

# First Order Logic – Semantics (3A)

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Contemporary Artificial Intelligence,  
R.E. Neapolitan & X. Jiang

Logic and Its Applications,  
Burkey & Foxley

# Terms and Formulas

## Terms

1. Variables
2. Functions

$x$   $y$   $f(x)$   $g(x, y)$

## Formulas

**Predicate symbols.**

**Equality.**

**Negation.**

**Binary connectives.**

**Quantifiers.**

$P(x)$   $Q(x, y)$

$x = f(y)$

$\neg Q(x, y)$

$P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y)$

$\forall x, y (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y))$

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# Examples of Terms

no expression involving a predicate symbol is a **term**.

$x$   $y$   $f(x)$   $g(x, y)$

$father(x)$

A function returns neither True nor False

**term**

The father of  $x$

$Father(x)$

A predicate returns always True or False

~~**term**~~

Is  $x$  a father?

$\forall x \text{ love}(x, y)$

: free variable  $y$

$\forall x \text{ tall}(x)$

: no free variable

Bound variable  $x$

Free variable  $y$

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# Terms

## Terms

1. **Variables**. Any variable is a term.
2. **Functions**. Any expression  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  of  $n$  arguments is a term where each argument  $t_i$  is a term and  $f$  is a function symbol of valence  $n$ . In particular, symbols denoting **individual constants** are **0-ary function symbols**, and are thus terms.

Only expressions which can be obtained by finitely many applications of rules 1 and 2 are terms.

**no** expression involving a **predicate symbol** is a term.

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# Formulas (1)

## Formulas (wffs)

**Predicate symbols.**

**Equality.**

**Negation.**

**Binary connectives.**

**Quantifiers.**

$P(x)$        $Q(x, y)$

$x = f(y)$

$\neg Q(x, y)$

$P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y)$

$\forall x, y (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y))$

Only expressions which can be obtained by finitely many applications of rules 1–5 are formulas.

The formulas obtained from the first two rules are said to be **atomic formulas**.

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# Formulas (2)

## Formulas (wffs)

### Predicate symbols.

If  $P$  is an  $n$ -ary predicate symbol  
and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms  
then  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a formula.

$P(x)$        $Q(x, y)$

### Equality.

If the equality symbol is considered part of logic,  
and  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are terms,  
then  $t_1 = t_2$  is a formula.

$x = f(y)$

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# Formulas (3)

## Formulas (wffs)

### Negation.

If  $\varphi$  is a formula,  
then  $\neg\varphi$  is a formula.

### Binary connectives.

If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas,  
then  $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$  is a formula.

Similar rules apply to other binary logical connectives.

### Quantifiers.

If  $\varphi$  is a formula and  $x$  is a variable,  
then  $\forall x \varphi$  (for all  $x$ , holds)  
and  $\exists x \varphi$  (there exists  $x$  such that  $\varphi$ ) are formulas.

$$\neg Q(x, y)$$

$$P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y)$$

$$\forall x, y (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y))$$

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# Atoms and Compound Formulas

a formula that contains **no logical connectives**

a formula that has **no strict subformulas**

**Atoms :**

the **simplest** well-formed formulas of the logic.

$$P(x) \quad Q(x, y)$$

**Compound formulas :**

formed by combining the atomic formulas using the **logical connectives**.

$$P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y)$$

$$\forall x, y (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y))$$

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# Atomic Formula

for **propositional logic**

the atomic formulas are the **propositional variables**

$p$

$q$

for **predicate logic**

the atoms are **predicate symbols** together with their **arguments**,  
each **argument** being a **term**.

$P(x)$

$Q(x, f(y))$

In **model theory**

atomic formula are merely strings of **symbols** with a given **signature**  
which may or may not be **satisfiable** with respect to a given **model**

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# Basic Entities in FOL

propositional logic assumes world contains **facts**

first-order logic assumes the world contains **objects**, **relations**, and **functions**

- **Objects**: people, houses, numbers, theories, Ronald McDonald, colors, baseball games, wars, centuries ...
- **Relations**: red, round, bogus, prime, multistoried, is the brother of, is bigger than, is inside, is part of, has color, occurred after, owns, comes between, ...
- **Functions**: father of, best friend, third inning of, one more than, end of

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# Types of Logic

| Language           | Ontological commitment*<br>(what it talks about) | Epistemological commitment*<br>(what it says about truth) |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Prop. Logic        | facts  | true/false/unknown  |
| First-order logic  | facts, objects, relations                        | true/false/unknown  |
| Temporal logic     | facts, objects, relations, times                 | true/false/unknown  |
| Probability theory | facts  | degree of belief  |
| Fuzzy logic        | facts + degree of truth                          | known interval value                                      |

ontological commitment  $\approx$  our assumptions about what things exist

epistemological commitment  $\approx$  what we can know about those things

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# Model

A **model** is a pair  $M = (D, I)$ ,  
**D** is a **domain** and  
**I** is an **interpretation**

- **Objects**: people, houses, numbers, ...
- **Relations**: red, round, bogus, prime, ...
- **Functions**: father of, best friend, ...

**D** contains  
more than 1 **objects** (domain elements)  
and **relations** among them

**I** specifies referents for  
**constant** symbols → **objects** in the domain  
**predicate** symbols → **relations** over objects in the domain  
**function** symbols → **functional relations** over objects in the domain

# Truth Example

Suppose  $M = (D, I)$ , where  
 $D$  is the domain shown at right,  
And  $I$  is an interpretation in which

## Objects

Richard → Richard the Lionheart  
John → the evil King John

## Relations

Brother → the brotherhood relation

## Predicate

**Brother**(Richard, John) is true in  $M$

iff the pair consisting of Richard the Lionheart and the evil King John

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# Relation and Predicates

mathematically, a **relation** is a set of **ordered n-tuples**

An **atomic** sentence **predicate**(term<sub>1</sub>,...,term<sub>n</sub>) is **true** in **M**  
 iff the **objects** referred to by term<sub>1</sub>,...,term<sub>n</sub>  
 are in the **relation** referred to by **predicate**

**M** is a **model** of a **sentence S**

If **S** is **true** in **M**

**M** = (**D**, **I**),

**D** is a **domain** and

**I** is an **interpretation**

|                               |   | Sentences |          |         |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|----------|---------|
|                               |   | P1() ...  | P2() ... | S T ... |
| Interpretation I <sub>1</sub> | → | T         | T        |         |
| Interpretation I <sub>2</sub> | → | T         | F        |         |
| Interpretation I <sub>3</sub> | → | F         | T        | T       |
| Interpretation I <sub>4</sub> | → | F         | F        |         |
| Interpretation I <sub>5</sub> | → |           |          | T       |
| Interpretation I <sub>6</sub> | → |           |          | T       |
| Interpretation I <sub>7</sub> | → |           |          |         |
| Interpretation I <sub>8</sub> | → |           |          |         |

a model **M**



# A Signature

First specify a **signature**

Constant Symbols  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\} = D$

Predicate Symbols  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m\}$

Function Symbols  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_l\}$

A **model** is a pair  $M = (D, I)$ ,

$D$  is a **domain** and

$I$  is an **interpretation**

$D$  contains

more than 1 **objects** (domain elements)

and **relations** among them

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**signature**

constant symbols → **objects** in the domain

predicate symbols → **relations** over objects in the domain

function symbols → **functional** relations over objects in the domain

# A Language

Determines the **language**

Given a language

A **model** is specified

$$M = (D, I)$$

A **domain of discourse**

a set of entities

$$\{\text{entity}_1, \text{entity}_2, \dots, \text{entity}_n\}$$

An interpretation

constant assignments

$$\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\} = D$$

function assignments

$$f_1(), f_2(), \dots, f_l()$$

truth value assignments

$$P_1(), P_2(), \dots, P_m()$$

# Interpretation – assigning the signature

Constant assignments

$\{\text{entity}_1, \text{entity}_2, \dots, \text{entity}_n\}$

$\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\} = D$

$M = (D, I)$

objects

Function assignments

$f_1(), f_2(, ), \dots$

functions

Truth value assignments

$P_1(, ), P_2(, ), \dots$

relations

always return T / F

# Interpretation – assigning atoms

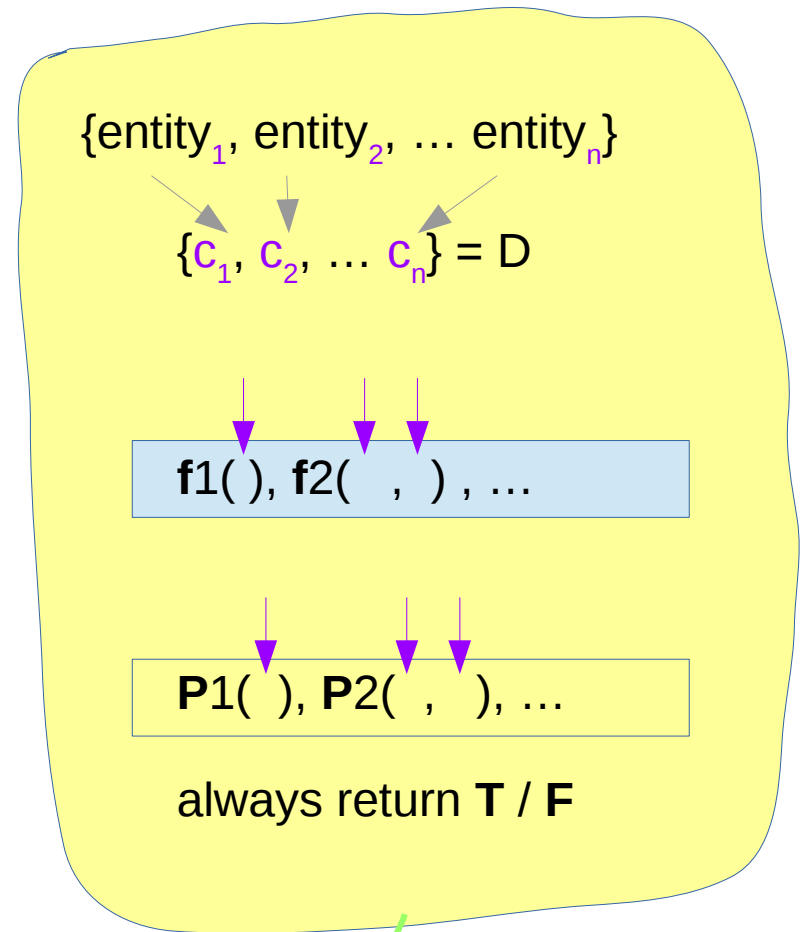
## Propositional Logic

|                      | A | B |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Interpretation $I_1$ | T | T |
| Interpretation $I_2$ | T | F |
| Interpretation $I_3$ | F | T |
| Interpretation $I_4$ | F | F |

## First Order Logic

Sentences

|                      | P1() ... P2() ... | S1 | S2 |
|----------------------|-------------------|----|----|
| Interpretation $I_1$ | T T               |    |    |
| Interpretation $I_2$ | T F               |    |    |
| Interpretation $I_3$ | F T               |    |    |
| Interpretation $I_4$ | F F               |    |    |



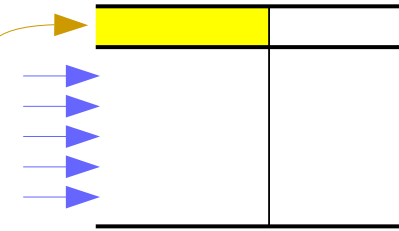
To assign truth values to predicates, constants and functions must be assigned

# PL: A Model

A **model** or a **possible world**:

Every **atomic proposition** is assigned a value **T** or **F**

The **set of all these assignments** constitutes  
A **model** or a **possible world**

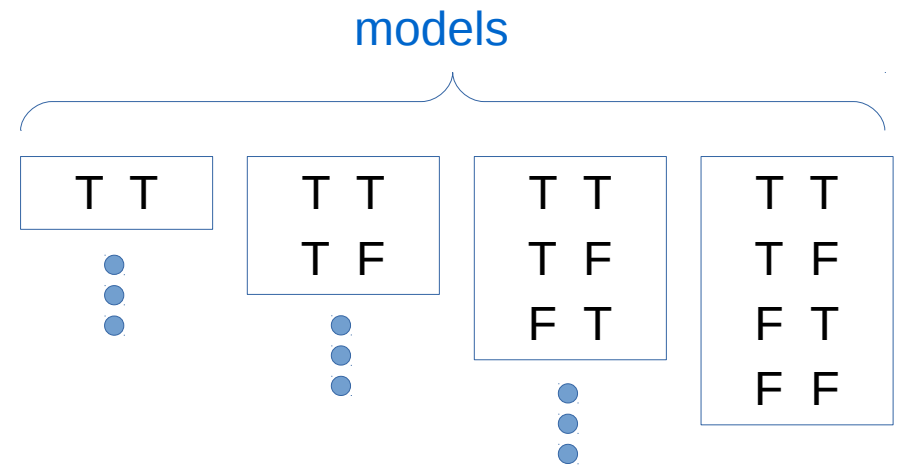


All possible worlds (assignments) are **permissible**

| A | B | $A \wedge B$ | $A \wedge B \Rightarrow A$ |
|---|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| T | T | T            | T                          |
| T | F | F            | T                          |
| F | T | F            | T                          |
| F | F | F            | T                          |



Every **atomic proposition** : A, B



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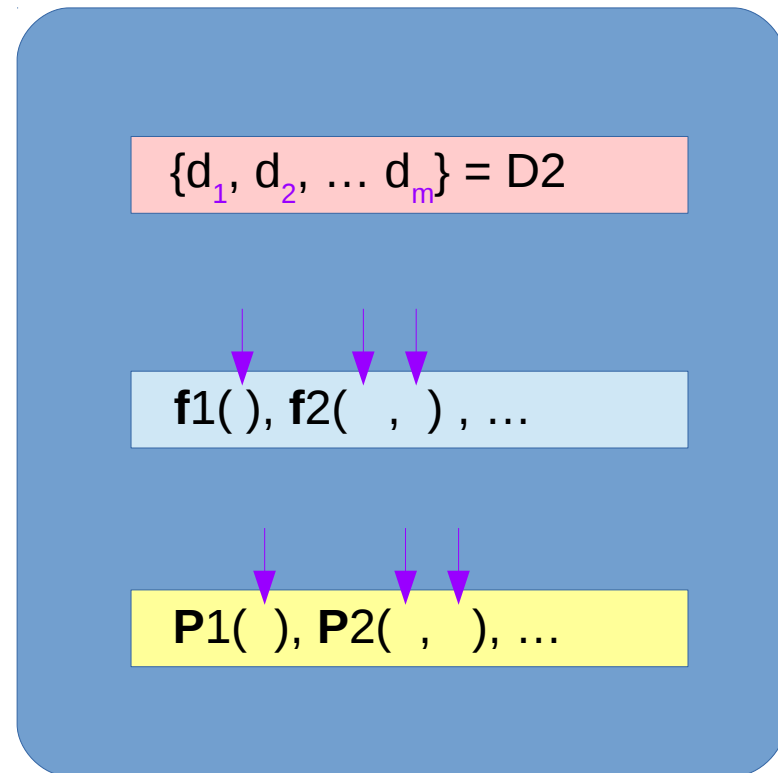
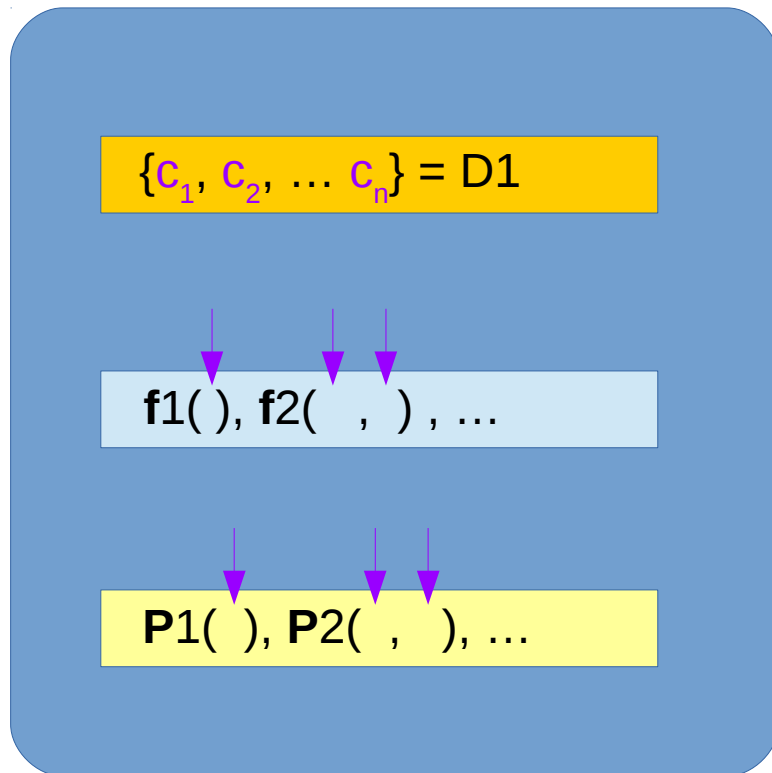
# Models and Signatures

$$M = (D, I)$$

$$\{\text{John, Baker, \dots, Paul}\} = D1$$

*Different sets of constants  
(entities or objects)*

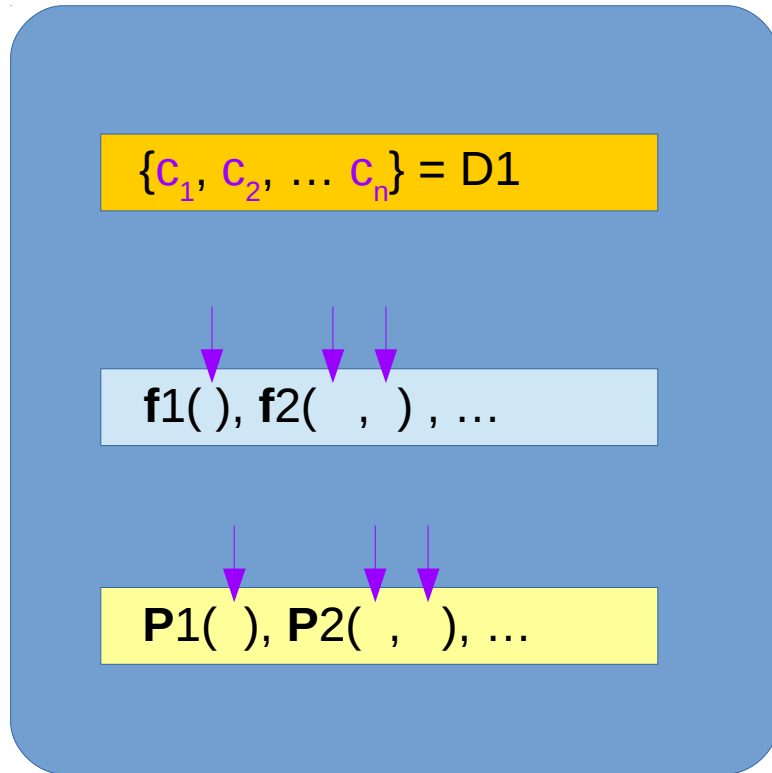
$$\{\text{Mary, Jane, \dots, Elizabeth}\} = D2$$



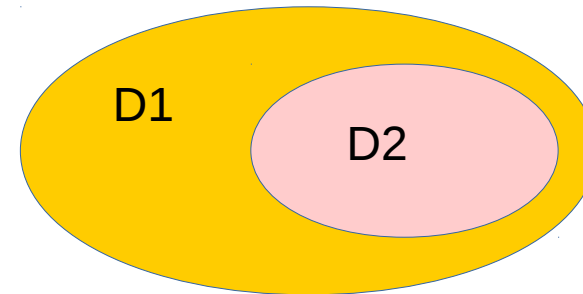
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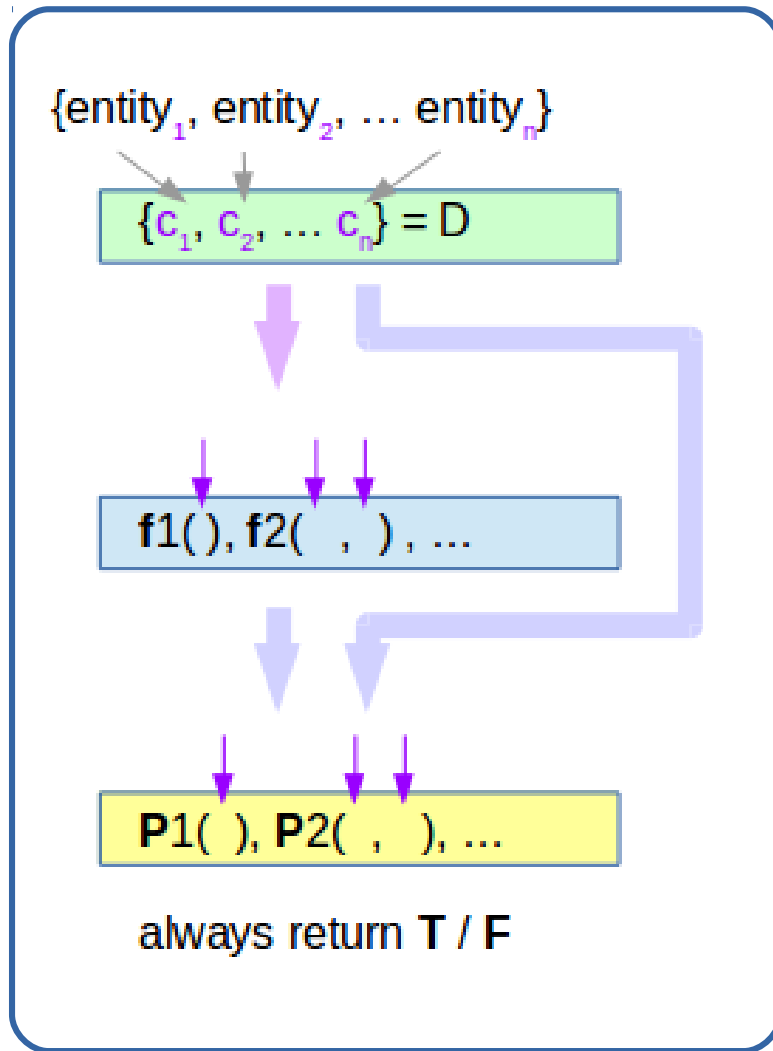
*a subset of constants*



$$\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m\} = D2$$



# Truth values of sentences



|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>terms</b>                | $x \quad y \quad f(x) \quad g(x, y)$      |
| <b>atomic formulas</b>      | $P(x) \quad Q(x, f(y))$                   |
| <b>formulas / sentences</b> | $\forall x, y (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y))$ |

## First Order Logic

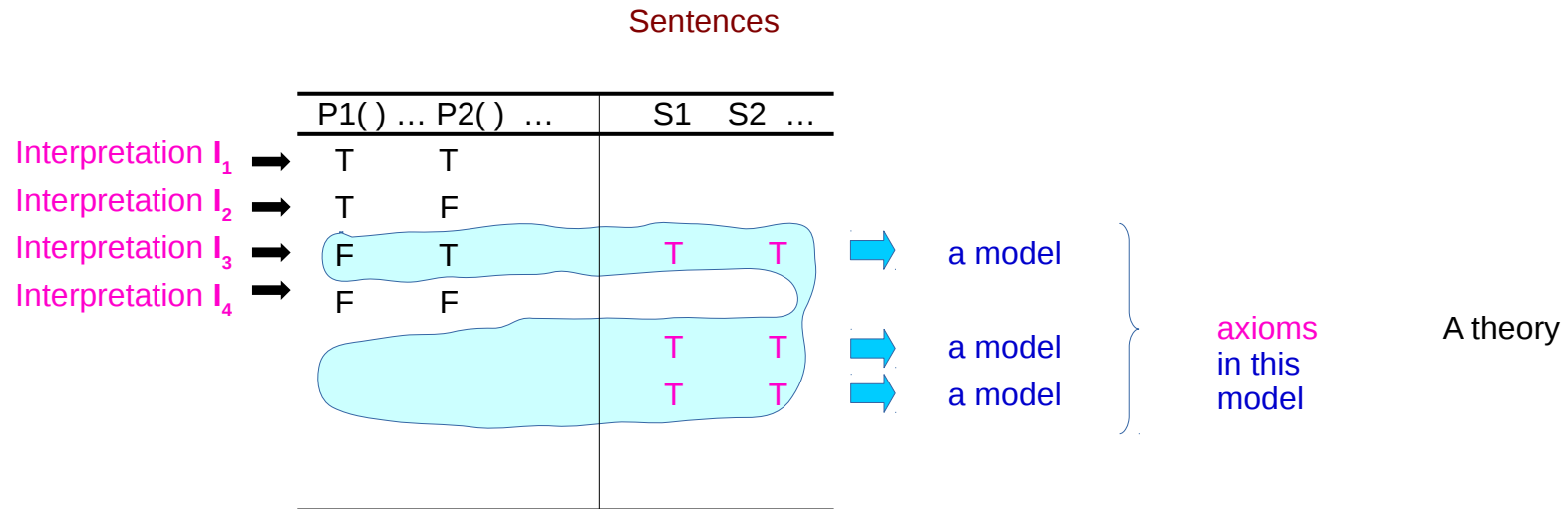
|                                 | P1() | P2() | ... | S1 | S2 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|-----|----|----|
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| Interpretation I <sub>3</sub> → | F    | T    |     |    |    |
| Interpretation I <sub>4</sub> → | F    | F    |     |    |    |

## Sentences



# Model Theory (1)

A first-order **theory** of a particular signature is a set of **axioms**, which are **sentences** consisting of **symbols** from that signature.

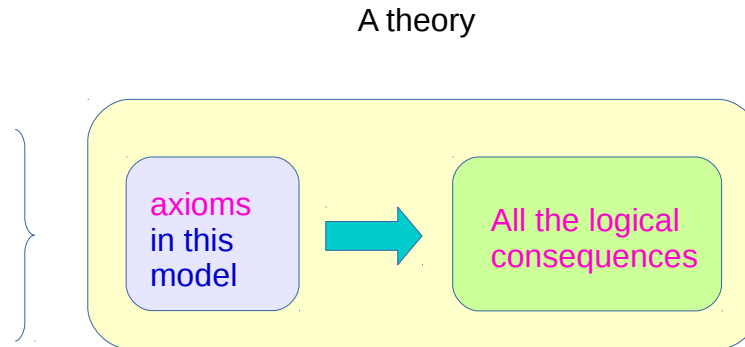


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# Model Theory (2)

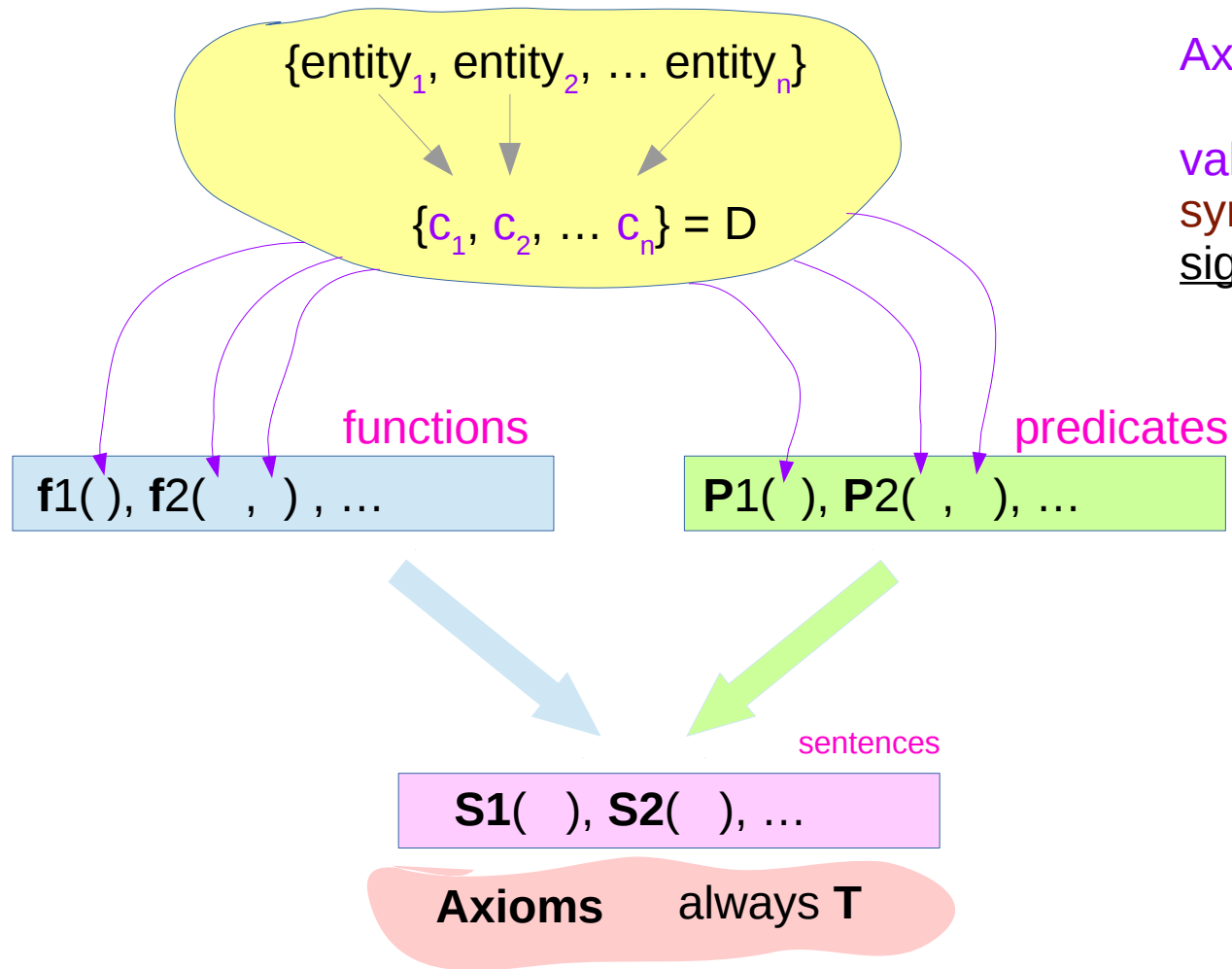
The set of axioms is  
often **finite** or **recursively enumerable**,  
in which case the theory is called **effective**.

Sometimes theories often include  
**all logical consequences** of the **axioms**.



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# Axioms of a model theory



## Axioms

valid sentences consisting of symbols from a particular signature.

# Models

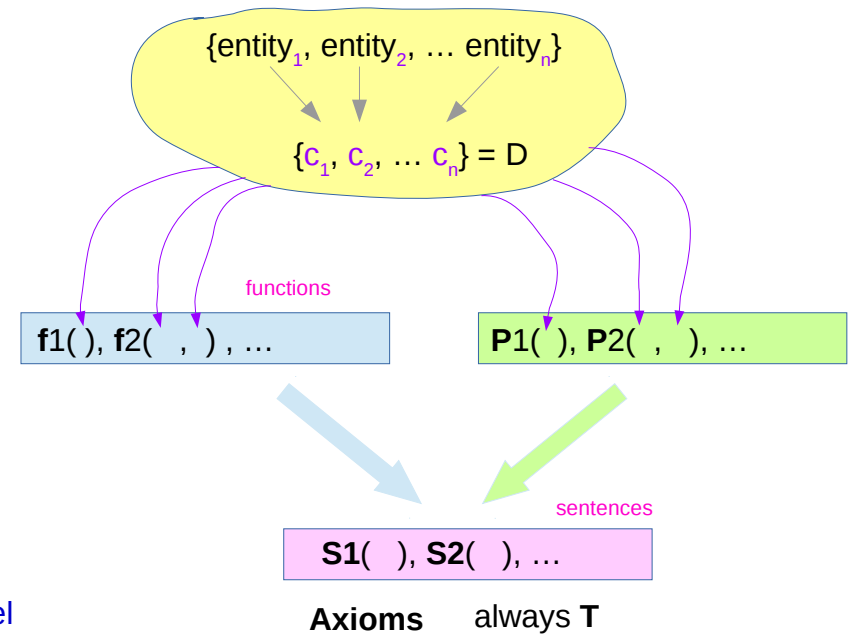
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|----------------------|---|---|-------|-----------|
| Interpretation $I_1$ | T | T |       |           |
| Interpretation $I_2$ | T | F | T T T | → a model |
| Interpretation $I_3$ | F | T | T T T | → a model |
| Interpretation $I_4$ | F | F |       |           |

## First Order Logic

|                      | P1() ... P2() ... | Sentences |        |           |
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| Interpretation $I_3$ | F T               | T         | T      | → a model |
| Interpretation $I_4$ | F F               | T         | T      | → a model |
|                      |                   | T         | T      | → a model |

## Signature



# Axioms

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Logical Axioms      - axioms

Non-logical Axioms      - postulate – deductive system

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axiom>

# Logical Axioms

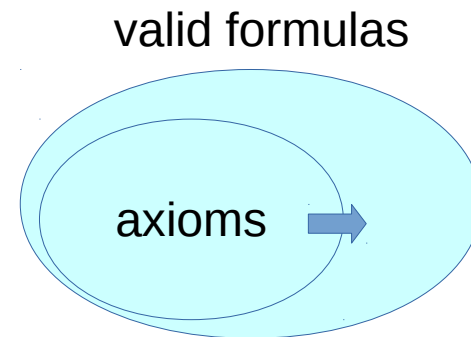
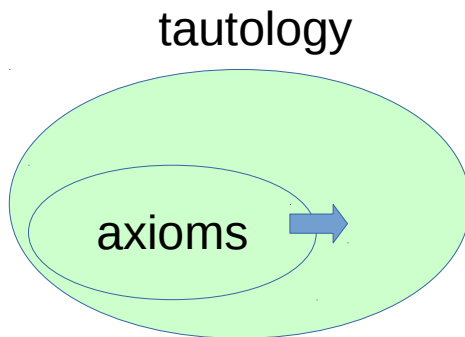
- **formulas** in a formal language that are **universally valid**
- **formulas** that are **satisfied** by every assignment of values (**interpretations**)

usually one takes as **logical axioms**

at least some **minimal set of tautologies**

that is sufficient for proving **all tautologies** in the language

in the case of predicate logic *more* **logical axioms** than that are required,  
in order to prove **logical truths** that are **not tautologies in the strict sense**.



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# Non-logical Axioms

formulas that play the role of **theory-specific assumptions**

**reasoning** about **two different structures**,  
for example the **natural numbers** and the **integers**,  
may involve the same **logical axioms**;

the purpose is to find out  
what is special about *a particular structure*  
(or set of structures, such as groups).

Thus non-logical axioms are not **tautologies**.

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# Mathematical Discourse

Also called

- **postulate**
- **axioms in mathematical discourse**

this does not mean that it is claimed  
that they are true in some absolute sense

an elementary basis for a formal logic system

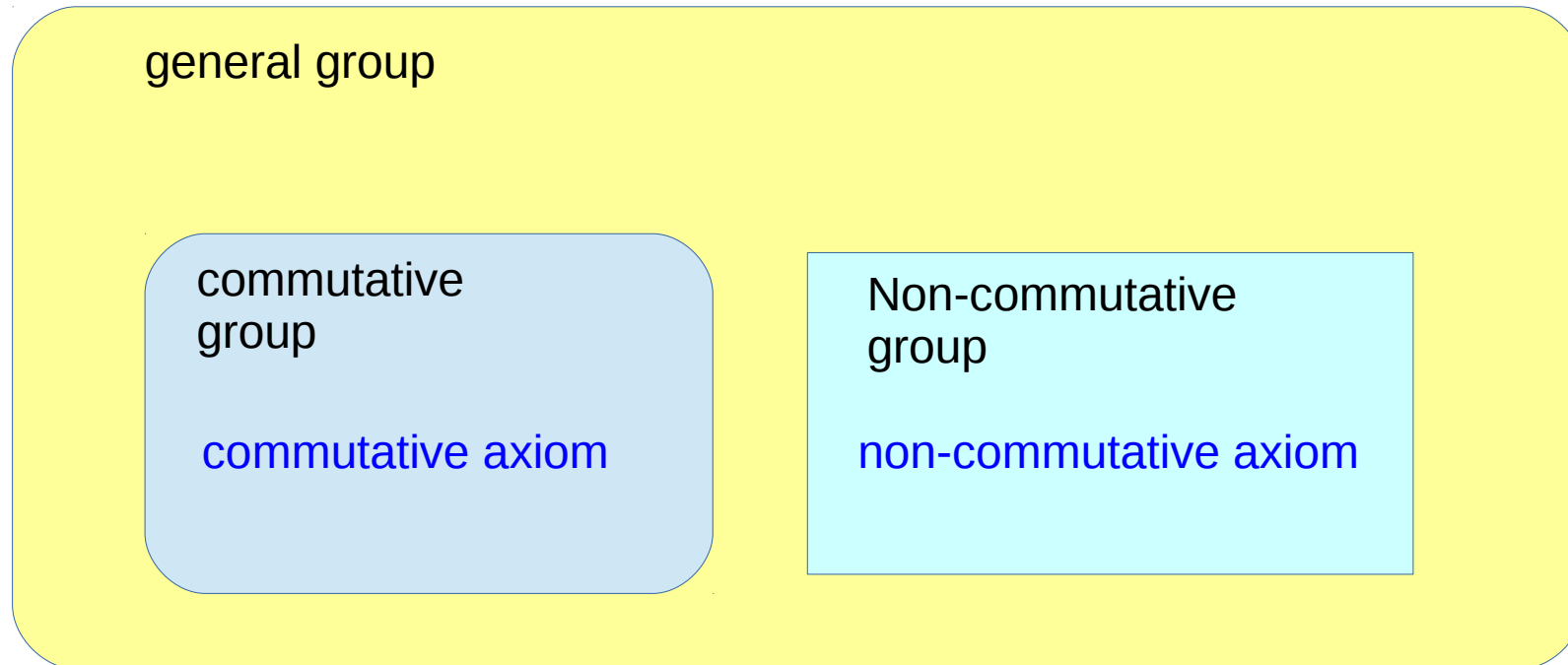
## **A deductive system**

- **axioms** (non-logical)
- **rules of inference**

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# Need not be tautologies



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- Commutative axiom
- Non-commutative axiom

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# Model Theory

The **axioms** are considered to *hold* within the **theory** and

From **axioms**, other sentences that *hold* within the **theory** can be derived.

A first-order structure that satisfies **all sentences** in a given **theory** is said to be a **model** of the **theory**.

An **elementary class** is the set of **all** structures satisfying a particular **theory**.

These classes are a main subject of study in model theory.

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# Truth values of sentences

**Entailment** in propositional logic can be computed  
By **enumerating** the **possible worlds** (i.e. **model** checking)

How to **enumerate** possible worlds in FOL?

For each number of domain number  $n$  from 1 to infinity

For each  $k$ -ary **predicate**  $P_k$  in the vocabulary

For each possible  $k$ -ary **relation** on  $n$  objects

For each constant symbol  $C$  in the vocabulary

For each choice of referent for  $C$  from  $n$  objects. ..

Computing entailment in this way is not easy.

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# Truth values of sentences

domain number  $n \in [1, \infty)$

$k$ -ary predicate  $P_k$

$k$ -ary relation  $f_k$  on  $n$  objects

constant symbol  $C$

referent for  $C$  from  $n$  objects. ..

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# Model – domain of discourse

1. a nonempty set D of **entities** called a **domain of discourse**
  - this domain is a set
  - each element in the set : entity
  - each constant symbol : one entity in the domain

If we considering all individuals in a class,  
The constant symbols might be

'Mary', - an entity  
'Fred', - an entity  
'John', - an entity  
'Tom' - an entity

# Model – interpretation

## 2. an **interpretation**

(a) an entity in D is assigned to each of the constant symbols.

Normally, every entity is assigned to a constant symbol.

(b) for each **function**,

an entity is assigned to each possible input of entities to the **function**

(c) the predicate '**True**' is always assigned **the value T**

The predicate '**False**' is always assigned **the value F**

(d) for every other **predicate**,

**the value T or F** is assigned

to each possible input of entities to the **predicate**

# Each possible input of entities

Arity one:  $C(n, 1)$   
Arity two:  $C(n, 2)$   
Arity three:  $C(n, 3)$

...

Arity one functions & predicates:  $C(n, 1)$   
Arity two:  $C(n, 2)$   
Arity three:  $C(n, 3)$

...

$\{\text{entity}_1, \text{entity}_2, \dots, \text{entity}_n\}$

$\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\} = D$

$f1(), f2(, ), \dots$

$P1( ), P2(, ), \dots$

always return **T / F**

# Interpretation

## Constant assignments

(a) an entity → the constant symbols.

## Function assignments

(b) an entity → each possible input of entities to the **function**

## Truth value assignments

(c) the value **T** → the predicate '**True**'  
the value **F** → the predicate '**False**'

(d) for every other **predicate**,  
the value **T** or **F** is assigned → every other predicate  
to each possible input of entities to the **predicate**



# Signature Model Examples A – (1)

## Signature

1. constant symbols = { Mary, Fred, Sam }
2. predicate symbols = { married, young }
  - married(x, y) : arity two
  - young(x) : arity one

## Model

1. domain of discourse D : the set of three particular *individuals*

- this domain is a set
- each element in the set : entity (= *individuals*)
- each constant symbol : one entity in the domain (= one *individual*)

2. interpretation

(a) a different *individual* is assigned to each of the **constant symbols**

(a) an entity in D is assigned to each of the constant symbols.  
Normally, every entity is assigned to a constant symbol.

# Signature Model Examples A – (2)

(b) for each **function**,  
an entity is assigned to each possible input of entities to the **function**

(c) the predicate '**True**' is always assigned the value T  
The predicate '**False**' is always assigned the value F

(d) the truth value assignments for every predicate

$\text{young}(\text{Mary}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{young}(\text{Fred}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{young}(\text{Sam}) = \text{T}$

$\text{married}(\text{Mary}, \text{Mary}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{married}(\text{Mary}, \text{Fred}) = \text{T}$ ,  $\text{married}(\text{Mary}, \text{Sam}) = \text{F}$   
 $\text{married}(\text{Fred}, \text{Mary}) = \text{T}$ ,  $\text{married}(\text{Fred}, \text{Fred}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{married}(\text{Fred}, \text{Sam}) = \text{F}$   
 $\text{married}(\text{Sam}, \text{Mary}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{married}(\text{Sam}, \text{Fred}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{married}(\text{Sam}, \text{Sam}) = \text{F}$

(d) for every other **predicate**,  
the value T or F is assigned  
to each possible input of entities to the **predicate**

(Mary, Mary), (Mary, Fred), (Mary, Sam)  
(Fred, Mary), (Fred, Fred), (Fred, Sam)  
(Sam, Mary), (Sam, Fred), (Sam, Sam)

# Signature Model Examples B – (1)

## Signature

1. constant symbols = { Fred, Mary, Sam }
2. predicate symbols = { love }      love(x, y) : arity two
3. function symbols = { mother }      mother(x) : arity one

## Model

1. domain of discourse D : the set of three particular individuals
2. interpretation
  - (a) a different individual is assigned to each of the **constant symbols**
  - (b) **the truth value assignments for every predicate**  
love(Fred, Fred) = F, love(Fred, Mary) = F, love(Fred, Ann) = F  
love(Mary, Fred) = T, love(Mary, Mary) = F, love(Mary, Ann) = T  
love(Ann, Fred) = T, love(Ann, Mary) = T, love(Ann, Ann) = F
  - (c) **the function assignments**  
mother(Fred) = Mary, mother(Mary) = Ann, mother(Ann) = - (no assignment)

# Signature Model Examples B – (2)

## 2. interpretation

(a) a different individual is assigned to each of the **constant symbols**

(a) an entity in D is assigned to each of the constant symbols.  
Normally, every entity is assigned to a constant symbol.

(b) **the truth value assignments**

(b) for each **function**,  
an entity is assigned to each possible input of entities to the **function**

$\text{love}(\text{Fred}, \text{Fred}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{love}(\text{Fred}, \text{Mary}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{love}(\text{Fred}, \text{Ann}) = \text{F}$   
 $\text{love}(\text{Mary}, \text{Fred}) = \text{T}$ ,  $\text{love}(\text{Mary}, \text{Mary}) = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{love}(\text{Mary}, \text{Ann}) = \text{T}$   
 $\text{love}(\text{Ann}, \text{Fred}) = \text{T}$ ,  $\text{love}(\text{Ann}, \text{Mary}) = \text{T}$ ,  $\text{love}(\text{Ann}, \text{Ann}) = \text{F}$

(c) **the function assignments**

(d) for every other **predicate**,  
the value T or F is assigned  
to each possible input of entities to the **predicate**

$\text{mother}(\text{Fred}) = \text{Mary}$ ,  $\text{mother}(\text{Mary}) = \text{Ann}$ ,  $\text{mother}(\text{Ann}) = -$  (no assignment)

# The truth value of sentences

The truth values of **all sentences** are assigned :

1. the truth values for **sentences** developed with the symbols  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$  are assigned as in propositional logic.
2. the truth values for two terms connected by the  $=$  symbol is **T** if both terms refer to the same entity; otherwise it is **F**
3. the truth values for  $\forall x p(x)$  has value **T** if  $p(x)$  has value **T** for **every assignment** to  $x$  of an **entity** in the domain  $D$ ; otherwise it has value **F**
4. the truth values for  $\exists x p(x)$  has value **T** if  $p(x)$  has value **T** for **at least one assignment** to  $x$  of an **entity** in the domain  $D$ ; otherwise it has value **F**
5. the operator **precedence** is as follows  $\neg$ ,  $=$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$
6. the **quantifiers** have precedence over the operators
7. **parentheses** change the order of the precedence

# Formulas and Sentences

An **formula**

- A **atomic formula**
- The operator  $\neg$  followed by a **formula**
- Two formulas separated by  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$
- A **quantifier** following by a variable followed by a formula

A **sentence**

- A **formula** with **no free variables**

|                               |                     |                         |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| $\forall x \text{ love}(x,y)$ | : free variable $y$ | : <b>not</b> a sentence |
| $\forall x \text{ tall}(x)$   | : no free variable  | : a sentence            |

# Finding the truth value

Find the truth values of **all sentences**

1.  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$

2. = symbol

3.  $\forall x p(x)$

4.  $\exists x p(x)$

5. the **operator precedence** is as follows  $\neg$ , =,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$

6. the **quantifiers** ( $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ ) have precedence over the **operators**

7. **parentheses** change the order of the precedence





# Sentence Examples (1)

## Signature

Constant Symbols = {Socrates, Plato, Zeus, Fido}

Predicate Symbols = {human, mortal, legs} all arity one

## Model

D: the set of these four particular individuals

## Interpretation

(a) a different individual is assigned to each of the constant symbols

(b) the truth value assignment

human(Socrates)=T, human(Plato)=T, human(Zeus)=F, human(Fido)=F

mortal(Socrates)=T, mortal(Plato)=T, mortal(Zeus)=F, mortal(Fido)=T

legs(Socrates)=T, legs(Plato)=T, legs(Zeus)=T, legs(Fido)=T

## Sentence Examples (2)

Sentence 1:  $\text{human}(\text{Zeus}) \wedge \text{human}(\text{Fido}) \vee \text{human}(\text{Socrates}) = \text{T}$   
F             $\wedge$             F             $\vee$             T

Sentence 2:  $\text{human}(\text{Zeus}) \wedge (\text{human}(\text{Fido}) \vee \text{human}(\text{Socrates})) = \text{F}$   
F             $\wedge$  (            F             $\vee$             T            )

Sentence 3:  $\forall x \text{human}(x) = \text{F}$   
                  $\text{human}(\text{Zeus})=\text{F}, \text{human}(\text{Fido})=\text{F}$

Sentence 4:  $\forall x \text{mortal}(x) = \text{F}$   
                  $\text{mortal}(\text{Zeus})=\text{F}$

Sentence 5:  $\forall x \text{legs}(x) = \text{T}$   
                  $\text{legs}(\text{Socrates})=\text{T}, \text{legs}(\text{Plato})=\text{T}, \text{legs}(\text{Zeus})=\text{T}, \text{legs}(\text{Fido})=\text{T}$

Sentence 6:  $\exists x \text{human}(x) = \text{T}$   
                  $\text{human}(\text{Socrates})=\text{T}, \text{human}(\text{Plato})=\text{T}$

Sentence 7:  $\forall x (\text{human}(x) \Rightarrow \text{mortal}(x)) = \text{T}$

# Sentence Examples (3)

Sentence 7:  $\forall x (\text{human}(x) \Rightarrow \text{mortal}(x)) = T$

|                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $\text{human}(\text{Socrates})=T,$ | $\text{mortal}(\text{Socrates})=T,$ |
| $\text{human}(\text{Plato})=T,$    | $\text{mortal}(\text{Plato})=T,$    |
| $\text{human}(\text{Zeus})=F,$     | $\text{mortal}(\text{Zeus})=F,$     |
| $\text{human}(\text{Fido})=F$      | $\text{mortal}(\text{Fido})=T$      |

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| $T \Rightarrow T : T$ |
| $T \Rightarrow T : T$ |
| $F \Rightarrow F : T$ |
| $F \Rightarrow T : T$ |

# Model Theory (1)

A **vocabulary**  $\tau$  is a set consisting of  
relation symbols, function symbols and constant symbols.

relation symbols such as  $P, Q, R, \leq, \dots$ , (arity  $\geq 1$ )

function symbols such as  $f, g, h, \cdot, +, \dots$ , (arity  $\geq 1$ )

constant symbols such as  $c, d, 0, 1, \dots$

<http://www.math.uni-hamburg.de/home/geschke/teaching/ModelTheory.pdf>

# Model Theory (1)

Given a **vocabulary**  $\tau$  .

A **structure**  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $\tau$  (a  $\tau$ -structure) is a nonempty set  $\mathcal{A}$  together with

(S1) **relations**  $R^{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^n$  for every  $n$ -ary *relation* symbol  $R \in \tau$ ,

(S2) **functions**  $f^{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  for every  $m$ -ary *function* symbol  $f \in \tau$  and

(S3) **constants**  $c^{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathcal{A}$  for every *constant* symbol  $c \in \tau$

.

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# Model Theory (2)

If  $\varphi(x, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a formula,

then  $\exists x \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  holds in  $\mathcal{A}$

iff there is  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\varphi(a, a_1, \dots, a_n)$  holds in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

If  $\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  holds in  $\mathcal{A}$ , we write  $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

We extend the model relation  $\models$  to (possibly infinite) sets of formulas.

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# Model Theory (3)

Let  $a: \text{Var} \rightarrow A$  be any **function**,

an assignment of elements of  $A$  to each of the **variables**.

Also, let  $\Phi$  be a set of **formulas** over  $\tau$ .

Then  $\Phi$  holds in  $A$  under the assignment  $a$  (or with respect to  $a$ )  
iff for every **formula**  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Phi$  we have  $A \models \varphi(a(x_1), \dots, a(x_n))$ .

In this case we write  $A \models \Phi[a]$  and say that  $(A, a)$  is a **model** of  $\Phi$ .  
If  $\Phi$  holds in  $A$  with respect to every assignment,  
then we write  $A \models \Phi$  and say that  $A$  is a **model** of  $\Phi$ .

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# Model Theory (4)

Basically, when we define a **proof** system, we want that it is **sound** and **complete**. In the "most general" form, we expect that :

$$\Gamma \vdash \varphi \text{ iff } \Gamma \models \varphi.$$

About **soundness**: no problem, this is the easy task, while regarding completeness, we may have some "imperfection".

For example, in Mendelson's proof system we have generalization and the (standard) definition of derivation allows us to have :

$$P(x) \vdash \forall x P(x) \quad .$$

Of course, M's proof system is sound; due to the restrictions on the Deduction Theorem, we cannot derive the (invalid) :  $\vdash P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x)$

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/131706/what-is-the-common-definition-of-model-in-first-order-logic>



# Model Theory (5)

Why ? Because the semantics give us : B  
logically implies A iff  $B \rightarrow A$  is valid, and we know that  $P(x) \rightarrow \forall xP(x)$

is not valid !

In conclusion, Mendelson is not licensed to state that, in general :

if  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$

, then  $\Gamma \models \varphi$

and he does not state it ...

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