

# Mathematical Logic Exercises 4

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## Section 2.2

**Question 1:** Write down the similarity type for the following structures:

1.  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, <, 0 \rangle$   
 $\langle 2; 1 \rangle$
2.  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, S, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n, \dots \rangle$ , where  $S(x) = x + 1$ .  
 $\langle ; 2, 2, 1; \aleph_0 \rangle$  (where  $\aleph_0$  is the cardinality of the set of natural numbers)
3.  $\langle \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \subseteq, \cup, \cap, {}^c, \emptyset \rangle$   
 $\langle 2; 2, 2, 1; 1 \rangle$

## Section 2.3

**Question 1:** Write down an alphabet for the languages of the types given in Exercise 1 of Section 2.2.

All languages have the core first-order logic objects:

- Predicate symbols:  $\dot{=}$
- Variables:  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  (countably many)
- Connectives:  $\vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \neg, \leftrightarrow, \perp, \forall, \exists$
- Auxiliary symbols:  $(, ), \cdot$

The following list what is added to this core.

- (i)  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, <, 0 \rangle$ 
  1. Predicate symbols:  $LT$  (arity 2)
  2. Function symbols: (none)
  3. Constant symbols:  $\{\bar{0}\}$
- (ii)  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, S, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n, \dots \rangle$ , where  $S(x) = x + 1$ .
  1. Predicate symbols: (none)
  2. Function symbols:  $Plus, Mult$  (arity 2),  $Succ$  (arity 1)
  3. Constant symbols:  $\{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots\}$
- (iii)  $\langle \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \subseteq, \cup, \cap, {}^c, \emptyset \rangle$ 
  1. Predicate symbols:  $SubsetEq$  (arity 2)
  2. Function symbols:  $Union, Intersection$  (arity 2),  $Complement$  (arity 1)
  3. Constant symbols:  $\bar{\emptyset}$
- (vi)  $\langle \mathbb{R}, 1 \rangle$

1. Predicate symbols: (none)
  2. Function symbols: (none)
  3. Constant symbols:  $\{\bar{1}\}$
- (vii)  $\langle \mathbb{R} \rangle$
1. Predicate symbols: (none)
  2. Function symbols: (none)
  3. Constant symbols:  $\emptyset$
- (viii)  $\langle \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N}, <, T, ^2, ||, - \rangle$  where  $T(a, b, c)$  is the relation “ $b$  is between  $a$  and  $c$ ”;  $^2$  is the square function,  $-$  is the subtraction function and  $||$  the absolute value.
1. Predicate symbols:  $N, LT, \bar{T}$
  2. Function symbols: *Subtract* (arity 2), *Square*, *Abs* (arity 1)
  3. Constant symbols:  $\emptyset$

The use of  $\mathbb{N}$  as a one-place predicate symbol which is true only if the argument denotes a natural number is explained on p78 of the third edition of the textbook (Section 2.5).

**Question 2:** Write down five terms of the language belonging to Exercise 1 (iii), (viii). Write down two atomic formulas of the language belonging to Exercise 1 (vii) and two closed atoms for Exercise 1 (iii), (vi).

1 (iii) Term examples:  $x, \bar{0}, Union(x, \bar{0}), Intersection(y, Union(\bar{0}, Complement(z))), \dots$

1 (viii) Term examples:  $x, Square(x), Subtract(x, y), Abs(z), \dots$

1 (vii): Atomic formula examples:  $x \dot{=} y, y \dot{=} z$ .

All atoms must be equality between two variables. . .

1 (iii): Closed atom examples:  $SubsetEq(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), Complement(\bar{0}) \dot{=} \bar{0}, \dots$

1 (vi): Closed atom examples:  $\perp, \bar{1} \dot{=} \bar{1}$ . There are only two (prove it!).

**Question 4:** Check which terms are free in the following cases, and carry out the substitution: van Dalen’s definition of “ $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\varphi$ ” is a little ambiguous (specifically (iii)). Here is a less ambiguous one:

Term  $t$  is free for variable  $x$  in formula  $\varphi$  if:

1.  $\varphi$  is atomic.
2.  $\varphi \equiv \neg\varphi_1$  and  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\varphi_1$ .
3.  $\varphi \equiv \varphi_1 \square \varphi_2$  and  $t$  is free for  $x$  in both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$ .
4. The interesting case:  $\varphi \equiv \exists y.\varphi_1$  or  $\varphi \equiv \forall y.\varphi_2$  and either:
  - $x = y$ , or
  - $x \neq y$  and  $y \notin FV(t)$  and  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\varphi_1$ .

Note that, as  $t$  is a term, *all* variables in  $t$  are free. Thus, it suffices to check if  $y \in Vars(t)$ .

(d)  $\bar{0} + y$  for  $y$  in  $\exists x(y \dot{=} x)$ .

$\bar{0} + y$  is free for  $y$  in  $\exists x(y \dot{=} x)$ , and the resulting term is  $\exists x((\bar{0} + y) \dot{=} x)$ .

(f)  $x + w$  for  $z$  in  $\forall w(x + z \dot{=} \bar{0})$ .

$x + w$  is not free for  $z$  in  $\forall w(x + z \dot{=} \bar{0})$  -  $w$  is captured by the quantifier.

(g)  $x + y$  for  $z$  in  $\forall w(x + z \dot{=} \bar{0}) \wedge \exists y(z \dot{=} x)$ .

$x + y$  is not free for  $z$  in  $\forall w(x + z \dot{=} \bar{0}) \wedge \exists y(z \dot{=} x)$  -  $y$  is captured by the  $\exists y$  quantifier.

(h)  $x + y$  for  $z$  in  $\forall u(u \dot{=} v) \rightarrow \forall z(z \dot{=} y)$ .

$x + y$  is free for  $z$  in  $\forall u(u \dot{=} v) \rightarrow \forall z(z \dot{=} y)$ , and the resulting term is  $\forall u(u \dot{=} v) \rightarrow \forall z(z \dot{=} y)$ .

Note that van Dalen’s definition of “is free for” apparently implies that  $x + y$  is **not** free for  $z$ , while it clearly should be.

## Section 2.4

**Question 1:** Let  $\mathcal{N} = \langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, S, 0 \rangle$  and  $L$  be a language of type  $\langle -, 2, 2, 1; 1 \rangle$ .

(In the following, we assume the natural, obvious interpretation. We use the language from 2.3.1.2.)

1. Give two distinct terms  $t$  in  $L$  such that  $t^{\mathcal{N}} = 5$ .  
 $\bar{5}$  and  $Plus(\bar{2}, \bar{3})$ .

2. Show that for each natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a term  $t$  such that  $t^{\mathcal{N}} = n$ .  
 Proof by induction over  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Base case:**  $\bar{0}^{\mathcal{N}} = 0$ .

**Inductive Hypothesis:**  $\bar{n}^{\mathcal{N}} = n$ .

**Inductive Argument:** Assuming  $\bar{n}^{\mathcal{N}} = n$ , then let  $Succ(\bar{n})^{\mathcal{N}}$  denote  $n + 1 (= S(n))$ .

3. Show that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there are infinitely many terms  $t$  such that  $t^{\mathcal{N}} = n$ .

Assume (for the purposes of contradiction) that there are only finitely many terms that denote  $n$ . Using any reasonable metric (e.g. the *rank* metric on p12, extended in the obvious way to predicate calculus), choose (one of) the largest terms in this set and call it  $t$ . Define  $t' \equiv Plus(t, \bar{0})$ , so  $t'^{\mathcal{N}} = n$  and  $t'$  is larger than  $t$ , contradicting our maximality assumption.

*Alternative proof:* interpret “infinitely many terms” as: for each natural number  $n$  there are terms  $t_0, t_1, \dots$  such that  $t_i^{\mathcal{N}} = n$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

According to (2) above, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have a term  $t$  such that  $t^{\mathcal{N}} = n$ . We then define  $t_i$  as  $t_0 = t$  and  $t_{i+1} = Plus(t_i, \bar{0})$ , and prove  $t_i^{\mathcal{N}} = n$  by induction on  $i$ :

**Base case:**  $t_0^{\mathcal{N}} = t^{\mathcal{N}} = n$

**Inductive Hypothesis:**  $t_i^{\mathcal{N}} = n$

**Inductive Argument:**  $t_{i+1}^{\mathcal{N}} = Plus(t_i, \bar{0})^{\mathcal{N}} = t_i^{\mathcal{N}} + \bar{0}^{\mathcal{N}} =$  (by Inductive Hypothesis)  
 $= n + \bar{0}^{\mathcal{N}} = n + 0 = n$

**Question 4:** Which cases of **Lemma 2.4.5** remain correct if we consider formulas in general?

Note that if  $\varphi$  has free variable  $x$ , then  $\mathcal{U} \models \varphi$  is interpreted to mean  $\mathcal{U} \models \forall x.\varphi$  (p71).

This question is really asking whether it is valid to move  $\forall$  around in formulas in particular ways. Indeed, many boil down to the failure of  $\forall$  and  $\neg$  to commute.

**Lemma 2.4.5:**

1.  $\mathcal{U} \models \varphi \wedge \psi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \varphi$  and  $\mathcal{U} \models \psi$

Holds.

To show this for arbitrary formulas  $\varphi, \psi$ , we need to show:

$$\mathcal{U} \models \forall z_1, \dots, z_k.\varphi \wedge \psi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \forall z_1, \dots, z_k.\varphi \text{ and } \mathcal{U} \models \forall z_1, \dots, z_k.\psi$$

where  $z_1, \dots, z_k$  are all free variables of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{U} \models \forall z_1, \dots, z_k.\varphi \wedge \psi \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \models \text{]} \\ & \llbracket \forall z_1, \dots, z_k.\varphi \wedge \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \llbracket \dots \rrbracket \text{ and substitution]} \\ & \llbracket (\varphi \wedge \psi)[\bar{a}_1/z_1] \dots [\bar{a}_k/z_k] \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \text{ for all } a_1, \dots, a_k \in |\mathcal{U}| \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of substitution]} \\ & \llbracket \varphi[\bar{a}_1/z_1] \dots [\bar{a}_k/z_k] \wedge \psi[\bar{a}_1/z_1] \dots [\bar{a}_k/z_k] \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \text{ for all } a_1, \dots, a_k \in |\mathcal{U}| \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \llbracket \dots \rrbracket \text{]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \llbracket \varphi[\bar{a}_1/z_1] \dots [\bar{a}_k/z_k] \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \text{ and } \llbracket \psi[\bar{a}_1/z_1] \dots [\bar{a}_k/z_k] \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \text{ for all } a_1, \dots, a_k \in |\mathcal{U}| \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \llbracket \dots \rrbracket \text{]} \\
& \llbracket \forall z_1, \dots, z_k. \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \text{ and } \llbracket \forall z_1, \dots, z_k. \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \models \text{]} \\
& \mathcal{U} \models \forall z_1, \dots, z_k. \varphi \text{ and } \mathcal{U} \models \forall z_1, \dots, z_k. \psi
\end{aligned}$$

2.  $\mathcal{U} \models \varphi \vee \psi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \varphi$  or  $\mathcal{U} \models \psi$

Fails.

Counterexample: Let  $\varphi \equiv P(x)$  and  $\psi \equiv \neg P(x)$ , and  $\mathcal{U}$  be a structure with two elements (say 0 and 1), where  $\llbracket P(\bar{0}) \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1$  and  $\llbracket P(\bar{1}) \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 0$ . We have  $\mathcal{U} \models \forall x (P(x) \vee \neg P(x))$  but  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \forall x. P(x)$  and  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \forall x. \neg P(x)$ .

3.  $\mathcal{U} \models \neg \varphi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U} \not\models \varphi$

Fails.

Counterexample: Let  $\varphi \equiv P(x)$ ,  $\llbracket P(\bar{0}) \rrbracket = 1$  and  $\llbracket P(\bar{x}) \rrbracket = 0$  for all other  $x$  in a structure with at least two elements. We have that  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \forall x. P(x)$  and  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \forall x. \neg P(x)$ .

4.  $\mathcal{U} \models \varphi \rightarrow \psi \Leftrightarrow (\mathcal{U} \models \varphi \Rightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \psi)$

Fails.

Counterexample: Let  $\varphi \equiv P(x)$ ,  $\psi \equiv Q(x)$ ,  $\llbracket P(\bar{0}) \rrbracket = 1$  and  $\llbracket P(\bar{x}) \rrbracket = 0$  for all other  $x \in |\mathcal{U}|$ , and  $\llbracket Q(\bar{x}) \rrbracket = 0$  for all  $x \in |\mathcal{U}|$ . For the ( $\Leftarrow$ ) case, we have that  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \forall x. P(x)$ , so the RHS is trivially satisfied, but  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \forall x. P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$ .

5.  $\mathcal{U} \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi \Leftrightarrow (\mathcal{U} \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \psi)$

Fails (very similar to the previous case).

6.  $\mathcal{U} \models \forall x. \varphi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \varphi[\bar{a}/x]$ , for all  $a \in |\mathcal{U}|$

Holds.

Assume  $z_1, \dots, z_k$  are all free variables of  $\forall x. \varphi$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{U} \models \forall z_1 \dots z_k. \forall x. \varphi \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \models \text{]} \\
& \llbracket \forall z_1 \dots z_k. \forall x. \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \llbracket \dots \rrbracket \text{ and substitution]} \\
& \llbracket \varphi[\bar{a}_1/z_1] \dots [\bar{a}_k/z_k][\bar{a}/x] \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \text{ for all } a, a_1, \dots, a_k \in |\mathcal{U}| \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ [Observe that in this case the order of the substitutions does not matter]} \\
& \llbracket \varphi[\bar{a}/x][\bar{a}_1/z_1] \dots [\bar{a}_k/z_k] \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \text{ for all } a, a_1, \dots, a_k \in |\mathcal{U}| \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \llbracket \dots \rrbracket \text{]} \\
& \llbracket \forall z_1 \dots z_k. \varphi[\bar{a}/x] \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1 \text{ for all } a \in |\mathcal{U}| \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ [by definition of } \models \text{]} \\
& \mathcal{U} \models \forall z_1 \dots z_k. \varphi[\bar{a}/x] \text{ for all } a \in |\mathcal{U}|
\end{aligned}$$

7.  $\mathcal{U} \models \exists x. \varphi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \varphi[\bar{a}/x]$ , for some  $a \in |\mathcal{U}|$

Fails. Intuitively, the quantifiers (the explicit  $\exists$  and implicit  $\forall$ ) are swapped.

Counterexample: Let  $\varphi \equiv P(x, y)$ . Take a two-element structure  $\mathcal{U}$  with the following interpretation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\llbracket P(\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \rrbracket &= 0 \\
\llbracket P(\bar{0}, \bar{1}) \rrbracket &= 1 \\
\llbracket P(\bar{1}, \bar{0}) \rrbracket &= 1 \\
\llbracket P(\bar{1}, \bar{1}) \rrbracket &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

We have that  $\mathcal{U} \models \forall y \exists x. P(x, y)$ , but not that  $\mathcal{U} \models \forall y. P(\bar{a}, y)$  for some  $a \in |\mathcal{U}|$ .

**Question 5:** For sentences  $\sigma$  we have  $\mathcal{U} \models \sigma$  or  $\mathcal{U} \models \neg\sigma$ . Show that this does not hold for  $\varphi$  with  $FV(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$ . Show that not even for sentences does “ $\models \sigma$  or  $\models \neg\sigma$ ” hold.

First part: Let  $\varphi \equiv \neg P(x)$ , and take a structure  $\mathcal{U}$  with two elements,  $\llbracket P(\bar{0}) \rrbracket = 0$  and  $\llbracket P(\bar{1}) \rrbracket = 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \forall x. \neg P(x)$  and  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \forall x. \neg\neg P(x)$ .

Second part: As we are quantifying over all suitable structures, all we need to do is find a  $\sigma$  where  $\sigma$  fails in one structure, and  $\neg\sigma$  fails in another.

Consider  $\sigma \equiv \forall x. P(x)$ . First structure: two elements,  $\llbracket P(x) \rrbracket = 0$  for both values of  $x$ . Second structure: two elements,  $\llbracket P(x) \rrbracket = 1$  for both elements.

**Question 7:** Show that  $\mathcal{U} \models \varphi \Rightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \psi$  for all  $\mathcal{U}$  implies  $\models \varphi \Rightarrow \models \psi$ , but not vice versa.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that for all  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $\mathcal{U} \models \varphi \Rightarrow \mathcal{U} \models \psi$  (call this assumption (1)). We now need to show that  $\models \varphi \Rightarrow \models \psi$ .

Assume  $\models \varphi$ . By definition this means that for all  $\mathcal{A}$ , we know  $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi$ . By (1), it follows that  $\mathcal{A} \models \psi$  for all  $\mathcal{A}$ . By definition, again, we then have that  $\models \psi$ . QED.

( $\nRightarrow$ ) To show that the implication from right to left does not hold, we need to find  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  such that the RHS holds, and the LHS does not. So, take  $\varphi$  to be the atom  $P$ , and  $\psi$  to be  $\neg P$  and show that then the RHS holds (1), but the LHS does not (2).

1. Since there are structures where  $P$  is false, we know that  $\not\models P$ . Therefore, the implication  $\models P \Rightarrow \models \neg P$  holds.

2. We need to find a structure  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \models P \not\models \mathcal{U} \models \neg P$ . Take  $\mathcal{U}$  to be any structure such that  $\llbracket P \rrbracket_{\mathcal{U}} = 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{U} \models P$ , but  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \neg P$ , hence  $\mathcal{U} \models P \not\models \mathcal{U} \models \neg P$ .