

CHAPTER 7 – PREDICATE LOGIC: SYMBOLIZATION AND SYNTAX



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- *The advantages of SL:*
 - a) there are decidable test procedures associated with the notions of truth, falsity, validity, equivalence, and consistency, and
 - b) at least some of the logical results of these tests can be carried over to English.

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- The main problem with SL: the language of SL is not sophisticated enough to allow adequate symbolization of a great deal of natural language, e.g., there is no symbolization in SL of general claims such as “Each citizen will either vote or pay a fine. Also, some clearly valid arguments, when symbolized in SL, come out as invalid, e.g.,

None of David’s friends support Republicans.	N
<u>Sarah supports Breitlow, and B is a R.</u>	<u>S & B</u>
So Sarah is no friend of David’s.	$\sim F$

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- This is because SL, in taking sentences to be the smallest linguistic units, makes all subsentential relationships invisible.
- We will develop a new language, PL (predicate logic), which will allow us to express many subsentential relations.
- However, it will also turn out that PL and its associated procedures do not constitute a decidable system, i.e., there is no mechanical test procedure that will always yield, in a finite number of steps, a 'yes' or 'no' answer to logical questions.
- We gain expressive power but lose decidability.

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- ***Singular Term***: any word or phrase that designates or purports to designate some one thing.
 - a) proper names: ‘George Washington,’ ‘Henry’, etc.
 - b) definite descriptions: ‘the discoverer of radioactivity,’ ‘Mary’s best friend’, etc.

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- What a name or definite description designates clearly depends on the context of use, e.g., ‘George Washington’, the first US president, or Mary’s dog.
- When we use a sentence of English as an example, or in an exercise set, we shall, unless otherwise noted, be assuming that a context is available for that sentence such that in that context all singular terms do designate.
- Pronouns are sometimes used in the place of proper names and definite descriptions, e.g., If Sue has read Darwin, then she’s no creationist.
- Sometimes they are not, e.g., This test is so easy that if anyone fails, then it’s her fault.

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- Sentences may contain more than one singular term, e.g., New York is between Philadelphia and Boston.
- **Predicate:** *part of English sentences that can be obtained by deleting one or more singular terms from an English sentence – it is a strip of words with one or more blanks such that when the blanks are filled by singular terms, a sentence of English results.*
- One blank: one-place predicate...n-blanks: n-place predicates, e.g.,
____ works for _____, _____ is between _____ and _____.
- In displaying the variable of predicates, we shall use the lowercase letters 'x', 'y', 'z' ..., e.g., x is between y and z.
- And we use capitals for predicates, e.g., Wxy, Bxyz

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- What is missing, however, is an account of “quantity” terms, such as ‘every’, ‘all’, ‘each’, ‘some’, ‘none’.
- These terms are not singular terms, i.e., there is no one thing that is designated, nor are they predicates...they serve to indicate *quantity*.

E.g.,

Everyone is easygoing.

No one likes Michael.

Michael doesn't like anyone.

Michael doesn't like everyone.

Someone likes Sue.

Nobody is taller than him or herself.

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- The vocabulary of PL consists of :
 - Sentence Letters:** $A, B, C...$
 - Predicates:** $Ax, Py...$
 - Individual Terms:** (a) constants: $a, b, c...$ (b) variables: $w, x, y, z...$
 - Truth-Functional Connectives:** $\sim, \&, \vee, \supset$, quantifiers: $(\forall x), (\exists x)$
 - Punctuation Marks:** $(), []$

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- By including the sentence letters of SL we make every sentence of SL a sentence of PL: every sentence of SL can be symbolized in PL.
- $(((((A \supset BBA), (A \supset Bab)))$ are expressions of PL, but $((\{ABA), A \supset \exists, A \# Bab$ are not.

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- We use **P, Q, R** as metavariables ranging over expressions of PL, **a** as a metavariable over individual constants, **x** as a metavariable over individual variables.
- A **quantifier** of PL is an expression of the form $(\forall x)$ or $(\exists x)$. An expression of the first form is called a **universal quantifier**, an expression of the second is called an **existential quantifier**.

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- **Definition of an Atomic formula of PL:** every expression of PL that is either a sentence letter of PL or an n -place predicate of PL followed by n - individual terms of PL is an atomic formula.
- **Recursive definition of a 'formula of PL':**
 1. Every atomic formula P of PL is a formula of PL.
 2. If P is a formula of PL, then so is $\sim P$
 3. If P and Q are formulas of PL, then so are $(P \& Q)$, $(P \vee Q)$, $(P \supset Q)$, and $(P \equiv Q)$.
 4. If P is a formula of PL that contains at least one occurrence of x and no x -quantifier, then $\forall xP$ and $\exists xP$ are formulas of PL.
 5. Nothing is a formula of PL unless it can be formed by 1-4.

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- **Logical operator** of PL: an expression of PL that is either a quantifier or a truth-functional connective.

E.g., $Rabz$ is an atomic formula.

$\sim(Rabz \ \& \ Hxy)$ is a formula

$(Hab \supset (\forall z)(Fz \supset Gza))$ is a formula

$(\forall z)(Haz \supset (\forall z)(Fz \supset Gza))$ is not a formula (4)

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- Not all formulas of PL are sentences of PL (though all sentences are formulas).
1. If P is an atomic formula of PL, then P contains no logical operators, and hence no main logical operator, and P is the only subformula of P .
 2. If P is a formula of PL of the form $\sim Q$, then ' \sim ' is the main logical operator of P , and Q is the immediate subformula.
 3. If P is a formula of PL of the form $(Q \& R)$, $(Q \vee R)$, $(Q \supset R)$, or $(Q \equiv R)$, then the binary connective between Q and R is the main logical operator of P , and Q and R are the immediate subformulas of P .
 4. If P is a formula of the form $(\forall x)Q$ or $(\exists x)Q$, then the quantifier that occurs before Q is the main logical operator of P , and Q is the immediate subformula of P .
 5. If P is a formula of PL, then every subformula of a subformula of P is a subformula of P , and P is a subformula of itself.

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- **Scope of a quantifier:** is the subformula Q of P of which the quantifier is the main logical connective. E.g., $(\forall x)Fxy$ has subformula Fxy and its scope ' $(\forall x)Fxy$ ', likewise, $(Hx \supset (\forall y)(Fxy))$ has scope ' $(\forall y)Fxy$ '.
- **Bound variable:** an occurrence of a variable x in a formula P of PL is bound iff that occurrence is within the scope of an x -quantifier.
- **Free variable:** an occurrence of a variable x in a formula P of PL is free iff it is not bound.

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- **Definition of Sentence of PL:** a formula P of PL is a sentence of PL iff it has no free variables.

E.g., $(\exists x \supset (\forall y)Fxy)$ is not a sentence of PL; neither occurrence of x is bound.

$((\forall z)Gz \supset \sim Hz)$ is not a sentence of PL; the last occurrence of z is unbound.

- Sentences of PL are either quantified [quantifier as main logical operator], truth-functional [truth-functional connective as main logical operator], or atomic [a sentence having no logical operator].
- **Substitution instance of P :** If P is a sentence of PL of the form $(\forall x)Q$ or $(\exists x)Q$ and an individual constant a , then $Q(a/x)$ is a substitution instance of P . The constant a is the **instantiating constant**. E.g., if P is $(\forall x)Fxb$, then $P(a/x)$ is Fab and $P(b/x)$ is Fbb .

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- Basic elements of the formal language PL:
 - Logical operators: connectives: '&', '∨', '⊃', '≡', '∼', quantifiers: $\forall x$, $\exists x$
 - Individual terms: individual constants: a, b, c..., and variables, x, y, z...
 - Predicates: Fx, Gxy, Hz,...

E.g., Fx is a one-place, Fxy is two-place, where x, y, z... are the variables that stand for singular terms.

We call the set of things being talked about the *universe of discourse*.

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E.g., UD: People in Michael's office

Lxy: x likes y

Ex: x is easygoing

Txy: x is taller than y

h: Henry

m: Michael

v: Vito

s: Sue

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- Sentences are then generated by replacing the variables with constants, e.g., Lsh is 'Sue like Henry', Lhs is 'Henry likes Sue'.
- Similarly, we can symbolize sentences,
 - e.g., 'Sue is Easygoing' is Es,
 - 'If Rita likes Henry, then Rita doesn't like Michael' is $Lrh \supset \sim Lrm$,
 - 'Everyone is Easygoing' is $(Es \ \& \ Eh) \ \& \ (Ev \ \& \ Em)$,
 - 'Michael likes someone' is $(Lmh \ \vee \ Lmm) \ \vee \ (Lmv \ \vee \ Lms)$.

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- We can symbolize ‘every’ with conjunctions and ‘some’ with disjunctions, but if the UD is very large or infinite this becomes awkward.
- We need quantifier symbols and variables that represent what the quantifier ranges over.
- The quantifier symbols are ‘ \forall ’ and ‘ \exists ’ and the variables ‘w’, ‘x’, ‘y’, ‘z’

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- A quantifier of PL consists of a quantifier symbol followed by a variable, both in parentheses: ' $(\forall x)$ ' and ' $(\exists x)$ '; e.g., 'Michael likes everyone' is $(\forall x)Lmx$ and 'Michael likes someone' is $(\exists x)Lmx$.
- Quantifiers of the form ' $(\forall x)$ ' are called *universal quantifiers*.
- Quantifiers of the form ' $(\exists x)$ ' are called *existential quantifiers*.
- The things being talked about, the members of the current universe of discourse, are called the ***values of the variable***.
- Some ... at least one ...
- All ... each, every...

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- E.g., UD: People in Michael's office

Everyone is easygoing.

$(\forall x)Ex$

No one likes Michael.

$\sim(\exists x)Lxm$

Michael doesn't like anyone.

$\sim(\exists x)Lmx$

Michael doesn't like everyone.

$\sim(\forall x)Lmx$

Someone likes Sue.

$(\exists x)Lxs$

Nobody is taller than him or herself.

$\sim(\exists x)Txx$

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- E.g., UD: People in Michael's office

If Rita is easygoing, everyone is.

$$Er \supset (\forall x)Ex$$

Rita likes Sue iff everyone does.

$$Lrs \equiv (\forall x)Lxs$$

Henry likes everyone but Sue doesn't. $(\forall x)Lhx \ \& \ \sim(\forall x)Lsx$

Henry likes everyone but Sue doesn't like anyone $(\forall x)Lhx \ \& \ \sim(\exists x)Lsx$

- Note: $(\forall x)Fx = \sim(\exists x)\sim Fx,$
 $\sim(\forall x)Fx = (\exists x)\sim Fx,$
 $\sim(\exists x)Fx = (\forall x)\sim Fx$

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- ***Multiple Quantifiers with Overlapping Scope****: when one quantifier falls within the scope of another.

E.g., Everyone likes everyone:

$$(\forall x)(\forall y)Lxy$$

Someone likes someone:

$$(\exists x)(\exists y)Lxy$$

Everyone likes someone:

$$(\forall x)(\exists y)Lxy$$

* Does not appear as a separate section in the text but begins on page 286

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- When we have two universal (or two existential) quantifiers, the order of the quantifiers does not matter.
- When we have ‘mixed’ quantifiers, the order does matter.
E.g., $(\forall y)(\exists x)Lyx$ is not the same as $(\exists x)(\forall y)Lyx$

The former says ‘For all y there is some object x , such that y likes x ,’ (everyone likes someone), whereas the latter says that there is some object x , such that for all y , y likes x (someone is liked by everyone).

- If we expand the UD, we must introduce a predicate to restrict it to, say, persons. Generally we use ‘ Px ’ to mean x is a person.

E.g., UD: living things

Everyone likes everyone:

$(\forall x)(\forall y)[(Px \ \& \ Py) \supset Lxy]$

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- *Note: choice of UD affects symbolization:*

All marbles are blue.

None of the marbles are blue.

Some of the marbles are blue.

UD: Marbles

$(\forall y)By$

$\sim(\exists y)By$

$(\exists y)By$

UD: Marbles and marble players

1. $(\forall y)(My \supset By)$

2. $(\forall y)(My \supset \sim By)$

3. $(\exists y)(My \ \& \ By)$

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- Generally if we restrict our UD to **P**, then

A: $(\forall x)Qx$

A: $(\forall x)(Px \supset Qx)$

E: $(\forall x)\sim Qx$ represents

E: $(\forall x)(Px \supset \sim Qx)$

I: $(\exists x)Q$

I: $(\exists x)(Px \ \& \ Qx)$

O: $(\exists x)\sim Q$

O: $(\exists x)(Px \ \& \ \sim Qx)$

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- Before concluding, we note a limited parallel between PL and *Aristotelian logic* which recognizes found kinds of sentences

• A: All Q are R	$(\forall x)(Qx \supset Rx)$
E: No Q are R	$(\forall x)(Qx \supset \sim Rx)$
I: Some Q are R	$(\exists x)(Qx \& Rx)$
O: Some Q are not R	$(\exists x)(Qx \& \sim Rx)$

E.g., UD: Jawbreakers

Yz: z is yellow

Sz: z is sweet

All yellow jawbreakers are sweet.

$(\forall w)(Yw \supset Sw)$

No yellow jawbreakers are sweet.

$(\forall w)(Yw \supset \sim Sw)$

Some yellow jawbreakers are sweet.

$(\exists x)(Yx \& Sx)$

Some yellow jawbreakers are not sweet.

$(\exists x)(Yx \& \sim Sx)$

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- Aristotle's square of opposition:

$$(\forall x)(P \supset Q) \equiv \sim(\exists x)(P \& \sim Q)$$

$$(\forall x)(P \supset \sim Q) \equiv \sim(\exists x)(P \& Q)$$

$$(\exists x)(P \& Q) \equiv \sim(\forall x)(P \supset \sim Q)$$

$$(\exists x)(P \& \sim Q) \equiv \sim(\forall x)(P \supset Q)$$

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- *Note: the English sentence may not contain the terms ‘all’, ‘no’, ‘some’.*

E.g., Mammals are warm blooded. $(\forall x)(Mx \supset Wx)$

A reptile is not warmblooded. $(\forall x)(Rx \supset \sim Wx)$

There are carnivorous mammals. $(\exists x)(Cx \ \& \ Mx)$

- *Note: context matters, e.g., “all lawyers are not rich” does not, in all likelihood, mean* $(\forall x)(Lx \supset \sim Rx)$.

Rather, it means $\sim(\forall x)(Lx \supset Rx)$ or $(\exists x)(Lx \ \& \ \sim Rx)$.

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- More complex forms.

Michael likes everyone that both Sue and Rita like:

$$(\forall x)((Lrx \ \& \ Lsx) \supset Lmx)$$

Rita doesn't like Michael, but she likes everyone Michael likes:

$$\sim Lrm \ \& \ (\forall y)(Lmy \supset Lry)$$

Every integer is odd or even:

$$(\forall x)(Ix \supset (Ox \vee Ex)) \text{ or } (\forall x)(Ox \vee Ex)$$

Every integer is odd or every integer is even:

$$(\forall x)Ox \vee (\forall x)Ex \text{ or } (\forall x)(Ix \supset Ex) \vee (\forall x)(Ix \supset Ox)$$

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- *Note: 'any' can be tricky*

Anyone who likes Sue likes Rita:

$$(\forall x)(Lxs \supset Lxr)$$

If anyone likes Sue Michael does:

$$(\exists x)Lxs \supset Lms$$

- *Rule: where a quantity term is used in the antecedent of an English conditional and there is, in the consequent, pronominal cross-reference to that quantity term, a universal quantifier is called for.*

E.g., Anyone who fails the exam flunks the course:

$$(\forall x)(Fx \supset Cx)$$

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- E.g., If any student passes, Donna will pass: $(\exists x)Px \supset Pd$.
Each student is such that if that student passes, Donna will pass:
 $(\forall x)(Px \supset Pd)$.
- But both ' $(\forall x)(Px \supset Pd)$ ' and ' $(\exists x)Px \supset Pd$ ' commit us to Donna's passing if at least one student passes. These are, then, equivalent.
- *Other pairs of equivalent sentence forms are listed on pages 301
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- *Note: there is a difference between 'any' when combined with negation.*

1. Michael likes everyone. $(\forall x)Lmx$
2. Michael likes anyone. $(\forall x)Lmx$
3. Michael doesn't like everyone. $\sim(\forall x)Lmx$
4. Michael doesn't like anyone. $\sim(\exists x)Lmx$

- *Note: 'some' is not always symbolized by existential quantifier.*

E.g., If someone likes Sue, then he or she likes Rita:

$$(\forall x)(Lxs \supset Lxr)$$

If someone likes Sue, then someone likes Rita:

$$(\exists x)Lxs \supset (\exists y)Lyr$$

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- *Note: in the system of logic we are studying, if ‘All rabbits are mammals’ is true, it does not follow that ‘Some rabbits are mammals’ (I-sentence) is true. This is because PL allows predicates that are not satisfied by any member of the UD.*
- **Problem:** not every sentence of English or of PL can reasonably be construed as being of the A, E, I, O form.

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- Recall our first example:

None of David's friends supports Republicans.

Sarah supports Breitlow and Breitlow is a Republican.

So Sarah is no friend of David's.

UD: people

Fxy: x is a friend of y Sxy: x supports y

Rx: x is Republican d: David

b: Breitlow s: Sarah

$(\forall x)[Fxd \supset \sim(\exists y)(Ry \ \& \ Sxy)]$

Ssb & Rb

$\sim Fsd$

- Note: we are skipping Section 7.4

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Identity

- When 'some' means at least two.

e.g., 'There are some apples in the basket':

UD: everything

Nxy : x is in y

Ixy : x is identical with y

Ax : x is an apple

b: the basket

There is at least one apple in the basket:

$(\exists x)(Ax \ \& \ Nxb)$

There are at least two apples in the basket:

$(\exists x)(\exists y)([(Ax \ \& \ Ay) \ \& \ (Nxb \ \& \ Nyb)] \ \& \ \sim Ixy)$

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- Using different variables does not commit us to there being more than one thing of the specified sort.
- PLI is predicate logic (PL) together with the symbol '=' for the two-place predicate xly .

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There is exactly one apple in the basket:

$$(\exists x)[(Ax \ \& \ Nxb) \ \& \ (\forall y)((Ay \ \& \ Nyb) \supset x = y)]$$

Henry has not read Alice in Wonderland, but everyone else has:

$$\sim Ah \ \& \ (\forall y)(y = \sim h \supset Ay)$$

Only Henry and Bob have not read Alice in Wonderland:

$$\sim(Ah \vee Ab) \ \& \ (\forall x)[\sim Ax \supset (x = h \vee x = b)]$$

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E.g., The Roman general who defeated Pompey invaded both Gaul and Germany. Therefore, Pompey was defeated by someone who invaded both Gaul and Germany.

UD: persons and countries

Ixy: x invaded y

Dxy: x defeated y

v: the Roman general who defeated Pompey

p: Pompey

g: Gaul

e: Germany

Ivg & Ive

$(\exists x)(Dxp \ \& \ (Ixg \ \& \ Ixe))$

- This argument, so symbolized, is invalid.

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- **Definite descriptions** are descriptions that are satisfied by exactly one thing, so we can capture the ‘finer’ structure of definite descriptions by using PLI.
- We will add ‘Rx’ for ‘x is a Roman general’, so we get:
 $(\exists x)[((Rx \ \& \ Dxp) \ \& \ (\forall y)((Ry \ \& \ Dyp) \supset \ y = x)) \ \& \ (Ixg \ \& \ Ixe)]$.
- We can then show in PLI that the conclusion, $(\exists x)(Dxp \ \& \ (Ixg \ \& \ Ixe))$, does follow.
- We should transform definite descriptions into unique existence claims, e.g., ‘John’s only daughter is a biochemist’: $(\exists x)((Dxj \ \& \ (\forall y)(Dyj \supset \ y = x)) \ \& \ Bx)$.

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Properties of Relations

- Properties of relations: identity has three special properties:

transitivity: $(\forall x)(\forall y)(\forall z)((x = y \ \& \ y = z) \supset x = z)$

Other transitive relations include taller, larger, ancestor, heavier, etc.

symmetric: $(\forall x)(\forall y)(x = y \supset y = x)$

Other symmetric relations include sibling, classmate, relative, etc.

reflexive: $(\forall x)x = x$

Other reflexive relations include same age as y, same color as y, etc.

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Functions

- A function is an operation that takes one or more element of a set as arguments and returns a single value.
- Example: Addition $f(x,y)$ takes in x, y and return $x+y$, subtraction $g(x, y)$ takes in x, y and returns $x-y$, successor $f'(x)$ takes in x and returns $n+1$
- Not all functions are from arithmetic, we have encounter truth-function – functions that map values from the set $\{T, F\}$ to truth values
- Example: Negation takes in T and returns F or takes in F and returns T , conjunction takes in T,T and returns T , and for all other arguments returns F

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- Functions are also found outside both mathematics and logic
- Example: Spouse takes in x and returns the spouse of x , twin takes in x and returns the twin of x .
- In *PLE* we use lowercase italicized Roman letters a - z , with or without a positive integer subscript to symbolize functions. We call these symbols **functors**.

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• Example: UD: Positive Integers

$f(x)$: the successor of x

$h(x,y)$: the sum of x and y

Ex : x is even

Ox : x is odd

a : 2

b : 3

3 is odd

Ob

the successor of 2 is odd

$Of(a)$

$f(a) = b$

the successor of 2 is 3

$\exists xOf(x) \ \& \ \exists xEf(x)$

some positive integers are odd and some are even

$\forall x\forall y ((Ex \ \& \ Oy) \supset Oh(x,y))$

the sum of an even and odd number is odd

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Example: UD: set of twins

$f(x)$: the twin of x $B(x)$: x is bald

h : Henry j : Jose s : Simone

Simone is Henry's twin $s = f(h)$

Jose is Simone's twin $j = f(s)$

A twin is bald if and only if his or her twin is bald $\forall x(Bx \equiv Bf(x))$

Some bald twins have twins that are not $\exists x(Bx \ \& \ \sim Bf(x))$

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- We require that the functions we symbolize with functors have the following characteristics:
- An n -place function must yield one and only one value for each n -tuple of arguments
- The value of a function for an n -tuple of members of a UD must be a member of that UD

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- We have seen, functors can be used to generate a new kind of individual term (in addition to individual constants and variables); these have the form $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ where f is an n -place functor and t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n are individual terms
- ***The Syntax of PLE***, in addition to the vocabulary of PL, PLE includes:
 - '=' the two place ***identity predicate***
 - ***Functors*** of PLE

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Individual terms

	Open Individual Term	Closed Individual Term
Simple	Individual variables: x, y, z	Individual constants: $a, b, c...$
Complex	Individual term formed from a functor and at least one Individual variable: $f(x), f(a,x), g(f(a), y)$	Individual term formed from a functor and no individual variable: $f(a), g(a,b), g(f(b))$

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- In *PLE* a **substitution instance** is defined as follows: If P is a sentence of *PLE* of the form $\forall xQ$ or $\exists xQ$ and t is a closed individual term, then $Q(t/x)$ is a substitution instance of P . The individual term t is the **instantiating individual term**.