Introduction to Predicate Logic

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▶ We will also translate into PL with a *symbolization key*, except that these symbolization keys will tell us what each relevant *name* and *predicate* of PL means.

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- ▶ Note: if one of our *names* refers to something, then that thing must be included in the domain.

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says:

No \mathcal{F} s in the domain are \mathcal{G}

No F in the domain is S

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No F in the domain is S

Every \mathcal{F} in the domain is not \mathcal{G}

• Given a domain,

$$\neg \exists x (\mathcal{F} x \land \mathcal{G} x)$$

says:

No Fs in the domain are F

No \mathcal{F} in the domain is \mathcal{G}

Every F in the domain is not S

Domain: all reptiles

W____: is warm-blooded

$$\forall y \neg Wy$$

Domain: all animals

W____: is warm-blooded

$$\forall y \neg Wy$$

Domain: all animals

W____: is warm-blooded

*R*_____: is a reptile

 $\forall y \neg Wy$

Domain: all animals

W____: is warm-blooded

*R*_____: is a reptile

$$\forall y (Ry \to \neg Wy)$$

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- ▶ Some F is S

- Some mammals are carnivorous
 - Some mammal is carnivorous

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- ▶ Some Fs are Ss
- ▶ Some F is S
- ▶ There are $\mathscr{G} \mathscr{F}$ s

- Some mammals are carnivorous
- Some mammal is carnivorous
- There are carnivorous mammals

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$$\exists x (\mathcal{F}x \land \mathcal{G}x)$$

says:

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Some Fs in the domain are F

Some \mathcal{F} in the domain is \mathcal{G}

There are $\mathcal{G} \mathcal{F}$ s in the domain

• Given a domain,

$$\exists y (\mathscr{F}y \wedge \mathscr{G}y)$$

says:

Some Fs in the domain are F

Some \mathcal{F} in the domain is \mathcal{G}

There are $\mathcal{G} \mathcal{F}$ s in the domain

• Given a domain,

$$\exists z (\mathcal{F}z \land \mathcal{G}z)$$

says:

Some Fs in the domain are F

Some \mathcal{F} in the domain is \mathcal{G}

There are $\mathcal{G} \mathcal{F}$ s in the domain

Domain: all mammals

C_____ : ____ is carnivorous

 $\exists z \ Cz$

Domain: all animals

C_____ : _____ is carnivorous

 $\exists z \ Cz$

Domain: all animals

C_____ : ____ is carnivorous

M_____: ____is a mammal

 $\exists z \ Cz$

Domain: all animals

*C*_____ : ____ is carnivorous

*M*_____ : ____ is a mammal

 $\exists x (Mx \land Cx)$

Some \mathcal{F} s are not \mathcal{G} s

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- ▶ Some Fs are not Ss Some mammals are not carnivorous

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Some \mathcal{F} s are not \mathcal{G} s

- All of the following mean the same thing, and so can be translated into PL in the same way:
- Some Fs are not Ss Some mammals are not carnivorous
- Some ℱ is not ℱ
 Some mammal is not carnivorous
- ▶ There are non- $\mathscr{G} \mathscr{F}$ s There are non-carnivorous mammals

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$$\exists x (\mathscr{F}x \land \neg \mathscr{G}x)$$

says:

Some Fs in the domain are not F

• Given a domain,

$$\exists x (\mathcal{F}x \land \neg \mathcal{G}x)$$

says:

Some \mathcal{F} s in the domain are not \mathcal{G}

Some \mathcal{F} in the domain is not \mathcal{G}

• Given a domain,

$$\exists x (\mathscr{F}x \land \neg \mathscr{G}x)$$

says:

Some \mathcal{F} s in the domain are not \mathcal{G}

Some \mathcal{F} in the domain is not \mathcal{G}

There are non- $\mathcal{G} \mathcal{F}$ s in the domain

• Given a domain,

$$\exists w (\mathscr{F} w \wedge \neg \mathscr{G} w)$$

says:

Some Fs in the domain are not F

Some \mathcal{F} in the domain is not \mathcal{G}

There are non- $\mathcal{G} \mathcal{F}$ s in the domain

• Given a domain,

$$\exists z (\mathscr{F}z \land \neg \mathscr{G}z)$$

says:

Some \mathcal{F} s in the domain are not \mathcal{G}

Some \mathcal{F} in the domain is not \mathcal{G}

There are non- $\mathcal{G} \mathcal{F}$ s in the domain

Domain: all mammals

C_____: _____is carnivorous

 $\exists z \neg Cz$

Domain: all animals

C_____ : _____ is carnivorous

 $\exists z \neg Cz$

Domain: all animals

C_____: _____is carnivorous

*M*_____ : ____ is a mammal

 $\exists z \neg Cz$

Domain: all animals

C_____ : _____ is carnivorous

M____: ____ is a mammal

 $\exists x (Mx \land \neg Cx)$

$$\forall x (\mathfrak{F} x \to \mathfrak{G} x)$$

- ▶ All Fs are Ss
- ▶ No Fs are Ss

$$\forall x (\mathfrak{F} x \to \mathfrak{G} x)$$

$$\forall x (\mathfrak{F}x \to \neg \mathfrak{G}x)$$

- ▶ All Fs are Ss
- ▶ No Fs are Ss
- ▶ Some Fs are Ss

$$\forall x (\mathcal{F}x \to \mathcal{G}x)$$

$$\forall x (\mathcal{F}x \to \neg \mathcal{G}x)$$

$$\exists x (\mathcal{F}x \land \mathcal{G}x)$$

- ▶ All Fs are Ss
- ▶ No Fs are Ss
- ▶ Some Fs are Ss
- ▶ Some Fs are not Ss

$$\forall x (\mathcal{F}x \to \mathcal{G}x)$$

$$\forall x (\mathcal{F}x \to \neg \mathcal{G}x)$$

$$\exists x (\mathscr{F}x \wedge \mathscr{G}x)$$

$$\exists x (\mathscr{F}x \land \neg \mathscr{G}x)$$