

## 5.1 Syntax of First Order Logic with Equality

- $\text{VAR} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x, y, z, u, v, w, x_0, y_0, \dots, x_1, y_1, \dots\}$
- Vocabulary:  $\Sigma = (P_1, P_2, \dots, P_s; f_1, f_2, \dots, f_t)$
- Relation Symbols:  $P_i$ ;  $\text{ar}(P_i)$  is its arity, i.e., the number of arguments it takes.
- Function Symbols:  $f_i$  of arity  $\text{ar}(f_i)$ , typically abbreviated as  $f, g, h$
- Constant Symbols:  $f_i$  when  $\text{ar}(f_i) = 0$ , typically abbreviated as  $a, b, c, d, k$

**Definition 5.1**  $\text{term}(\Sigma)$  Terms are the strings that represent objects.

**Base Case:** If  $v \in \text{VAR}$  then  $v \in \text{term}(\Sigma)$ .

**Inductive Case:** If  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_r \in \text{term}(\Sigma)$ ,  $f \in \Sigma$  and  $\text{ar}(f) = r$  then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_r) \in \text{term}(\Sigma)$   $\square$

A term  $t \in \text{term}(\Sigma)$  is a syntactic object that any structure  $\mathcal{A} \in \text{STRUC}[\Sigma]$  will have to interpret as an element  $t^{\mathcal{A}} \in |\mathcal{A}|$ .

**Definition 5.2**  $L(\Sigma)$  (First Order formulas of Vocab  $\Sigma$ )

**Base Case:** atomic formulas

If  $t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P_i)} \in \text{term}(\Sigma)$  and  $P_i \in \Sigma$  then  $P_i(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P_i)}) \in L(\Sigma)$ .

**Inductive Steps:**

If  $\alpha, \beta \in L(\Sigma)$  and  $v \in \text{VAR}$  then

1.  $\neg\alpha \in L(\Sigma)$
2.  $(\alpha \vee \beta) \in L(\Sigma)$
3.  $\exists v(\alpha) \in L(\Sigma)$

$\square$

**Abbreviation:**  $\forall x(\alpha) \leftrightarrow \neg\exists x(\neg\alpha)$

## 5.2 Semantics of First Order Logic with Equality

**Definition 5.3**  $\mathcal{A}$  is a logical structure of vocabulary  $\Sigma$  ( $\mathcal{A} \in \text{STRUC}[\Sigma]$ ) iff

$$\mathcal{A} = (|\mathcal{A}|, P_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, P_s^{\mathcal{A}}, f_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, f_t^{\mathcal{A}})$$

$$|\mathcal{A}| \neq \emptyset,$$

$P_i^{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq |\mathcal{A}|^{\text{ar}(P_i)}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  interprets predicate symbol  $P_i$  as an  $\text{ar}(P_i)$ -ary relation over its universe.

$f_i^{\mathcal{A}} : |\mathcal{A}|^{\text{ar}(f_i)} \rightarrow |\mathcal{A}|$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  interprets function symbol  $f_i$  as a total function taking  $\text{ar}(f_i)$  arguments.

To simplify Tarski's Definition of Truth, we assume that every structure  $\mathcal{A}$  gives a default value  $v^{\mathcal{A}} \in |\mathcal{A}|$  to every variable  $v \in \text{VAR}$ .  $\square$

## 5.3 Tarski's Definition of Truth

**Definition 5.4** Every structure  $\mathcal{A} \in \text{STRUC}[\Sigma]$  interprets every term  $t \in \text{term}(\Sigma)$  as an element,  $t^{\mathcal{A}}$  of its universe.

**base case:** If  $v \in \text{VAR}$  then  $v^{\mathcal{A}} \in |\mathcal{A}|$  is already defined.

**inductive case:** If  $t_1, \dots, t_r$  are terms already defined by  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $f^r \in \Sigma$ , then

$$f(t_1, \dots, t_r)^{\mathcal{A}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f^{\mathcal{A}}(t_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, t_r^{\mathcal{A}}) \quad \square$$

**Definition 5.5** [Truth] Let  $\varphi \in L(\Sigma)$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \in \text{STRUC}[\Sigma]$ . We inductively define whether or not  $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi$ .

**Base Case:** (Atomic Formulas)

1.  $\mathcal{A} \models P_i(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P_i)})$  iff  $(t_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P_i)}^{\mathcal{A}}) \in P_i^{\mathcal{A}}$
2.  $\mathcal{A} \models t_1 = t_2$  iff  $t_1^{\mathcal{A}} = t_2^{\mathcal{A}}$ , i.e., we insist that the binary predicate symbol, "=", is always interpreted as "true equality", i.e,  $t_1^{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $t_2^{\mathcal{A}}$  are the exact same element of  $|\mathcal{A}|$ . Put another way,  $=^{\mathcal{A}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a, a) \mid a \in |\mathcal{A}|\}$ .

**Inductive Cases:**

1.  $\mathcal{A} \models \neg \alpha$  iff  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \alpha$
2.  $\mathcal{A} \models (\alpha \vee \beta)$  iff  $\mathcal{A} \models \alpha$  or  $\mathcal{A} \models \beta$
3.  $\mathcal{A} \models \exists v(\alpha)$  iff there exists  $a \in |\mathcal{A}|$  such that  $\mathcal{A}[a/v] \models \alpha$

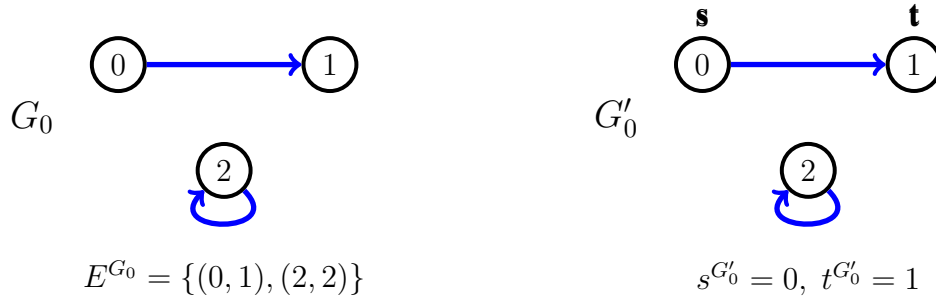
where  $\mathcal{A}[a/v]$  is defined to be the exact same structure as  $\mathcal{A}$  with the single exception that the default value of  $v$  in  $\mathcal{A}[a/v]$  is  $a$ , i.e.,  $v^{\mathcal{A}[a/v]} = a$ .  $\square$

## 5.4 Examples

Some vocabularies:

- $\Sigma_{\text{graph}} = (E;)$ ,  $\text{ar}(E) = 2$
- $\Sigma_{\text{st-graph}} = (E; s, t)$ ,  $\text{ar}(E) = 2, \text{ar}(s) = \text{ar}(t) = 0$
- $\Sigma_{\mathbf{N}} = (\leq [\text{infix}]; 0, \text{Suc}, +[\text{infix}], *[\text{infix}])$ ,  $\text{ar}(\leq) = \text{ar}(+) = \text{ar}(*) = 2, \text{ar}(\text{Suc}) = 1$
- $\Sigma_{\text{set}} = (\in [\text{infix}]; \emptyset)$ ,  $\text{ar}(\in) = 2, \text{ar}(\emptyset) = 0$
- $\Sigma_{\text{group}} = (; \circ[\text{infix}], e)$ ,  $\text{ar}(\circ) = 2, \text{ar}(e) = 0$

Some structures:



$$G_0 \in \text{STRUC}[\Sigma_{\text{graph}}]; G'_0 \in \text{STRUC}[\Sigma_{\text{st-graph}}]; |G_0| = |G'_0| = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$E(s, t) \in L(\Sigma_{\text{st-graph}}); G'_0 \models E(s, t)$$

Let  $\mathbf{N} = (\{0, 1, \dots\}, \leq^{\mathbf{N}}, \text{Suc}^{\mathbf{N}}, +^{\mathbf{N}}, *^{\mathbf{N}})$ .  $\mathbf{N}$  is the *standard model of the natural numbers*.  $\mathbf{N} \in \text{STRUC}[\Sigma_{\mathbf{N}}]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \leq^{\mathbf{N}} &= \{(0, 0), (0, 1), \dots, (1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (8, 9), (8, 10), \dots\} \\
 \text{Suc}^{\mathbf{N}} &= \{(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3), \dots\} \\
 +^{\mathbf{N}} &= \{((0, 0), 0), ((0, 1), 1), \dots, ((2, 2), 4) \dots, ((8, 9), 17) \dots\} \\
 *^{\mathbf{N}} &= \{((0, 0), 0), ((0, 1), 0), \dots, ((2, 2), 4) \dots, ((8, 9), 72) \dots\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha \equiv \forall xy(x = y \leftrightarrow \forall z(z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y))$ .  $\alpha$  is the “axiom of extensionality”, the first axiom of ZFC (Zermelo-Fraenkel plus Choice). It says, “Two sets are equal iff they have exactly the same elements.”

A group,  $G$ , is a non-empty set with a binary operation that is associative, has an identity and inverses.

The group theory axioms consist of  $\gamma_1 \wedge \gamma_2 \wedge \gamma_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Associative: } \gamma_1 &\equiv \forall xyz (x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z) \\ \text{Identity: } \gamma_2 &\equiv \forall x (x \circ e) = x \\ \text{Inverse: } \gamma_3 &\equiv \forall x \exists y (x \circ y) = e\end{aligned}$$

A **group** is neither more nor less than a model of the group theory axioms.

A **graph** is neither more nor less than a structure of vocabulary  $\Sigma_{\text{graph}}$ .

Let  $\psi \in L(\Sigma_{\text{graph}})$  say “loop-free and undirected”:

$$\psi \equiv \forall xy (\neg E(x, x) \wedge (E(x, y) \rightarrow E(y, x))) .$$

A **loop-free, undirected graph** is neither more nor less than a model of  $\psi$ .