1. Scope.

**Definition 1.1.** Suppose A is an alphabet,  $a \in A$ ,  $s \in (A)^*$  and n = |s|. We let

$$\mathbf{o}(a,s) = \{i \in I(n) : s_i = a\}$$

A member of  $\mathbf{o}(a, s)$  is called an **occurrence of** a **in** s. We say a **occurs in** s if  $\mathbf{o}(a, s) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Suppose S is a statement. B is substatement of S if B is a statement which is a substring of S.

**Definition 1.3.** Suppose S is a statement and n = |S|. We define

$$scope_{S}: I(n) \to 2^{I(n)}$$

as follows. Let  $\mathcal{Q} = (\mathcal{N}, \rho, p, <, f)$  be a parse tree for S and let

$$\lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_{n-1}$$

be the leaf nodes. Suppose  $i \in I(n)$  and let  $\nu$  be the parent of  $\lambda_i$ . Let  $j \in I(n)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $\lambda_l, j \leq l < j + m$  are the leaf nodes of the subtree with root node  $\nu$ . Then  $\mathbf{scope}_S(i) = \{l \in I(n) : j \leq l < j + m\}$ .

Note that

$$i \in \mathbf{scope}_S(i) \quad \text{for } i \in I(n).$$

**Proposition 1.1.** Suppose S is a statement,  $n = |S|, i \in I(n), j, m \in \mathbb{N}$  are such that

$$\mathbf{scope}_S(i) = \{l \in \mathbb{N} : j \le l < j+m\}$$

and

$$T = \mathbf{s}_{j,m}(S).$$

Then exactly one of the following holds:

(i) for some  $u \in X \cup C$ ,

T = u

(ii) for some  $u, v \in X \cup C$  and some  $o \in O$ ,

T = (u o v)

(iii) for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , some  $s \in F_n \cup R_n$  and some  $u_1, \ldots, u_n \in X \cup C$ ,

$$T = s(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$$

(iv) for some  $q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$ , some  $x \in X$  and some statement U,

T = q x U

*Proof.* Study a parse tree for S.

**Definition 1.4.** Suppose S is a statement and n = |S|. We define

$$\mathbf{q}_S: I(n) \to 2^{I(n)}$$

at  $i \in I(n)$  by letting  $\mathbf{q}_S(i)$  be the set of those  $j \in I(n)$  such that

$$S_j \in \{\forall, \exists\}$$
 and  $i \in \mathbf{scope}_S(j)$ .

**Definition 1.5.** Suppose S is a statement and  $x \in X$ . We say an occurrence i of x in S is **bound** if

$$S_{i+1} = x$$
 for some  $j \in \mathbf{q}_S(i)$ .

We say an occurrence i of x is **free** if it is not bound. We let

$$\mathbf{free}(S) = \{x \in X : \text{ there is a free occurrence of } x \text{ in } S\}$$

and we let

**bound**
$$(S) = \{x \in X : x \text{ occurs in } S \text{ and } x \notin \mathbf{free}(S)\}.$$

**Definition 1.6.** Suppose S is a statement, t is a term and x is a variable. We say t is free for x in S if, for each  $j \in \mathbf{q}_S$  such that  $S_{j+1}$  occurs in t, no free occurrence of x belongs to  $\mathbf{scope}_S(j)$ .

(See Mendelson p. 48 or Hodel p. 161 where the term "substitutable" is used.)