

## Free Variables of a Term

**Definition:** The free variables of a well-formed term are given by the function  $FV_{TERMS} : TERMS \rightarrow \wp(\mathcal{X})$  defined recursively as follows:

- $FV(a) = \emptyset$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$
- $FV(x) = \{x\}$  for  $x \in \mathcal{X}$
- $FV(f(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = FV(t_1) \cup \dots \cup FV(t_n)$   
for  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $arity_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = n$

Note that there is no such thing as the bound variables of a term. All variables in a term are free (which is a simple, non-recursive definition of  $FV_{TERMS}$ ).

## Free Variables of a Formula

**Definition:** The free variables of a well-formed formula are given by the function  $FV_{FORM} : FORM \rightarrow \wp(\mathcal{X})$  defined recursively as follows:

- $FV(\perp) = FV(\top) = \emptyset$
- $FV(p(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = FV(t_1) \cup \dots \cup FV(t_n)$   
for  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $arity_{\mathcal{P}}(p) = n$
- $FV((\neg A)) = FV(A)$
- $FV((A_1 \bullet A_2)) = FV(A_1) \cup FV(A_2)$   
for  $\bullet \in \{\wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \equiv\}$
- $FV(\forall x(A)) = FV(A) - \{x\}$
- $FV(\exists x(A)) = FV(A) - \{x\}$

## Bound Variables of a Formula

**Definition:** The bound variables of a well-formed formula are given by the function  $BV_{FORM} : FORM \rightarrow \wp(\mathcal{X})$  defined recursively as follows:

- $BV(\perp) = BV(\top) = \emptyset$
- $BV(p(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = \emptyset$   
for  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $arity_{\mathcal{P}}(p) = n$
- $BV((\neg A)) = BV(A)$
- $BV((A_1 \bullet A_2)) = BV(A_1) \cup BV(A_2)$   
for  $\bullet \in \{\wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \equiv\}$
- $BV(\forall x(A)) = BV(A) \cup \{x\}$
- $BV(\exists x(A)) = BV(A) \cup \{x\}$

**Note:** The sets  $FV(A)$  and  $BV(A)$  are not necessarily disjoint.

## Substitution of a Term for a Variable

**Definition:** Let  $s$  and  $t$  be well-formed terms, and  $x$  a variable. Then the result of substituting the term  $t$  for the variable  $x$  in  $s$ , written  $s[x := t]$  is defined recursively as follows:

- $a[x := t] = a$ , for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$
- $y[x := t] = t$ , for  $(y = x) \in \mathcal{X}$
- $y[x := t] = y$ , for  $(y \neq x) \in \mathcal{X}$
- $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)[x := t] = f(t_1[x := t], \dots, t_n[x := t])$ ,  
for  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\text{arity}_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = n$

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**Definition:** Given  $A \in FORM$ ,  $t \in TERM$ , and  $x \in X$ . Then the result of substituting the term  $t$  for the variable  $x$  in  $A$ , written  $A[x := t]$  is defined recursively as follows:

- $\perp[x := t] = \perp$ , and  $\top[x := t] = \top$
- $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)[x := t] = p(t_1[x := t], \dots, t_n[x := t])$   
for  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $arity_{\mathcal{P}}(p) = n$
- $(\neg A)[x := t] = (\neg A[x := t])$
- $(A_1 \bullet A_2)[x := t] = (A_1[x := t] \bullet A_2[x := t])$   
for  $\bullet \in \{\wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \equiv\}$
- $Qy(A)[x := t] = Qy(A)$  if  $y = x$ , for  $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$
- $Qy(A)[x := t] = Qy(A[x := t])$  if  $y \neq x$ ,  
for  $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$

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There is a problem with that last definition (which is essentially the one given in Ben-Ari). What is it?

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