

## Validity in Classical First-Order Logic

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## 1. Introduction

Having defined the class of admissible valuations for CFOL, we can now define semantic validity and semantic entailment in the context of CFOL. Recall the following definitions.

1. $\alpha$ is semantically valid

$$
\vDash \alpha \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \forall v\{v \in \mathrm{~V} \rightarrow v(\alpha)=\mathrm{T}\}
$$

2. $\quad \alpha$ is semantically contra-valid

$$
\alpha \vDash \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \sim \exists v\{v \in \mathrm{~V} \& v(\alpha)=\mathrm{T}\}
$$

## 3. $\Gamma$ is unfalsifiable

$$
\vDash \Gamma \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \sim \exists v\{v \in \mathrm{~V} \& \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{x} \in \Gamma \longrightarrow v(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{F})\}
$$

## 4. $\quad \Gamma$ is unverifiable

$$
\Gamma \models \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \sim \exists v\{v \in \mathrm{~V} \& \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{x} \in \Gamma \rightarrow v(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{T})\}
$$

## 5. $\quad \Gamma$ semantically entails $\alpha$

$$
\Gamma \models \alpha \quad==_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \forall v\{v \in \mathrm{~V} \rightarrow . \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{x} \in \Gamma \rightarrow v(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{T}) \rightarrow v(\alpha)=\mathrm{T}\}
$$

## 6. $\quad \Gamma$ semantically entails $\Delta$

$$
\begin{array}{rll}
\Gamma \models \Delta & = & \forall v\{v \in \mathrm{~V} \rightarrow . \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{x} \in \Gamma \rightarrow v(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{T}) \rightarrow \exists \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{x} \in \Delta \& v(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{T})\} \\
& \leftrightarrow & \sim \exists v\{v \in \mathrm{~V} \& \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{x} \in \Gamma \rightarrow v(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{T}) \& \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{x} \in \Delta \longrightarrow v(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{F})\}
\end{array}
$$

Recall that the double turnstile ' $\models$ ' is used ambiguously, although all notions can be reduced to the $5^{\text {th }}$ notion, as follows.

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\vDash \alpha & \leftrightarrow & \varnothing \vDash\{\alpha\} \\
\alpha \vDash & \leftrightarrow & \{\alpha\} \vDash \varnothing \\
\vDash \Gamma & \leftrightarrow & \varnothing \models \Gamma \\
\Gamma \vDash & \leftrightarrow & \Gamma \vDash \varnothing \\
\Gamma \models \alpha & \leftrightarrow & \Gamma \vDash\{\alpha\}
\end{array}
$$

## 2. Argument Validity

At this point, we define the obvious correlated notion of a valid argument, as follows.
(D) An argument is an ordered pair $(\Gamma / \alpha)$, where $\Gamma$ is a set of formulas, and $\alpha$ is a formula.
(D) $\quad(\Gamma / \alpha)$ is valid $\quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \Gamma \models \alpha$.
(t) terminology:
$\Gamma$ are individually called premises of $(\Gamma / \alpha)$; $\alpha$ is called the conclusion of $(\Gamma / \alpha)$.
(n) notation:
$\left(\alpha_{1} ; \alpha_{2} ; \ldots ; \alpha_{\mathrm{n}} / \beta\right) \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad\left(\left\{\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{\mathrm{n}}\right\} / \beta\right)$

## 3. An Intermediate Notion between Truth and Validity

Every CFOL valuation $v$ is uniquely determined by a pair $\alpha / \omega$, where $\alpha$ is an interpretation function, and $\omega$ is an assignment function. We describe this functional relation between $\alpha / \omega$ and $v$ simply as follows.

$$
v=\operatorname{val}(\alpha / \omega)
$$

Given this functional relation, we can define a multi-place truth-predicate as follows.

$$
\alpha \text { is true in } \alpha / \omega \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad v(\alpha)=\mathrm{T} \quad[\text { where } v=\operatorname{val}(\alpha / \omega)]
$$

Since the assignment function $\omega$ is to a large extent arbitrary, we can "supervaluate" over $\omega$ to obtain the notion of truth-in- $\alpha$, also called validity-in- $\alpha$. We shall reserve the concept of truth for valuations, so we use the latter term in this connection. It is officially defined as follows.
$\alpha$ is valid in $\alpha \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \alpha$ is true in $\alpha / \omega$ for any assignment function $\omega$.
In other words, $\alpha$ is valid in $\alpha$ if and only if $\alpha$ is true in $\alpha$ irrespective of the respective semantic values of its free variables. For example,
' Rxy ' is valid in $\alpha$
if and only if 'Rxy' is true no matter how we assign objects in $U$ to ' $x$ ' and ' $y$ '.
The following are examples.

Let L be a quantified language with two non-logical signs as follows:
R, a 2-place predicate;
p , a proper noun;
Let $\mathrm{U}=\{0,1\}$;
Let $\alpha(\mathrm{R})=\{\langle 0,1\rangle,\langle 1,1\rangle\}$;
Let $\alpha(p)=1$
e1: $\quad \alpha=$ 'Rxp'; $\alpha$ is valid in $\alpha$;
e2: $\quad \alpha=$ 'Rpx'; $\alpha$ is not valid in $\alpha$;
e3: $\quad \alpha=$ ' $\exists y R x y$ '; $\alpha$ is valid in $\alpha$;
e4: $\alpha=$ ' $\exists y$ Ryx'; $\alpha$ is not valid in $\alpha$;
For the sake of illustration, we do e1, leaving the remaining three as exercises; to avoid clutter we occasionally drop quotes.
(1) $\mathrm{U}=\{0,1\}$
(2) $\alpha(\mathrm{R})=\{\langle 0,1\rangle,\langle 1,1\rangle\}$
(3) $\alpha(\mathrm{p})=1$
(4) SHOW: 'Rxp' is valid in $\alpha$
(5) SHOW: $\forall \omega$ ['Rxp' is true in $\alpha / \omega$ ]
(6) SHOW: 'Rxp' is true in $\alpha / \omega$
$v=\operatorname{val}(\alpha / \omega)$
SHOW: $v(\operatorname{Rxp})=T$
$v(\operatorname{Rxp})=v(R)\langle v(x), v(p)\rangle$
$v(\mathrm{R})=\mathrm{I}(\mathrm{R})=\{\langle 0,1\rangle,\langle 1,1\rangle\}$
$v(\mathrm{x})=\omega(\mathrm{x})$
$v(\mathrm{p})=\alpha(\mathrm{p})=1$
$\omega(\mathrm{x}) \in \mathrm{U}$
$\omega(\mathrm{x}) \in\{0,1\}$
$\omega(\mathrm{x})=0$ or $\omega(\mathrm{x})=1$
$\mathrm{c} 1: \omega(\mathrm{x})=0$
$\langle 0,1\rangle \in\{\langle 0,1\rangle,\langle 1,1\rangle\}$
$\langle v(\mathrm{x}), v(\mathrm{p})\rangle \in v(\mathrm{R})$
$v(R)\langle v(x), v(p)\rangle=T$
$v(R x p)=T$
$\mathrm{c} 2: ~ \omega(\mathrm{x})=1$
$\langle 1,1\rangle \in\{\langle 0,1\rangle,\langle 1,1\rangle\}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { (22) } & \langle 1,1\rangle \in\{\langle 0,1\rangle,\langle 1,1\rangle \\ \text { (23) } & \langle v(\mathrm{x}), v(\mathrm{p})\rangle \in \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{R})\end{array}$

| (24) | $v(\mathrm{R})\langle v(\mathrm{x}), v(\mathrm{p})\rangle=\mathrm{T}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| (25) | $v(\mathrm{Rxp})=\mathrm{T}$ |

(25) $\quad v(R x p)=T$

Pr.
Pr.
Pr.
Def valid in $\alpha$
UD
Def of true in $\alpha / \omega$
As
15-25,SC
category requirement
Def CFOL-val, 2, 7
Def CFOL-val, 7
Def CFOL-val, 3,7
Def assignment
1,13,IL
14, ST
As.
ST
10-12,16,17,IL
18, S/F convention*
9,19,IL
As.
ST

10-12,21,22,IL
23, S/F convention*
9,24,IL
*The S/F [set/function] convention is the convention that allows us to treat a subset $S$ of $U$ and its associated characteristic function as interchangeable; thus, $S\langle u\rangle=T$ if $u \in S ; S\langle u\rangle=F$ if $u \notin S$.

## 4. Closures of Formulas

When we say ' Fx ' is valid in $\alpha$, we are saying that no matter how we interpret ' x ', the formula ' Fx ' is true in $\alpha$. Of course, that is also how we understand the truth of formula ' $\forall \mathrm{xFx}$ ' in $\alpha$. The latter formula is referred to as the (universal) closure of ' Fx '. The following is our general definition.
(D) Let L be a FOL, and let $\mathbb{F}$ be a formula of L . Then by a closure of $\mathbb{F}$ is meant any formula $\mathbb{F}^{\prime}$ such that $\mathbb{F}^{\prime}=\forall \mathrm{v}_{1}, \ldots, \forall \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{k}} \mathbb{F}$ (where $\mathrm{v}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{k}}$ are variables), and such that no variable occurs free in $\mathbb{F}^{\prime}$.

This defines the notion of $a$ closure. We can also define the notion of the closure, if we wish.
(D) Let L be a FOL, and let $\mathbb{F}$ be a formula of L . Then by the closure of $\mathbb{F}$ is meant the formula $\forall \mathrm{v}_{1}, \ldots, \forall \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{k}} \mathbb{F}$ such that $\mathrm{v}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{k}}$ are ordered lexicographically and are all the free variables in $\mathbb{F}$.

Note: we mean to include the degenerate case in which $\mathrm{k}=0$. This means that we count any closed formula as the closure of itself, and hence $a$ closure of itself.

## Examples:

$\forall \mathrm{xFx} \quad$ is a closure of Fx and the closure of Fx
$\forall \mathrm{y} \forall \mathrm{xFx} \quad$ is a closure of Fx but not the closure of Fx
In relation to the notion(s) of closure, we have the following theorem.
(T) $\quad \mathbb{F}$ is valid in $\alpha \quad \leftrightarrow$ every closure of $\mathbb{F}$ is true in $\alpha$
$\mathbb{F}$ is valid in $\alpha \longleftrightarrow$ the closure of $\mathbb{F}$ is true in $\alpha$

## 5. Examples of Valid/Invalid Formulas in CFOL

In the present section, we consider examples of semantically valid and invalid formulas in the context of CFOL. First, we note the following theorem about the relation between semantic validity and validity in an interpretation.
(T) $\quad \alpha$ is valid $\quad \leftrightarrow \quad \alpha$ is valid in $\alpha$ for any interpretation function $\alpha$.

Proof: left as an exercise for the student.

## Examples:

## Valid Formulas:

(1) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fx} ; \mathrm{Rxy} \rightarrow \mathrm{Rxy}$; etc.
(2) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \sim \sim \mathrm{Fx} ; \mathrm{Rxy} \rightarrow \sim \sim \mathrm{Rxy}$; etc.
(3) $\quad \forall x(F x \rightarrow F x) ; \forall y \forall x(F x \rightarrow F x) ;$ etc.
(4) $\quad \forall x(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \sim \sim \mathrm{Fx}) ; \forall \mathrm{y} \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \sim \sim \mathrm{Fx})$; etc.
(5) $\quad \forall x($ Fx $\rightarrow \exists y F y)$
(6) $\exists \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{yFy})$
(7) $\quad \exists \mathrm{x} \forall \mathrm{yRxy} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{y} \exists \mathrm{xRxy}$

## Invalid Formulas:

(1) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \sim \mathrm{Fy}$
(2) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fy}$
(3) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \sim \sim \mathrm{Fy}$
(4) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xFx}$
(5) $\exists x F x \rightarrow F x$
(6) $\quad \forall x \exists y R x y \rightarrow \exists y \forall x R x y$

## 6. Examples of Valid/Invalid Arguments in CFOL

In the present section, we examine examples of valid arguments of CFOL.

## Valid Arguments:

(1) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Gx} ; \mathrm{Fx} / \mathrm{Gx}$
(2) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Gx} ; \sim \mathrm{Gx} / \sim \mathrm{Fx}$
(3) $\quad \forall \mathrm{xFx} / \mathrm{Fy}$
(4) $\mathrm{Fx} / \exists \mathrm{yFy}$
(5) $\quad \forall x(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Gx}) ;$ Fy / Gy

Invalid Arguments:
(1) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Gx} ; \mathrm{Gx} / \mathrm{Fx}$
(2) $\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Gx} ; \sim \mathrm{Fx} / \sim \mathrm{Gx}$
(3) $\mathrm{Fx} / \forall \mathrm{yFy}$
(4) $\exists x F x / F y$
(5) $\quad \forall \mathrm{xFx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xGx} / \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Gx})$

## 7. Examples of Proofs about Validity

Note: we generally drop single quotes in metalinguistic literal names.
\#1:
(1) SHOW: : $\vDash \mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fx}$
(2) SHOW: $\forall v[v(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fx})=\mathrm{T}]$
(3) SHOW: $v(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fx})=\mathrm{T}$
(4) $\quad v(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fx})=v(\mathrm{Fx}) \rightarrow v(\mathrm{Fx})$
(5) $\quad \forall \rho[\rho \rightarrow \rho=T]$
[' $\rho$ ' ranges over truth-values]

Def valid
UD
4,5,IL
Def CFOL-val
Def $\rightarrow$
\#2:

| (1) | SHOW: $\# \# \mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xFx}$ | Def $\vDash(-)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (2) | SHOW: $\sim \forall v[v(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xFx})=\mathrm{T}]$ | 3, L01,IL |
| (3) | SHOW: $\exists v[v(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xFx})=\mathrm{F}]$ | 22,QL |
| (4) | let: $\mathrm{U}=\{0,1\} \& 0 \neq 1$ | ST+ $\ddagger$ O |
| (5) | let: $v_{0}(\mathrm{~F})=\{1\}$ | ST+ ${ }^{\text {O }}$ |
| (6) | let: $\forall \mathrm{v}[\mathrm{v}(\mathrm{v})=1]$ | ST+ $\ddagger$ O |
| (7) | $v_{0}(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xFx})=\mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{Fx}) \rightarrow \mathrm{v}_{0}(\forall \mathrm{xFx})$ | Def CFOL-val |
| (8) | $v_{0}(\mathrm{x}) \in \mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{~F})$ | 5,6,ST,IL |
| (9) | $v_{0}(\mathrm{~F})\left\langle\mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle=\mathrm{T}$ | 8, S/F convention |
| (10) | $v_{0}(\mathrm{Fx})=v_{0}(\mathrm{~F})\left\langle\mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle$ | Def CFOL-val |
| (11) | $v_{0}(\mathrm{Fx})=\mathrm{T}$ | 9,10,IL |
| (12) | let: $v_{1}(x)=0$ \& $\forall \varepsilon\left\{\right.$ Atomic $\left.[\varepsilon] \& \varepsilon \neq{ }^{\prime} x^{\prime} . \rightarrow v_{1}(\varepsilon)=v_{0}(\varepsilon)\right\}$ | ) $\mathrm{ST}+\exists \mathrm{O}$ |
| (13) | $v_{1} \approx_{x} v_{0}$ | $12 \mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{Def} \approx$ |
| (14) | Atomic['F'] \& 'F' $\neq$ 'x' lit | literal inspection, Def Atomic |
| (15) | $v_{1}(\mathrm{~F})=\mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{~F})$ | 12,14, QL |
| (16) | $v_{1}(\mathrm{Fx})=v_{1}(\mathrm{~F})\left\langle\mathrm{v}_{1}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle$ | Def CFOL-val |
| (17) | $v_{1}(\mathrm{Fx})=\{1\}\langle 0\rangle$ | 5,12a,16,IL |
| (18) | $\{1\}\langle 0\rangle=\mathrm{F}$ | ST $+\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{F}$ convention |
| (19) | $v_{1}(\mathrm{Fx})=\mathrm{F}$ | 17,18,IL |
| (20) | $\sim \forall v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{x} v_{0} \rightarrow v^{\prime}(\mathrm{Fx})=\mathrm{T}\right\}$ | 13,19,L01,QL |
| (21) | $v_{0}(\forall x F x)=\mathrm{F}$ | 20, Def CFOL-val |
| (22) | $v_{0}(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xFx})=\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}=\mathrm{F}$ | 7,11,21,Def $\rightarrow$,IL |

Recall that a 'let' hypothesis is a combination of a (presumed to be true) existential formula, and an application of existential-elimination. In the formal context, the 'let' is superfluous, given the annotation. Similarly, in the informal context, the annotation is superfluous, given the presence of 'let'. We include both for maximal clarity.

## \#3:

(1) SHOW: $(\forall x F x / F y)$ is valid
$\operatorname{Def}(\Gamma / \alpha)$ is valid
(2) SHOW: $\{\forall \mathrm{xFx}\} \vDash \mathrm{Fy}$

L02
(3) SHOW: $\forall x F x \vDash \mathrm{Fy}$

Def $\alpha \models \beta$
(4) SHOW: $\forall v\{v(\forall x F x)=T) \rightarrow v(F y)=T\}$

UCD

| $v(\forall \mathrm{xFx})=\mathrm{T}$ | As |
| :--- | ---: |
| SHOW: $v(\mathrm{Fy})=\mathrm{T}$ |  |

    \(\forall v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{x} v \rightarrow v^{\prime}(\mathrm{Fx})=\mathrm{T}\right\} \quad\) 5, Def CFOL-val
    let: \(\forall \varepsilon\left\{\right.\) Atomic \(\left.[\varepsilon] \& \varepsilon \not \mathcal{F}^{\prime} x^{\prime} . \rightarrow v_{1}(\varepsilon)=v(\varepsilon)\right\} \quad \& \quad v_{1}(x)=v(y)\)
    \(v_{1} \approx_{x} v\)
    \(v_{1}(F x)=T\)
        ST+ \(\exists \mathrm{O}\)
        8 a , \(\operatorname{Def} \approx\)
                            7,9,QL
    $v_{1}(\mathrm{Fx})=\mathrm{T}$
$v_{1}(\mathrm{Fx})=v_{1}(\mathrm{~F})\left\langle v_{1}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle \quad$ Def CFOL-val
$v(\mathrm{Fy})=v(\mathrm{~F})\langle v(\mathrm{y})\rangle \quad$ Def CFOL-val
Atomic[' $F$ '] \& ' $F$ ' $\neq$ ' $x$ ' literal inspection, Def Atomic
$v_{1}(\mathrm{~F})=v(\mathrm{~F}) \quad$ 8a,13, QL
$v(\mathrm{~F})\langle v(\mathrm{y})\rangle=v_{1}(\mathrm{~F})\left\langle v_{1}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle \quad 8 \mathrm{~b}, 14$,IL
10,11,15,IL
Def CFOL-val
16,17,IL

## 8. Definitions and Lemmas

## Def CFOL-val:

Where $\mathbb{L}$ is an FOL, a CFOL admissible valuation (semantic evaluation) is a function $v$ that assigns semantic items of $U$ to the syntactic items of $\mathbb{L}$, subject to the following conditions.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{N}^{*}=\mathrm{U} \\
& \mathrm{~S}^{*}=\mathrm{V} \\
& \text { if } \mathrm{K}=\left(\mathrm{K}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{m}} \rightarrow \mathrm{~K}_{0}\right), \text { then } \mathrm{K}^{*}=\left(\mathrm{K}_{1}{ }^{*}, \ldots, \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{m}}^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{~K}_{0}{ }^{*}\right) \\
& \forall \varepsilon\left\{\operatorname{cat}(\varepsilon)=\mathrm{K} \rightarrow \operatorname{cat}(v(\varepsilon))=\mathrm{K}^{*}\right\} \\
& \forall \phi \forall \varepsilon_{1} \ldots \forall \varepsilon_{\mathrm{k}}\left\{v\left[\phi\left\langle\varepsilon_{1}, \ldots, \varepsilon_{\mathrm{k}}\right\rangle\right]=v(\phi)\left\langle v\left(\varepsilon_{1}\right), \ldots, v\left(\varepsilon_{\mathrm{k}}\right)\right\rangle\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

except for $\forall$ and $\exists$, which are treated as follows.

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
v(\forall v \mathbb{F}) & = & \min \left\{v^{\prime}(\mathbb{F}): v^{\prime} \approx_{v} v\right\} \\
v(\exists \mathrm{v}) & = & \max \left\{v^{\prime}(\mathbb{F}): v^{\prime} \approx_{\mathrm{v}} v\right\}
\end{array}
$$

alternatively:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
v(\forall v \mathbb{F})=\mathrm{T} & \text { iff } \quad \forall v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{\mathrm{v}} v \rightarrow v^{\prime}(\mathbb{F})=\mathrm{T}\right\} \\
v(\forall v \mathbb{F})=\text { Fiff } & \sim \forall v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{\mathrm{v}} v \rightarrow v^{\prime}(\mathbb{F})=\mathrm{T}\right\} \\
v(\exists \mathrm{v})=\mathrm{T} \text { iff } & \exists v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{\mathrm{v}} v \& v^{\prime}(\mathbb{F})=\mathrm{T}\right\} \\
v(\exists \mathrm{v})=\mathrm{F} \text { iff } & \sim \exists v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{\mathrm{v}} v \& v^{\prime}(\mathbb{F})=\mathrm{T}\right\}
\end{array}
$$

$$
\text { Def } \approx: \quad v_{1} \approx_{\mathrm{v}} v_{2} \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \forall \varepsilon\left\{\text { Atomic }[\varepsilon] \& \varepsilon \neq \mathrm{v} . \rightarrow v_{1}(\varepsilon)=v_{2}(\varepsilon)\right\}
$$

Various: $\quad$ Atomic $[\varepsilon] \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \varepsilon$ is atomic; i.e., $\varepsilon$ has no (grammatically relevant) proper parts $\operatorname{Prop}[\varepsilon] \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \varepsilon$ is a proper symbol of $\mathbb{L}$, which is to say an atomic non-logical symbol [in FOL, a proper noun, function sign, or predicate other than
'='].
$\operatorname{Con}[\varepsilon] \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \varepsilon$ is a constant
$\operatorname{Var}[\varepsilon] \quad=_{\mathrm{df}} \quad \varepsilon$ is a variable
Def $\rightarrow: \quad \mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{T}=\mathrm{T} ; \mathrm{T} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}=\mathrm{F} ; \mathrm{F} \rightarrow \mathrm{T}=\mathrm{T} ; \mathrm{F} \rightarrow \mathrm{F}=\mathrm{T}$.

## S/F convention:

The $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{F}$ [set/function] convention is the convention that allows us to treat a subset S of U and its associated characteristic function as notationally interchangeable; thus:

$$
S\langle u\rangle=T \text { iff } u \in S ;
$$

$S\langle u\rangle=F$ iff $u \notin S$.

## Literal Inspection:

By a literal name is meant a (literal) object language expression surrounded by single quotes. If a noun phrase $\square$ is a literal name, then the lexical material between the quotes is a literal representation of the referent, $\operatorname{ref}(\square)$. Accordingly, $\square$ can be directly inspected in order to determine facts about $\operatorname{ref}(\square)$.

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L01: }\forallv\forall\alpha{v(\alpha)=T xor v(\alpha)=F
L02: {\forallxFx}\vDashFy }\leftrightarrow\forallxFx\vDashF
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## 2. Study Questions for Chapters 13-15

## 1. Syntax of Simple First-Order Languages; Definitions

Describe the rules of formation for a simple first-order language, including reference to the following:
(1) singular terms
(a) atomic singular terms
(b) molecular singular terms
(2) formulas
(a) atomic formulas
(b) molecular formulas

You need not explicitly specify the vocabulary.

## 2. Syntax of Simple First-Order Languages; Examples

For each of the following strings, say whether it is a singular term, a formula, or is ill-formed, relative to the official (orthographically explicit) language of CFOL.
(1) $\quad \forall x \# P b b x \#$
(2) $\quad(\forall x P \rightarrow P \#)$
(3) $\mathrm{fb} \# \# \mathrm{f} b \mathrm{~b} \# \mathrm{x} \# \mathrm{a} \#$
(4) $\quad \forall x f b b f b x a$

In this connection, recall the following:
$\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{x} \#, \mathrm{x} \# \#$, etc., are variables;
$\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{a} \#, \mathrm{a} \# \#$, etc., are constants;
$\mathrm{f}, \mathrm{f} \mathrm{\#,f} \mathrm{\#} \mathrm{\#}, \mathrm{etc.}, \mathrm{fb,f} \mathrm{\sharp,fb} \mathrm{\ddagger} \mathrm{\#}, \mathrm{etc} .\mathrm{are} \mathrm{function} \mathrm{signs;}$
$\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P} \#, \mathrm{P} \# \#$, etc., $\mathrm{Pb}, \mathrm{P} b \#, \mathrm{P} b \# \#$, etc. are predicates.

## 3. Semantics of Simple First-Order Languages; Definitions

Define the following:

```
semantic evaluation
truth-valuation
interpretation
assignment function
designation function
```


## 4. Semantics of Simple First-Order Languages; Examples

Consider a simple FOL with the following non-logical vocabulary.
R: a 2-place predicate
F: a 1-place predicate
$\square$ : a proper noun
Consider the following universe, interpretation, and assignment.
(a) $\mathrm{U}=\{0,1\}$
(b) $\quad \alpha(\mathrm{R})=\{\langle 0,0\rangle,\langle 0,1\rangle\}$
$\alpha(\mathrm{F})=\{1\}$
$\alpha(\square)=0$
(c) $\quad \omega(\mathrm{v})=1$, for every variable v

For each of the following formulas, say whether it is true or false relative to $\alpha / \omega$.
(1) $\quad \mathrm{R} \square \mathrm{y}$
(2) $\forall \mathrm{x}(\sim \mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{yRxy})$

## 5. Validity in Classical First-Order Logic

1. Demonstrate that the following argument is invalid by constructing a counterexample; you need merely specify the universe and interpretation.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \forall \mathrm{xFx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xGx} ; \mathrm{Fa} / \mathrm{Ga} \\
& \mathrm{U}=? \\
& \alpha=?
\end{aligned}
$$

2. Prove that the following argument forms are valid.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \forall \mathrm{xFx} / \mathrm{Fa} \\
& \forall \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{Fx} \rightarrow \mathrm{Gx}) / \forall \mathrm{xFx} \rightarrow \forall \mathrm{xGx} \\
& \mathrm{Fa} / \forall \mathrm{xFa}
\end{aligned}
$$

3. Prove the following [where $v$ maps $\mathbb{L}$ into $U]$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& v(\forall \mathrm{xFx})=\mathrm{T} \longleftrightarrow \forall \mathrm{u}\{\mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{U} \longrightarrow \mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{~F})\} \\
& \mathrm{v}(\exists \mathrm{xFx})=\mathrm{T} \longleftrightarrow \exists \mathrm{u}\{\mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{U} \& \mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{~F})\}
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Prove that the following argument forms are invalid.
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xFx}->\forall\textrm{xGx}/\forall\textrm{x}(\textrm{Fx}->\textrm{Gx}
\existsxFx; \existsxGx/\existsx(Fx & Gx)
\existsxFx/}|\textrm{xFx
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## 6. Answers

## 1. Syntax of CQL; Definitions

(1) singular terms:
(a) atomic singular terms:

1. every variable is an atomic singular term;
2. every constant is an atomic singular term;
3. every proper noun is an atomic singular term;
4. nothing else is an atomic singular term.
(b) singular terms:
5. every atomic singular term is a singular term;
6. if $\omega$ is an $n$-place function sign, and $\tau_{1}, \ldots, \tau_{\mathrm{n}}$ are singular terms, then $\omega\left\langle\tau_{1}, \ldots, \tau_{n}\right\rangle$ is a singular term;
7. nothing else is a singular term.
(2) formulas:
(a) atomic formulas:
8. if $\mathbb{P}$ is an n-place predicate, other than ' $=$ ', and $\tau_{1}, \ldots, \tau_{\mathrm{n}}$ are singular terms, then $\mathbb{P}\left\langle\tau_{1}, \ldots, \tau_{n}\right\rangle$ is an atomic formula;
9. if $\tau_{1}$ and $\tau_{2}$ are singular terms, then $\left[\tau_{1}=\tau_{2}\right]$ is an atomic formula;
10. nothing else is an atomic formula.
(b) formulas
11. every atomic formula is a formula;
12. if $\mathbb{F}$ and $\mathbb{G}$ are formulas, then so are $(\mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}),(\mathbb{F} \vee \mathbb{G}),(\mathbb{F} \& \mathbb{C}),(\mathbb{F} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{G}), \sim \mathbb{F}$;
13. if $\mathbb{F}$ is a formula, and $v$ is a variable, then $\forall v \mathbb{F}$ and $\exists v \mathbb{F}$ are formulas;
14. nothing else is a formula.

## 2. Syntax of CQL; Examples

(1)
(2) $(\forall x P \rightarrow P \#)$
(3) $\mathrm{f} b \# \# \mathrm{f} b \mathrm{~b} \# \mathrm{x} \# \mathrm{a} \#$
(4) $\forall x f b b f b x a$
ill-formed
formula
term
ill-formed

## 3. Semantics of CFOL; Definitions

semantic evaluation on $\mathbb{L} \quad$ assigns a semantic value to every truth-valuation on $\mathbb{L}$ interpretation on $\mathbb{L}$ assignment function on $\mathbb{L}$ designation function on $\mathbb{L}$
assigns a truth-value to every assigns a semantic value to every assigns an element of $U$ to every assigns an element of $U$ to every
grammatical expression of $\mathbb{L}$; formula of $\mathbb{L}$;
proper symbol of $\mathbb{L}$; constant and variable; singular term of $\mathbb{L}$.

## 4. Semantics of CFOL; Examples

(1) True
(2) True

## 5. Validity in CFOL

1. 

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{U}=\{0,1\} \\
& \alpha(\mathrm{F})=\{0\} ; \alpha(\mathrm{G})=\{1\} \\
& \omega(\mathrm{x})=0 ; \omega(\mathrm{a})=0
\end{aligned}
$$

In the following, we assume ' P ' is a one-place predicate. Usually, literal strings are written without their quotes, in order to avoid clutter.

## 3.1a:

(1) $\quad v(\forall x P x)=T$

As
(3) $\mid \mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{U}$
(2) SHOW: $\forall \mathrm{u}\{\mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{U} \rightarrow \mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})\}$
SHOW: $u \in v(P)$ ID
$\mathrm{u} \notin \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})$ As
SHOW: $\times$
$\forall v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{x} v \rightarrow v^{\prime}(P x)=T\right\}$
let: $v_{0}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{u} \& \forall \varepsilon\left\{\right.$ Atomic $\left.[\varepsilon] \& \varepsilon \neq \mathrm{x} . \rightarrow v_{0}(\varepsilon)=v(\varepsilon)\right\}$
$v_{0} \approx_{x} v$
$v_{0}(P x)=T$
Atomic['P'] \& 'P' ' $^{\text {' }}$ '
$v_{0}(P)=v(P)$
$v_{0}(P x)=v_{0}(P)\left\langle v_{0}(x)\right\rangle$
$v_{0}(P x)=v(P)\langle u\rangle$
$v(\mathrm{P})\langle\mathrm{u}\rangle=\mathrm{F}$

UCD
SHOH: uEv(P) As
$\mathrm{u} \notin \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})$
SHOW: $x$
$\forall v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{x} v \rightarrow v^{\prime}(P x)=T\right\}$
let: $v_{0}(x)=u \& \forall \varepsilon\left\{\right.$ Atomic $\left.[\varepsilon] \& \varepsilon \neq x . \rightarrow v_{0}(\varepsilon)=v(\varepsilon)\right\}$ $v_{0} \approx_{x} v$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{Px})=T$
Atomic['P'] \& 'P' ${ }^{\prime}$ ' ${ }^{\prime}$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{P})=v(\mathrm{P})$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{Px})=v_{0}(\mathrm{P})\left\langle v_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{Px})=v(\mathrm{P})\langle\mathrm{u}\rangle$
$v(P)\langle u\rangle=F$

As
ID
As
10,14,15,IL
1,Def CFOL-val
$\mathrm{ST}+\exists \mathrm{O}$
8b, Def $\approx$
7,9,QL
inspection, Def At[]
8b, 11, QL
Def CFOL-val
8a,12,13,IL
5, S/F convention

## 3.1b:

(1) $\quad \forall \mathrm{u}\{\mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{U} \rightarrow \mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})\}$
(2) SHOW: $v(\forall x P x)=T$
(3) SHOW: $\forall v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{x} v \rightarrow v^{\prime}(P x)=T\right\}$
$v_{0} \approx v$
SHOW: $v_{0}(P x)=T$
$v_{0}(P x) \neq T$
SHOW: $x$
$v_{0}(P x)=F$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{Px})=v_{0}(\mathrm{P})\left\langle v_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{P})\left\langle v_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle=\mathrm{F}$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{x}) \notin \mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{P})$
Atomic['P'] \& ' P ' $\neq{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{x}^{\prime}$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{P})=v(\mathrm{P})$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{x}) \notin \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})$
$v_{0}(x) \in U$
$v_{0}(x) \in v(P)$

## 3.1b:

(1) $\forall \mathrm{u}\{\mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{U} \rightarrow \mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})\}$
(2) SHOW: $v(\forall x P x)=T$
(3) SHOW: $\forall v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{x} v \rightarrow v^{\prime}(P x)=T\right\}$
(4) $\quad v_{0} \approx_{x} v$
(5)
(6)
(7)
(8)
(9)
(10)
(11)

SHOW: $v_{0}(P x)=T$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{Px})=\mathrm{T} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{x}) \in \mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{P})$
$v_{0}(x) \in U$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{x}) \in \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})$
Atomic['P'] \& ' P ' $\boldsymbol{F}^{\prime} \mathrm{x}$ '
$v_{0}(\mathrm{P})=v(\mathrm{P})$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{x}) \in \mathrm{v}_{0}(\mathrm{P})$

## 3.2a:

(1) $\quad v(\exists x P x)=T$
(2) SHOW: $\exists u\{u \in U \& u \in v(P)\}$
(3) $\exists v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{x} v \& v^{\prime}(P x)=T\right\}$
(4)
(5)
(6)
(7)
(9)
(10)
(11)
(12)
(13)
$v_{0} \approx_{\mathrm{x}} v$
$v_{0}(P x)=T$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{Px})=v_{0}(\mathrm{P})\left\langle v_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{P})\left\langle v_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle=\mathrm{T}$
$\forall \varepsilon\left\{\right.$ Atomic $\left.[\varepsilon] \& \varepsilon \neq \mathrm{x} . \rightarrow v_{0}(\varepsilon)=v(\varepsilon)\right\}$
Atomic['P'] \& 'P' ${ }^{\prime}$ 'x'
$v_{0}(\mathrm{P})=v(\mathrm{P})$
$v(P)\left\langle v_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle=\mathrm{T}$
$v_{0}(\mathrm{x}) \in \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})$
$v_{0}(x) \in U$

As
Def CFOL-val
UCD
As
ID
As
14,16,SL
6,L0
Def CFOL-val
8,9,IL
10, $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{F}$ convention
inspection, Def At[]
4,12,Def $\approx$
11,14,IL
Def CFOL-val 1,15,QL

As
Def CFOL-val UCD
As
6,11,SL
Def CFOL-val
Def CFOL-val
1,7,QL
inspection, Def At[]
4,9,Def $\approx$
8,10,IL

As
12,13, QL
1, Def CFOL-val
3, $\exists \& \mathrm{O}$
3, ヨ\&O
Def CFOL-val
5,6,IL
4, Def $\approx$
inspection, Def At[]
8,9,QL
7,10,IL
11, C/F convention
Def CFOL-val

## 3.2b:

(1) $\exists u\{u \in U \& u \in v(P)\}$
(2) SHOW: $v(\exists x P x)=T$
(3) SHOW: $\exists v^{\prime}\left\{v^{\prime} \approx_{x} v \& v^{\prime}(P x)=T\right\}$
(5)
(6)
(7)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{u} \in \mathrm{U} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

$u \in v(P)$
let $v_{0}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{u} \& \forall \varepsilon\left\{\right.$ Atomic $\left.[\varepsilon] \& \varepsilon \neq \mathrm{x} . \longrightarrow \mathrm{v}_{0}(\varepsilon)=v(\varepsilon)\right\}$
$v_{0} \approx_{x} v$
Atomic['P'] \& 'P' ' $^{\prime} \mathrm{x}^{\prime}$
(9) $\quad v_{0}(\mathrm{P})=\mathrm{v}(\mathrm{P})$
(10) $\quad v_{0}(x) \in v_{0}(P)$
(11) $\quad v_{0}(\mathrm{P})\left\langle v_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle=\mathrm{T}$
(12) $\quad v_{0}(\mathrm{Px})=v_{0}(\mathrm{P})\left\langle v_{0}(\mathrm{x})\right\rangle$
(13) $\quad v_{0}(P x)=T$

As
Def CFOL-val
7,13,QL
$1, \exists \& \mathrm{O}$
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ST $+\exists \mathrm{O}$
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6b,8,QL
5,6a,9,IL
10,S/F convention
Def CFOL-val
11,12,IL

