## Many-Argument Relations

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**Summary.** Definitions of relations based on finite sequences. The arity of relation, the set of logical values *Boolean* consisting of *false* and *true* and the operations of negation and conjunction on them are defined.

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The notation and terminology used in this paper have been introduced in the following papers: [5], [2], [1], [3], and [4]. In the sequel x, y will be arbitrary, k will denote a natural number, and D will denote a non-empty set. Let B, A be non-empty sets, and let b be an element of B. Then  $A \mapsto b$  is an element of  $B^A$ .

A set is said to be a relation if:

for an arbitrary x such that  $x \in \text{it holds } x$  is a finite sequence and for all finite sequences a, b such that  $a \in \text{it and } b \in \text{it holds len } a = \text{len } b$ .

We follow a convention: X denotes a set, p, r denote relations, and a, b denote finite sequences. We now state several propositions:

- (4)<sup>2</sup> For every X such that for every x such that  $x \in X$  holds x is a finite sequence and for all a, b such that  $a \in X$  and  $b \in X$  holds len a = len b holds X is a relation.
- (5) If  $x \in p$ , then x is a finite sequence.
- (6) If  $a \in p$  and  $b \in p$ , then  $\operatorname{len} a = \operatorname{len} b$ .
- (7) If  $X \subseteq p$ , then X is a relation.
- (8)  $\{a\}$  is a relation.
- (9)  $\{\langle x, y \rangle\}$  is a relation.

The scheme *rel\_exist* concerns a set  $\mathcal{A}$ , and a unary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

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there exists r such that for every a holds  $a \in r$  if and only if  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{P}[a]$  provided the parameters satisfy the following condition:

• for all a, b such that  $\mathcal{P}[a]$  and  $\mathcal{P}[b]$  holds len a = len b.

Let us consider p, r. Let us note that one can characterize the predicate p = r by the following (equivalent) condition: for every a holds  $a \in p$  if and only if  $a \in r$ .

We now state the proposition

(10) p = r if and only if for every a holds  $a \in p$  if and only if  $a \in r$ .

The relation  $\emptyset$  is defined by:

 $a \notin \emptyset$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (11)  $a \notin \emptyset$ .
- (12)  $p = \emptyset$  if and only if for no *a* holds  $a \in p$ .
- (13)  $\emptyset = \emptyset.$

Let us consider p. Let us assume that  $p \neq \emptyset$ . The functor  $\operatorname{Arity}(p)$  yielding a natural number is defined by:

for every a such that  $a \in p$  holds  $\operatorname{Arity}(p) = \operatorname{len} a$ .

We now state two propositions:

- (14) If  $p \neq \emptyset$ , then for every k holds  $k = \operatorname{Arity}(p)$  if and only if for every a such that  $a \in p$  holds  $k = \operatorname{len} a$ .
- (15) If  $a \in p$  and  $p \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\operatorname{Arity}(p) = \operatorname{len} a$ .

Let us consider k. A relation is called a k-ary relation if:

for every a such that  $a \in it$  holds len a = k.

One can prove the following two propositions:

- (16) For all k, r such that for every a such that  $a \in r$  holds len a = k holds r is a k-ary relation.
- (17) For every k-ary relation r such that  $a \in r$  holds len a = k.

Let X be a set. A relation is called a relation on X if:

for every a such that  $a \in \text{it holds rng } a \subseteq X$ .

In the sequel X denotes a set. Next we state four propositions:

- (18) For all X, r such that for every a such that  $a \in r$  holds  $\operatorname{rng} a \subseteq X$  holds r is a relation on X.
- (19) For every relation r on X such that  $a \in r$  holds rng  $a \subseteq X$ .
- (20)  $\emptyset$  is a relation on X.
- (21)  $\emptyset$  is a *k*-ary relation.

Let us consider X, k. A relation is called a k-ary relation of X if: it is a relation on X and it is a k-ary relation.

Next we state two propositions:

(22) For every relation r holds r is a k-ary relation of X if and only if r is a relation on X and r is a k-ary relation.

(23) For every k-ary relation R of X holds R is a relation on X and R is a k-ary relation.

Let us consider D. The functor  $\operatorname{Rel}(D)$  yielding a non-empty family of sets is defined as follows:

for every X holds  $X \in \operatorname{Rel}(D)$  if and only if  $X \subseteq D^*$  and for all finite sequences a, b of elements of D such that  $a \in X$  and  $b \in X$  holds  $\operatorname{len} a = \operatorname{len} b$ .

The following propositions are true:

- (24) For every non-empty set D and for every non-empty family S of sets holds  $S = \operatorname{Rel}(D)$  if and only if for every X holds  $X \in S$  if and only if  $X \subseteq D^*$  and for all finite sequences a, b of elements of D such that  $a \in X$  and  $b \in X$  holds len  $a = \operatorname{len} b$ .
- (25)  $X \in \operatorname{Rel}(D)$  if and only if  $X \subseteq D^*$  and for all finite sequences a, b of elements of D such that  $a \in X$  and  $b \in X$  holds  $\operatorname{len} a = \operatorname{len} b$ .

Let D be a non-empty set. A relation on D is an element of Rel(D).

In the sequel a will denote a finite sequence of elements of D and p, r will denote elements of Rel(D). Next we state three propositions:

- (26) If  $X \subseteq r$ , then X is an element of  $\operatorname{Rel}(D)$ .
- (27)  $\{a\}$  is an element of  $\operatorname{Rel}(D)$ .
- (28) For all elements x, y of D holds  $\{\langle x, y \rangle\}$  is an element of  $\operatorname{Rel}(D)$ .

Let us consider D, p, r. Let us note that one can characterize the predicate p = r by the following (equivalent) condition: for every a holds  $a \in p$  if and only if  $a \in r$ .

One can prove the following proposition

(29) p = r if and only if for every a holds  $a \in p$  if and only if  $a \in r$ .

The scheme *rel\_D\_exist* deals with a non-empty set  $\mathcal{A}$ , and a unary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

there exists an element r of  $\operatorname{Rel}(\mathcal{A})$  such that for every finite sequence a of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  holds  $a \in r$  if and only if  $\mathcal{P}[a]$ 

provided the parameters satisfy the following condition:

• for all finite sequences a, b of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[a]$  and  $\mathcal{P}[b]$  holds len a = len b.

Let us consider D. The functor  $\emptyset_D$  yielding an element of  $\operatorname{Rel}(D)$  is defined as follows:

 $a \notin \emptyset_D$ .

The following three propositions are true:

(30)  $r = \emptyset_D$  if and only if for no *a* holds  $a \in r$ .

(31) 
$$a \notin \emptyset_D$$
.

Let us consider D, p. Let us assume that  $p \neq \emptyset_D$ . The functor  $\operatorname{Arity}(p)$  yielding a natural number is defined by:

if  $a \in p$ , then  $\operatorname{Arity}(p) = \operatorname{len} a$ .

Next we state two propositions:

(33) If  $p \neq \varnothing_D$ , then for every k holds  $k = \operatorname{Arity}(p)$  if and only if for every a such that  $a \in p$  holds  $k = \operatorname{len} a$ .

(34) If  $a \in p$  and  $p \neq \emptyset_D$ , then  $\operatorname{Arity}(p) = \operatorname{len} a$ .

The scheme *rel\_D\_exist2* concerns a non-empty set  $\mathcal{A}$ , a natural number  $\mathcal{B}$ , and a unary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

there exists an element r of  $\operatorname{Rel}(\mathcal{A})$  such that for every finite sequence a of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\operatorname{len} a = \mathcal{B}$  holds  $a \in r$  if and only if  $\mathcal{P}[a]$  for all values of the parameters.

The non-empty set *Boolean* is defined by:

 $Boolean = \{0, 1\}.$ 

We now define two new functors. The element *false* of *Boolean* is defined by: false = 0.

The element *true* of *Boolean* is defined as follows:

true = 1.

The following four propositions are true:

- (35)  $Boolean = \{0, 1\}.$
- (36) false = 0 and true = 1.
- $(37) \quad Boolean = \{ false, true \}.$
- (38)  $false \neq true.$

In the sequel u, v, w will denote elements of *Boolean*. Next we state the proposition

(39) v = false or v = true.

We now define two new functors. Let us consider v. The functor  $\neg v$  yielding an element of *Boolean* is defined by:

 $\neg v = true \text{ if } v = false, \ \neg v = false \text{ if } v = true.$ 

Let us consider w. The functor  $v \wedge w$  yielding an element of *Boolean* is defined by:

 $v \wedge w = true$  if v = true and w = true,  $v \wedge w = false$ , otherwise.

The following propositions are true:

- $(40) \quad \neg(\neg v) = v.$
- (41) v = false if and only if  $\neg v = true$  but v = true if and only if  $\neg v = false$ .
- (42) If  $v \neq false$ , then v = true but if  $v \neq true$ , then v = false.
- (43)  $v \neq true$  if and only if v = false.
- (44) It is not true that: v = true and w = true if and only if v = false or w = false.
- (45)  $v \wedge w = true$  if and only if v = true and w = true but  $v \wedge w = false$  if and only if v = false or w = false.
- (46)  $v \wedge \neg v = false.$
- (47)  $\neg (v \land \neg v) = true.$
- (48)  $v \wedge w = w \wedge v.$
- (49)  $false \wedge v = false.$

- (50)  $true \wedge v = v.$
- (51) If  $v \wedge v = false$ , then v = false.
- (52)  $v \wedge (w \wedge u) = (v \wedge w) \wedge u.$

Let us consider X. The functor  $Boolean(false \notin X)$  yields an element of *Boolean* and is defined as follows:

 $Boolean(false \notin X) = true \text{ if } false \notin X, Boolean(false \notin X) = false, \text{ otherwise.}$ 

One can prove the following proposition

(53)  $false \notin X$  if and only if  $Boolean(false \notin X) = true$  but  $false \in X$  if and only if  $Boolean(false \notin X) = false$ .

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