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# Logic, Logic, and Logic

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## Recap: Role of Logic in CS

# Literature Hint: Introductions to Logic

## ► Logic for CS

**Lit:** M. Huth and M. Ryan. Logic in Computer Science: Modelling and Reasoning about Systems. Cambridge University Press, 2000.

**Lit:** M. Ben-Ari. Mathematical Logic for Computer Science. Springer, 2. edition, 2001.

**Lit:** U. Schöning. Logik für Informatiker. Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, 5. edition, 2000.

**Lit:** M. Fitting. First-Order Logic and Automated Theorem Proving. Graduate texts in computer science. Springer, 1996.

## ► Mathematical Logic

**Lit:** H.Ebbinghaus, J.Flum, and W.Thomas. Einführung in die mathematische Logik. Hochschul-Taschenbuch. Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, 2007.

**Lit:** D. J. Monk. Mathematical Logic. Springer, 1976.

**Lit:** R. Cori and D. Lascar. Mathematical Logic: Propositional calculus, Boolean algebras, predicate calculus. Mathematical Logic: A Course with Exercises. Oxford University Press, 2000.

# Recap: First-Order Logic

# FOL Structures and Interpretations

- ▶ **Structures:**  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, R_1^{\mathfrak{A}}, \dots, R_n^{\mathfrak{A}}, f_1^{\mathfrak{A}}, \dots, f_m^{\mathfrak{A}}, c_1^{\mathfrak{A}}, \dots, c_l^{\mathfrak{A}})$
- ▶ Usually: Universe  $A$  assumed to be non-empty  
Example: Graphs  $\mathfrak{G} = (V, E^{\mathfrak{G}})$
- ▶ **Interpretations**  $\mathcal{I} = (\mathfrak{A}, \nu)$   
Adds assignments  $\nu$  for free variables.
- ▶ **Syntax**
  - ▶ Terms (Example:  $c, f(c, x)$ )
  - ▶ Atomic formulae (Example:  $c = d, E(a, d)$ )
  - ▶ Formulae: (Example:  $\exists y \exists z E(x, y) \wedge E(x, z) \wedge E(y, z)$ )

# FOL Semantics

- ▶ **Semantics** (Satisfaction/truth/modeling  $\models$ )
  - ▶ ...
  - ▶  $\mathcal{I} \models \exists x \phi$  iff: There is  $d \in A$  s.t.  $\mathcal{I}_{[x/d]} \models \phi$

## Example

$(\mathcal{G}, x \mapsto a) \models \exists y \exists z E(x, y) \wedge E(x, z) \wedge E(y, z)$



Alternative notation:

$\mathcal{G} \models (\exists y \exists z E(x, y) \wedge E(x, z) \wedge E(y, z))(x/a)$

## Definition (Derived Semantic Notions)

- ▶ Entailment:  $\Phi \models \psi$  (“ $\Phi$  entails  $\psi$ ”) iff for all interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$ :  
if  $\mathcal{I} \models \Phi$ , then  $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$
- ▶  $\psi$  is **satisfiable** iff there is an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$
- ▶  $\Phi$  is **satisfiable** iff there is an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  s.t. for all  
 $\psi \in \Phi$ :  $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$
- ▶  $Mod(\Phi) = \{\mathcal{I} \mid \mathcal{I} \text{ satisfies all } \psi \in \Phi\}$
- ▶  $\psi$  is **valid** iff for all interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$ :  $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$ .
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END of recap

# FOL: Calculi and Algorithmic Problems



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## Wake-Up Exercise

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# Challenges of FOL Algorithmic Problems

- ▶ First challenge: Domain of structure may be infinite
- ▶ But this is not the main problem (as we will see in lecture on finite model theory)
  
- ▶ Second challenge: Number of possible structures is infinite
- ▶ We want to tame the infinite by “syntactifying” the problem

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# Well known Calculi

| calculus          | rule types  | data structures                             | methodology                        |
|-------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Hilbert           | axioms<br>2 rules                                     | formulae                                    | direct<br>(premises to conclusion) |
| Natural deduction | introduction and elimination rules<br>per constructor | formulae                                    | direct                             |
| Gentzen style     | axioms +<br>I and E rules per constructor             | Entailments                                 | direct                             |
| Tableaux          | "and", "or" rules                                     | formula in a tree                           | refutation proofs<br>based on DNF  |
| Resolution        | resolution rule                                       | quantifier free formula<br>in CNF in a tree | refutation proofs<br>based on CNF  |



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# Prenex Normal Form

- ▶ Idea of **normalization**
  - ▶ Transform formulas into a (syntactically) simpler form
  - ▶ preserving as much of the semantics as possible

## Definition

A formula of the form  $Q_1x_1, \dots, Q_nx_n\psi$ , where  $Q_i \in \{\forall, \exists\}$  and

- ▶  $\psi$  (the matrix) does not contain quantifiers
- ▶ no variable occurs free and bounded
- ▶ every quantifier bounds a different variable

is said to be in **prenex normal form (PNF)**

- ▶ Here: Simple form ensured by un-nesting quantifiers (the main reason for un-feasibility)
- ▶ Here “preserve semantic” means: **Ensure equivalence  $\equiv$**

$$\phi \equiv \psi \text{ iff } \phi \models \psi \text{ and } \psi \models \phi$$

# Existence of Prenex Normal Form

## Theorem

*Every FOL formula has an equivalent formula in PNF*

### Propositional Equivalences

- ▶  $\neg\neg\phi \equiv \phi$
- ▶  $\neg(\phi \vee \psi) \equiv \neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi$
- ▶  $\phi \rightarrow \psi \equiv \neg\phi \vee \psi$
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- ▶  $\phi \wedge (\psi \vee \chi) \equiv (\phi \wedge \psi) \vee (\phi \wedge \chi)$

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# Substituting with Equivalent Formula

## Theorem

*Assume  $\phi \equiv \psi$  and  $\chi$  contains  $\phi$  as subformula. If  $\chi'$  results from substituting  $\phi$  with  $\psi$ , then  $\chi \equiv \chi'$ .*

**Proof:** By structural induction.

# Satisfiably Equivalent

- ▶ Formulae in PNF are going to be transformed to formula in clausal normal form
- ▶ Resulting formula may be satisfiably equivalent only

$$\phi \equiv_{sat} \psi \text{ iff: } Mod(\phi) \neq \emptyset \text{ iff } Mod(\psi) \neq \emptyset$$

## Elimination of Exists Quantifiers: Skolemization

- ▶ **Input** a PNF formula  $\phi : \forall_1 x_1, \dots \forall_n x_n \exists y \psi$
- ▶ **Output**  $\phi' : \forall_1 x_1, \dots \forall_n x_n \psi[y/f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$   
where  $f$  a fresh  $n$ -ary function symbol
- ▶  $\phi'$  results from **skolemization** out of  $\phi$ ,  $f$  called Skolem function (or Skolem constant if  $n = 0$ )
  
- ▶ Can be iteratively applied (starting with left-most  $\exists$ ) until all  $\exists$  are eliminated. Result is said to be in **Skolem form** and to be the **skolemization** of the original formula

### Theorem

*A formula and its skolemization are satisfiably equivalent.*

## Example Skolem Form

Given formula

$$\phi = \forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \rightarrow Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x (\forall y \neg Q(y) \rightarrow \exists y \neg P(y, x))$$

transform it to Skolem form

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \rightarrow Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x (\forall y \neg Q(y) \rightarrow \exists y \neg P(y, x)) \\ \equiv & \forall x \forall y (\neg P(x, y) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x (\neg \forall y \neg Q(y) \vee \exists y \neg P(y, x)) \\ \equiv & \neg \forall x \forall y (\neg P(x, y) \vee Q(x)) \vee \exists x (\neg \forall y \neg Q(y) \vee \exists y \neg P(y, x)) \\ \equiv & \exists x \exists y \neg (\neg P(x, y) \vee Q(x)) \vee \exists x (\exists y \neg \neg Q(y) \vee \exists y \neg P(y, x)) \\ \equiv & \exists x \exists y (\neg \neg P(x, y) \wedge \neg Q(x)) \vee \exists x (\exists y \neg \neg Q(y) \vee \exists y \neg P(y, x)) \\ \equiv & \exists x \exists y (P(x, y) \wedge \neg Q(x)) \vee \exists x (\exists y Q(y) \vee \exists y \neg P(y, x)) \\ \equiv & \exists x_1 \exists y_1 (P(x_1, y_1) \wedge \neg Q(x_1)) \vee \exists x_2 (\exists y_2 Q(y_2) \vee \exists y_3 \neg P(y_3, x_2)) \\ \equiv & \exists x_1 \exists y_1 (P(x_1, y_1) \wedge \neg Q(x_1)) \vee \exists x_2 \exists y_2 (Q(y_2) \vee \exists y_3 \neg P(y_3, x_2)) \\ \equiv & \exists x_1 \exists y_1 (P(x_1, y_1) \wedge \neg Q(x_1)) \vee \exists x_2 \exists y_2 \exists y_3 (Q(y_2) \vee \neg P(y_3, x_2)) \\ \equiv & \exists x_2 \exists y_2 \exists y_3 (\exists x_1 \exists y_1 (P(x_1, y_1) \wedge \neg Q(x_1)) \vee (Q(y_2) \vee \neg P(y_3, x_2))) \\ \equiv & \exists x_2 \exists y_2 \exists y_3 \exists x_1 \exists y_1 ((P(x_1, y_1) \wedge \neg Q(x_1)) \vee (Q(y_2) \vee \neg P(y_3, x_2))) \\ \equiv_{\text{sat}} & ((P(d, e) \wedge \neg Q(d)) \vee (Q(b) \vee \neg P(c, a))) \end{aligned}$$

# Clausal Normal Form

## Definition

$\psi$  is in **clausal normal form (CLNF)** iff it is in **Skolem form**, contains no free variables and its matrix is in **CNF**

## Definition

A quantifier-free formula is in **conjunctive normal form (CNF)** iff it is a conjunction of clauses

- ▶ **Clause:** Disjunction of literals
- ▶ **Literal:** atomic FOL formula or negated atomic FOL formula

Example CNF:  $\underbrace{(R(a, x) \vee \neg P(x))}_{\text{clause}} \wedge \underbrace{(\neg P(b) \vee Q(y))}_{\text{clause}}$

## Theorem

For every  $\psi$  there exists a satisfiably equivalent  $\psi'$  in CLNF

# Resolution Idea

- ▶ Observation used for resolution:

$$(\alpha \vee \phi) \wedge (\neg\alpha \vee \psi) \wedge \chi \equiv_{\text{sat}} (\phi \vee \psi) \wedge \chi$$

where

- ▶  $\{\alpha, \neg\alpha\}$  is a pair of **complementary literals**
  - ▶  $\phi, \psi, \chi$  arbitrary formulae
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- ▶ Apply this equivalence iteratively on the matrix of formula in CLNF until empty clause (i.e. contradiction) is derived
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- ▶ More convenient notation
    - ▶ Clause  $L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_n$  written as set  $\{L_1, \dots, L_n\}$
    - ▶  $\overline{L_i}$  is complement of  $L_i$   
E.g.:  $\overline{R(a)} = \neg R(a)$ ,  $\overline{\neg R(a)} = R(a)$

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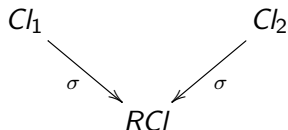
## Resolution step

### Definition

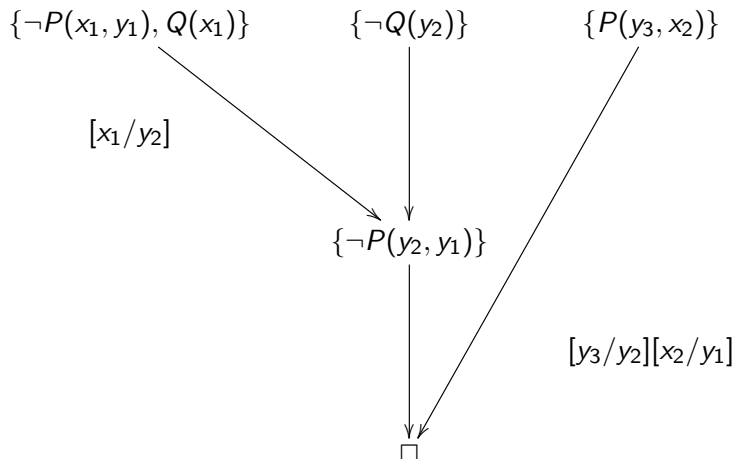
Given clauses  $C_1, C_2$ , the clause  $RCl$  is a **resolvent** of  $C_1, C_2$  iff

1. There are variable renamings  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  s.t.  $C_1\sigma_1$  and  $C_2\sigma_2$  contain different variables.
2. There is a literal  $L_1 \in C_1\sigma_1$  and  $L'_1 \in C_2$  s.t.  $\{L_1, \bar{L}'_1\}$  unifiable with mgu  $\sigma$
3.  $RCl = (C_1\sigma_1 \setminus \{L_1\} \cup C_2\sigma_2 \setminus \{L'_1\})\sigma$

A convenient graphical notation



# Resolution Example



# Correctness and Completeness

## Definition

A calculus  $C$  is

- ▶ **correct** w.r.t. entailment iff: Whenever  $\Phi \vdash_C \psi$ , then  $\Phi \vDash \psi$
  - ▶ **complete** w.r.t. entailment iff: Whenever  $\Phi \vDash \psi$ , then  $\Phi \vdash_C \psi$
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- ▶ Correctness means: you can only prove entailments that really hold
  - ▶ Completeness means: Whenever an entailment holds then there is also a proof for it. (Proved by ingenious Gödel)

## Theorem

*All aforementioned calculi are correct and complete*

# Resolution Theorem

- ▶ Let  $\psi$  be a clause set
- ▶  $Res(\psi) = \psi \cup \{RCI \mid RCI \text{ is a resolvent of clauses in } \psi\}$
- ▶  $R^{i+1} = Res(Res^i(\psi))$
- ▶  $Res^*(\psi) = \bigcup Res^i(\psi)$

## Theorem

*Every  $\phi$  in CLNF with matrix  $\psi$  is unsatisfiable iff  $\square \in Res^*(\psi)$   
(or equivalently: if there is a derivation graph ending in  $\square$ .)*

- ▶ This shows correctness and completeness w.r.t. unsatisfiability testing
- ▶ But entailment can be reduced to it (remember wake-up question).
- ▶ Possible proof based on **Herbrand** models

# Completeness and Correctness for Resolution

- ▶ **Herbrand structures** blur syntax-semantic distinctions.
- ▶ Given  $\psi$  in Skolem form.
- ▶ Herbrand terms  $HT(\psi)$ : all possible closed terms from function symbols (and constants) in  $\psi$
- ▶ Herbrand structure  $HS(\psi)$ 
  - ▶ Domain:  $HT(\psi)$
  - ▶ Interpretation of function symbols:  
 $f^{HS(\psi)}(t_1, \dots, t_n) = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$
  - ▶ Relation symbols arbitrarily

## Theorem

*A formula is satisfiable iff it (its CLNF) has a Herbrand model*

- ▶ Construction of Herbrand model: Interpret relation symbols  $R$  as  $R^{HS(\psi)}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  if  $\mathcal{I}(t_1), \dots, \mathcal{I}(t_n) \in R^{\mathcal{I}}$  for satisfying  $\mathcal{I}$ .

# Herbrand Expansion

- ▶ Given  $\psi$  in Skolem form  $\forall x_1, \dots, \forall x_n \phi$
- ▶  $HE(\psi)$ : All “groundings” of the matrix with Herbrand terms

$$\{\psi[x_1/t_1, \dots, x_n/t_n] \mid t_i \in HS(\psi)\}$$

## Theorem (Herbrand)

*Skolem formula  $\psi$  is satisfiable iff a finite subset of  $HE(\psi)$  is satisfiable*

### Proof idea

- ▶ Show that  $\psi$  is satisfiable iff it has a Herbrand model
- ▶ Show that  $\psi$  has a Herbrand model iff  $HE(\psi)$  is satisfiable
- ▶ Use compactness of propositional logic (discussed later)



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# But wait....

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  - ▶ NO!

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- ▶ But semi-decidability:  
if formula is valid you will eventually find a derivation; if formula not valid you won't know

# Turing machines

- ▶ One of the first precise computation models are Turing machines (TMs)
- ▶ Specifies precisely what it means to solve a problem algorithmically
  - ▶ Starting from a finite input (encoding)
  - ▶ give after a (finite number) of discrete steps
  - ▶ an encoding of the desired output
- ▶ Other alternative computation models: recursive functions, lambda calculus, register machines
- ▶ These computation models have been shown to be equivalent

## Church Turing Thesis

What is intuitively computable is computable by a Turing machine

VIDEO: A Lego<sup>TM</sup> Turing machine

# Undecidability of Validity

- ▶ Shown by **Reduction** of Post Correspondence Problem to Validity problem
- ▶ Reduction is a widely used strategy: Relies on library of known results (also for proving complexity bounds)

## Post Correspondence Problem (PCP)

- ▶ Input: Finite list of word pairs  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_k, y_k)$  with  $x_i, y_i \in \{0, 1\}^+$
- ▶ Output: Is there list of indices  $i_1, \dots, i_n \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  with  $n \geq 1$  s.t.  $x_{i_1}x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_n} = y_{i_1}y_{i_2} \dots y_{i_n}$

# Undecidability of Validity

- ▶ Given PCP instance  $K = ((x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_k, y_k))$ , produce formula  $\phi_K$  such that  $K$  has a solution iff  $\phi_K$  is valid.
- ▶ Use two function symbols  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  to mimic 1 and 0
- ▶  $f_{i_1, \dots, i_l}(x)$  abbreviates  $f_{i_1}(f_{i_2}(\dots f_{i_l}(x) \dots))$  (string  $i_1 \dots i_l$ )
- ▶ Consider formula

$$\phi_K : (\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_3)$$

with

- ▶  $\phi_1 : \bigwedge_{i=1}^k P(f_{x_i}(a), f_{y_i}(a))$
- ▶  $\phi_2 : \forall u \forall v (P(u, v) \rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^k P(f_{x_i}(u), f_{y_i}(v)))$
- ▶  $\phi_3 : \exists z P(z, z)$

# Semi-decidability

## Theorem

FOL entailment is **semi-decidable**, i.e., there is a TM s.t.

- ▶ If  $\Phi$  and  $\psi$  are inputs with  $\Phi \models \psi$ , then TM stops with yes
- ▶ otherwise it stops with false or it does not stop.

## Proof sketch:

- ▶ Given a calculus  $C$  with derivation relation  $\vdash_C$  complete and correct for entailment
- ▶ The possible inferences starting from  $\Phi$  make up a tree (with finite set of children for every node)
  - ▶ The root (level 0) is  $Encode(\Phi, \psi)$
  - ▶ The finitely many children at level  $n + 1$  are those  $D_i$  that are generated from children at level up to  $n$
  - ▶ Do a breadth first search until  $Encode(\Phi \models \psi)$  appears

Why is FOL so Important?

# Why is FOL so Successful (w.r.t.) CS

- ▶ Theoretical Answer: Most expressive language w.r.t. relevant properties (Lindström Theorems)  
⇒ today
- ▶ Practical Answer: Has proven useful for query answering on SQL DBs and much more  
⇒ next lectures



# Compactness in Topology

“Ah, Kompaktheit, eine wundervolle Eigenschaft” (Jaenich 2008, S.24)

- ▶ Compactness notion stems from mathematical field topology
- ▶ **Topologies**  $\mathfrak{T} = (X, \mathcal{O})$ 
  - ▶ **Domain**  $X$  and **open** sets  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \text{Pot}(X)$  with
  - ▶ Every union of open sets is open
  - ▶ Every finite intersection is open
  - ▶  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are open
- ▶ **Open covering of  $X$**   
Family of open sets  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  with  $U_i \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i = X$

**Lit:** K. Jänich. *Topologie*. Springer, 8th edition, 2008.

# Compactness in Topology

## Definition

$(X, \mathcal{O})$  is compact iff every open covering of  $X$  has a finite sub-covering.

- ▶ How compactness is used to infer global properties from local properties
  - ▶ Let  $P$  be a property such that if open  $U, V$  have it, then also  $U \cup V$  has it.
  - ▶ Then: If for every point  $a \in X$  there is an open  $U_a$  having  $P$ , then  $X$  has  $P$ .

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- ▶ Assume that if open  $U, V$  have  $P$ , then also  $U \cup V$  has it. (\*)
- ▶ Assume further that for all  $a$  there is  $U_a$  having  $P$ .
- ▶  $\{U_a\}_{a \in X}$  is a covering of  $X$ .
- ▶ Because of compactness there is a finite covering  
 $U_{a_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{a_n} = X$ .
- ▶ Because of (\*) it follows that  $U_{a_1}, \dots, U_{a_n}$  has  $P$ , i.e.,  $X$  has  $P$ .

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# Application: Reachability is not FOL Expressible

Query  $Q_{reach}$ : List all cities reachable from Hamburg!

$$\begin{aligned}Q_{reach}(x) &= Flight(Hamburg, x) \vee \\ &\quad \exists x_1 Flight(Hamburg, x_1) \wedge Flight(x_1, x) \vee \\ &\quad \exists x_1, x_2 Flight(Hamburg, x_2) \wedge Flight(x_2, x_1) \wedge Flight(x_1, x) \vee \dots\end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

*Reachability is not expressible in FOL.*

## Proof

- ▶ For contradiction assume there is FOL  $\phi_{reach}(x, y)$  expressing reachability over edges  $E$
- ▶ Consider FOL formulae  $\phi_n$ : “There is an  $n$  path from  $c$  to  $c'$ ”
- ▶ Let  $\Psi = \{\neg\phi_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{\phi_{reach}(c, c')\}$
- ▶  $\Psi$  is unsatisfiable, but every finite subset is satisfiable ⚡

# FOL has the Löwenheim-Skolem-Property

## Theorem (Downward Löwenheim-Skolem-Property)

*Every satisfiable, countable set of FOL sentences (theory) has a countable model.*

- ▶ Intuitively: If you can talk with countably many sentences about structures, then there is a countable model verifying this fact.
- ▶ Can be shown by Herbrand expansions
- ▶ Leads to Skolem's paradox
  - ▶ You can formalize mathematics within countable FOL theory, namely, Zermelo-Fränkel Set Theory (ZFC)
  - ▶  $ZFC \models$  "there are uncountable sets".



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- ▶ In ZFC one can express that there are is an uncountable set  $US$ .
- ▶ Uncountable means that there does not exist an injective function  $f$  from  $US$  to the natural numbers.
- ▶ So in the countable domain of a model  $\mathfrak{A}$  for ZFC there there is no injective function  $f : US \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  though clearly you may find (in another richer model) such an injective function.

# Why FOL is so Important: Lindström Theorems

## Theorem (First Lindström Theorem)

*There is no (regular) logic that is more expressive than FOL and fulfills compactness and Löwenheim-Skolem Property*

- ▶ Meta theorem
- ▶ Intuitively: FOL is the most expressive (regular) logic fulfilling compactness and the Löwenheim-Skolem Property

# Limits of FOL

- ▶ Positive: FOL can be used for effective query answering on one model!
- ▶ Negative
  - ▶ Entailment problem, satisfiability etc. not computable  
⇒ Calls for restriction to feasible fragments
  - ▶ Expressivity not sufficient (no recursion)  
⇒ Calls for extensions (and restrictions)

## Exercise 2 (15 Points)

Upload your solutions in one pdf file as presentation by Monday evening, 31 October, 2015 to Moodle.

## Exercise 2.1 (6 points)

Formulate the following English sentences in FOL— preserving as much as possible the logical structure.

1. Every graduate course is a course.
2. No Student is a tutor of himself.
3. A person is a student if and only if he takes some graduate course
4. Every student has exactly one Identity number.
5. No course was attended by no student.
6. There are courses that were not attended by all students.

## Exercise 2.2 (3 points)

State FOL sentences  $\phi_i$  over a given signature whose models  $M_i = \text{Mod}(\phi_i)$  are the following ones—if possible. Otherwise argue why this is not possible.

1.  $M_1 = \{ \text{All structures with at least 3 elements} \}$
2.  $M_2 = \{ \text{All structures with at least one element and at most 2 elements} \}$
3.  $M_3 = \{ \text{All structures with finitely many elements} \}$

## Exercise 2.3 (6 points)

1. Show that the formula  $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists y P(y)$  is valid—using only the definition of the satisfaction relation  $\models$ . (2 points)
2. Transfer the following formula into clausal normal form

$$\forall x P(x, a) \rightarrow (\exists x Q(f(x)) \vee P(a, b) \vee \forall y Q(f(y)))$$

(4 points)