

Worksheet 4 — April 2

1. Schematize the following (define your own predicates explicitly):

- (i) Every jedi has been trained by someone.
- (ii) Someone has trained all of the jedi.
- (iii) Some secret agent has everyone's contact information.
- (iv) No student is smarter than every student.

2. Schematize the following sentences. Use the following predicate letters with their intended interpretations:

D = “① defeated ②”
 E = “① is the enemy of ②”
 F = “② decides the fate of ①”
 G = “① is a gladiator”
 W = “③ watched ① fight ②”

- (i) Every gladiator has defeated another gladiator.
- (ii) No gladiator has defeated him/herself.¹
- (iii) Someone decides the fate of every gladiator. (Two readings; schematize both)
- (iv) Everyone has an enemy, but no one is his/her own enemy.
- (v) If someone's enemies has enemies, then they are that person's enemies as well.
- (vi) Every gladiator has defeated everyone that was defeated by someone he has defeated.
- (vii) x was defeated by one of his/her enemies.
- (viii) If x is the enemy of y , then x decides the fate of y provided that x defeated y .
- (ix) x decides the fate of y iff x watched y fight someone that defeated y .
- (x) Someone decides the fate of all and only those who doesn't decide their own fate.²
- (xi) Every gladiator who was watched fighting their enemy decided the fate of another gladiator they watched their enemy fight.
- (xii) No gladiator watched someone who decided their fate fight someone else.

¹ Fun fact: did you know there were female gladiators? Technically, the term is “gladiatrix”.

² Is there something weird about this sentence?

3. Translate the following schemata into clear, idiomatic English.

Example: Translate: $\forall x (Fx \supset \exists y Rxy)$

“Every object is such that if it is F , there is something that it R ’s”

i.e. “Everything that’s F also R ’s something.”

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| (i) $\forall x (Fx \supset \forall y Rxy)$ | (iv) $\exists x \forall y (Rxy) \supset \forall x \exists y (Ryx)$ |
| (ii) $\exists x (Fx \cdot \forall y Rxy)$ | (v) $\forall x \forall y (Rxy \cdot Fy \supset Gx) \vee \exists x Hxx$ |
| (iii) $\forall x \exists y \forall z (Ryz \supset Sxz)$ | (vi) $\exists x \forall y (Rxy \equiv \neg Rxx)$ |

4. (For the math aficionados): Given the standard interpretation of the symbols below, what do the following sentences say, and what mathematical concept(s) are they describing? (Note: for some relation symbols, we use *infix* notation, i.e. we write “ xRy ” instead of “ Rxy ”)

- (a) $\forall x \forall y \exists z (x < z \cdot y < z), \forall x \forall y \exists z (z < x \cdot z < y)$
- (b) $\forall x \forall y \exists z (z|x \cdot z|y \cdot \forall u (u|x \cdot u|y \supset u|z))$
- (c) $\forall x (x \sim x) \cdot \forall x \forall y (x \sim y \supset y \sim x) \cdot \forall x \forall y \forall z (x \sim y \cdot y \sim z \supset x \sim z)$
- (d) $\forall x (\neg(x < x)) \cdot \forall x \forall y ((x < y) \vee (y < x) \vee (x = y)) \cdot \forall x \forall y \forall z (x < y \cdot y < z \supset x < z)$
- (e) $\forall x \forall y \forall z ((x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)) \cdot \forall x (x \cdot 1 = x) \cdot \forall x (x \cdot x^{-1} = 1)$ ³

Can you think of a mathematical concept that cannot be completely described by a first-order sentence? (I’m thinking of a rather basic concept)

³ Note: we haven’t technically introduced *function symbols* in our language, like “.” or “ $^{-1}$ ”; nor have we introduced *constants* like “1.” But we can treat all such instances of functions and constants as special kinds of *relations*, so no harm is done importing them into our language here.