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## LECTURE 13

## Chapter 13

### Predicate Logic Proof System **QRS**

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# Chapter 13

## Part 1: Predicate Languages

## Predicate Languages

**Predicate Languages** are also called **First Order Languages**

The same applies to the use of terms for **Propositional** and **Predicate Logic**

**Propositional** and **Predicate Logics** called **Zero Order** and **First Order Logics**, respectively and we will use both terms equally

We usually work with **different predicate languages**, depending on what applications we have in mind

All **predicate languages** have some **common features**, and we begin with these

## Predicate Languages Components

### Propositional Connectives

**Predicate Languages extend** a notion of the **propositional languages** so we define the set **CON** of their propositional connectives as follows

The set **CON** of **propositional connectives** is a **finite** and **non-empty** and

$$CON = C_1 \cup C_2$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  are the sets of **one** and **two arguments** connectives, respectively

### Parenthesis

As in the propositional case, we adopt the signs ( and ) for our parenthesis., i.e. we define a set **PAR** as

$$PAR = \{ (, ) \}$$

## Predicate Languages Components

### Quantifiers

We adopt two quantifiers; the **universal quantifier** denoted by  $\forall$  and the **existential quantifier** denoted by  $\exists$ , i.e. we have the following set  $\mathbf{Q}$  of quantifiers

$$\mathbf{Q} = \{\forall, \exists\}$$

In a case of the **classical logic** and the logics that **extend it**, it is possible to adopt only **one quantifier** and to **define the other** in terms of it and propositional connectives

Such definability is **impossible** in a case of some non-classical logics, for example the **intuitionistic logic**

But even in the case of **classical logic** the **two quantifiers** express better the common intuition, so we adopt the both of them

## Predicate Languages Components

### Variables

We assume that we always have a **countably infinite** set *VAR* of variables, i.e. we assume that

$$\text{card}VAR = \aleph_0$$

**We denote** variables by  $x, y, z, \dots$ , with indices, if necessary.  
we often express it by writing

$$VAR = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

### Note



## Predicate Languages Components

The set **CON** of **propositional connectives** defines a **propositional part** of the **predicate logic language**

**Observe** that what really **differ** one **predicate language** from the other is the **choice of additional symbols** added to the symbols just described

These **additional symbols** are: **predicate symbols**, **function symbols**, and **constant symbols**

A **particular** predicate language is **determined** by specifying these **additional sets of symbols**

They are defined as follows

## Predicate Languages Components

### Predicate symbols

Predicate symbols **represent relations**

Any predicate language must have **at least one** predicate symbol

Hence we assume that any predicate language contains a **non empty, finite** or **countably infinite** set

**P**

of **predicate symbols**, i.e. we assume that

$$0 < \text{card}\mathbf{P} \leq \aleph_0$$

**We denote** predicate symbols by  $P, Q, R, \dots$ , with indices, if necessary

Each predicate symbol  $P \in \mathbf{P}$  has a positive integer  $\#P$  assigned to it; when  $\#P = n$  we **call**  $P$  an **n-ary** (n - place) **predicate (relation) symbol**

## Predicate Languages Components

### Function symbols

We assume that any predicate language contains a **finite (may be empty) or countably infinite set  $F$  of function symbols**

I.e. we assume that

$$0 \leq \text{card}F \leq \aleph_0$$

When the set  $F$  is **empty** we say that we deal with a **language without functional symbols**

**We denote** functional symbols by  $f, g, h, \dots$  with **indices**, if necessary

Similarly, as in the case of predicate symbols, each **function symbol**  $f \in F$  has a positive integer  $\#f$  assigned to it; if  $\#f = n$  then  $f$  is called an  **$n$ -ary** ( $n$  - place) **function symbol**

## Predicate Languages Components

### Constant symbols

We also assume that we have a **finite** (may be empty) or **countably infinite set**

**C**

of **constant symbols**

i.e. we assume that

$$0 \leq \text{card}\mathbf{C} \leq \aleph_0$$

The elements of **C** are **denoted** by  $c, d, e, \dots$ , with indices, if necessary

We often express it by putting

$$\mathbf{C} = \{c_1, c_2, \dots\}$$

When the set **C** is **empty** we say that we deal with a language **without constant symbols**

## Alphabet of Predicate Languages

Sometimes the **constant symbols** are defined as **0-ary function symbols**, i.e. we have that

$$\mathbf{C} \subseteq \mathbf{F}$$

We single them out as a separate set for our convenience

We assume that all of the above sets of symbols are **disjoint**

### Alphabet

The union of all of above disjoint sets of symbols is called the **alphabet**  $\mathcal{A}$  of the **predicate language**, i.e. we **define**

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathit{VAR} \cup \mathit{CON} \cup \mathit{PAR} \cup \mathbf{Q} \cup \mathbf{P} \cup \mathbf{F} \cup \mathbf{C}$$

## Predicate Languages Notation

**Observe**, that once the set of **propositional connectives** is **fixed**, the **predicate language** is determined by the sets **P, F** and **C**

We use the **notation**

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$$

for the **predicate language**  $\mathcal{L}$  **determined** by **P, F, C**

If there is no danger of confusion, we may **abbreviate**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$  to just  $\mathcal{L}$

If the set of **propositional connectives** involved is not fixed, we also use the notation

$$\mathcal{L}_{CON}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$$

to denote the **predicate language**  $\mathcal{L}$  **determined** by **P, F, C** and the set of propositional connectives **CON**

## Predicate Languages Notation

We sometimes allow the **same symbol** to be used as an **n-place relation symbol**, and also as an **m-place one**; no confusion should arise because the different uses can be told apart easily

### Example

If we write  $P(x, y)$ , the symbol  $P$  denotes **2-argument** predicate symbol

If we write  $P(x, y, z)$ , the symbol  $P$  denotes **3-argument** predicate symbol

Similarly for **function symbols**

## Two more Predicate Language Components

Having defined the **alphabet** we now complete the formal **definition of the predicate language** by defining **two more** components:

the set **T** of all **terms** and

the set  **$\mathcal{F}$**  of all **well formed formulas**

of the **language**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$



## Set of Terms

### Terms

The set **T** of **terms** of the **predicate language**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$  is the **smallest** set

$$\mathbf{T} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^*$$

meeting the conditions:

1. any variable is a **term**, i.e.  $\mathbf{VAR} \subseteq \mathbf{T}$
2. any constant symbol is a **term**, i.e.  $\mathbf{C} \subseteq \mathbf{T}$
3. if  $f$  is an  $n$ -place **function symbol**, i.e.  $f \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $\#f = n$  and  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \in \mathbf{T}$ , then  $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbf{T}$

## Terms Examples

### Example 1

Let  $f \in \mathbf{F}$ ,  $\#f = 1$ , i.e.  $f$  is a 1-place function symbol

Let  $x, y$  be variables,  $c, d$  be constants, i.e.

$x, y \in \mathbf{VAR}$ ,  $c, d \in \mathbf{C}$

Then the following expressions are terms:

$x, y, f(x), f(y), f(c), f(d), f(f(x)), f(f(y)), f(f(c)), f(f(d)), \dots$

### Example 2

Let  $\mathbf{F} = \emptyset$ ,  $\mathbf{C} = \emptyset$

In this case terms consists of variables only, i.e.

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{VAR} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

## Terms Examples

Directly from the **Example 2** we get the following

### REMARK

For any predicate language  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$ , the set **T** of its **terms** is always **non-empty**

### Example 3

Let  $f \in \mathbf{F}, \#f = 1, g \in \mathbf{F}, \#g = 2, x, y \in \mathbf{VAR}, c, d \in \mathbf{C}$

Some of the **terms** are the following:

$$f(g(x, y)), f(g(c, x)), g(f(f(c)), g(x, y)), \\ g(c, g(x, f(c))), g(f(g(x, y)), g(x, f(c))) \dots$$

## Terms Notation

From time to time, the logicians are and we may be **informal** about **how we write terms**

### Example

If we **denote** a **2- place** function symbol  $g$  by  $+$ , we **may write**  $x + y$  instead  $+(x, y)$

Because in this case we can think of  $x + y$  as an unofficial way of designating the **"real" term**  $g(x, y)$

## Atomic Formulas

Before we define the **set of formulas**, we need to define one more set; the set of **atomic**, or **elementary** formulas

**Atomic formulas** are the **simplest formulas** as the **propositional variables** were in the case of **propositional languages**

## Atomic Formulas

### Definition

An **atomic formula** of a **predicate language**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$  is any element of  $\mathcal{A}^*$  of the form

$$R(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$$

where  $R \in \mathbf{P}$ ,  $\#R = n$  and  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \in \mathbf{T}$

I.e.  $R$  is **n-ary relational symbol** and  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  are **any terms**

The set of all **atomic formulas** is denoted by  $\mathcal{AF}$  and is defined as

$$\mathcal{AF} = \{R(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in \mathcal{A}^* : R \in \mathbf{P}, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \in \mathbf{T}, n \geq 1\}$$

## Atomic Formulas Examples

### Example 1

Consider a language  $\mathcal{L}(\{P\}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$ , for  $\#P = 1$

Our language

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\{P\}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$$

is a language **without** neither **functional**, nor **constant** symbols, and with one, **1-place predicate** symbol  $P$

The set of **atomic formulas** contains all formulas of the form  $P(x)$ , for  $x$  any variable, i.e.

$$A\mathcal{F} = \{P(x) : x \in VAR\}$$

## Atomic Formulas Examples

### Example 2

Let now consider a **predicate language**

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\{R\}, \{f, g\}, \{c, d\})$$

for  $\#f = 1, \#g = 2, \#R = 2$

The language  $\mathcal{L}$  has **two functional symbols**: 1-place symbol  $f$  and 2-place symbol  $g$ , one 2-place **predicate symbol**  $R$ , and two **constants**:  $c, d$

Some of the **atomic formulas** in this case are the following.

$$R(c, d), R(x, f(c)), R((g(x, y)), f(g(c, x))),$$

$$R(y, g(c, g(x, f(d)))) \dots$$



## Set of Formulas Definition

Now we are ready to define the set  $\mathcal{F}$  of all **well formed formulas** of any **predicate language**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$

### Definition

The set  $\mathcal{F}$  of all **well formed formulas**, called shortly **set of formulas**, of the language  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$  is the smallest set meeting the following **four conditions**:

1. Any **atomic formula** of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$  is a **formula**, i.e.

$$A \in \mathcal{F}$$

2. If  $A$  is a formula of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$ ,  $\nabla$  is an one argument **propositional connective**, then  $\nabla A$  is a **formula** of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$ , i.e. the following **recursive condition** holds

$$\text{if } A \in \mathcal{F}, \nabla \in \mathbf{C}_1 \text{ then } \nabla A \in \mathcal{F}$$

## Set of Formulas Definition

3. If  $A, B$  are **formulas** of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$  and  $\circ$  is a two argument **propositional connective**, then  $(A \circ B)$  is a **formula** of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$ , i.e. the following **recursive condition** holds

If  $A \in \mathcal{F}, \nabla \in C_2$ , then  $(A \circ B) \in \mathcal{F}$

4. If  $A$  is a **formula** of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$  and  $x$  is a **variable**,  $\forall, \exists \in \mathbf{Q}$ , then  $\forall xA, \exists xA$  are **formulas** of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$ , i.e. the following recursive condition holds

If  $A \in \mathcal{F}, x \in VAR, \forall, \exists \in \mathbf{Q}$ , then  $\forall xA, \exists xA \in \mathcal{F}$

## Scope of the Quantifier

Another important notion of the **predicate language** is the notion of **scope of a quantifier**

It is defined as follows

### Definition

Given formulas  $\forall xA$ ,  $\exists xA$ , the formula  $A$  is said to be in the **scope of the quantifier**  $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ , respectively.

### Example 3

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a language of the previous **Example 2** with the set of connectives  $\{\cap, \cup, \Rightarrow, \neg\}$ , i.e. let's consider

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\cap, \cup, \Rightarrow, \neg\}}(\{f, g\}, \{R\}, \{c, d\})$$

for  $\#f = 1$ ,  $\#g = 2$ ,  $\#R = 2$

Some of the formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  are the following.

$$\begin{aligned} &R(c, d), \quad \exists yR(y, f(c)), \quad \neg R(x, y), \\ &(\exists xR(x, f(c)) \Rightarrow \neg R(x, y)), \quad (R(c, d) \cap \forall zR(z, f(c))), \\ &\forall yR(y, g(c, g(x, f(c))))), \quad \forall y\neg\exists xR(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

## Scope of Quantifiers

The formula  $R(x, f(c))$  is in **scope of the quantifier**  $\exists$  in the formula

$$\exists x R(x, f(c))$$

The formula  $(\exists x R(x, f(c)) \Rightarrow \neg R(x, y))$  **is not in scope of any quantifier**

The formula  $(\exists x R(x, f(c)) \Rightarrow \neg R(x, y))$  is in **scope** of quantifier  $\forall$  in the formula

$$\forall y (\exists x R(x, f(c)) \Rightarrow \neg R(x, y))$$

## Predicate Language Definition

Now we are ready to define formally a **predicate language**

Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F}$  be the **alphabet**, the set of **terms** and the set of **formulas** as already defined

### Definition

A **predicate language**  $\mathcal{L}$  is a triple

$$\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$$

As we have said before, the language  $\mathcal{L}$  is determined by the **choice** of the symbols of its **alphabet**, namely of the **choice** of **connectives**, **predicates**, **functions**, and **constants** symbols

If we want specifically mention these **choices**, we write

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{CON}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C}) \text{ or } \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$$

## Free and Bound Variables

Given a **predicate language**  $\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{A}, T, \mathcal{F})$ , we must distinguish between formulas like

$$P(x, y), \quad \forall x P(x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x \exists y P(x, y)$$

This is done by introducing the notion of **free** and **bound** variables, and **open** and **closed** formulas

Closed formulas are also called **sentences**

Informally, in the formula

$$P(x, y)$$

both variables  $x$  and  $y$  are called **free** variables

They **are not** in the **scope** of any quantifier

The formula of that type, i.e. formula **without quantifiers** is an **open formula**

## Free and Bound Variables

In the formula

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

the variable  $x$  is **free**, the variable  $y$  is **bounded** by the the  
quantifier  $\forall$

In the formula

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

both  $x$  and  $y$  are **free**

In the formulas

$$\forall z P(z, y), \quad \forall x P(x, y)$$

only the variable  $y$  is **free**

## Free and Bound Variables

In the formula

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

there is **no free variables**

In the formula

$$(\forall xP(x) \Rightarrow \exists yQ(x, y))$$

the variable  $x$  (in  $Q(x, y)$ ) is **free**

Sometimes in order to distinguish more easily **which** variable is **free** and which is **bound** in the formula we might use the bold face type for the quantifier bound variables, i.e. to write the last formulas as

$$(\forall \mathbf{x}P(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow \exists \mathbf{y}Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))$$



## Free and Bound Variables Formal Definition

### Definition

The set  $FV(A)$  of **free variables** of a formula  $A$  is defined by the **induction** of the degree of the formula as follows.

1. If  $A$  is an **atomic** formula, i.e.  $A \in \mathcal{AF}$ , then  $FV(A)$  is just the set of variables appearing in  $A$ ;
2. for any **unary** propositional connective, i.e. for any  $\nabla \in C_1$

$$FV(\nabla A) = FV(A)$$

i.e. the **free** variables of  $\nabla A$  are the **free** variables of  $A$ ;

3. for any **binary** propositional connective, i.e. for any  $\circ \in C_2$

$$FV(A \circ B) = FV(A) \cup FV(B)$$

i.e. the **free** variables of  $(A \circ B)$  are the **free** variables of  $A$  together with the **free** variables of  $B$ ;

4.  $FV(\forall xA) = FV(\exists xA) = FV(A) - \{x\}$  i.e. the **free** variables of  $\forall xA$  and  $\exists xA$  are the **free** variables of  $A$ , **except** for  $x$

## Bound Variables, Sentence, Open Formula

**Bound variables:** a variable is called **bound** if it is **not free**

**Sentence:** a formula with **no free variables** is called a **sentence**

**Open formula:** a formula with **no bound variables** is called an **open formula**

### Example

The formulas

$$\exists x Q(c, g(x, d)), \quad \neg \forall x (P(x) \Rightarrow \exists y (R(f(x), y) \cap \neg P(c)))$$

are **sentences**

The formulas

$$Q(c, g(x, d)), \quad \neg (P(x) \Rightarrow (R(f(x), y) \cap \neg P(c)))$$

are **open formulas**

## Examples

### Example

The formulas

$$\exists x Q(c, g(x, y)), \quad \neg(P(x) \Rightarrow \exists y(R(f(x), y) \wedge \neg P(c)))$$

are **neither sentences nor open formulas**

They contain **some free** and **some bound** variables;

the variable  $y$  is **free** in  $\exists x Q(c, g(x, y))$

the variable  $x$  is **free** in  $\neg(P(x) \Rightarrow \exists y(R(f(x), y) \wedge \neg P(c)))$

## Notations

**Notation:** It is common practice to use the notation

$$A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

to indicate that

$$FV(A) \subseteq \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

without implying that **all of**  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are actually **free** in  $A$

This is similar to the practice in **algebra** of writing  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  for a polynomial  $p$  in the variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  without implying that **all of** them have nonzero coefficients

## Notations

**Replacing**  $x$  by  $t \in \mathbf{T}$  in  $A$

If  $A(x)$  is a formula, and  $t$  is a term then

$$A(t/x)$$

or, more simply,

$$A(t)$$

**denotes** the result of replacing **all** occurrences of the **free variable**  $x$  by the **term**  $t$  throughout

### Notation

When using the notation

$$A(t)$$

we always **assume** that **none** of the variables in  $t$  occur as **bound** variables in  $A$

## Notations

### Remember

When **replacing**  $x$  by  $t \in \mathbf{T}$  in a formula  $A$ , we **denote** the result as

$$A(t)$$

and do it under the **assumption** that **none** of the variables in  $t$  occur as **bound** variables in  $A$

The assumption that **none** of the variables in  $t$  **occur as bound** variables in  $A(t)$  is **essential** because **otherwise** by **substituting**  $t$  on the place of  $x$  we **would distort** the meaning of  $A(t)$

## Example

### Example

Let  $t = y$  and  $A(x)$  is

$$\exists y(x \neq y)$$

i.e. the variable  $y$  in  $t$  is **bound** in  $A$

The substitution of  $t$  for  $x$  produces a formula  $A(t)$  of the form

$$\exists y(y \neq y)$$

which has a **different meaning** than  $\exists y(x \neq y)$

But if  $t = z$ , i.e. the variable  $z$  in  $t$  is **not bound** in  $A$ , then

$A(t/x) = A(t)$  is

$$\exists y(z \neq y)$$

and express the **same meaning** as  $A(x)$

**Remark** that if for example  $t = f(z, x)$  we obtain

$\exists y(f(z, x) \neq y)$  as a result of substitution of  $t = f(z, x)$  for  $x$  in  $\exists y(x \neq y)$

## Chapter 13

### Part 2: Gentzen Style Proof System for Classical Predicate Logic The System **QRS**



## The System **QRS**

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a set of formulas of a **predicate language**

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C}) = \mathcal{L}_{\{\cap, \cup, \Rightarrow, \neg\}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$$

for  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C}$  countably infinite sets of **predicate, functional, and constant symbols**, respectively

The **rules of inference** of the system **QRS** operate, as in the propositional case, on **finite sequences of formulas**, i.e. on elements of  $\mathcal{F}^*$

We will denote, as previously the sequences of formulas by  $\Gamma, \Delta, \Sigma$ , with indices if necessary

## Rules of Inference of **QRS**

The system **QRS** consists of two **axiom schemas** and eleven **rules of inference**

The **rules of inference** form **two groups**

**First group** is similar to the propositional case and contains propositional connectives rules:

$(\cup)$ ,  $(\neg\cup)$ ,  $(\cap)$ ,  $(\neg\cap)$ ,  $(\Rightarrow)$ ,  $(\neg\Rightarrow)$ ,  $(\neg\neg)$

**Second group** deals with the **quantifiers** and consists of four rules:

$(\forall)$ ,  $(\exists)$ ,  $(\neg\forall)$ ,  $(\neg\exists)$

## Logical Axioms of **RS**

We adopt as **logical axioms** of **QRS** any sequence of formulas which contains a **formula** and **its negation**, i.e any sequence

$$\Gamma_1, A, \Gamma_2, \neg A, \Gamma_3$$

$$\Gamma_1, \neg A, \Gamma_2, A, \Gamma_3$$

where  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  is any **formula**

We denote by **LA** the set of all **logical axioms** of **QRS**

## Proof System **QRS**

Formally we define the system **QRS** as follows

$$\mathbf{QRS} = (\mathcal{L}_{\{\cap, \cup, \Rightarrow, \neg\}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C}), \mathcal{F}^*, \mathbf{LA}, \mathcal{R})$$

where the set  $\mathcal{R}$  of inference rules contains the following rule

$(\cup), (\neg\cup), (\cap), (\neg\cap), (\Rightarrow), (\neg\Rightarrow), (\neg\neg), (\forall), (\exists), (\neg\forall), (\neg\exists)$

and **LA** is the set of all logical axioms defined on previous slide

## Literals in QRS

### Definition

Any **atomic** formula , or a **negation** of atomic formula is called a **literal**

We form, as in the propositional case, a special subset

$$LT \subseteq \mathcal{F}$$

of formulas, called a **set of all literals** defined now as follows

$$LT = \{A \in \mathcal{F} : A \in \mathcal{AF}\} \cup \{\neg A \in \mathcal{F} : A \in \mathcal{AF}\}$$

The elements of the set  $\{A \in \mathcal{F} : A \in \mathcal{AF}\}$  are called **positive literals**

The elements of the set  $\{\neg A \in \mathcal{F} : A \in \mathcal{AF}\}$  are called **negative literals**

## Sequences of Literals

We denote by

$$\Gamma', \Delta', \Sigma' \dots$$

finite sequences (empty included) formed out of **literals** i.e

$$\Gamma', \Delta', \Sigma' \in LT^*$$

We will denote by

$$\Gamma, \Delta, \Sigma \dots$$

the elements of  $\mathcal{F}^*$

## Connectives Inference Rules of QRS

### Group 1

#### Disjunction rules

$$(\cup) \frac{\Gamma', A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma', (A \cup B), \Delta}$$

$$(\neg\cup) \frac{\Gamma', \neg A, \Delta ; \Gamma', \neg B, \Delta}{\Gamma', \neg(A \cup B), \Delta}$$

#### Conjunction rules

$$(\cap) \frac{\Gamma', A, \Delta ; \Gamma', B, \Delta}{\Gamma', (A \cap B), \Delta}$$

$$(\neg\cap) \frac{\Gamma', \neg A, \neg B, \Delta}{\Gamma', \neg(A \cap B), \Delta}$$

where  $\Gamma' \in LT^*$ ,  $\Delta \in \mathcal{F}^*$ ,  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$

## Connectives Inference Rules of QRS

### Group 1

#### Implication rules

$$(\Rightarrow) \frac{\Gamma', \neg A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma', (A \Rightarrow B), \Delta}$$

$$(\neg \Rightarrow) \frac{\Gamma', A, \Delta : \Gamma', \neg B, \Delta}{\Gamma', \neg(A \Rightarrow B), \Delta}$$

#### Negation rule

$$(\neg\neg) \frac{\Gamma', A, \Delta}{\Gamma', \neg\neg A, \Delta}$$

where  $\Gamma' \in LT^*$ ,  $\Delta \in \mathcal{F}^*$ ,  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$



## Quantifiers Inference Rules of QRS

### Group 2: Universal Quantifier rules

$$(\forall) \frac{\Gamma', A(y), \Delta}{\Gamma', \forall x A(x), \Delta} \qquad (\neg\forall) \frac{\Gamma', \neg\forall x A(x), \Delta}{\Gamma', \exists x \neg A(x), \Delta}$$

where  $\Gamma' \in LT^*$ ,  $\Delta \in \mathcal{F}^*$ ,  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$

The variable  $y$  in rule  $(\forall)$  is a **free individual variable** which **does not appear** in **any formula** in the conclusion, i.e. in **any formula** in the sequence  $\Gamma', \forall x A(x), \Delta$ ,

The variable  $y$  in the rule  $(\forall)$  is called the **eigenvariable**

**The condition:** the variable  $y$  **does not appear** in **any formula** in the conclusion of  $(\forall)$  is called the **eigenvariable condition**

All occurrences] of  $y$  in  $A(y)$  of the rule  $(\forall)$  are fully indicated

## Quantifiers Inference Rules of QRS

### Group 2: Existential Quantifier rules

$$(\exists) \frac{\Gamma', A(t), \Delta, \exists_x A(x)}{\Gamma', \exists_x A(x), \Delta} \qquad (\neg\exists) \frac{\Gamma', \neg\exists_x A(x), \Delta}{\Gamma', \forall_x \neg A(x), \Delta}$$

where  $t \in T$  is an arbitrary term,  $\Gamma' \in LT^*$ ,  $\Delta \in \mathcal{F}^*$ ,  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$

**Note** that  $A(t), A(y)$  denotes a formula obtained from  $A(x)$  by writing the term  $t$  or  $y$ , respectively, in place of all occurrences of  $x$  in  $A$

## QRS Decomposition Trees

Given a formula  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , we define its **decomposition tree**  $\mathcal{T}_A$  in a similar way as in the propositional case

**Observe** that the inference rules of **QRS** can be divided in two groups: **propositional connectives rules**

$$(\cup), (\neg\cup), (\cap), (\neg\cap), (\Rightarrow), (\neg\Rightarrow)$$

and **quantifiers rules**

$$(\forall), (\exists), (\neg\forall), (\neg\exists)$$

We define the **decomposition tree** in the case of the **propositional rules** and the rules  $(\neg\forall)$ ,  $(\neg\exists)$  in the exactly the same way as in the **propositional case**

## QRS Decomposition Trees

The case of the rules  $(\forall)$  and  $(\exists)$  is more complicated, as the rules contain the **specific conditions** under which they are **applicable**

To define the way of **decomposing** the sequences of the form  $\Gamma', \forall xA(x), \Delta$  or  $\Gamma', \exists xA(x), \Delta$ , i.e. to deal with the rules  $(\forall)$  and  $(\exists)$

**we assume** that **all terms** form a **one-to one sequence**

$$ST \quad t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, \dots$$

**Observe**, that by the definition, all free variables are terms, hence **all free variables appear** in the sequence **ST** of all terms

## QRS Decomposition Trees

Let  $\Gamma$  be a sequence on the tree in which the first **indecomposable formula** has  $\forall$  as its **main connective**

It means that  $\Gamma$  is of the form

$$\Gamma', \forall x A(x), \Delta$$

We write a sequence

$$\Gamma', A(y), \Delta$$

below it on the tree, i.e. **as its child**,

where the variable  $y$  fulfills the following condition

**C1:**  $y$  is the **first free variable** in the sequence **ST** of terms such that  $y$  **does not appear** in **any formula** in  $\Gamma', \forall x A(x), \Delta$

**Observe**, that the condition **C1** corresponds to the **restriction** put on the application of the rule  $(\forall)$

## QRS Decomposition Trees

Let now first **indecomposable formula** in  $\Gamma$  has  $\exists$  as its **main connective**

It means that  $\Gamma$  is of the form

$$\Gamma', \exists_x A(x), \Delta$$

We e write a sequence

$$\Gamma', A(t), \Delta$$

as **its child**,

where the term  $t$  fulfills the following conditions

**C2:**  $t$  is the **first term** in the sequence **ST** of all terms such that the formula  $A(t)$  **does not appear** in **any sequence on the tree** which is placed **above**  $\Gamma', A(t), \Delta$

## QRS Decomposition Trees

**Observe** that the sequence **ST** of all terms is **one-to-one** and by the conditions **C1** and **C1** we **always chose the first** appropriate term (variable) from the sequence **ST**

Hence the decomposition tree definition **guarantees** that the **decomposition process** is also **unique** in the case of the **quantifier rules** ( $\forall$ ) and ( $\exists$ )

From all above, and we conclude the following.

### Uniqueness Theorem

For any formula  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , its decomposition tree  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is **unique**

Moreover, by definition we have that

If  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is **finite** and **all its leaves** are axioms, then  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is a proof of  $A$  in **QRS**, i.e.  $\vdash A$

If  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is **finite** and contains a **non-axiom leaf** or is **infinite**, then  $\not\vdash A$

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

In all the examples below, the formulas  $A(x), B(x)$  represent **any formula**

But as there is **no indication** about their **particular components**, so they are treated as **indecomposable formulas**

The decomposition tree of the formula  $A$  representing the **de Morgan Law**

$$(\neg \forall x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x \neg A(x))$$

is constructed as follows



## Examples of Decomposition Trees

Here is the  $\mathcal{T}_A$

$$(\neg\forall xA(x) \Rightarrow \exists x\neg A(x))$$

$$| (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\neg\neg\forall xA(x), \exists x\neg A(x)$$

$$| (\neg\neg)$$

$$\forall xA(x), \exists x\neg A(x)$$

$$| (\forall)$$

$$A(x_1), \exists x\neg A(x)$$

where  $x_1$  is a first free variable in the sequence ST such that  $x_1$  does not appear in

$$\forall xA(x), \exists x\neg A(x)$$

$$| (\exists)$$

$$A(x_1), \neg A(x_1), \exists x\neg A(x)$$

where  $x_1$  is the first term (variables are terms) in the sequence ST such that  $\neg A(x_1)$

$$\text{does not appear on a tree above } A(x_1), \neg A(x_1), \exists x\neg A(x)$$

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

The above tree  $\mathcal{T}_A$  ended with one leaf being axiom, so it represents a proof in **QRS** of the **de Morgan Law**

$$(\neg\forall xA(x) \Rightarrow \exists x\neg A(x))$$

i.e. we have proved that

$$\vdash (\neg\forall xA(x) \Rightarrow \exists x\neg A(x))$$

The decomposition tree  $\mathcal{T}_A$  for a formula

$$A = (\forall xA(x) \Rightarrow \exists xA(x))$$

is constructed as follows

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

$$(\forall xA(x) \Rightarrow \exists xA(x))$$

$$| (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\neg\forall xA(x), \exists xA(x)$$

$$| (\neg\forall)$$

$$\neg\forall xA(x), \exists xA(x)$$

$$\exists x\neg A(x), \exists xA(x)$$

$$| (\exists)$$

$$\neg A(t_1), \exists xA(x), \exists x\neg A(x)$$

where  $t_1$  is the first term in the sequence ST, such that  $\neg A(t_1)$  does not appear on the tree above  $\neg A(t_1), \exists xA(x), \exists x\neg A(x)$

$$| (\exists)$$

$$\neg A(t_1), A(t_1), \exists x\neg A(x), \exists xA(x)$$

where  $t_1$  is the first term in the sequence ST, such that  $A(t_1)$  does not appear on the tree above  $\neg A(t_1), A(t_1), \exists x\neg A(x), \exists xA(x)$

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

The above tree also ended with the only leaf being the **axiom**, hence we have proved that

$$\vdash (\forall xA(x) \Rightarrow \exists xA(x))$$

We know that the the inverse implication

$$(\exists xA(x) \Rightarrow \forall xA(x))$$

in **not a tautology** of predicate language (with formal semantics yet to come!)

Let's now look at its **decomposition tree**

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

$$\exists xA(x)$$

$$| (\exists)$$

$$A(t_1), \exists xA(x)$$

where  $t_1$  is the first term in the sequence  $ST$ , such that  $A(t_1)$  does not appear on the tree above  $A(t_1), \exists xA(x)$

$$| (\exists)$$

$$A(t_1), A(t_2), \exists xA(x)$$

where  $t_2$  is the first term in the sequence  $ST$ , such that  $A(t_2)$  does not appear on the tree above  $A(t_1), A(t_2), \exists xA(x)$ , i.e.  $t_2 \neq t_1$

$$| (\exists)$$

$$A(t_1), A(t_2), A(t_3), \exists xA(x)$$

where  $t_3$  is the first term in the sequence  $ST$ , such that  $A(t_3)$  does not appear on the tree above  $A(t_1), A(t_2), A(t_3), \exists xA(x)$ , i.e.  $t_3 \neq t_2 \neq t_1$

$$| (\exists)$$

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

We repeat the procedure

| ( $\exists$ )

$A(t_1), A(t_2), A(t_3), A(t_4), \exists xA(x)$

where  $t_4$  is the first term in the sequence ST, such that  $A(t_4)$  does not appear on the tree above  $A(t_1), A(t_2), A(t_3), A(t_4), \exists xA(x)$ , i.e.  $t_4 \neq t_3 \neq t_2 \neq t_1$

| ( $\exists$ )

.....

| ( $\exists$ )

.....

Obviously, the above decomposition tree is **infinite**, what proves that

$\not\vdash \exists xA(x)$

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

We construct now a **proof** in **QRS** of the quantifiers **distributivity law**

$$(\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x)))$$

and show that the proof in **QRS** of the inverse implication

$$((\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)))$$

**does not exist**, i.e. that

$$\not\vdash ((\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)))$$

The decomposition tree of the first formula is the following

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

$$(\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x)))$$

$$| (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\neg \exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)), (\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x))$$

$$| (\neg \exists)$$

$$\forall x \neg(A(x) \wedge B(x)), (\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x))$$

$$| (\forall)$$

$$\neg(A(x_1) \wedge B(x_1)), (\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x))$$

where  $x_1$  is a first free variable in the sequence ST such that  $x_1$  does not appear in

$$\forall x \neg(A(x) \wedge B(x)), (\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x))$$

$$| (\neg \wedge)$$

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), (\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x))$$

$$\bigwedge (n)$$



## Examples of Decomposition Trees

$$\bigwedge (n)$$

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), \exists x A(x)$$

$$| (\exists)$$

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), A(t_1), \exists x A(x)$$

$$| (\exists)$$

....

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), \dots A(x_1), \exists x A(x)$$

*axiom*

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), \exists x B(x)$$

$$| (\exists)$$

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), B(t_1), \exists x B(x)$$

$$| (\exists)$$

...

$$| (\exists)$$

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), \dots B(x_1), \exists x B(x)$$

*axiom*

where  $t_1$  is the first term in the sequence ST, such that  $A(t_1)$  does not appear on the tree above  $\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), A(t_1), \exists x A(x)$

## Examples of Decomposition Trees

**Observe**, that it is possible to choose eventually a term  $t_i = x_1$ , as the formula  $A(x_1)$  **does not appear** on the tree above

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), \dots A(x_1), \exists x A(x)$$

By the definition of the sequence **ST**, the variable  $x_1$  is placed somewhere in it, i.e.  $x_1 = t_i$ , for certain  $i \geq 1$

It means that after  $i$  **applications** of the step  $(\exists)$  in the decomposition tree, we will get a leaf

$$\neg A(x_1), \neg B(x_1), \dots A(x_1), \exists x A(x)$$

which is an **axiom**