

### First-Order Predicate Logic (exercises)

Throughout this exercise sheet, variables  $(x, y, z, \dots)$  range over elements of a non-empty *domain*  $M$ . Predicate symbols'  $(P, Q, R, \dots)$  interpretations range over *predicates* of  $M$ , i.e., functions of the form  $\bar{P}: \underbrace{M \times \dots \times M}_k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , where  $k$  is the number of arguments of  $P$ .

1. Which of the following formulae are generally true (i.e., true on any  $M$  and under any interpretations of predicate symbols)?

- (a)  $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x P(x)) \vee (\forall x Q(x))$
- (b)  $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x P(x)) \vee (\exists x Q(x))$
- (c)  $(\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge \neg \exists x Q(x)) \rightarrow \forall y \neg P(y)$
- (d)  $\forall x \exists y R(x, y) \rightarrow \exists y \forall x R(x, y)$
- (e)  $\exists x (D(x) \rightarrow \forall y D(y))$

2. Which of the following formulae are satisfiable (i.e., true on some  $M$  for some interpretation of predicate symbols)?

- (a)  $\exists x \forall y (Q(x, x) \wedge \neg Q(x, y))$
- (b)  $\exists x \exists y (P(x) \wedge \neg P(y))$
- (c)  $\exists x \forall y (Q(x, y) \rightarrow \forall z R(x, y, z))$ .

3. Show that the following formula could be true only on an infinite  $M$ :

$$(\forall x \exists y Q(x, y)) \wedge \forall x \forall y \forall z (\neg Q(x, x) \wedge (Q(x, y) \rightarrow (Q(y, z) \rightarrow Q(x, z))))).$$

4. Let  $M = \mathbb{N}$  be the set of natural numbers, and let  $R(a, b)$  be true if and only if  $a < b$ . Write a formula  $\varphi(u, v)$  with two parameters,  $u$  and  $v$ , which is true if and only if  $v = u + 1$ .

5. Write a formula using a binary predicate symbol  $R$  which expresses the fact that the  $R$  relation is:

- (a) reflexive
- (b) transitive
- (c) symmetric
- (d) antisymmetric

6. Show that the following formula is true on  $M = \{a, b, c\}$  for any interpretation of  $R$ :

$$(\forall x R(x, x)) \wedge \forall x \forall y \forall z (R(x, z) \rightarrow (R(x, y) \vee R(y, z))) \rightarrow \exists u \forall v R(u, v).$$