

Intuitively, a sequence $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots)$ satisfies a wf B if and only if, when, for each i , we replace all free occurrences of x_i (if any) in B by a symbol representing s_i , the resulting proposition is true under the given interpretation. Now we can define the notions of truth and falsity of wfs for a given interpretation.

Definitions

1. A wf B is true for the interpretation M (written $\models_M B$) if and only if every sequence in Σ satisfies B .
2. B is said to be ^{false} for M if and only if no sequence in Σ satisfies B .
3. An interpretation M is said to be a model for a set Γ of wfs if and only if every wf in Γ is true for M .

The plausibility of our definition of truth will be strengthened by the fact that we can derive all of the following expected properties I-XI of the notions of truth, falsity, and satisfaction.

- I. a. B is false for an interpretation M if and only if $\neg B$ is true for M .
b. B is true for M if and only if $\neg B$ is false for M .
- II. It is not the case that $\models_M B$ and $\models_M \neg B$, that is, no wf can be both true and false for M .
- III. If $\models_M B$ and $\models_M B \Rightarrow C$, then $\models_M C$.
- IV. $B \Rightarrow C$ is false for M if and only if $\models_M B$ and $\models_M \neg C$.
- V. Consider an interpretation M with domain D .
a. A sequence s satisfies $B \wedge C$ if and only if s satisfies B and s satisfies C .
b. s satisfies $B \vee C$ if and only if s satisfies B or s satisfies C .
c. s satisfies $B \Leftrightarrow C$ if and only if s satisfies both B and C , or s satisfies neither B nor C .

[Remember that $B \wedge C$, $B \vee C$, $B \Leftrightarrow C$ and $(\exists x_i)B$ are ~~also~~ abbreviations for $\neg(B \Rightarrow \neg C)$, $\neg B \Rightarrow C$, $(B \Rightarrow C) \wedge (C \Rightarrow B)$ and $\neg(\forall x_i)\neg B$, respectively.]

d. s satisfies $(\exists x_i)\mathcal{B}$ if and only if there is a sequence s' that differs from s in at most i th component such that s' satisfies \mathcal{B} . (In other words $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_i, \dots)$ satisfies $(\exists x_i)\mathcal{B}$ if and only if there is an element c in the domain D such that the sequence $(s_1, s_2, \dots, c, \dots)$ satisfies \mathcal{B} .)

VI. $F_M \mathcal{B}$ if and only if $F_M (\forall x_i)\mathcal{B}$

we can extend this result in the following way. By the closure of \mathcal{B} we mean the closed wf obtained from \mathcal{B} by prefixing in universal quantifiers those variables, in order of descending subscripts, that are free in \mathcal{B} . If \mathcal{B} has no free variables, the closure of \mathcal{B} is defined to be \mathcal{B} itself. For example, if \mathcal{B} is $A_1^2(x_2, x_5) \Rightarrow \neg(\exists x_2)A_1^3(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, its closure is $(\forall x_5)(\forall x_3)(\forall x_2)(\forall x_1)\mathcal{B}$. It follows from (VI) that a wf \mathcal{B} is true if and only if its closure is true

VII. Every instance of a tautology is true for any interpretation. (An instance of a statement form is a wf obtained from the statement form by substituting wfs for all statement letters, with all occurrences of the same statement letter being replaced by the same wf. Thus, an instance of $A_1 \Rightarrow \neg A_2 \vee A_1$ is $A_1^1(x_2) \Rightarrow (\neg(\forall x_1)A_1^1(x_1) \vee A_1^1(x_2))$)

To prove (VII), show that all instances of the axioms of the system L are true and then use (III) and proposition 1.9.

VIII. If the free variables (if any) of a wf \mathcal{B} occur in the list $x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}$ and if the sequences s and s' have the same components in the i_1 th, i_2 th, \dots , i_k th places, then s satisfies \mathcal{B} if and only if s' satisfies \mathcal{B} . [Hint: Use induction on the number of connectives and quantifiers in \mathcal{B} . First prove this lemma: If the variables in a term t occur in the list $x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}$ and if s and s' have the same components in the i_1 th, i_2 th, \dots , i_k th places then $s^*(t) = (s')^*(t)$. In particular, if t contains no variables at all, $s^*(t) = (s')^*(t)$ for any sequence s and s' .] Although, by (VIII), a particular wf \mathcal{B} with k free variables is

essentially satisfied or not only by k -tuples, rather than by denumerable sequences, it is ~~convenient~~ more convenient for a general treatment of satisfaction to deal with infinite rather than finite sequences. If we were to define satisfaction using finite sequences, conditions 3 and 4 of the definition of satisfaction would become much more complicated.

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k be k distinct variables in order of increasing subscripts. Let $B(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ be a wf that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k as its only free variables. The set of k -tuples (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k) of elements of the domain D such that any sequence with b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k in its i_1 th, i_2 th, \dots , i_k th places, respectively, satisfies $B(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ is called the relation of the interpretation defined by B . Extending our terminology, we shall say that every k -tuple (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k) in this relation satisfies $B(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ in the interpretation M ; this will be written as $\models_M B[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k]$. This extended notion of satisfaction corresponds to the original intuitive notion.

Examples 1. If the domain D of M is the set of human beings, $A_1^2(x, y)$ is interpreted as x is a brother of y , $A_2^2(x, y)$ is interpreted as x is a parent of y , then the binary relation on D corresponding to the wf $B(x, x_2): (\exists x_3) (A_1^2(x, x_3) \wedge A_2^2(x_3, x_2))$ is the relation of unclehood. $\models_M B(b, c)$ when and only when b is an uncle of c .

2. If the domain D is the set of positive integers, A_1^2 is interpreted as $=$, f_1^2 is interpreted as multiplication, and a_1 is interpreted as 1, then the wf $B(x): \neg A_1^2(x, a_1) \wedge (\forall x_2) ((\exists x_3) A_1^2(x, f_1^2(x_2, x_3)) \Rightarrow A_1^2(x_2, x) \vee A_1^2(x_2, a_1))$ determines the property of being a prime number. Thus $\models_M B[k]$ if and only if k is a prime number.

IX. If B is a closed wf of a language \mathcal{L} , then for any interpretation M either $\models_M B$ or $\models_M \neg B$ - that is, either B is true for M or B is

false for M . [Hint: Use (VIII)]. Of course, B may be true for some interpretation and false for others. (As an example, consider $A_1^1(a_1)$. If M is an interpretation whose domain is the set of positive integers, A_1^1 is interpreted as the property of being a prime, and the interpretation of a_1 is 2, then $A_1^1(a_1)$ is true. If we change the interpretation by interpreting a_1 as 4, then $A_1^1(a_1)$ becomes false.)

If B is not closed - that is, if B contains free variables - B may be neither true nor false for some interpretation. For example, if B is $A_1^2(x_1, x_2)$ and we consider an interpretation in which the domain is the set of integers and $A_1^2(y, z)$ is interpreted as $y < z$, then B is satisfied by only those sequences $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots)$ of integers in which $s_1 < s_2$. Hence B is neither true nor false for this interpretation. On the other hand, there are wfs that are not closed but that nevertheless are true or false for every interpretation. A simple example is the wf $A_1^1(x_1) \vee \neg A_1^1(x_1)$, which is true for every interpretation.

X. Assume t is free for x_i in $B(x_i)$. Then $(\forall x_i) B(x_i) \Rightarrow B(t)$ is true for all interpretations.

The proof of (X) is based upon the following lemmas.

Lemma 1 If t and u are terms, s is a sequence in Σ , t' results from t by replacing all occurrences of x_i by u , and s' results from s by replacing the i th component of s by $s^*(u)$, then $s^*(t') = (s')^*(t)$.

[Hint: Use induction on the length of t (The length of an expression is the number of occurrences of symbols in the expression.)]

Lemma 2 Let t be free for x_i in $B(x_i)$. Then:

- A sequence $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots)$ satisfies $B(t)$ if and only if the sequence s' , obtained from s by substituting $s^*(t)$ for s_i in the i th place, satisfies $B(x_i)$. [Hint: Use induction on the number of connectives and quantifiers in $B(x_i)$, applying Lemma 1]
- If $(\forall x_i) B(x_i)$ is satisfied by the sequence s , then $B(t)$ is also satisfied by s .

XI. If B does not contain x_i free, then $(\forall x_i)(B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow (\forall x_i)C)$ is true for all interpretations.

Proof: Assume (XI) is not correct. Then $(\forall x_i)(B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow (\forall x_i)C)$ is not true for some interpretation. By condition 3 of definition of satisfaction, there is a sequence s such that s satisfies $(\forall x_i)(B \Rightarrow C)$ and s does not satisfy $B \Rightarrow (\forall x_i)C$. From the latter and condition 3, s satisfies B and s does not satisfy $(\forall x_i)C$. Hence, by condition 4, there is a sequence s' , differing from s in at most the i th place, such that s' does not satisfy C . Since x_i is free in neither $(\forall x_i)(B \Rightarrow C)$ nor B , and since s satisfies both of these wfs, it follows by (VIII) that s' also satisfies both $(\forall x_i)(B \Rightarrow C)$ and B . Since s' satisfies $(\forall x_i)(B \Rightarrow C)$, it follows by condition 4 that s' satisfies $B \Rightarrow C$. Since s' satisfies $B \Rightarrow C$ and B , condition 3 implies that s' satisfies C , which contradicts the fact that s' does not satisfy C . Hence (XI) is established.

Exercises

2.10 Prove (I) - (X)

2.11 Prove that a closed wf B is true for M if and only if B is satisfied by some sequence s in Σ . (Remember that Σ is the set of denumerable sequences of elements in the domain in M .)

2.12 Find the properties or relations determined by the following wfs and interpretations:

a. $[(\exists u)A_1^2(f_1^2(x, u), y)] \wedge [(\exists v)A_1^2(f_1^2(x, v), z)]$, where the domain D is the set of integers, A_1^2 is $=$, and f_1^2 is multiplication.

b. Here, D is the set of non-negative integers, A_1^2 is $=$, a_1 denotes 0, f_1^2 is addition and f_2^2 is multiplication

i. $[(\exists z)(\neg A_1^2(z, a_1) \wedge A_1^2(f_1^2(x, z), y))]$

ii. $(\exists y)A_1^2(x, f_2^2(y, y))$

c. $(\exists x_3)A_1^2(f_1^2(x, x_3), x_2)$, where D is the set of positive integers, A_1^2 is $=$, and f_1^2 is multiplication.