

# From propositions to relations

Let's express in terms of an ontology...

(            ,            )  $\in$  Has4Chairs

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$p \triangleq$  The table has four chairs.

$q \triangleq$  A painting is on the wall  
or a photograph is on the  
wall.

$r \triangleq$  The computer is not on.

$s \triangleq$  If the computer is on,  
then it is not dead.

$t \triangleq$  If the computer is on,  
then the battery is not  
dead.

$u \triangleq$  The plant is made of  
plastic.

# Need to express restrictions on relations

Our restriction:

1. if  $(\text{table}, 0) \in \text{Has4Chairs}$ , then  $(\text{table}, 1) \notin \text{Has4Chairs}$
2. if  $(\text{table}, 1) \in \text{Has4Chairs}$ , then  $(\text{table}, 0) \notin \text{Has4Chairs}$

Is this true over every  $f \in \text{Furniture}$ , or just for the table?

If  $f \in \text{Furniture}$ , then either  $(f, 0) \in \text{Has4Chairs}$   
or  $(f, 1) \in \text{Has4Chairs}$ ,  
but not both.

## Quantifying over sets

- ▶ Using a propositional variable is shorter  
...but it hides information about the set!
- ▶ What do we mean by an arbitrary member of the set?

	$\forall$ “for all” ( <code>\forall</code> )	$\exists$ “exists” ( <code>\exists</code> )
Set membership	$\forall f (f \in \textit{Furniture} \wedge \dots)$	$\exists f (f \in \textit{Furniture} \wedge \dots)$
Relation membership	$\forall f ((f, 1) \in F \wedge \dots)$	$\exists f ((f, 1) \in F \wedge \dots)$
Predicates	$\forall f (F(f) \wedge \dots)$	$\exists f (F(f) \wedge \dots)$

Predicates parameterize propositions.

# Predicate logic: Syntax

Predicates compose into *formulas* via *connectives*, which are *inductively* defined. Assume a set of variables  $\{x_1, x, \dots\}$  and predicates  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots\}$ :

- ▶ *Atomic formulas*:  
 $F \in \{\top, \perp, P_1(x_1), P_1(x_2), P_2(x_1), P_2(x_2), P_1(x_3), P_2(x_3), P_3(x_1), \dots\}$
- ▶ *Negation*: If  $F$  is a formula, then  $\neg F$  is a formula.
- ▶ *Disjunction*: If  $F$  and  $G$  are formulas, then  $F \vee G$  is a formula.
- ▶ *Conjunction*: If  $F$  and  $G$  are formulas, then  $F \wedge G$  is a formula.
- ▶ *Implication*: If  $F$  and  $G$  are formulas, then  $F \rightarrow G$  is a formula.
- ▶ *Universal quantification*: If  $x$  is a variable and  $F$  is a formula, then  $\forall x(F)$  is a formula.
- ▶ *Existential quantification*: If  $x$  is a variable and  $F$  is a formula, then  $\exists x(F)$  is a formula.

You should be able to recognize syntactically valid formulas.

## Free as a bird

Syntax does *not* say that variables need to be quantified.

Variables that occur outside a quantifier (i.e.,  $\forall$  or  $\exists$ ) are said to be *free*, otherwise they are *bound*.

$$P(a) \wedge \forall b (Q(b))$$

$$P(a) \wedge \forall b (Q(b) \vee R(a))$$

$$\forall a (P(a) \wedge \forall b (Q(b) \vee R(a)))$$

You should recognize free and bound variables.

## Example syntactic manipulation

You should be able to manipulate formulas in both propositional and predicate logic using rewrite rules.

If  $f \in \textit{Furniture}$ , then either  $(f, 0) \in \textit{Has4Chairs}$   
or  $(f, 1) \in \textit{Has4Chairs}$ ,  
but not both.

$$\forall f \forall f' \forall b \left( (f = f' \wedge (f, b) \in P) \rightarrow \neg \exists b' \left( \right) \right)$$

## Clicker Question

Which of the following is *not* a valid rewrite of the expression

$$\forall f \forall f' \forall b \left( (f = f' \wedge (f, b) \in P) \rightarrow \neg \exists b' (b \neq b' \wedge (f, b') \in P) \right)$$

A)  $\forall f \forall f' \forall b \left( (f = f' \wedge (f, b) \in P) \rightarrow \forall b' \neg (b \neq b' \wedge (f, b') \in P) \right)$

B)  $\forall f \forall f' \forall b \left( (f = f' \wedge (f, b) \in P) \rightarrow \forall b' (b = b' \wedge (f, b') \notin P) \right)$

C)  $\forall f \forall f' \forall b \left( \neg (f = f' \wedge (f, b) \in P) \vee \neg \exists b' (b \neq b' \wedge (f, b') \in P) \right)$

D)  $\forall f \forall f' \forall b \forall b' \left( (f = f' \wedge (f, b) \in P) \rightarrow (b \neq b' \wedge (f, b') \in P) \right)$

E)  $\forall a \forall b \forall c \left( (a = b \wedge (a, c) \in P) \rightarrow \neg \exists d (c \neq d \wedge (a, d) \in P) \right)$

# Relations, functions, predicates

Recall:

- ▶ An ontology is a collection of categories and relations.
- ▶ A *relation* is a pairing between categories.
- ▶ We are focusing on a special type of category: a set.
- ▶ A relation  $R$  on two sets  $X$  and  $Y$  is any ordered pairing where for  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ ,  $(x, y) \in R$ .
- ▶ A relation can also be written as  $R(x) = y$  or  $R(x, y)$ .

Some relations have special restrictions:

- ▶ A *function* is a relation  $R$  such that  
$$\forall x \forall x' \forall y \forall y' ((R(x) = y \wedge R(x') = y') \rightarrow (y = y' \vee x \neq x')),$$
typically written  $\forall x \forall x' (R(x) = R(x') \rightarrow x = x')$ .
- ▶ A *predicate* is a function  $R$  where  $\forall x (R(x) \in \{0, 1\})$ .



# Arity

Relations can be arbitrarily-sized pairs:

$$(Larry, Moe, Curly) \notin \text{Triplets}$$

Relations (including functions and predicates) can be written many argument. When there are  $k$  such arguments, we say the relation  $R$  is a  $k$ -ary relation.  $k$  is the *arity*.

Let  $P^k$  denote an arbitrary  $k$ -ary predicate and  $f^k$  denote a  $k$ -ary function. Let  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  be the set of variables, as before. Then atomic formulas are the set defined by  $\{\top, \perp, P_1^k(t_1, \dots, t_k), P_2^{k'}(t_1, \dots, t_{k'}), \dots\}$  and  $t_i$  is a term, defined to be:

- ▶ A variable from the set of variables, or
- ▶ A  $k$ -ary function from the set of function applied to  $k$  terms  
 $(f_i^k(t_1, \dots, t_k))$

## Semantics, classically...

- ▶ The semantics of predicate logic is defined by a *structure*  
 $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{A}}, \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle$
- ▶  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is the *universe*: an arbitrary, non-empty set that gives meaning to variables.
- ▶ A structure is suitable if  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_{\mathcal{A}}$  is defined for every symbol, e.g.:

$$F \triangleq \forall x (L(f(x), a) \rightarrow S(x))$$

$$\mathcal{U} \triangleq \{\text{carpet, lamp, couch, table, chair}_1, \dots, \text{chair}_4\}$$

$$\llbracket a \rrbracket_{\mathcal{A}} \triangleq 1$$

$$\llbracket f \rrbracket_{\mathcal{A}} \triangleq \text{function to get the number of legs the input has}$$

$$\llbracket L \rrbracket_{\mathcal{A}} \triangleq \text{predicate: first is greater than the second}$$

$$\llbracket S \rrbracket_{\mathcal{A}} \triangleq \text{predicate: can sit on}$$

- ▶ Interpreting predicates:  $\mathcal{A} \models F$ ?

# Logic is general; we want to be specific

- ▶ The deep formalisms here capture extremely general and true things: proof schemata, the notion of equality, etc.
- ▶ In AI, we want to be specific.
- ▶ Classic example: the “frame problem.”

## Next class

Inference: combining what we know to learn something new.