

Predicate Logic Definition Contd.

• Formulae of logic algebra:

t_1, \dots, t_n terms, $r \in R$ n -ary relation $\Rightarrow r(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ atomic formula

α, β formulae $\Rightarrow \neg \alpha, \alpha \vee \beta, \alpha \wedge \beta, \alpha \rightarrow \beta, \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$ formulae

$\alpha(x)$ formula, x variable $\Rightarrow \forall x \alpha(x), \exists x \alpha(x)$ formulae

(\forall and \exists are called quantifiers)

• Sentence of logic algebra:

Every formula whose variables have been quantified is sentence.
(quantified var. also called bound, and otherwise free)

• Example ($\mathbb{N}, 0, 1, +, \cdot, <$):

Terms: $0, 1$
 x, y, z, \dots

$t_1 + t_2, t_1 \cdot t_2$

$(x+y, xz+1, (x^2+z)(x+1))$

Formulae: $x = (t_1 < t_2)$

$(x+y+y < z+1)$

$\neg \alpha, \alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2, \alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2$

$\neg (x+y < z) \vee (x+1 < y+z)$

$\exists x \alpha, \forall x \alpha$

$\exists x \forall y (x < y), y \cdot z < x^2$

• Given 1st order formula $F(x)$ over numbers, examples of 1st-order sentences

Exist at least n numbers satisfying $F(x)$: $\exists x_1, \dots, \exists x_n \left(\bigwedge_{i,j} \neg (x_i = x_j) \wedge \bigwedge_i F(x_i) \right)$

Exist at most n numbers satisfying $F(x)$: $\forall x_1, \dots, \forall x_{n+1} \left(\bigwedge_i F(x_i) \rightarrow \bigvee_{i,j} (x_i = x_j) \right)$

Exist infinitely numbers satisfying $F(x)$: $\forall x \exists y ((x < y) \wedge F(y))$

Exist finitely many numbers satisfying $F(x)$: $\exists x \forall y (F(y) \rightarrow (y < x))$