
Terms & Forms of PFOL as Strings

(Exercise 43)

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EBNF

Extended Backus-Naur Form (Extended BNF)

- ISO/IEC 14977:1996(E)
- <http://www.iso.ch/cate/d26153.html> (~\$65)
- <http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mgk25/iso-14977.pdf>
- Final version of draft that project editor made available

Key Difference to BNF: Repeated Sequence

Example:

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Fortran 77 continuation line = 5 * " " ,  
(character - ( " " | "0" )), 66 * [character] ;
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SYNTAX OF PFOL: TERMS AND FORMULAS

$$T1 \frac{x \in \mathcal{V}}{\mathbf{term}_L[x]} \quad T2 \frac{c \in \mathcal{C}}{\mathbf{term}_L[c]}$$

$$T3 \frac{x \in \mathcal{V}, \mathbf{form}_L[\varphi]}{\mathbf{term}_L[(I x. \varphi)]}$$

$$T4 \frac{f \in \mathcal{F}(n\text{-ary}), \mathbf{term}_L[t_1], \dots, \mathbf{term}_L[t_n]}{\mathbf{term}_L[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)]}$$

$$F1 \frac{p \in \mathcal{P}(n\text{-ary}), \mathbf{term}_L[t_1], \dots, \mathbf{term}_L[t_n]}{\mathbf{form}_L[p(t_1, \dots, t_n)]}$$

$$F2 \frac{\mathbf{form}_L[\varphi]}{\mathbf{form}_L[\neg\varphi]} \quad F3 \frac{\mathbf{form}_L[\varphi], \mathbf{form}_L[\psi]}{\mathbf{form}_L[(\varphi \Rightarrow \psi)]}$$

$$F4 \frac{x \in \mathcal{V}, \mathbf{form}_L[\varphi]}{\mathbf{form}_L[(\forall x. \varphi)]}$$

EBNF FORM OF PFOL SYNTAX

term_L = $x \in \mathcal{V}$ *T1*

| $c \in \mathcal{C}$ *T2*

| $"(", "I", x \in \mathcal{V}, ".", \mathbf{form}_L, ")"$ *T3*

| *n*-ary_function, $"(", \mathbf{term}_L, (n - 1) * ("", ", \mathbf{term}_L), ")"$ *T4*

form_L = *n*-ary_predicate, $"(", \mathbf{term}_L, (n - 1) * ("", ", \mathbf{term}_L), ")"$ *F1*

| $"\neg", \mathbf{form}_L$ *F2*

| $"(", \mathbf{form}_L, " \Rightarrow ", \mathbf{form}_L, ")"$ | *F3*

| $"(", "\forall", x \in \mathcal{V}, ".", \mathbf{form}_L, ")"$ *F4*

A SIMPLE EXAMPLE

The Equation

$$(P(x) \Rightarrow \neg Q(x))$$

With the following language: $L = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$

$$\mathcal{V} = \{x\}, \mathcal{C} = \{\}, \mathcal{F} = \{\}, \mathcal{P} = \{P, Q\}$$

The Confirmation of the Syntax

$$\mathbf{term}_L[1] = x \quad \text{By T1}$$

$$\mathbf{form}_L[1] = P(x) \quad \text{By F1}$$

$$\mathbf{form}_L[2] = Q(x) \quad \text{By F1}$$

$$\mathbf{form}_L[3] = \neg \mathbf{form}_L[2] \quad \text{By F2}$$

$$\mathbf{form}_L[4] = \mathbf{form}_L[1] \Rightarrow \mathbf{form}_L[3] \quad \text{By F3}$$

A MORE COMPLICATED EXAMPLE

First, Expand:

$$|x| \simeq \text{if}(x < 0, -x, x)$$

With the following language: $L = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$

$$\mathcal{V} = \{x, y, z\}, \mathcal{C} = \{0\}, \mathcal{F} = \{\text{abs}, -\}, \mathcal{P} = \{<, =\}$$

Becomes (with a bit less shorthand):

$$\varphi = \text{abs}(x) = \mathbf{term}_L \text{ by T4 and T1}$$

$$\theta = <(x, 0) = \mathbf{form}_L \text{ by F1, T1, and T2}$$

$$\psi = \text{if}(\theta, -x, x)$$

$$= (Iy. \neg((\theta \Rightarrow = (y, -(x))) \Rightarrow \neg(\neg\theta \Rightarrow = (y, x)))) = \mathbf{term}_L$$

$$\varphi \simeq \psi$$

$$(\varphi \downarrow \vee \psi \downarrow) \Rightarrow (\varphi = \psi)$$

$$(\neg \exists z. = (z, \varphi) \Rightarrow \exists z. = (z, \psi)) \Rightarrow (= (\varphi, \psi))$$

$$((\forall z. \neg = (z, \varphi)) \Rightarrow \neg(\forall z. \neg = (z, \psi))) \Rightarrow (= (\varphi, \psi))$$

Application of Syntax Rules: ✓

Syntactically Correct Formula!

CONCLUSION

- It's possible to define the set of terms and the set of formulas of PFOL as two sets of strings by mutual recursion.
- Using this method, we can verify the syntax of a PFOL expression.