$ is the same variable assignment as α , except that it maps variable x to the value u .

Formally:

$$(\alpha[x := u])(z) = \begin{cases} u & \text{if } z = x \\ \alpha(z) & \text{if } z \neq x \end{cases}$$

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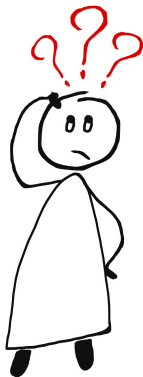
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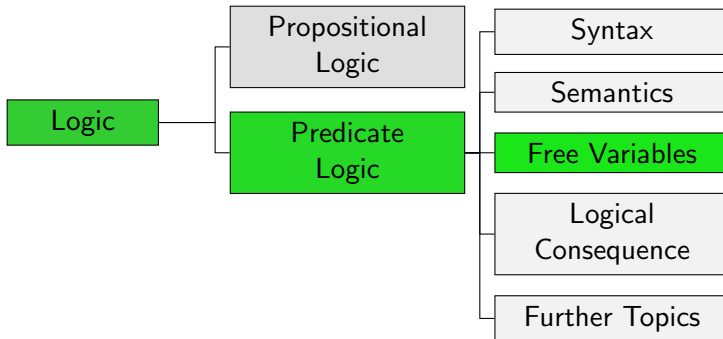
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Free and Bound Variables

Logic: Overview



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- \rightsquigarrow only assignments for **free variables** x_2 and x_3 relevant

German: gebundene und freie Variablen

Variables of a Term

Definition (Variables of a Term)

Let t be a term. The set of **variables** that occur in t , written as $\mathit{var}(t)$, is defined as follows:

- $\mathit{var}(x) = \{x\}$
for variable symbols x
- $\mathit{var}(c) = \emptyset$
for constant symbols c
- $\mathit{var}(f(t_1, \dots, t_l)) = \mathit{var}(t_1) \cup \dots \cup \mathit{var}(t_l)$
for function terms

terminology: A term t with $\mathit{var}(t) = \emptyset$ is called **ground term**.

German: Grundterm

example: $\mathit{var}(\mathit{product}(x, \mathit{sum}(k, y))) =$

Free and Bound Variables of a Formula

Definition (Free Variables)

Let φ be a predicate logic formula. The set of **free variables** of φ , written as $\mathit{free}(\varphi)$, is defined as follows:

- $\mathit{free}(P(t_1, \dots, t_k)) = \mathit{var}(t_1) \cup \dots \cup \mathit{var}(t_k)$
- $\mathit{free}((t_1 = t_2)) = \mathit{var}(t_1) \cup \mathit{var}(t_2)$
- $\mathit{free}(\neg\varphi) = \mathit{free}(\varphi)$
- $\mathit{free}((\varphi \wedge \psi)) = \mathit{free}((\varphi \vee \psi)) = \mathit{free}(\varphi) \cup \mathit{free}(\psi)$
- $\mathit{free}(\forall x \varphi) = \mathit{free}(\exists x \varphi) = \mathit{free}(\varphi) \setminus \{x\}$

Example: $\mathit{free}((\forall x_4(R(x_4, x_2) \vee (f(x_3) = x_4)) \vee \exists x_3 S(x_3, x_2)))$
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A formula φ without free variables (i. e., $free(\varphi) = \emptyset$) is called **closed formula** or **sentence**.

If φ is a sentence, then we often write $\mathcal{I} \models \varphi$ instead of $\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \varphi$, since the definition of α does not influence whether φ is true under \mathcal{I} and α or not.

Formulas with at least one free variable are called **open**.

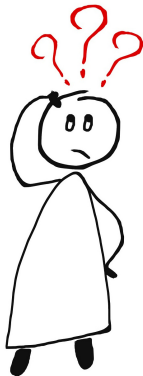
German: geschlossene Formel/Satz, offene Formel

Closed Formulas/Sentences: Examples

Question: Which of the following formulas are sentences?

- $(\text{Block}(b) \vee \neg \text{Block}(b))$
- $(\text{Block}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Block}(x) \vee \neg \text{Block}(y)))$
- $(\text{Block}(a) \wedge \text{Block}(b))$
- $\forall x(\text{Block}(x) \rightarrow \text{Red}(x))$

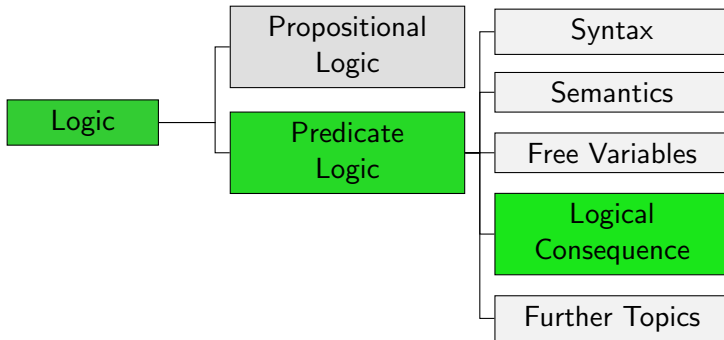
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Logical Consequences

Logic: Overview



Terminology for Formulas

The terminology we introduced for propositional logic similarly applies to predicate logic:

- Interpretation \mathcal{I} and variable assignment α form a **model** of the formula φ if $\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \varphi$.
- Formula φ is **satisfiable** if $\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \varphi$ for at least one \mathcal{I}, α .
- Formula φ is **falsifiable** if $\mathcal{I}, \alpha \not\models \varphi$ for at least one \mathcal{I}, α .
- Formula φ is **valid** if $\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \varphi$ for all \mathcal{I}, α .
- Formula φ is **unsatisfiable** if $\mathcal{I}, \alpha \not\models \varphi$ for all \mathcal{I}, α .
- Formulas φ and ψ are **logically equivalent**, written as $\varphi \equiv \psi$, if they have the same models.

German: Modell, erfüllbar, falsifizierbar, gültig, unerfüllbar, logisch äquivalent

Sets of Formulas: Semantics

Definition (Satisfied/True Sets of Formulas)

Let \mathcal{S} be a signature, Φ a set of formulas over \mathcal{S} , \mathcal{I} an interpretation for \mathcal{S} and α a variable assignment for \mathcal{S} and the universe of \mathcal{I} .

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German: \mathcal{I} und α erfüllen Φ , Φ ist wahr unter \mathcal{I} und α

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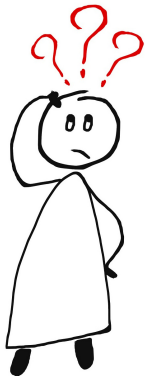
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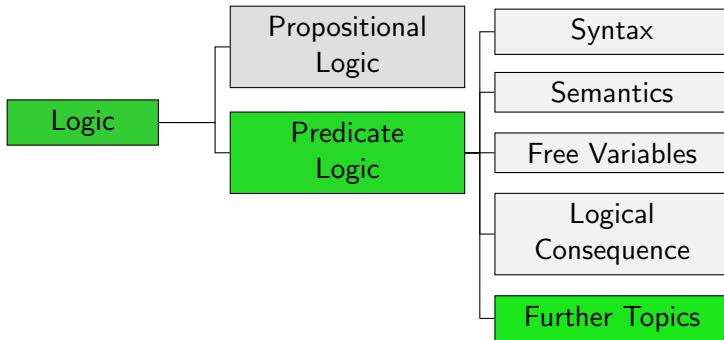
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Further Topics

Logic: Overview



Further Topics

Based on these definitions we could cover the same topics as in propositional logic:

- important **logical equivalences**
- **normal forms**
- theorems about reasoning (deduction theorem etc.)

We briefly discuss some general results on those topics but will not go into detail.

Logical Equivalences

- All **logical equivalences of propositional logic** also hold in predicate logic (e. g., $(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv (\psi \vee \varphi)$). (**Why?**)
- Additionally the following equivalences and implications hold:

$$(\forall x\varphi \wedge \forall x\psi) \equiv \forall x(\varphi \wedge \psi)$$

$$(\forall x\varphi \vee \forall x\psi) \models \forall x(\varphi \vee \psi)$$

$$(\forall x\varphi \wedge \psi) \equiv \forall x(\varphi \wedge \psi)$$

$$(\forall x\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv \forall x(\varphi \vee \psi)$$

$$\neg\forall x\varphi \equiv \exists x\neg\varphi$$

$$\exists x(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv (\exists x\varphi \vee \exists x\psi)$$

$$\exists x(\varphi \wedge \psi) \models (\exists x\varphi \wedge \exists x\psi)$$

$$(\exists x\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv \exists x(\varphi \vee \psi)$$

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$$\neg\exists x\varphi \equiv \forall x\neg\varphi$$

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Normal Forms

Analogously to DNF and CNF for propositional logic there are several normal forms for predicate logic, such as

- **negation normal form (NNF):**
negation symbols (\neg) are only allowed in front of atoms
- **prenex normal form:**
quantifiers must form the outermost part of the formula
- **Skolem normal form:**
prenex normal form without existential quantifiers

German: Negationsnormalform, Pränexnormalform, Skolemnormalform

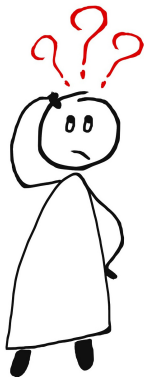
Normal Forms (ctd.)

Efficient methods transform formula φ

- into an **equivalent** formula in **negation normal form**,
- into an **equivalent** formula in **prenex normal form**, or
- into an **equisatisfiable** formula in **Skolem normal form**.

German: erfüllbarkeitsäquivalent

Questions



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Summary

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bound vs. free variables:

- **bound** vs. **free** variables: to decide if $\mathcal{I}, \alpha \models \varphi$, only free variables in α matter
- **sentences** (closed formulas): formulas without free variables

Once the basic definitions are in place, predicate logic can be developed in the same way as propositional logic:

- **logical consequences**
- **logical equivalences**
- **normal forms**
- deduction theorem etc.

Other Logics

- We considered **first-order** predicate logic.
- **Second-order** predicate logic allows quantifying over predicate symbols.
- There are intermediate steps, e. g. monadic second-order logic (all quantified predicates are unary).
- **Modal logics** have new operators \Box and \Diamond .
 - classical meaning: $\Box\varphi$ for “ φ is necessary”,
 $\Diamond\varphi$ for “ φ is possible”.
 - temporal logic: $\Box\varphi$ for “ φ is always true in the future”,
 $\Diamond\varphi$ for “ φ is true at some point in the future”
 - deontic logic: $\Box\varphi$ for “ φ is obligatory”,
 $\Diamond\varphi$ for “ φ is permitted”
 - ...
- In **fuzzy logic**, formulas are not true or false but have values between 0 and 1.

What's Next?

contents of this course:

A. **background** ✓

▷ mathematical foundations and proof techniques

B. **logic**

▷ How can knowledge be represented?

How can reasoning be automated?

C. **automata theory and formal languages**

▷ What is a computation?

D. **Turing computability**

▷ What can be computed at all?

E. **complexity theory**

▷ What can be computed efficiently?

F. **more computability theory**

▷ Other models of computability

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A. **background** ✓

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B. **logic** ✓

▷ How can knowledge be represented?

How can reasoning be automated?

C. **automata theory and formal languages**

▷ What is a computation?

D. **Turing computability**

▷ What can be computed at all?

E. **complexity theory**

▷ What can be computed efficiently?

F. **more computability theory**

▷ Other models of computability