

#### 4.1 Predicate calculus *First order predicate logic, FOL*, the simplest form of predicate logic.

Here is its BNF:

Sentence	→ AtomicSentence
	Sentence Connective Sentence
	Quantifier Variable, . . . Sentence
	¬Sentence
	(Sentence)
AtomicSentence	→ Predicate(Term, . . .)   Term = Term
Term	→ Function(Term, . . .)   Constant   Variable
Connective	→ ∨   ∧   ⇒   ⇔
Quantifier	→ ∀   ∃
Constant	→ A   X   John   . . .
Variable	→ a   x   s   john   . . .
Predicate	→ Before   HasColor   Raining   . . .
Function	→ Mother   LeftLegOf   . . .

**Universal quantification** ( $\forall$ )

$$\forall x \text{ Cat}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Mammal}(x)$$

**Existential quantification** ( $\exists$ )

$$\exists x \text{ Sister}(x, \text{Spot}) \wedge \text{Cat}(x)$$

A term with no variables is called a **ground term**.

**Connections between  $\forall$  and  $\exists$**  (De Morgan rules)

$\forall x \neg P = \neg \exists x P$	$\neg P \wedge \neg Q = \neg(P \vee Q)$
$\neg \forall x P = \exists x \neg P$	$\neg(P \wedge Q) = \neg P \vee \neg Q$
$\forall x P = \neg \exists x \neg P$	$P \wedge Q = \neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q)$
$\exists x P = \neg \forall x \neg P$	$P \vee Q = \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$

#### 4.2 Knowledge representation using FOL

Sentences that are in the knowledge base initially are called "**axioms**".

**Theorems** are entailed by the axioms.

An axiom of form  $\forall x, y P(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \dots$  is often called a **definition** of  $P$ .

##### Example (1): The kinship domain

One's mother is one's female parent:

$$\forall m, c \text{ Mother}(m, c) \Leftrightarrow \text{Female}(m) \wedge \text{Parent}(m, c)$$

One's husband is one's male spouse:

$$\forall w, h \text{ Husband}(h, w) \Leftrightarrow \text{Male}(h) \wedge \text{Spouse}(h, w)$$

Male and female are disjoint categories:

$$\forall x \text{ Male}(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg \text{Female}(x)$$

Parent and child are inverse relations:

$$\forall p, c \text{ Parent}(p, c) \Leftrightarrow \text{Child}(c, p)$$

A grandparent is a parent of one's parent:

$$\forall g, c \text{ Grandparent}(g, c) \Leftrightarrow \exists p \text{ Parent}(g, p) \wedge \text{Parent}(p, c)$$

A sibling is another child of one's parents:

$$\forall x, y \text{ Sibling}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists p \text{ Parent}(p, x) \wedge \text{Parent}(p, y)$$

##### Example (2): The domain of sets

1. Empty set has no elements adjoined into it.

$$\neg \exists x, s \{x/s\} = \{\}$$

2. Adjoining an element in the set has no effect:

$$\forall x, s \ x \in s \Leftrightarrow s = \{x/s\}$$

3. A set is a subset of another if and only if all first's members are members of the second.

$$\forall s_1, s_2 \ s_1 \subseteq s_2 \Leftrightarrow (\forall x \ x \in s_1 \Rightarrow x \in s_2)$$

4. Two sets are equal if and only if each is a subset of the other.

$$\forall s_1, s_2 \ (s_1 = s_2) \Leftrightarrow (s_1 \subseteq s_2 \wedge s_2 \subseteq s_1)$$

5. An object is a member of the intersection of two sets if and only if it is a member of each of the sets.

$$\forall x, s_1, s_2 \ x \in (s_1 \cap s_2) \Leftrightarrow (x \in s_1 \wedge x \in s_2)$$

6. An object is a member of the union of two sets if and only if it is a member of either set.

$$\forall x, s_1, s_2 \ x \in (s_1 \cup s_2) \Leftrightarrow (x \in s_1 \vee x \in s_2)$$