
Predicate Logic

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Boolean algebra and propositional logic are different ways of interpreting the *same* thing.

Usage: computer processors (circuits, switches).

Satisfiability Example: Russian Spy Puzzle

There are three persons: Stirlitz, Mueller, and Eismann.

It is known that exactly one of them is Russian, while the other two are Germans. Moreover, every Russian must be a spy.

When Stirlitz meets Mueller in a corridor, he makes the following joke: “you know, Mueller, you are as German as I am Russian”. It is known that Stirlitz always says the truth when he is joking.

We have to establish that Eismann is not a Russian spy.

How can we solve problems of this kind? By Propositional Logic!
(see the course webpage for solution)

Propositions as mathematical statements

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Usage: software systems in financial services, automotive industry, medicine, ...

Predicate Logic – Predicates (Praedikaten, Eigenschaften)

“x is greater than 5”




is a *predicate*, denote it by F



describes a *property of objects* represented by *variables* from an *universe*
(*domain*, *Bereichsangabe*)

Predicate Logic

“x is greater than 5”


F(x)

F(1) is False

F(4) is False

F(10) is True

Predicate Logic - example

“x is greater than y” ← $G(x,y)$

What is

$G(2,0)$

$G(7,1)$

$G(7,9)$

“7 less than 9” can be represented by $G(7,9)$ or $G(9,7)$?

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Predicate Logic – English with Quantifiers

“All cars have wheels”

“Someone calls you”

Predicate Logic – Programs and Quantifiers

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all elements a_i of array a (of length N) are zero

$$\forall i: 1 \leq i < N: a_{i-1} \leq a_i$$

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at least two elements of array a are equal

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Predicate Logic - Well-Formed Formulas (WFF)

- True and False are WFFs;
 - Propositional variables are WFFs;
 - Predicates with variables are WFFs;
 - If A and B are WFFs, then $\neg A$, $A \wedge B$, $A \vee B$, $A \Rightarrow B$, $A \Leftrightarrow B$ are also WFFs;
 - If x is a variable (representing objects of the universe U) and A is a WFF, then $\forall x: U(x): F(x)$ and $\exists x: U(x): F(x)$ are also WFFs.
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Predicate Logic – Quantifiers and Negation

De Morgan's Axiom $\neg\exists$:

$$\neg(\exists x: U(x): F(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x: U(x): \neg F(x)$$

„There exist no x in the universe U such that F(x) holds“

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Predicate Logic – Quantifiers and Negation

Examples:

- Rewrite $(\exists i: 0 \leq i < N: a_i \neq 0)$ into an equivalent WFF with \forall
 - Rewrite $(\forall i: 1 \leq i < N: a_{i-1} < a_i)$ into an equivalent WFF with \exists
 - Rewrite $(\exists i, j: 0 \leq i < j < N: a_i \neq a_j)$ into an equivalent WFF with \forall
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Predicate Logic – Quantifiers and Connectives \wedge, \vee

- Distributivity of $\forall \wedge$

$$\forall x: U(x): (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x: U(x): P(x)) \wedge (\forall x: U(x): Q(x))$$

- Distributivity of $\exists \vee$

$$\exists x: U(x): (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x: U(x): P(x)) \vee (\exists x: U(x): Q(x))$$

- Non-distributivity of $\forall \vee$

$$(\forall x: U(x): P(x)) \vee (\forall x: U(x): Q(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x: U(x): (P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

- Non-distributivity of $\exists \wedge$

$$\exists x: U(x): (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists i: U(x): P(x)) \wedge (\exists x: U(x): Q(x))$$

Predicate Logic – Sequences of Quantifiers

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$\exists i, j, k: (0 \leq i, j, k < N) \wedge (i \neq j) \wedge (i \neq k) \wedge (j \neq k):$
 $((a_i \geq a_j \geq a_k) \wedge$
 $(\forall m: (0 \leq m < N) \wedge (m \neq i) \wedge (m \neq j) \wedge (m \neq k): a_k \geq a_m))$

Example of Ambiguity of Spoken English

„All elements of an array a of length N are either zero or one “

could be interpreted as

$$\forall i: 0 \leq i < N: (a_i = 0 \vee a_i = 1)$$

or

$$(\forall i: 0 \leq i < N: a_i = 0) \vee (\forall i: 0 \leq i < N: a_i = 1)$$

Examples of Ambiguity of Spoken English

„The elements of arrays a and b are the same (both arrays of length N).“

can be interpreted as

$$\forall i: 0 \leq i < N: (a_i = b_i)$$

$$\text{ex: } a=(2,3,5), b=(2,3,5)$$

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Further Quantifiers for Math Reasoning

(not the standard quantifiers of predicate logic)

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Anz-Quantifier Examples:

Given arrays a and b . Both arrays are of length N . The elements of both arrays are natural numbers.

$(\text{Anz } i: 0 \leq i < N: a_i \neq 0) = 0$... all elements a_i of a are different than 0

$(\text{Anz } i: 0 \leq i < N: a_i = x) > 0$... at least one element a_i has the value x ($x \in \mathbb{N}$)

$(\text{Anz } i: 0 \leq i < N: a_i < x) = (\text{Anz } i: 0 \leq i < N: a_i > x)$... x is the median value of a

$\forall x:: ((\text{Anz } i: 0 \leq i < N: a_i = x) = (\text{Anz } i: 0 \leq i < N: b_i = x))$... a is a permutation of b

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Sum-Quantifier:

$$\text{Sum } x: U(x): T(x)$$

gives the „sum of the terms $T(x)$ for all objects x from the universe U “

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Sum-Quantifier Examples:

$(\text{Sum } i: 1 \leq i \leq n: i) = n(n+1)/2 \dots$ Sum of the first n natural numbers

$(\text{Sum } i: 0 \leq i < n: 2i+1) = n^2 \dots$ Sum of odd (ungerade) natural numbers smaller than $2n$

$(\text{Sum } i: 0 \leq i < n: 2^i) = 2^n - 1 \dots$ Sum of the first n powers of 2

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Min-Quantifier:

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Max-Quantifier:

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gives the „greatest value of terms $T(x)$ for all objects x from the universe U “

Note: $\text{Max } x: \text{False}: T(x)$ is $-\infty$.

$$\text{Max } x: U(x): T(x) = - (\text{Min } x: U(x): -T(x))$$

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Predicate Logic is Useful and Fun!

- One application area: software verification

Example: if $x > 0$ then $x := x + 1; y := y + 1$ else $x := x - 1; y := y - 1$

- It is fun and competitive – see the theorem proving competition:

<http://www.cs.miami.edu/~tptp/CASC/22/>
