

Supplements to Luger, 6th ed.

Propositional Calculus

The *symbols* will be

1. *propositional symbols*: $p_1, p_2, \dots$, denoted generically by P, Q, R, S , etc.
2. *truth symbols*: **true**, **false**
3. *connectives*: $\neg, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \equiv$
4. *parentheses*: (and)

The *propositions* (or *statements*) are defined by:

1. Propositional symbols and truth symbols are propositions.
2. If P and Q are propositions, then so are $(\neg P)$, $(P \vee Q)$, $(P \wedge Q)$, $(P \rightarrow Q)$, and $(P \equiv Q)$.
3. Nothing is a proposition except as required by the above.

Parentheses are dropped when the intended grouping is clear. It is normally assumed that $\neg$ has priority over $\vee$ and $\wedge$, and that these have priority over $\rightarrow$ and $\equiv$.

An *interpretation* (sometimes called a *truth value assignment*) for the propositional calculus is a mapping $v : \text{propositions} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ defined by:

1. $v(p_i) \in \{T, F\}$, for all i
2. $v(\mathbf{true}) = T$ and $v(\mathbf{false}) = F$
3. $v(\neg P) = T$ iff $v(P) = F$
4. $v(P \vee Q) = T$ iff $v(P) = T$ or $v(Q) = T$
5. $v(P \wedge Q) = T$ iff $v(P) = T$ and $v(Q) = T$
6. $v(P \rightarrow Q) = T$ iff $v(P) = F$ or $v(Q) = T$
7. $v(P \equiv Q) = T$ iff $v(P) = v(Q)$

Predicate Calculus

Luger adapts the syntax of Prolog. We begin with some *alphabet characters* consisting of:

1. the English alphabet letters, both uppercase and lowercase,
2. the numerals $0, 1, \dots, 9$, and
3. the underscore character, $_$.

A *symbol expression* is any string of alphabet characters that begin with an English letter. Then the *symbols* are:

1. *logical connectives*: $\neg, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \equiv$,

2. *punctuation*: left and right parentheses and comma,
3. *quantifiers*: $\forall$ and $\exists$,
4. *constant symbols*: symbol expressions beginning with a lowercase letter,
5. *variable symbols*: symbol expressions beginning with an uppercase letter,
6. *function symbols*: symbol expressions beginning with a lowercase letter (distinguished from constant symbols by context), each having an *arity* indicating the number of arguments,
7. *predicate symbols*: same as function symbols, also distinguished by context,
8. *truth symbols*: **true** and **false**.

The *terms* are defined by:

1. Constant symbols and variable symbols are terms.
2. If f is an n -ary function symbol and $t_1, \dots, t_n$ are terms, then $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a term.
3. Nothing is a term except as required by the above.

A term is *closed* if it does not contain variable symbols. The *sentences* (also called (*first-order*) *formulas*) are defined by:

1. If p is an n -ary predicate symbol and $t_1, \dots, t_n$ are terms, then $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a sentence, known as an *atomic* sentence. The truth symbols **true** and **false** also are atomic sentences.
2. If s_1 and s_2 are sentences, then so are $(\neg s_1)$, $(s_1 \wedge s_2)$, $(s_1 \vee s_2)$, $(s_1 \rightarrow s_2)$, and $(s_1 \equiv s_2)$.
3. If s is a sentence, then so are $\forall Xs$ and $\exists Xs$.
4. Nothing is a sentence except as required by the above.

A sentence is *closed* if either it does not contain variable symbols or all its variable symbols are within the scopes of quantifiers.

Different *first-order languages* are defined by different selections of constant symbols, function symbols, and predicate symbols. An *interpretation* I for a first-order language L consists of:

1. A nonempty set D_I serving as the *domain*, the elements of which are called *individuals*.
2. For each constant symbol a in L , assignment of a unique individual a_I in D_I . In this case, let $I(a)$ denote a_I .
3. For each variable symbol V in L , assignment of a subset V_I of D_I (to serve as the range for possible values of V).
4. For each n -ary function symbol f in L , assignment of a function $f_I : D_I^n \rightarrow D_I$.
5. For each n -ary predicate symbol p in L , assignment of a predicate (relation) p_I on D_I^n .

Given an interpretation I for a first-order language L , a *term valuation* is a mapping $I : \text{closed.terms} \rightarrow D_I$, having the properties:

1. If t is a constant symbol a , $I(t) = a_I$.
2. If t is a function expression $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$, then $I(t) = f_I(I(t_1), \dots, I(t_n))$.

Given an interpretation I for a first-order language L , a *truth valuation* is a mapping $v : \text{closed_sentences} \rightarrow \{\text{T}, \text{F}\}$ defined by:

1. $v(\mathbf{true}) = \text{T}$ and $v(\mathbf{false}) = \text{F}$.
2. For s atomic, having the form $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$, $v(s) = \text{T}$ iff p_I holds for $(I(t_1), \dots, I(t_n))$.
3. For s of the form $\neg s'$, $v(s) = \text{T}$ iff $v(s') = \text{F}$.
4. For s of the form $s_1 \wedge s_2$, $v(s) = \text{T}$ iff $v(s_1) = \text{T}$ and $v(s_2) = \text{T}$.
5. For s of the form $s_1 \vee s_2$, $v(s) = \text{T}$ iff $v(s_1) = \text{T}$ or $v(s_2) = \text{T}$.
6. For s of the form $s_1 \rightarrow s_2$, $v(s) = \text{T}$ iff $v(s_1) = \text{F}$ or $v(s_2) = \text{T}$.
7. For s of the form $s_1 \equiv s_2$, $v(s) = \text{T}$ iff $v(s_1) = v(s_2)$.
8. For s of the form $\forall X s'$, $v(s) = \text{T}$ iff $v(s')$ is true in D_I for every interpretation of X as an individual in D_I . (For simplicity, some details are blurred here.)
9. For s of the form $\exists X s'$, $v(s) = \text{T}$ iff $v(s')$ is true in D_I for some interpretation of X as an individual in D_I . (For simplicity, some details are blurred here.)

A *most general unifier* (mgu) for a set of expressions $\mathbf{E}$ is any unifier $\mathbf{g}$ such that, if $\mathbf{s}$ is a unifier for $\mathbf{E}$, then there exists a substitution $\mathbf{s}'$ such that $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{g}\mathbf{s}'$. E.g., $\{\text{fred}/X, \text{fred}/Y\} = \{Z/X, Z/Y\}\{\text{fred}/Z\}$.