

COL:750

Foundations of Automatic Verification

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Repetition: writing separate formulas for each room.

As the number of rooms increases, the formula grows linearly.

No generalization: We cannot express the general rule "For any room, if no one is present, the light should be off" without enumerating each case.

First Order Logic (FOL)

FOL is a logical system for reasoning about properties of objects.

Predicates — describes properties of objects.

Functions — maps objects to one another.

Quantifiers — to reason about multiple objects

First Order Logic (FOL): Objects

"John is happy" as P

"Mary is happy" as Q

Propositional variables don't provide any structure about what the proposition refers to or relationships between entities — how P and Q are related ?

Objects: It represent entities in a domain of discourse (things we want to reason about), such as people, numbers, or physical objects.

Objects are: John, and Marry.

Happy(John) — property "happy" is applied to John.

Happy(Mary) — property "happy" is applied to Mary.

Likes(Mary,John): "Mary likes John."

Objects allow FOL to express relationships, properties, and reasoning about entities.

First Order Logic (FOL): Predicates

$Likes(You, Yogurt) \wedge Likes(You, Mango) \rightarrow Likes(You, MangoLassi)$.

Objects: { You, Yogurt, Mango, MangoLassi}.

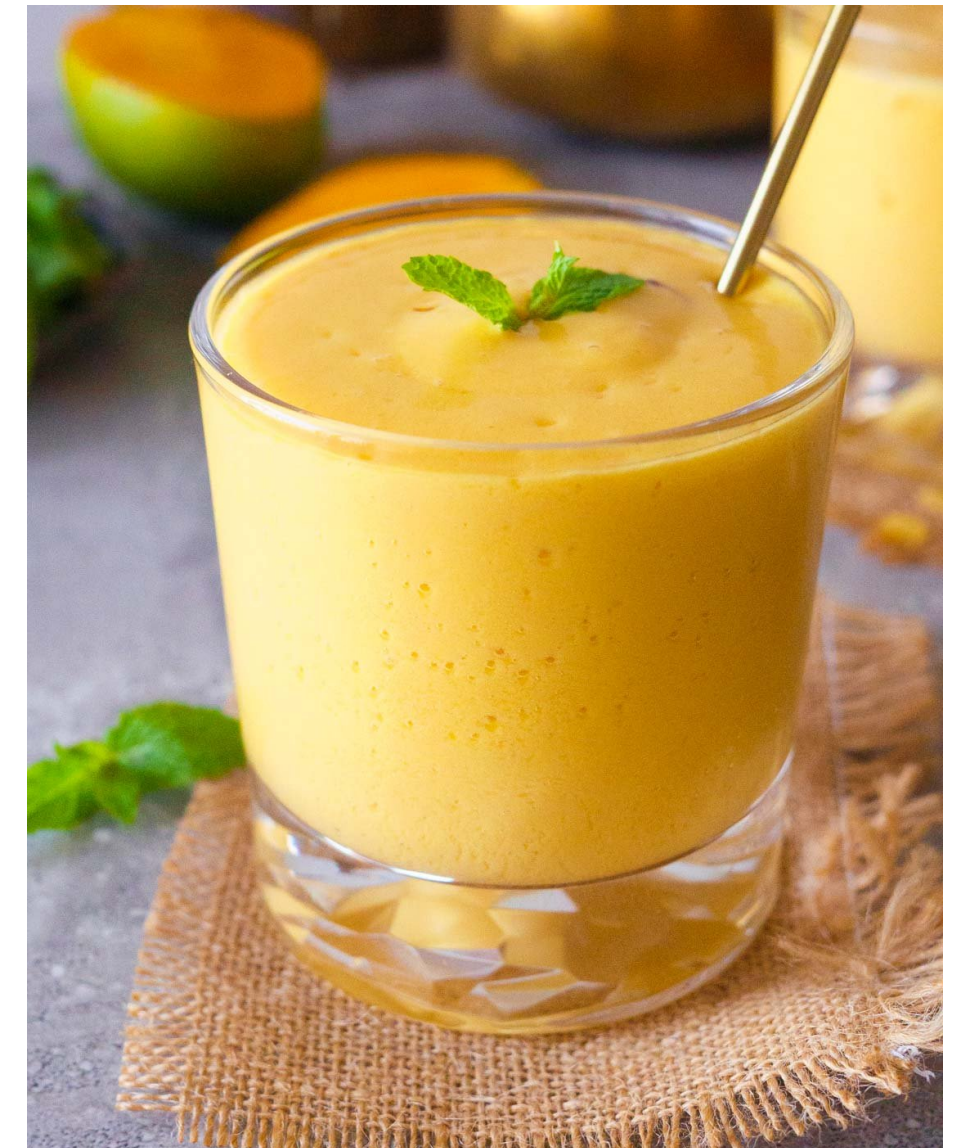
Predicates: $Likes(Obj_1, Obj_2) \mapsto \{0,1\}$

Predicates takes objects as an arguments and evaluate to True or False.

Predicates — describes properties of objects.

Happy(John)

Cute(John)



First Order Logic (FOL): Functions

$\text{FavoriteMovieOf(You)} \neq \text{FavoriteMovieOf(Date)} \wedge$
 $\text{StarOf(FavoriteMovieOf(You))} = \text{StarOf(FavoriteMovieOf(Date))}$

Functions take objects as an argument and return objects associated with it.

$\text{Medianof}(x,y,z), +(x,y), \text{Wife(John)}$.

As with predicates, functions can take in any number of arguments, but always return a single object.

	Operate On	And Produce
Connectives (\leftrightarrow , \rightarrow , \wedge , ...)	Propositions	A Proposition
Predicates	Objects	A Proposition
Functions	Objects	An Object

First Order Logic (FOL): Quantifiers

There is a number which is both prime and even.

Variables: x .

Predicates: $\text{Even}(x)$, $\text{Prime}(x)$

$\exists x(\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$

There is someone who is taller than I am and weighs more than I do.

Objects: me , Variable: x

Predicates: $\text{Taller}(x, \text{me})$, $\text{WeighsMore}(x, \text{me})$

$\exists x \text{Taller}(x, \text{me}) \wedge \text{WeighMore}(x, \text{me})$

Existential Quantifier (\exists): Expresses the existence of at least one element for which a statement is true.

First Order Logic (FOL): Quantifiers

For every number x , adding 0 to results in x itself.

Variable: x

Function: $+(x,0)$

Predicate: $=(x, +(x,0))$

$\forall x = (x, +(x,0))$

For all even numbers x , x is divisible by 2.

Variable: x

Function: $mod(x,2)$

Predicate: $even(x), = (mod(x,2),0)$

$\forall x (even(x) \rightarrow = (mod(x,2),0))$

Universal Quantifier (\forall): Expresses generalization across all elements.

First Order Logic (FOL): Quantifiers

Scope of Quantifiers: refers to the part of the formula where the quantifier applies to the variable it introduces.

Bound Variable: A variable is bound if it lies within the scope of a quantifier.

Free Variable: A variable is free if it is not within the scope of any quantifier.

$\forall x P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)$. x is bounded and y is free

Nested Quantifiers: When quantifiers are nested, the scope of the inner quantifier is restricted by the outer quantifier.

$\forall x((\exists y P(x, y)) \rightarrow Q(x))$ Scope of $\forall x$ is entire formula.
Scope of $\exists y$ is limited to $P(x, y)$

First Order Logic (FOL): Quantifiers

When multiple quantifiers share overlapping scopes, their interactions can lead to significant differences in meaning.

$$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$$

For every x , there exists a y such that $P(x, y)$.

Each person can know a different language, as long as they know at least one language.

$$\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$$

There exists a y , for all x such that $P(x, y)$.

There is a single language that everyone knows.

First Order Logic (FOL): Syntax

Well-Formed Formula (wff) of FOL are composed of six types of symbols (not including Parenthesis).

1. Constant symbols — representing objects.
2. Functions symbols — functions from pre-specified number of objects to an object.
3. Predicate symbols — more like specify properties to objects. Have specified arity.
Zero arity predicate symbols are treated as propositional symbols.
4. Variable symbols — will be used to quantify over objects.
5. Universal and existential quantifiers — will be used to indicate the type of quantification.
6. Logical connectives and negation.

First Order Logic (FOL): Syntax

Formula \rightarrow Atomic Formula

| Formula Connective Formula

| Quantifier Variable Formula

| \neg Formula

| (Formula)

Connective $\rightarrow \leftrightarrow \mid \wedge \mid \vee \mid \rightarrow$

Quantifier $\rightarrow \forall \mid \exists$

Atomic Formula $\rightarrow P(T_1, \dots, T_n)$ where
 $P \in \text{Predicates}$, T_i are Terms, n is arity.

Term $\rightarrow c$, where $c \in \text{CONST}$.

| v , where $v \in \text{VAR}$

| $F(T_1, \dots, T_n)$, where $F \in \text{Functions}$, T_i are Terms,

n is arity of F .

First Order Logic (FOL): Syntax

Is it a WFF?

TallerThan(John, Fatherof(John)) \wedge TallerThan(Fatherof(Fatherof(John)), John) .

Yes, notice, Term is recursive.

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First Order Logic (FOL): Additional Terminology

Ground Terms — Terms without variables. Refers to Objects. John, Fatherof(John)

Ground Formulas — Formulas without variables.

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Closed Formulas — formulas in which all variables are associated with quantifier.

$\forall x \text{ Number}(x) \rightarrow \text{Number}(+(x,1))$

$\forall x \text{ GreaterThan}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{LessThan}(y, x)$ Y is not associated with quantifier.

Free variables — variables in a formula that don't have any quantifier. Typically free variables are treated as being implicitly universally quantified variables.

First Order Logic (FOL): Additional Terminology

All Birds can Fly.

$$\forall x (Bird(x) \rightarrow Fly(x))$$

Not all Birds can Fly.

$$\neg(\forall x (Bird(x) \rightarrow Fly(x)))$$

$$\equiv \exists x (Bird(x) \wedge \neg Fly(x))$$

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First Order Logic (FOL): Semantics

Models of FOL!

Model of FOL is a tuple $\langle D, I \rangle$

D — non-empty domain of objects (set of objects, finite, infinite, uncountable)

I — Interpretation function.

Interpretation — assign a meaning.

If c is a constant symbol then $I(c)$ is an object in D .

Defined for all inputs:
Single output per input

If f is a function symbol of arity n , then $I(f)$ is a **total function** from $D^n \mapsto D$

If p is a predicate symbol of arity n , then $I(p)$ is a **subset of D^n** . If a tuple $O = \langle o_1, \dots, o_n \rangle \in I(p)$, then we say that p is True for tuple O .

First Order Logic (FOL): Semantics

$D = \{BOB, JOHN, NULL\}$ Bob is taller than John.
John is father of Bob.

If c is a constant symbol then $I(c)$ is an object in D . $I(Bob) = BOB$

If f is a function symbol of arity n , then $I(f)$ is a **total function** from $D^n \mapsto D$

$I(FatherOf)(BOB) = JOHN$ $I(FatherOf)(JOHN) = NULL$. $I(FatherOf)(NULL) = NULL$.

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$I(TallenThan) = \{ \langle BOB, JOHN \rangle \}$

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Thanks!