First Order Logic – Semantics (3A)

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Contemporary Artificial Intelligence,
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Model

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

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**

Signature Model Examples

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
2. interpretation
   (a) a different individual is assigned to each of the constant symbols
   (b) the truth value assignments
   young(Mary) = F, young(Fred) = F, young(Sam) = T
   married(Mary, Mary) = F, married(Mary, Fred) = T, married(Mary, Sam) = F
   married(Fred, Mary) = T, married(Fred, Fred) = F, married(Fred, Sam) = F
   married(Sam, Mary) = F, married(Sam, Fred) = F, married(Sam, Sam) = F

Signature Model Examples

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
      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)

Formal Language

1. the truth values for sentences developed with the symbols ∀ ∃ are assigned as in propositional logic.

2. the truth value for two terms connected by the = symbol is T if both terms refer to the same entity; otherwise it is F

3. the truth value for ∀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 value for ∃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

6. the quantifiers have precedence over the operators

7. parentheses change the order of the precedence

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