

- Logic is concerned with properties of statements that hold by virtue of form alone regardless of content
- Premises (logically) imply or have as a (logical) consequence a conclusion because in any argument of the same form, if the premises are true, then the conclusion is true.

## 1 | Syntax

### Vocabulary

#### 1. Logical Symbols

- (a) **Connectives:**  $\neg, \vee, \wedge$
- (b) **Individual variables:**  $v_0, v_1, \dots$
- (c) **Quantifiers:**  $\forall, \exists$
- (d) **Identity:**  $=$ , a 2 place predicate

#### 2. Non-Logical Symbols

- (a) **Constants or individual symbols:**  $f_1^0, f_2^0, f_3^0, \dots$  (denumerable)
- (b) **k-place predicates or relation symbols:**

$$\begin{array}{cccc} A_0^1 & A_1^1 & A_2^1 & \dots \\ A_0^2 & A_1^2 & A_2^2 & \dots \\ A_0^3 & A_1^3 & A_2^3 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \end{array}$$

- (c) **Function symbols:** (n and k are any positive integers):

$$\begin{array}{cccc} f_0^1 & f_1^1 & f_2^1 & \dots \\ f_0^2 & f_1^2 & f_2^2 & \dots \\ f_0^3 & f_1^3 & f_2^3 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \end{array}$$

*Dfn 1.1. Language: an enumerable set of non-logical symbols*

- Any language is a subset of this vocabulary.
- *Empty language* ( $L_\emptyset$ ): no non-logical symbols.  
This language has infinitely many formulas because formulas can be constructed with identity (a logical symbol) and quantifiers.  $(\forall x)(x = x)$ ,  $(\forall x)(x = x \vee (x = x))$ , and so on.
- *Language of Arithmetic* ( $L^*$ ):  
individual constant:  $f_4^0$  (say) for 0  
two-place predicate:  $A_0^2$  for <  
one-place function symbol:  $f_1^0$  for '  
the two-place function symbols:  $f_1^+, f_2^+$  for +, •

*Dfn 1.2. Term: atomic term or built up from atomic terms in a sequence of finitely many steps (in a formation sequence) by applying function symbols to simpler terms*

- *Atomic terms:* all individual variables or individuals constants are terms.
- *Formation Rules:* if  $f$  is an n-place function symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms,  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a term

*Dfn 1.3. Formulas: A (first-order) formula is anything that is an atomic formula or can be build up from atomic formulas in a sequence of finitely many steps by applying formation rules.*

- *Atomic Formula* (for): a string of symbols  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  consisting of a predicate, followed by a left parenthesis, followed by  $n$  constants or variables, where  $n$  is the number of places of the predicate, with commas separating the successive terms, all followed by a right parenthesis
- *Formation Rules:* (- means 'followed by')
- (F-Neg) if  $F$  is a formula, ' $\neg - F$ ' is a formula
- (F-Disj) if  $F$  and  $G$  are formulas, ' $( - F - \vee - G - )$ ', ' $( - F - \wedge - G - )$ ' are formulas.
- (F-Quan) if  $F$  is a formula and  $x$  is a variable, ' $\forall - x - F$ ', ' $\exists - x - F$ ' are formulas.
- (F-Ident) If  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are terms,  $= (t_1, t_2)$  is a formula.

**Some more notions**

- Dfn 1.4. *subterm*: A consecutive string of symbols inside a term is a *subterm* if it is itself a term.
- Dfn 1.5. *formation sequence* A sequence of finite steps by applying formation rules.
- Dfn 1.6. A consecutive string of symbols inside a formula is a *subformula* if it is itself a formula.
- Dfn 1.7. Terms that contain variables are *open* terms, while terms that do not are *closed* terms.
- Dfn 1.8. A formula is a **sentence** if it contains no free variables.
- Dfn 1.9. A **subsentence** is a subformula that is a sentence.
- Rem 1.10. A formula need not be bound, and the variables associated with quantifiers need not appear in the formula.  $(\forall x)Fx, (\forall x)Fxy, (\forall y)Fxy, (\forall z)Fxy, (\forall x)(\forall y)Fxy$

**Abbreviations in Logic**

Symbol	Official	Unofficial
$<$	$< (x, y)$	$x < y$
$P$	$P(x, y)$	$Pxy$
$\wedge$	$(A \wedge (B \wedge (C \wedge D)))$	$(A \wedge B \wedge C \wedge D)$
$\rightarrow$	$(\neg G \vee F)$	$(F \leftrightarrow G)$
$\leftrightarrow$	$((\neg G \vee F) \wedge (\neg F \vee G))$	$(F \rightarrow G)$
$\forall y < x$	$\forall y(y < x) \rightarrow \dots$	$\forall y < x$
$\exists y < x$	$\exists y(y < x) \rightarrow \dots$	$\exists y < x$

**Abbreviations in Language of Arithmetic (L\*)**

Official	Unofficial
$v_0$	$x$
$f_0^0$	$0$
$f_0^1(f_0^0)$	$1$
$f_0^2(f_0^1(f_0^0))$	$2$
$f_1^2(f_0^1(f_0^1(f_0^0)), v_0)$	$2 \bullet x$
$f_0^2(f_1^2(f_0^1(f_0^1(f_0^0))), v_0), f_1^2(f_0^1(f_0^1(f_0^0)), v_0)$	$2 \bullet x + 2 \bullet x$

**2 | Syntactic Properties**

**Lem 2.1. Parenthesis Lemma (BJ-L9.4):** When formulas are written in official notation the following hold:

1. Every formula ends in a right parenthesis.
2. Every formula has equally many left and right parenthesis.
3. If a formula is divided into a left part and a right part, both nonempty, then there are at least as many left as right parentheses in the left part, and more if that part contains at least one parenthesis.

**Lem 2.2. Unique Readability Lemma (BJ-L9.5)**

1. The only subformula of an atomic formula  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  or  $= (t_1, t_2)$  is itself.
2. The only subformulas of  $\neg F$  are itself and the subformulas of  $F$
3. The only subformulas of  $(F \wedge G)$  or  $(F \vee G)$  are itself and the subformulas of  $F$  and  $G$ .
4. The only subformulas of  $\forall xF$  or  $\exists xF$  are itself and subformulas of  $F$

**Lem 2.3. (BJ-P9.4)** In a formation sequence for a formula  $F$ , every subformula of  $F$  must appear

**Lem 2.4. (BJ-P9.5)** Every formula  $F$  has a formation sequence in which the only formulas that appear are subformulas of  $F$ , and the number of formulas that appear is no greater than the number of symbols in  $F$