

## Predicate Logic (1<sup>st</sup> order logic)

- In 0-order prop. logic variables are binary valued  
 $\Rightarrow$  not suitable for reasoning about programs which allow reals/integers  
 1<sup>st</sup> order logic allows arbitrary valued variables
- Also in 1<sup>st</sup>-order logic predicates or relations play a central role  
 Predicate (equivalently relation) is a binary valued map:  
 $r: U \rightarrow B$ , here  $U$  = domain set and  $B = \{T, F\}$ .
- Examples of relations/predicates:  
 Unary (over 1 variable)    Vowel: Alphabet  $\rightarrow B$     Vowel(a)=T, Vowel(b)=F  
 Binary (over 2 variables)     $>: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow B$      $[5 > 3] = T$ ,  $[4 > 6] = F$ .  
 In general n-ary relations/predicates may be defined
- Quantifiers: Used for quantifying over elements of domain  $U$  of relation or  
 Universal quantifier, For all ( $\forall$ ), quantifies over all elements of  $U$   
 Existential quantifier, Exists ( $\exists$ ), quantifies over some elements of  $U$
- Examples of quantifiers:  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}: [x^2 > 0]$   
 Here  $[x^2 > 0]$  is a unary predicate, whose variable  $x$  is universally quantified  
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists y \in \mathbb{R}: [y > x]$   
 Here  $[x > y]$  is binary predicate, both of whose variables have been quantified
- In the language of 1<sup>st</sup> order logic,
  - predicate is called formula
  - formula with all variables quantified is called sentence
  - unquantified variables of formula are called free variables
  - quantified variables of formula are called bound variables