

# Identity Logic

$r=l$  = Romeo is the lover of Juliet. (identity)

$Ir$  = Romeo is Italian. (predication)

$(\exists x)Ix$  = There are Italians. (existence)

The result of writing a small letter and then “=” and then a small letter is a wff.

Romeo isn't the lover of Juliet =  $\sim r=1$

Someone besides Romeo is Italian =  $(\exists x)(\sim x=r \cdot Ix)$   
Someone who isn't Romeo is Italian

Romeo alone is Italian =  $(Ir \cdot \sim(\exists x)(\sim x=r \cdot Ix))$   
Romeo is Italian but no one else is

There's at least one Italian =  $(\exists x)Ix$

There are at least two Italians =  $(\exists x)(\exists y)((Ix \cdot Iy) \cdot \sim x=y)$



*Exactly one* is dark

$$(\exists x)(Dx \cdot \sim(\exists y)(\sim y=x \cdot Dy))$$

For some  $x$ ,  $x$  is dark and there's no  $y$   
such that  $y \neq x$  and  $y$  is dark



*Exactly two* are dark

$$(\exists x)(\exists y)((Dx \cdot Dy) \cdot \sim x=y) \cdot \sim(\exists z)((\sim z=x \cdot \sim z=y) \cdot Dz)$$

For some  $x$  and some  $y$ ,  $x$  is dark and  $y$  is dark and  $x \neq y$   
and there's no  $z$  such that  $z \neq x$  and  $z \neq y$  and  $z$  is dark

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

If exactly one being is F  
and exactly one being is G  
and nothing is F-and-G,  
then exactly two beings  
are F-or-G.

$$\begin{aligned} & (((\exists x)(Fx \cdot \sim(\exists y)(\sim y=x \cdot Fy)) \\ & \cdot (\exists x)(Gx \cdot \sim(\exists y)(\sim y=x \cdot Gy))) \\ & \cdot \sim(\exists x)(Fx \cdot Gx)) \supset \\ & (\exists x)(\exists y)((F_x \vee G_x) \cdot (F_y \vee G_y)) \cdot (\sim x=y \\ & \cdot \sim(\exists z)((\sim z=x \cdot \sim z=y) \cdot (Fz \vee Gz)))) \end{aligned}$$



# Identity Principles

Self-identity  
axiom

$$a=a$$

Substitute-equals  
rule

$$a=b, Fa \rightarrow Fb$$

There's more than one being. (pluralism)

∴ It's false that there's exactly one being. (monism)

- \* 1  $(\exists x)(\exists y)\sim x=y$  Valid
- $[\therefore \sim(\exists x)(y)y=x$
- \* 2  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{asm: } (\exists x)(y)y=x \\ \therefore (\exists y)\sim a=y \quad \{\text{from 1}\} \\ \therefore \sim a=b \quad \{\text{from 3}\} \\ \therefore (y)y=c \quad \{\text{from 2}\} \\ \therefore a=c \quad \{\text{from 5}\} \\ \therefore b=c \quad \{\text{from 5}\} \\ \therefore a=b \quad \{\text{from 6 and 7}\} \\ \therefore \sim(\exists x)(y)y=x \quad \{\text{from 2; 4 contradicts 8}\} \end{array} \right.$

# Do we need to qualify the substitute-equals rule?

Jones believes that Lincoln is on the penny.

Lincoln is the first Republican president.

∴ Jones believes that the first Republican  
president is on the penny.

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l=r

∴ Br

# Relational Logic

$Lrj$  = Romeo loves Juliet.

$Bxyz$  = x is between y and z.

The result of writing a capital letter and then two or more small letters is a wff.



Juliet loves Romeo =  $Ljr$   
Juliet loves herself =  $Ljj$   
Juliet loves Romeo but not Paris =  $(Ljr \cdot \sim Ljp)$

Everyone loves him/herself =  $(x)Lxx$   
Someone loves him/herself =  $(\exists x)Lxx$   
No one loves him/herself =  $\sim(\exists x)Lxx$

Someone (everyone,  
no one) loves Romeo

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For some (all, no) x,  
x loves Romeo.

Normally put  
quantifiers  
*before* relations.

Romeo loves someone  
(everyone, no one)

=

For some (all, no) x,  
Romeo loves x.

Someone loves Romeo =  $(\exists x)Lxr$   
For some x, x loves Romeo

Everyone loves Romeo =  $(x)Lxr$   
For all x, x loves Romeo

No one loves Romeo =  $\sim(\exists x)Lxr$   
It's not the case that, for  
some x, x loves Romeo

Romeo loves someone =  $(\exists x)Lrx$   
For some x, Romeo loves x

Romeo loves everyone =  $(x)Lrx$   
For all x, Romeo loves x

Romeo loves no one =  $\sim(\exists x)Lrx$   
It's not the case that, for  
some x, Romeo loves x

Some Montague loves Juliet =  $(\exists x)(Mx \cdot Lxj)$   
For some x, x is a Montague and x loves Juliet

All Montagues love Juliet =  $(x)(Mx \supset Lxj)$   
For all x, if x is a Montague then x loves Juliet

Romeo loves some Capulet =  $(\exists x)(Cx \cdot Lrx)$   
For some x, x is a Capulet and Romeo loves x

Romeo loves all Capulets =  $(x)(Cx \supset Lrx)$   
For all x, if x is a Capulet then Romeo loves x

Some Montague besides Romeo loves Juliet

$$(\exists x)((Mx \cdot \sim x=r) \cdot Lxj)$$

For some x, x is a Montague and x ≠ Romeo and x loves Juliet

Romeo loves all Capulets besides Juliet

$$(x)((Cx \cdot \sim x=j) \supset Lrx)$$

For all x, if x is a Capulet and x ≠ Juliet then Romeo loves x

Romeo loves all Capulets who love themselves

$$(x)((Cx \cdot Lxx) \supset Lrx)$$

For all x, if x is a Capulet and x loves x then Romeo loves x

These have two different relations:

All who know Juliet love Juliet

$$(\forall x)(Kxj \supset Lxj)$$

For all x, if x knows Juliet then x loves Juliet

All who know themselves love themselves

$$(\forall x)(Kxx \supset Lxx)$$

For all x, if x knows x then x loves x

These have two quantifiers:

Someone loves someone

$$(\exists x)(\exists y)Lxy$$

For some x and for some y, x loves y

Everyone loves everyone

$$(x)(y)Lxy$$

For all x and for all y, x loves y

Every Montague hates every Capulet

$$(x)(y)((Mx \cdot Cy) \supset Hxy)$$

For all x and for all y, if x is a Montague  
and y is a Capulet then x hates y

Everyone loves someone.

For all x there's some y,  
such that x loves y.

$$(\forall x)(\exists y)Lxy$$

There's someone who everyone loves.

There's some y such that,  
for all x, x loves y.

$$(\exists y)(\forall x)Lxy$$

weaker claim

$$(\forall x)(\exists y)$$

stronger claim

$$(\exists y)(\forall x)$$

Every Capulet loves some Montague

For all x, if x is a Capulet then x loves some Montague

$(x)(Cx \supset x \text{ loves some Montague})$

$(x)(Cx \supset \text{for some } y, y \text{ is a Montague and } x \text{ loves } y)$

$(x)(Cx \supset (\exists y)(My \cdot Lxy))$

Every Capulet loves someone

For all x, if x is a Capulet then x loves someone

$(x)(Cx \supset x \text{ loves someone})$

$(x)(Cx \supset \text{for some } y, x \text{ loves } y)$

$(x)(Cx \supset (\exists y)Lxy)$

Everyone loves some Montague

For all x, x loves some Montague

$(x) x \text{ loves some Montague}$

$(x) \text{for some } y, y \text{ is a Montague and } x \text{ loves } y$

$(x)(\exists y)(My \cdot Lxy)$



Some Capulet loves every Montague

For some x, x is a Capulet and x loves every Montague

$(\exists x)(Cx \cdot x \text{ loves every Montague})$

$(\exists x)(Cx \cdot \text{for all } y, \text{ if } y \text{ is a Montague then } x \text{ loves } y)$

$(\exists x)(Cx \cdot (y)(My \supset Lxy))$

Some Capulet loves everyone

For some x, x is a Capulet and x loves everyone

$(\exists x)(Cx \cdot x \text{ loves everyone})$

$(\exists x)(Cx \cdot \text{for all } y, x \text{ loves } y)$

$(\exists x)(Cx \cdot (y)Lxy)$

Someone loves every Montague

For some x, x loves every Montague

$(\exists x) x \text{ loves every Montague}$

$(\exists x) \text{for all } y, \text{ if } y \text{ is a Montague then } x \text{ loves } y$

$(\exists x)(y)(My \supset Lxy)$

There's an unloved lover

For some  $x$ ,  $x$  is unloved (no one loves  $x$ ) and  
 $x$  is a lover ( $x$  loves someone)

$$(\exists x)(\sim(\exists y)Lyx \cdot (\exists y)Lxy)$$

Everyone loves a lover

For all  $x$ , if  $x$  is a lover ( $x$  loves someone) then everyone loves  $x$

$$(x)((\exists y)Lxy \supset (y)Lyx)$$

Romeo loves all and only those who don't love themselves

For all  $x$ , Romeo loves  $x$  if and only if  $x$  doesn't love  $x$

$$(x)(Lrx \equiv \sim Lxx)$$

All who know any person love that person

For all  $x$  and all  $y$ , if  $x$  knows  $y$  then  $x$  loves  $y$

$$(x)(y)(Kxy \supset Lxy)$$

## Reflexive / Irreflexive

Everyone loves himself =  $(x)Lxx$

No one loves himself =  $(x)\sim Lxx$

## Symmetrical / Asymmetrical

Universally, if x loves y then y loves x [does not love x] =  $(x)(y)(Lxy \supset Lyx)$   
=  $(x)(y)(Lxy \supset \sim Lyx)$

## Transitive / Intransitive

Universally, if x loves y and y loves z, then x loves z [does not love z] =  $(x)(y)(z)((Lxy \cdot Lyz) \supset Lxz)$   
=  $(x)(y)(z)((Lxy \cdot Lyz) \supset \sim Lxz)$

	1	$(x)Lxx$	Valid
		$[ \therefore (x)(\exists y)Lxy$	
*	2	$asm: \sim(x)(\exists y)Lxy$	
*	3	$\therefore (\exists x)\sim(\exists y)Lxy \quad \{\text{from 2}\}$	
*	4	$\therefore \sim(\exists y)Lay \quad \{\text{from 3}\}$	
	5	$\therefore (y)\sim Lay \quad \{\text{from 4}\}$	
	6	$\therefore \sim Laa \quad \{\text{from 5}\}$	
	7	$\therefore Laa \quad \{\text{from 1}\}$	
	8	$\therefore (x)(\exists y)Lxy \quad \{\text{from 2; 4 contradicts 6}\}$	

Relational proofs are often tricky, even though they use no new inference rules. When you have a string of quantifiers, as in lines 2 and 3 above, work on one at a time, starting from the outside. Drop only *initial* quantifiers!

<p>1    <math>(x)(\exists y)Lxy</math>  [ <math>\therefore Laa</math>  2    asm: <math>\sim Laa</math>  * 3    <math>\therefore (\exists y)Lay</math>    {from 1}  4    <math>\therefore Lab</math>    {from 3}  5    <math>\therefore (\exists y)Lby</math>    {from 1}</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Invalid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a, b</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <math>\sim Laa, Lab, Lba</math> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><math>\rightarrow</math> get c, d, ...</p>
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“(x)(∃y)” often generates an endless loop:

<p>Since everyone loves someone <math>(x)(\exists y)Lxy</math></p>	<p>a loves someone, call this person b  b loves someone, call this person c  c loves someone, call this person d ...</p>
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If you see an endless loop coming, break out of it  
(usually stop at two constants) and *invent a refutation*.

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| <p>1    <math>(x)Lxx</math><br/> [ <math>\therefore (\exists x)(y)Lyx</math><br/> * 2    asm: <math>\sim(\exists x)(y)Lyx</math><br/> 3    <math>\therefore (x)\sim(y)Lyx</math>    {from 2}<br/> 4    <math>\therefore Laa</math>    {from 1}<br/> * 5    <math>\therefore \sim(y)Lya</math>    {from 3}<br/> * 6    <math>\therefore (\exists y)\sim Lya</math>    {from 5}<br/> 7    <math>\therefore \sim Lba</math>    {from 6}<br/> 8    <math>\therefore Lbb</math>    {from 1}<br/> * 9    <math>\therefore \sim(y)Lyb</math>    {from 3}<br/> 10    <math>\therefore (\exists y)\sim Lyb</math>    {from 9} ...    <math>\rightarrow</math> get c, d, ...</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Invalid</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">a, b</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Laa, Lbb</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><math>\sim Lba, \sim Lab</math></p> </div> |
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If you see an endless loop coming, break out of it and invent your own refutation.

# Alonzo Church's Theorem (1931)

The problem of determining validity in relational logic cannot be reduced to an algorithm (a finite mechanical procedure).

# Russell's theory of definite descriptions

The king of France is bald

$$(\exists x)((Kx \cdot \sim(\exists y)(\sim y=x \cdot Ky)) \cdot Bx)$$

There's exactly one king of France, and he's bald

For some x, x is king of France and there's no y such that:  
y≠x and y is king of France and x is bald

This symbolizes the English statement better than “Bk,” since:

- the statement can be false for three reasons (there's no king of France, there's more than one, or there's just one but with hair) and
- we more easily avoid the metaphysical error of thinking that “the round square” refers to an existing thing that isn't real.