

# Logic and Modelling

— Semantics of Predicate Logic —

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## Motivation of Semantics

# Usefulness of Semantics

Can we prove the following by natural deduction?

$$p \vee q \rightarrow r, q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p \vdash \neg(r \wedge \neg q)$$

What if it is not derivable? **Might be difficult to show.**

Using the **soundness and completeness theorem** we could concentrate on the **equivalent semantic entailment**:

$$p \vee q \rightarrow r, q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p \models \neg(r \wedge \neg q)$$

and actually demonstrate:

$$p \vee q \rightarrow r, q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p \not\models \neg(r \wedge \neg q)$$

That is, find a valuation  $v$  such that

$$v(p \vee q \rightarrow r) = \text{T}$$

$$v(q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p) = \text{T}$$

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$$v(p \vee q \rightarrow r) = \text{T} \quad (1)$$

$$v(q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p) = \text{T} \quad (2)$$

$$v(\neg(r \wedge \neg q)) = \text{F} \quad (3)$$

For any such valuation  $v$  we find by **semantic reasoning**:

$$v(r \wedge \neg q) = \text{T}$$

$$v(r) = \text{T}$$

$$v(\neg q) = \text{T}$$

$$v(q) = \text{F}$$

Every valuation with  $v(r) = \text{T}$  and  $v(q) = \text{F}$  fulfils (1), (2), (3)

# Usefulness of Semantics

For example, the valuation

$$v(p) = \text{T}$$

$$v(q) = \text{F}$$

$$v(r) = \text{T}$$

yields

$$v(p \vee q \rightarrow r) = \text{T}$$

$$v(\neg(r \wedge \neg q)) = \text{F}$$

$$v(q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p) = \text{T}$$

This valuation  $v$  is a **counter model** to:

$$p \vee q \rightarrow r, q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p \models \neg(r \wedge \neg q)$$

and hence justifies:

$$p \vee q \rightarrow r, q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p \not\models \neg(r \wedge \neg q)$$

This implies, by the soundness (and completeness) theorem:

$$p \vee q \rightarrow r, q \wedge r \rightarrow \neg p \not\vdash \neg(r \wedge \neg q)$$

Thus **there is no** natural-deduction derivation!

# Usefulness of Semantics

Assume we have a logic with syntax and semantics and with a **soundness and completeness theorem**:

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \phi \iff \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \phi$$

If we want to show

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \phi \tag{*}$$

but don't succeed despite best efforts.

We might want to **change tactics**, and try to show:

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\models \phi$$

by a **counter model** to  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \phi$ .

If we succeed here, then (\*) **cannot** hold.

# Proof Theory ( $\vdash$ ) versus Semantics ( $\models$ )

## Proof theory with entailment $\vdash$

- ▶ rules prove **operative** explanation to logical symbols
- ▶ gives an **existential characterisation** of the formulas that are true in a logic:

$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \phi \iff$  **there exists** a derivation of  $\phi$   
from premises  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$

- ▶ convenient for **positive** arguments: give a derivation

## Semantics with entailment $\models$

- ▶ gives **meaning** to logical symbols
- ▶ gives a **universal characterisation** of the formulas that are true in a logic:

$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \phi \iff$  **all** models that satisfy  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ ,  
also satisfy  $\phi$

- ▶ convenient for **negative** arguments: give a counter model

# Models



# How to interpret formulas in predicate logic?

Simple formulas in predicate logic:

- ▶  $R(a, b)$
- ▶  $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$
- ▶  $\forall x(x \leq x \cdot e)$

What can we say about their **meaning** and **truth values**?

These depend on:

- ▶ the domain of quantification
- ▶ the interpretation of the predicate symbols  $R, P, Q, \leq$
- ▶ the interpretation of the constants  $a, b, e$
- ▶ the interpretation of the function symbol  $\cdot$

Different interpretations can make these formulas true or false.

We need a concept of **model** for the interpretation of formulas.

# Model Informally (1)

$$\exists x P(x)$$

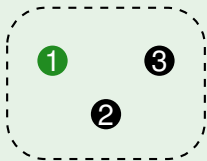
If we interpret  $P(x)$  as 'x is green', this expresses:

There is something that is green.

This formula has a **model**:

- ▶ universe  $\{1, 2, 3\}$
- ▶  $P(1)$ ,  $\neg P(2)$ ,  $\neg P(3)$

In a picture, this looks as follows:



A **green dot** indicates that  $P$  is T.

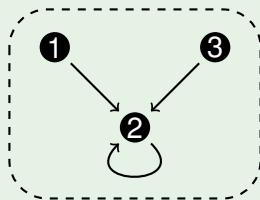
## Model Informally (2)

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

If we interpret  $R(x, y)$  as 'x knows y', this expresses:

There is somebody who is known by everybody.

This formula has a model:



Here the formula is true since for  $y = 2$ , we have:  $\forall x R(x, y)$

$$R(1, 2)$$

$$R(2, 2)$$

$$R(3, 2)$$

# Models Formally

Let

- ▶  $\mathcal{F}$  be a set of function symbols,
- ▶  $\mathcal{P}$  a set of predicate symbols.

A **model**  $\mathcal{M}$  for  $\langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P} \rangle$  consists of:

- ▶ a non-empty set  $A$ , called **domain** or **universe**,
- ▶ an **interpretation operation**  $(\cdot)^{\mathcal{M}}$  for the symbols in  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P}$ .
  - (i)  $f^{\mathcal{M}} : A^n \rightarrow A$  for every  $n$ -ary function symbol  $f \in \mathcal{F}$
  - (ii)  $P^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq A^n$  for every  $n$ -ary predicate symbols  $P \in \mathcal{P}$

A symbol is  **$n$ -ary** if it has  $n$  arguments.

- ▶  $c^{\mathcal{M}} \in A$  for nullary function symbols (constants)  $c \in \mathcal{F}$
- ▶  $f^{\mathcal{M}} : A \rightarrow A$  for 1-ary (unary) symbols  $f \in \mathcal{F}$
- ▶  $f^{\mathcal{M}} : A \times A \rightarrow A$  for 2-ary (binary) symbols  $f \in \mathcal{F}$
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- ▶  $P^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq A \times A$  for 2-ary (binary) predicate symbols  $P \in \mathcal{P}$

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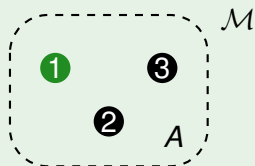
**Note:** concept of model is **extremely liberal**

- ▶ universe  $A$  can be **any non-empty set**
- ▶ **only one requirement** for interpretations:  
 $f^{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  have **same number of arguments** as  $f$  and  $P$

# Example (1)

$$\mathcal{F} = \emptyset, \mathcal{P} = \{ P/1 \}$$

Illustration of a model:



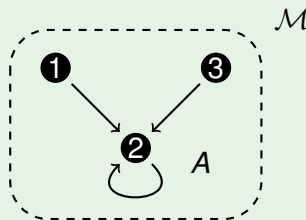
Formal definition of  $\mathcal{M}$ :

- ▶ domain  $A = \{ 1, 2, 3 \}$
- ▶ interpretation operation  $(\cdot)^{\mathcal{M}}$  on  $\langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P} \rangle$ :
  - ▶  $P$  is **unary predicate**:  
 $P^{\mathcal{M}} = \{ 1 \} \subseteq A.$

## Example (2)

$$\mathcal{F} = \emptyset, \mathcal{P} = \{ R/2 \}$$

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- ▶ interpretation operation  $(\cdot)^{\mathcal{M}}$  on  $\langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P} \rangle$ :
  - ▶  $R$  is **binary predicate**:  
 $R^{\mathcal{M}} = \{ \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle \} \subseteq A \times A.$

## Example (3)

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ e/0, \cdot/2 \}, \quad \mathcal{P} = \{ \leq/2 \}$$

We consider a model  $\mathcal{M}$  with:

- ▶ universe  $B = \{ s \mid s \text{ is binary string} \}$
- ▶ interpretation operation  $(\cdot)^{\mathcal{M}}$ :
  - ▶  $e$  is interpreted as the empty string  $\epsilon$ 
    - ▶  $e^{\mathcal{M}} = \text{empty string } \epsilon$
  - ▶  $\cdot$  is interpreted as concatenation of strings
    - ▶  $\cdot^{\mathcal{M}} : B \times B \rightarrow B, \quad a_0 \cdots a_n \cdot^{\mathcal{M}} b_0 \cdots b_m = a_0 \cdots a_n b_0 \cdots b_m$   
e.g.:  $01 \cdot^{\mathcal{M}} 100 = 01100$
  - ▶  $s_1 \leq s_2$  is interpreted as:  $s_1$  is a prefix of  $s_2$ 
    - ▶  $\leq^{\mathcal{M}} = \{ \langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \mid s_1 \text{ is a prefix of } s_2 \}$   
e.g.:  $01 \leq^{\mathcal{M}} 01100$

We will be interested in interpreting in  $\mathcal{M}$  formulas like:

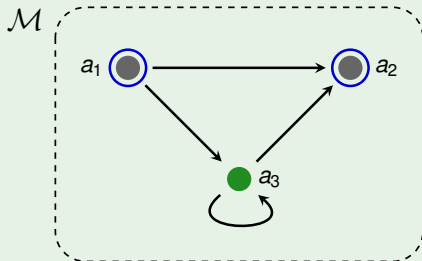
- ▶  $\exists y \forall x (y \leq x)$ : there is a binary string that is prefix of every binary string
- ▶  $\forall x (x \leq x \cdot e)$ : every binary string is a prefix of ...



Interpretation

# A Simple Model

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ c/0 \}, \mathcal{P} = \{ P/1, R/2 \}$$



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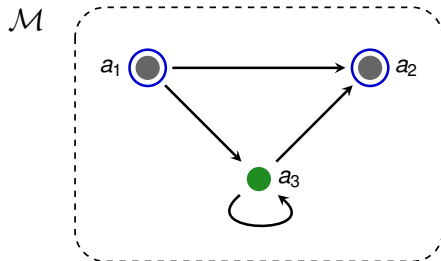
is a model  $\mathcal{M}$  with:

- ▶ domain  $A = \{ a_1, a_2, a_3 \}$
- ▶  $c^{\mathcal{M}} = a_3$
- ▶  $P^{\mathcal{M}} = \{ a_1, a_2 \}$
- ▶  $R^{\mathcal{M}} = \{ \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle, \langle a_1, a_3 \rangle, \langle a_3, a_2 \rangle, \langle a_3, a_3 \rangle \}$

## Interpretation

of formulas **without** quantifiers and free variables

# Example



- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models P(c)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \neg P(c)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models R(c, c)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models R(c, c) \vee P(c)$

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# Interpreting Formulas Without Quantifiers

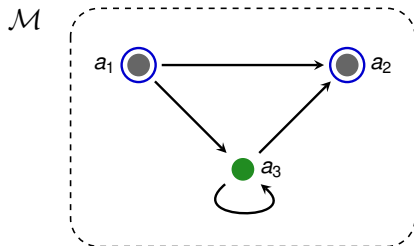
**Truth** definition for a formula  $\phi$  without quantifiers and free variables in a model  $\mathcal{M}$  by induction on the structure of  $\phi$  :

- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \neg\phi \iff \text{not: } \mathcal{M} \models \phi \iff \mathcal{M} \not\models \phi$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi \wedge \psi \iff \mathcal{M} \models \phi \text{ and } \mathcal{M} \models \psi$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi \vee \psi \iff \mathcal{M} \models \phi \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models \psi$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi \rightarrow \psi \iff ((\mathcal{M} \models \phi) \implies (\mathcal{M} \models \psi))$   
 $\iff (\text{if } \mathcal{M} \models \phi \text{ then } \mathcal{M} \models \psi)$   
 $\iff \text{not } (\mathcal{M} \models \phi \text{ and } \mathcal{M} \not\models \psi)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \iff \langle t_1^{\mathcal{M}}, \dots, t_n^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle \in P^{\mathcal{M}}$

The last clause uses the **interpretation of terms**  $t^{\mathcal{M}}$ :

- ▶ if  $t = \mathbf{c}$  for a constant  $\mathbf{c}$ , then  $t^{\mathcal{M}} = \mathbf{c}^{\mathcal{M}}$
- ▶ if  $t = \mathbf{f}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , then  $t^{\mathcal{M}} = \mathbf{f}^{\mathcal{M}}(t_1^{\mathcal{M}}, \dots, t_n^{\mathcal{M}})$

# Example (1)



- ▶  $c^{\mathcal{M}}$ : green point
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We use the formal definition to check  $\mathcal{M} \models P(c)$  or  $\mathcal{M} \not\models P(c)$ :

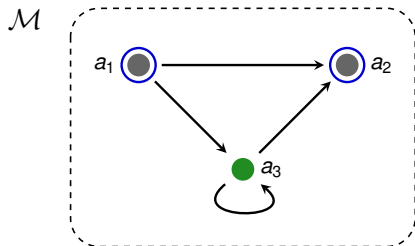
$$\mathcal{M} \models P(c) \quad \times$$

$$\iff c^{\mathcal{M}} \in P^{\mathcal{M}} \quad \text{(by definition of } \models \text{)}$$

$$\iff a_3 \in \{a_1, a_2\} \quad \times \quad \text{(by definition of } \mathcal{M} \text{)}$$

Hence we indeed conclude:  $\mathcal{M} \not\models P(c)$ .

## Example (2)



- ▶  $c^{\mathcal{M}}$ : green point
- ▶  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$ : blue circles
- ▶  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ : arrows

We use the formal definition to check  $\mathcal{M} \models \neg P(c)$ :

$$\mathcal{M} \models \neg P(c) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\iff \text{not: } \mathcal{M} \models P(c) \quad (\text{by definition of } \models)$$

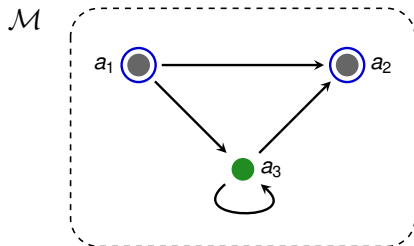
$$\iff \text{not: } c^{\mathcal{M}} \in P^{\mathcal{M}} \quad (\text{by definition of } \models)$$

$$\iff c^{\mathcal{M}} \notin P^{\mathcal{M}}$$

$$\iff a_3 \notin \{a_1, a_2\} \quad \checkmark \quad (\text{by definition of } \mathcal{M})$$

Hence we conclude:  $\mathcal{M} \models \neg P(c)$ .

## Example (3)



- ▶  $c^{\mathcal{M}}$ : green point
- ▶  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$ : blue circles
- ▶  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ : arrows

We use the formal definition to check  $\mathcal{M} \models R(c, c)$ :

$$\mathcal{M} \models R(c, c) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\iff \langle c^{\mathcal{M}}, c^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \quad (\text{by definition of } \models)$$

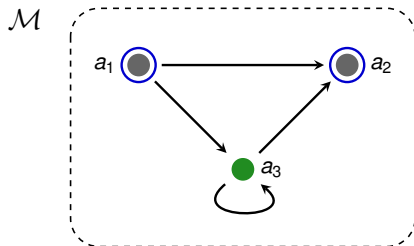
$$\iff \langle a_3, a_3 \rangle \in \{ \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle, \langle a_1, a_3 \rangle, \langle a_3, a_2 \rangle, \langle a_3, a_3 \rangle \} \quad \checkmark$$

(by definition of  $\mathcal{M}$ )

Hence we conclude:  $\mathcal{M} \models R(c, c)$ .



## Example (4)



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- ▶  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ : arrows

We use the formal definition to check  $\mathcal{M} \models R(c, c) \vee P(c)$ :

$$\mathcal{M} \models R(c, c) \vee P(c) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\iff \mathcal{M} \models R(c, c) \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models P(c) \quad (\text{by definition of } \models)$$

$$\iff \langle c^{\mathcal{M}}, c^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \text{ or } c^{\mathcal{M}} \in P^{\mathcal{M}} \quad (\text{by definition of } \models)$$

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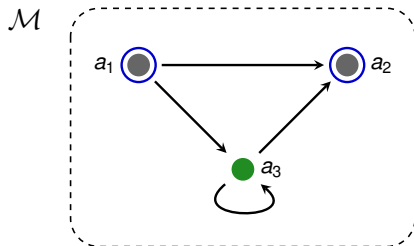
or  $a_3 \in \{ a_1, a_2 \} \quad \times \quad \checkmark \quad (\text{by definition of } \mathcal{M})$

Hence we conclude:  $\mathcal{M} \models R(c, c) \vee P(c)$ .

## Interpretation

of formulas **with** quantifiers and free variables

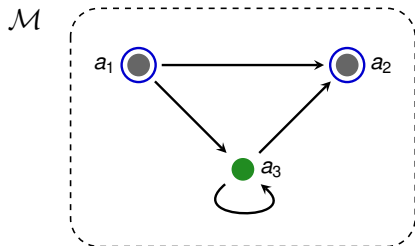
# Example (Interpretation of Quantifiers)



- ▶  $c^{\mathcal{M}}$ : green point
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- ▶  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ : arrows

- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models \forall x P(x)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \neg \forall x P(x)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists x P(x)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \exists y R(x, y))$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x (P(x) \vee R(x, x))$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models \exists x \forall y R(x, y)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x (\exists y R(x, y) \rightarrow \exists y (R(x, y) \wedge P(y)))$

# Example (Interpretation of Free Variables)



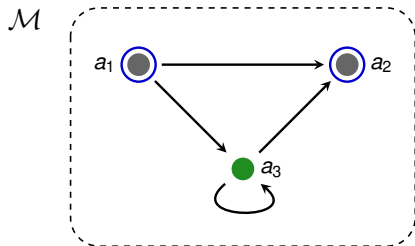
What about:

- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models P(x)$  ?
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models R(x, x)$  ?
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models R(x, y)$  ?
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists y R(x, y)$  ?

This depends on the interpretation of the **free variables**  $x$  and  $y$ :

- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{[x \mapsto a_1]} P(x)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{[x \mapsto a_1]} R(x, x)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{[x \mapsto a_2][y \mapsto a_3]} R(x, y)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{[x \mapsto a_3]} \exists y R(x, y)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{[x \mapsto a_3]} P(x)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{[x \mapsto a_3]} R(x, x)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{[x \mapsto a_2]} \exists y R(x, y)$

# Model plus Environments



An **environment**

$$\ell : \mathbf{var} \rightarrow A$$

(look-up function)  
interprets **free** variables in  
the domain.

Example environment:

$$\ell(x) = a_1$$

$$\ell(y) = a_3$$

Let us determine whether

▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} P(x)$

$\mathcal{M} \not\models_{\ell} P(y)$

▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{\ell} R(x, x)$

$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} R(y, y)$

▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} R(x, y)$

▶  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{\ell} R(y, x)$

▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a_2]} R(y, x)$

$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \exists x R(y, x)$

# Modification of Environments

In order to determine the truth values for  $\forall x$ - en  $\exists x$ -formulas we must be able to modify the interpretation of the variable  $x$ .

## Definition (Modified Environment)

Let  $\ell : \mathbf{var} \rightarrow A$  be an environment, and  $x$  a variable.

By  $\ell[x \mapsto a]$  we denote the environment that interprets  $x$  as  $a$ , and that for all other variables acts in the same way as  $\ell$ :

$$\ell[x \mapsto a](y) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } y = x \\ \ell(y) & \text{if } y \neq x \end{cases}$$

More modifications are possible.

For  $\ell' = \ell[x \mapsto a][z \mapsto b]$  we have:

$$\ell'(y) = \ell[x \mapsto a][z \mapsto b](y) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } y = x \\ b & \text{if } y = z \\ \ell(y) & \text{if } y \neq x \text{ and } y \neq z \end{cases}$$

# Interpretation of Terms in Model with Environment

Terms are built from variables, constants, and function symbols:

- ▶ variables are interpreted according to the environment  $\ell$
- ▶ constants are interpreted according to  $(\cdot)^{\mathcal{M}}$
- ▶ function symbols are interpreted according to  $(\cdot)^{\mathcal{M}}$

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model and  $\ell$  an environment.

## Interpretation of terms

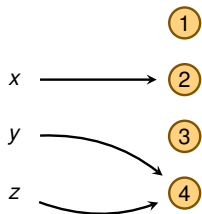
The interpretation  $t^{\mathcal{M},\ell}$  of a term  $t$  is defined as:

$$t^{\mathcal{M},\ell} = \begin{cases} \ell(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } t = \mathbf{x} \text{ for a variable } \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{c}^{\mathcal{M}} & \text{if } t = \mathbf{c} \text{ for a constant } \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{f}^{\mathcal{M}}(t_1^{\mathcal{M},\ell}, \dots, t_n^{\mathcal{M},\ell}) & \text{if } t = \mathbf{f}(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

by induction on the term structure.

# Quantification by Varying the Environment

Model and environment:



▶ domain:  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

▶  $L^{\mathcal{M}} = <$

▶ environment  $\ell$ :

▶  $\ell(x) = 2$

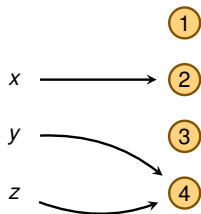
▶  $\ell(y) = \ell(z) = 4$

▶ Now  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_e L(y, x)$



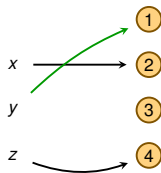
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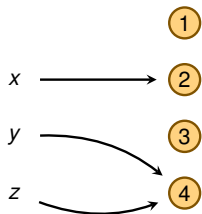
- ▶ But:  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \exists y L(y, x)$   
because  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[y \mapsto 1]} L(y, x)$

- ▶ domain:  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- ▶  $L^{\mathcal{M}} = <$
- ▶ environment  $\ell$ :
  - ▶  $\ell(x) = 2$
  - ▶  $\ell(y) = \ell(z) = 4$



# Quantification by Varying the Environment

Model and environment:



▶ domain:  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

▶  $L^{\mathcal{M}} = <$

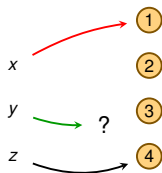
▶ environment  $l$ :

▶  $l(x) = 2$

▶  $l(y) = l(z) = 4$

▶ Also  $\mathcal{M} \models_l \forall x \exists y L(y, x)$  ?

▶ No:  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{l[x \mapsto 1]} \exists y L(y, x)$



# Formula Truth in a Model (Full Definition)

**Truth** of a formula  $\phi$  in a model  $\mathcal{M}$  with universe  $A$  with respect to environment  $\ell$  is defined by induction on the structure of  $\phi$ :

- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \neg\phi \iff \mathcal{M} \not\models_{\ell} \phi$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi \wedge \psi \iff \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi$  and  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \psi$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi \vee \psi \iff \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi$  or  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \psi$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi \rightarrow \psi \iff$  (if  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi$  then  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \psi$ )
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \mathbf{P}(t_1, \dots, t_n) \iff \langle t_1^{\mathcal{M}, \ell}, \dots, t_n^{\mathcal{M}, \ell} \rangle \in \mathbf{P}^{\mathcal{M}}$

$$t^{\mathcal{M}, \ell} = \begin{cases} \ell(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } t = \mathbf{x} \text{ for a variable } \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{c}^{\mathcal{M}} & \text{if } t = \mathbf{c} \text{ for a constant } \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{f}^{\mathcal{M}}(t_1^{\mathcal{M}, \ell}, \dots, t_n^{\mathcal{M}, \ell}) & \text{if } t = \mathbf{f}(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \forall x \phi \iff$  for all  $a \in A$  it holds:  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a]} \phi$
- ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \exists x \phi \iff$  for some  $a \in A$  it holds:  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a]} \phi$

# Well-definedness of $\models$

## Proposition

If  $\ell$  and  $\ell'$  coincide on the free variables of  $\phi$ , then:

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi \iff \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell'} \phi$$

A formula  $\phi$  is a **sentence** if  $\phi$  does not have free variables.

## Proposition

Let  $\phi$  be a sentence. Then it holds for all environments  $\ell$  and  $\ell'$ :

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi \iff \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell'} \phi$$

Hence for sentences  $\phi$ , we can write

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi \text{ for } \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \phi,$$

since  $\ell$  is irrelevant.

# Checking Formula Satisfiability in a Model

$$\mathcal{M} \models \exists x P(x) \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{①} \quad \text{③} \\ \text{②} \quad A \end{array} \overset{\mathcal{M}}{=} \begin{array}{l} A \\ \{1, 2, 3\} \\ P^{\mathcal{M}} = \{1\} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \exists x P(x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\iff \text{there is } a \in A \text{ such that } \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a]} P(x) \quad (\text{by def. of } \models)$$

$$\iff \text{there is } a \in A \text{ s.th. } x^{\mathcal{M}, \ell[x \mapsto a]} \in P^{\mathcal{M}} \quad (\text{by def. of } \models)$$

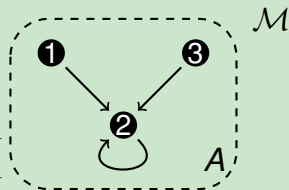
$$\iff \text{there is } a \in A \text{ such that } a \in P^{\mathcal{M}} \quad (\text{def. of } (\cdot)^{\mathcal{M}, [x \mapsto a]})$$

$$\iff 1 \in P^{\mathcal{M}} \quad \checkmark \quad (\text{by def. of } \mathcal{M})$$

Hence we have formally established  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists x P(x)$ .

# Checking Formula Satisfiability in a Model

$$\mathcal{M} \models \exists y \forall x R(x, y) \quad \text{for model}$$
$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
$$R^{\mathcal{M}} = \{ \langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle \}$$



$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \exists y \forall x R(x, y) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\iff \text{there is } b \in A \text{ such that: } \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[y \mapsto b]} \forall x R(x, y)$$

$$\iff \text{there is } b \in A \text{ such that for all } a \in A:$$

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[y \mapsto b][x \mapsto a]} R(x, y)$$

$$\iff \text{there is } b \in A \text{ such that for all } a \in A:$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \langle x^{\ell[y \mapsto b][x \mapsto a]}, y^{\ell[y \mapsto b][x \mapsto a]} \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}}$$

$$\iff \text{for all } a \in A \text{ it holds that } \langle a, 2 \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}}$$

$$\iff \langle 1, 2 \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \text{ and } \langle 2, 2 \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \text{ and } \langle 3, 2 \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \quad \checkmark$$

This shows  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists y \forall x R(x, y)$ .

# Checking Formula Satisfiability in a Model

$$\mathcal{M} \models \forall x (x \leq x \cdot e)$$

- ▶ universe  $B = \{ s \mid s \text{ is binary string} \}$
- ▶  $e^{\mathcal{M}} = \text{empty string } \epsilon$
- ▶  $\cdot^{\mathcal{M}}$ : concatenation of strings
- ▶  $\leq^{\mathcal{M}} = \{ \langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \mid s_1 \text{ is a prefix of } s_2 \}$

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \forall x (x \leq x \cdot e) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\iff \text{for all } s \in B: \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto s]} x \leq x \cdot e$$

$$\iff \text{for all } s \in B: \langle x^{\mathcal{M}, \ell[x \mapsto s]}, (x \cdot e)^{\mathcal{M}, \ell[x \mapsto s]} \rangle \in \leq^{\mathcal{M}}$$

$$\iff \text{for all } s \in B: \langle s, x^{\mathcal{M}, \ell[x \mapsto s]} \cdot^{\mathcal{M}} e^{\mathcal{M}, \ell[x \mapsto s]} \rangle \in \leq^{\mathcal{M}}$$

$$\iff \text{for all } s \in B: \langle s, s \cdot^{\mathcal{M}} e^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle \in \leq^{\mathcal{M}}$$

$$\iff \text{for all } s \in B: \langle s, s \cdot^{\mathcal{M}} \epsilon \rangle \in \leq^{\mathcal{M}}$$

$$\iff \text{for all } s \in B: \langle s, s \rangle \in \leq^{\mathcal{M}} \quad \checkmark$$

Hence we have formally established:  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x (x \leq x \cdot e)$ .

# Semantical Entailment



# Semantical Entailment in Predicate Logic

## Semantic entailment in propositional logic

In **propositional logic**:  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vDash \psi$  means:

For all valuations  $v$ :

$$v(\phi_1) = \top, \dots, v(\phi_n) = \top \implies v(\psi) = \top$$

## Semantic entailment in predicate logic

In **predicate logic**:  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vDash \psi$  means:

For all models  $\mathcal{M}$ , and all environments  $\ell$ :

$$\mathcal{M} \vDash_{\ell} \phi_1, \dots, \mathcal{M} \vDash_{\ell} \phi_n \implies \mathcal{M} \vDash_{\ell} \psi$$

In words: for all models  $\mathcal{M}$ , and all environments  $\ell$  such that

$$\mathcal{M} \vDash_{\ell} \phi_1 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } \mathcal{M} \vDash_{\ell} \phi_n \text{ hold,}$$

it also holds that  $\mathcal{M} \vDash_{\ell} \psi$ .

# Proving and Disproving Semantical Entailment

Which of the following semantic implications are true?

(a)  $\forall x \exists y R(x, y) \models \exists x \forall y R(x, y)$  **NO**

(b)  $\forall x \exists y R(x, y) \models \exists y \forall x R(x, y)$  **NO**

(c)  $\exists y \forall x R(x, y) \models \forall x \exists y R(x, y)$  **YES**

(d)  $\exists y \forall x R(x, y) \models \forall y \exists x R(x, y)$  **NO**

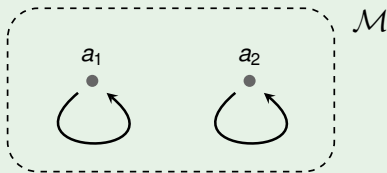
# Disproving Semantic Entailment: Counter Models

$$\forall x \exists y R(x, y) \not\models \exists y \forall x R(x, y)$$

We can give a model  $\mathcal{M}$  such that:

$$\mathcal{M} \models \forall x \exists y R(x, y), \quad \mathcal{M} \not\models \exists y \forall x R(x, y).$$

We choose  $\mathcal{M}$  as follows:



This is a **counter model**:

it satisfies the premise, but not the conclusion.

# Proving Semantic Entailment

$$\exists y \forall x R(x, y) \models \forall x \exists y R(x, y)$$

For all models  $\mathcal{M}$  with domain  $A$  and environments  $\ell$  we find:

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \exists y \forall x R(x, y)$$

$$\iff \text{there is } b \in A \text{ such that } \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[y \mapsto b]} \forall x R(x, y)$$

$$\iff \text{there is } b \in A \text{ such that for all } a \in A:$$

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[y \mapsto b][x \mapsto a]} R(x, y)$$

$$\implies \text{for all } a \in A \text{ there is } b \in A \text{ such that:}$$

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[y \mapsto b][x \mapsto a]} R(x, y)$$

$$\iff \text{for all } a \in A \text{ there is } b \in A \text{ such that:}$$

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a][y \mapsto b]} R(x, y)$$

$$\iff \text{for all } a \in A: \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a]} \exists y R(x, y)$$

$$\iff \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \forall x \exists y R(x, y)$$

Hence we can conclude:  $\exists y \forall x R(x, y) \models \forall x \exists y R(x, y)$ .

# Proving Semantic Entailment

$$\neg\forall x P(x) \models \exists x \neg P(x)$$

For all models  $\mathcal{M}$  with domain  $A$  and environments  $\ell$  we find:

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \neg\forall x P(x)$$

$$\iff \text{not: } \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \forall x P(x)$$

$$\iff \text{not for all } a \in A: \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a]} P(x)$$

$$\iff \text{there exists } a \in A \text{ such that not: } \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a]} P(x)$$

$$\iff \text{there exists } a \in A \text{ such that: } \mathcal{M} \not\models_{\ell[x \mapsto a]} P(x)$$

$$\iff \text{there exists } a \in A \text{ such that: } \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell[x \mapsto a]} \neg P(x)$$

$$\iff \mathcal{M} \models_{\ell} \exists x \neg P(x)$$

Hence we can conclude:  $\neg\forall x P(x) \models \exists x \neg P(x)$ .