

# Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence

## Chapter 08: **First-Order Logic**

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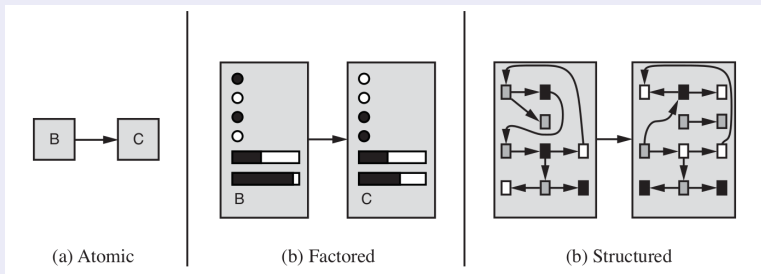
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# Recall: State Representations [Ch. 02]

## Representations of states and transitions

- Three ways to represent states and transitions between them:
  - **atomic**: a state is a **black box with no internal structure**
  - **factored**: a state consists of a **vector of attribute values**
  - **structured**: a state **includes objects**, each of which may have **attributes** of its own as well as **relationships** to other objects
- increasing **expressive power** and **computational complexity**
- reality represented at **different levels of abstraction**



# Pros and Cons of Propositional Logic

- + PL language **is formal**
  - non-ambiguous semantics
  - unlike natural language, which is intrinsically ambiguous (ex “key”)
- + PL **is declarative**
  - knowledge and inference are separate
  - inference is entirely domain independent
- + PL **allows for partial/disjunctive/negated information**
  - unlike, e.g., data bases
- + PL **is compositional**
  - the meaning of  $(A \wedge B) \rightarrow C$  derives from the meaning of A,B,C
- + The meaning of PL sentence is **context independent**
  - unlike with natural language, where meaning depends on context
- PL has **has very limited expressive power**
  - unlike natural language
  - cannot concisely describe an environment with many objects
  - e.g., cannot say “**pits cause breezes in adjacent squares**”  
(need writing one sentence for each square)

# First-Order Logic (FOL)

- PL assumes world contains **facts**
  - atomic events
- **First-order logic (FOL)** assumes the world contains:
  - **Objects**: e.g., people, houses, numbers, theories, Jim Morrison, colors, basketball games, wars, centuries, ...
  - **Relations**: e.g., red, round, bogus, prime, tall ..., brother of, bigger than, inside, part of, has color, occurred after, owns, comes between, ...
  - **Functions**: e.g., father of, best friend, one more than, end of, ...

# Logics in General

- **Ontological Commitment:** What exists in the world
- **Epistemological Commitment:** What an agent believes about facts

Language	Ontological Commitment	Epistemological Commitment
Propositional logic	facts	true/false/unknown
First-order logic	facts, objects, relations	true/false/unknown
Temporal logic	facts, objects, relations, times	true/false/unknown
Probability theory	facts	degree of belief
Fuzzy logic	facts + degree of truth	known interval value

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# Syntax of FOL: Basic Elements

- **Constant symbols:** KingJohn, 2, UniversityofTrento,...
- **Predicate symbols:** Man(.), Brother(.,.), (. > .), AllDifferent(...),...
  - may have different arities (1,2,3,...)
  - may be **prefix** (e.g. Brother(.,.)) or **infix** (e.g. (. > .))
- **Function symbols:** Sqrt, Leftleg, MotherOf
  - may have different arities (1,2,3,...)
  - may be **prefix** (e.g. Sqrt(.)) or **infix** (e.g. (. + .))
- **Variable symbols:** x, y, a, b, ...
- **Propositional Connectives:**  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$ ,  $\oplus$
- **Equality:** “=” (also “ $\neq$ ” s.t. “ $a \neq b$ ” shortcut for “ $\neg(a = b)$ ”)
- **Quantifiers:** “ $\forall$ ” (“forall”), “ $\exists$ ” (“exists”, aka “for some”)
- **Punctuation Symbols:** “,”, “(”, “)”

- Constants symbols are 0-ary function symbols
- Propositions are 0-ary predicates  $\implies$  PL subcase of FOL
- **Signature:** the set of predicate, function & constant symbols

# FOL: Syntax

- **Terms:**
  - **constant** or **variable** or **function**( $term_1, \dots, term_n$ )
  - ex: KingJohn,  $x$ , Leftleg(Richard), ( $z \cdot \log(2)$ )
  - denote **objects**
- **Atomic sentences** (aka **atomic formulas**):
  - **proposition** or **predicate**( $term_1, \dots, term_n$ ) or  $term_1 = term_2$
  - ( $Length(Leftleg(Richard)) > Length(Leftleg(KingJohn))$ )
  - denote **facts**
- **Non-atomic sentences/formulas:**
  - $\neg \alpha, \alpha \wedge \beta, \alpha \vee \beta, \alpha \rightarrow \beta, \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta, \alpha \oplus \beta,$   
 $\forall x.\alpha, \exists x.\alpha$  s.t.  $x$  occurs in  $\alpha$
  - Ex:  $\forall y.(Italian(y) \rightarrow President(Mattarella, y))$   
 $\exists x \forall y. President(x, y) \rightarrow \forall y \exists x. President(x, y)$   
 $\forall x.(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \leftrightarrow ((\forall x.P(x)) \wedge (\forall x.Q(x)))$   
 $\forall x.(((x \geq 0) \wedge (x \leq \pi)) \rightarrow (sin(x) \geq 0))$
  - denote (complex) **facts**
- A **term/formula** is **ground** iff no variable occurs in it

# FOL: Syntax (BNF)

$Sentence \rightarrow AtomicSentence \mid ComplexSentence$   
 $AtomicSentence \rightarrow Predicate \mid Predicate(Term, \dots) \mid Term = Term$   
 $ComplexSentence \rightarrow ( Sentence ) \mid [ Sentence ]$   
|  $\neg Sentence$   
|  $Sentence \wedge Sentence$   
|  $Sentence \vee Sentence$   
|  $Sentence \Rightarrow Sentence$   
|  $Sentence \Leftrightarrow Sentence$   
|  $Quantifier Variable, \dots Sentence$

$Term \rightarrow Function(Term, \dots)$   
|  $Constant$   
|  $Variable$

$Quantifier \rightarrow \forall \mid \exists$   
 $Constant \rightarrow A \mid X_1 \mid John \mid \dots$   
 $Variable \rightarrow a \mid x \mid s \mid \dots$   
 $Predicate \rightarrow True \mid False \mid After \mid Loves \mid Raining \mid \dots$   
 $Function \rightarrow Mother \mid LeftLeg \mid \dots$

OPERATOR PRECEDENCE :  $\neg, =, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

# FOL: Semantics

## Possible worlds (aka models)

- A model  $\mathcal{M}$  is a pair  $\langle \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{I} \rangle$  ( $\langle$ domain, interpretation $\rangle$ )
- Domain  $\mathcal{D}$ : a non-empty set of objects (aka domain elements)
- Interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ : a map on elements of the signature
  - constant symbols  $\mapsto$  domain elements:  
a constant symbol  $C$  is mapped into a particular object  $[C]^{\mathcal{I}}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$
  - predicate symbols  $\mapsto$  domain relations:  
a  $k$ -ary predicate  $P(\dots)$  is mapped into a subset  $[P]^{\mathcal{I}}$  of  $\mathcal{D}^k$   
(i.e., the set of object tuples satisfying the predicate in this world)
  - functions symbols  $\mapsto$  domain functions:  
a  $k$ -ary function  $f$  is mapped into a domain function  $[f]^{\mathcal{I}} : \mathcal{D}^k \mapsto \mathcal{D}$   
( $[f]^{\mathcal{I}}$  must be total)

(we denote by  $[.]^{\mathcal{I}}$  the result of the interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ )

## Remark

Two distinct constants can be mapped into the same object.

## Interpretation of terms

- $\mathcal{I}$  maps (ground) terms into domain elements
- A term  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is mapped by  $\mathcal{I}$  into the value  $[f(t_1, \dots, t_k)]^{\mathcal{I}}$  returned by applying the domain function  $[f]^{\mathcal{I}}$ , into which  $f$  is mapped, to the values  $[t_1]^{\mathcal{I}}, \dots, [t_k]^{\mathcal{I}}$  obtained by applying recursively  $\mathcal{I}$  to the terms  $t_1, \dots, t_k$ :
  - $[f(t_1, \dots, t_k)]^{\mathcal{I}} = [f]^{\mathcal{I}}([t_1]^{\mathcal{I}}, \dots, [t_k]^{\mathcal{I}})$
  - Ex: if “Me, Mother, Father” are interpreted as usual, then “Mother(Father(Me))” is interpreted as my (paternal) grandmother
  - Ex: if “+, -, ·, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4” are interpreted as usual, then “(3 - 1) · (0 + 2)” is interpreted as 4

# FOL: Semantics [cont.]

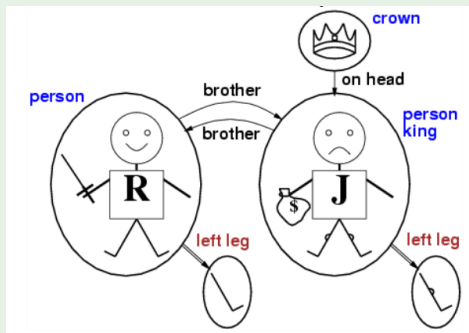
## Interpretation of formulas

- $\mathcal{I}$  maps (ground) formulas into truth values
- An atomic formula  $P(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is true in  $\mathcal{I}$  iff the objects into which the terms  $t_1, \dots, t_k$  are mapped by  $\mathcal{I}$  comply to the relation into which  $P$  is mapped
  - $[P(t_1, \dots, t_k)]^{\mathcal{I}}$  is true iff  $\langle [t_1]^{\mathcal{I}}, \dots, [t_k]^{\mathcal{I}} \rangle \in [P]^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - Ex: if “Me, Mother, Father, married” are interpreted as usual, then “Married(Mother(Me), Father(Me))” is interpreted as true
  - Ex: if “+, -, >, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4” are interpreted as usual, then “(4 - 0) > (1 + 2)” is interpreted as true
- An atomic formula  $t_1 = t_2$  is true in  $\mathcal{I}$  iff the terms  $t_1, t_2$  are mapped by  $\mathcal{I}$  into the same domain element
  - $[t_1 = t_2]^{\mathcal{I}}$  is true iff  $[t_1]^{\mathcal{I}}$  same as  $[t_2]^{\mathcal{I}}$
  - Ex: if “Mother” is interpreted as usual, Richard, John are brothers, then “Mother(Richard)=Mother(John)” is interpreted as true
  - Ex: if “+, -, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4” are interpreted as usual, then “(4 - 1) = (1 + 2)” is interpreted as true
- $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \oplus$  interpreted by  $\mathcal{I}$  as in PL

# Models for FOL: Example

## Richard Lionheart and John Lackland

- $\mathcal{D}$ : domain at right
- $\mathcal{I}$ : s.t.
  - $[Richard]^{\mathcal{I}}$ : Richard the Lionheart
  - $[John]^{\mathcal{I}}$ : evil King John
  - $[Brother]^{\mathcal{I}}$ : brotherhood
- $[Brother(Richard, John)]^{\mathcal{I}}$  is true
- $[Leftleg]^{\mathcal{I}}$  maps any individual to his left leg
- ...



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- $[f]^{\mathcal{I}}$  total: must provide an output for every input
- e.g.:  $[Leftleg(crown)]^{\mathcal{I}}$ ?
- possible solution: assume “null” object ( $[Leftleg(crown)]^{\mathcal{I}} = null$ )

# Universal Quantification

- $\forall x.\alpha(x, \dots)$  ( $x$  variable, typically occurs in  $x$ )
  - ex:  $\forall x.(King(x) \rightarrow Person(x))$  (“all kings are persons”)
- $\forall x.\alpha(x, \dots)$  true in  $\mathcal{M}$  iff  $\alpha$  true with all possible interpretations of  $x$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ 
  - ✓ ex:  $King(John) \rightarrow Person(John)$
  - ✓ ex:  $King(Richard) \rightarrow Person(Richard)$
  - ✓ ex:  $King(crown) \rightarrow Person(crown)$
  - ✓ ex:  $King(Leftleg(John)) \rightarrow Person(Leftleg(John))$
- Roughly speaking, can be seen as **a conjunction over all (typically infinite) possible instantiations of  $x$  in  $\alpha$**

$(King(John))$	$\rightarrow Person(John)$	) $\wedge$
$(King(Richard))$	$\rightarrow Person(Richard)$	) $\wedge$
$(King(crown))$	$\rightarrow Person(crown)$	) $\wedge$
$(King(Leftleg(John)))$	$\rightarrow Person(Leftleg(John))$	) $\wedge$
$(King(Leftleg(Leftleg(John))))$	$\rightarrow Person(Leftleg(Leftleg(John)))$	) $\wedge$
...	...	



## Universal Quantification [cont.]

- One may want to restrict the domain of universal quantification to elements of some kind P
  - ex “forall kings ...”, “forall integer numbers...”
- Idea: use an implication, with restrictive predicate as implicant:  
 $\forall x.(P(x) \rightarrow \alpha(x, \dots))$ 
  - ex “ $\forall x.(King(x) \rightarrow \dots)$ ”, “ $\forall x.(Integer(x) \rightarrow \dots)$ ”,
- Beware of typical mistake: do not use “ $\wedge$ ” instead of “ $\rightarrow$ ”
  - ex: “ $\forall x.(King(x) \wedge Person(x))$ ” means  
“everything/one is a King and is a Person”
- “ $\forall$ ” distributes with “ $\wedge$ ”, but not with “ $\vee$ ”
  - $\forall x.(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  equivalent to  $(\forall x.P(x)) \wedge (\forall x.Q(x))$
  - “Everybody is a king and is a person” same as  
“Everybody is a king and everybody is a person”
  - $\forall x.(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  not equivalent to  $(\forall x.P(x)) \vee (\forall x.Q(x))$
  - “Everybody is a king or is a peasant” much weaker than  
“Everybody is a king or everybody is a peasant”

# Existential Quantification

- $\exists x.\alpha(x, \dots)$  ( $x$  variable, typically occurs in  $x$ )
  - ex:  $\exists x.(King(x) \wedge Evil(x))$  (“there is one evil king”)
  - pronounced “exists  $x$  s.t. ...” or “for some  $x$  ...”
- $\exists x.\alpha(x, \dots)$  true in  $\mathcal{M}$  iff  $\alpha$  true with some possible interpretations of  $x$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ 
  - × ex:  $King(Richard) \wedge Evil(Richard)$
  - ✓ ex:  $King(John) \wedge Evil(John)$
  - × ex:  $King(crown) \wedge Evil(crown)$
  - × ex:  $King(Leftleg(John)) \wedge Evil(Leftleg(John))$
- Roughly speaking, can be seen as a disjunction over all (typically infinite) possible instantiations of  $x$  in  $\alpha$

$(King(Richard)$	$\wedge Evil(Richard)$	) $\vee$
$(King(John)$	$\wedge Evil(John)$	) $\vee$
$(King(crown)$	$\wedge Evil(crown)$	) $\vee$
$(King(Leftleg(John))$	$\wedge Evil(Leftleg(John))$	) $\vee$
$(King(Leftleg(Leftleg(John)))$	$\wedge Evil(Leftleg(Leftleg(John)))$	) $\vee$
...	...	

## Existential Quantification [cont.]

- One may want to restrict the domain of existential quantification to elements of some kind P
  - ex “exists a king s.t. ...”, “for some integer numbers...”
- Idea: **use a conjunction with restrictive predicate:**  
 $\exists x.(P(x) \wedge \alpha(x, \dots))$ 
  - ex “ $\exists x.(King(x) \wedge \dots)$ ”, “ $\exists x.(Integer(x) \wedge \dots)$ ”,
- Beware of typical mistake: **do not use “ $\rightarrow$ ” instead of “ $\wedge$ ”**
- ex: “ $\exists x.(King(x) \rightarrow Evil(x))$ ” means  
“Someone is not a king King or is evil”
- “ $\exists$ ” **distributes with “ $\vee$ ”, but not with “ $\wedge$ ”**
- $\exists x.(P(x) \vee Q(x))$  equivalent to  $(\exists x.P(x)) \vee (\exists x.Q(x))$
- “Somebody is a king or is a knight” same as  
“Somebody is a king or somebody is a knight”
- $\exists x.(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  not equivalent to  $(\exists x.P(x)) \wedge (\exists x.Q(x))$
- “Somebody is a king and is evil” much stronger than  
“Somebody is a king and somebody is evil”

# Basic Definitions and Properties

- A model  $\mathcal{M} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{I} \rangle$  satisfies  $\varphi$  ( $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$ ) iff  $[\varphi]^{\mathcal{I}}$  is true
- $M(\varphi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \mathcal{M} \mid \mathcal{M} \models \varphi \}$  (the set of models of  $\varphi$ )
- $\varphi$  is **satisfiable** iff  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$  for some  $\mathcal{M}$  (i.e.  $M(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$ )
- $\alpha$  **entails**  $\beta$  ( $\alpha \models \beta$ ) iff, for all  $\mathcal{M}$ s,  $\mathcal{M} \models \alpha \implies \mathcal{M} \models \beta$  (i.e.,  $M(\alpha) \subseteq M(\beta)$ )
- $\varphi$  is **valid** ( $\models \varphi$ ) iff  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$  for all  $\mathcal{M}$ s (i.e.,  $\mathcal{M} \in M(\varphi)$  for all  $\mathcal{M}$ s)
- $\alpha, \beta$  are **equivalent** iff  $\alpha \models \beta$  and  $\beta \models \alpha$

# Properties & Results

## Property

$\varphi$  is valid iff  $\neg\varphi$  is unsatisfiable

## Deduction Theorem

$\alpha \models \beta$  iff  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  is valid ( $\models \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ )

## Corollary

$\alpha \models \beta$  iff  $\alpha \wedge \neg\beta$  is unsatisfiable

Validity and entailment checking can be straightforwardly reduced to (un)satisfiability checking!

# Properties of quantifiers

Notation variants:  $\forall x(\forall y.\alpha) \iff \forall x\forall y.\alpha \iff \forall x, y.\alpha \iff \forall xy.\alpha$   
(same with  $\exists$ )

- if  $x$  does not occur in  $\varphi$ ,  $\forall x.\varphi$  equivalent to  $\exists x.\varphi$  equivalent to  $\varphi$
- $\forall xy.P(x, y)$  equivalent to  $\forall yx.P(x, y)$ 
  - ex:  $\forall xy.(x < y)$  same as  $\forall yx.(x < y)$
- $\exists xy.P(x, y)$  equivalent to  $\exists yx.P(x, y)$ 
  - ex:  $\exists xy.Twins(x, y)$  same as  $\exists yx.Twins(x, y)$
- $\exists x\forall y.P(x, y)$  not equivalent to  $\forall y\exists x.P(x, y)$ 
  - ex:  $\forall y\exists x.Father(x, y)$  much weaker than  $\exists x\forall y.Father(x, y)$   
“everybody has a father” vs. “exists a father of everybody”
- **Quantifier duality**: each can be expressed using the other
  - $\forall x.\alpha$  equivalent to  $\neg\exists x.\neg\alpha$   
ex:  $\forall x.Likes(x, Icecream)$  equivalent to  $\neg\exists x.\neg Likes(x, Icecream)$
  - $\exists x.\alpha$  equivalent to  $\neg\forall x.\neg\alpha$   
ex:  $\exists x.Likes(x, Broccoli)$  equivalent to  $\neg\forall x.\neg Likes(x, Broccoli)$

# Semi-decidability of FOL

## Theorem

Entailment (validity, unsatisfiability) in FOL is only **semi-decidable**:

- if  $KB \models \alpha$ , this can be checked in finite time
- if  $KB \not\models \alpha$ , no algorithm is guaranteed to check it in finite time



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# [Recall:] Knowledge-Based Agent: General Schema

- Given a percept, the agent
  - Tells the KB of the percept at time step  $t$
  - ASKs the KB for the best action to do at time step  $t$
  - Tells the KB that it has in fact taken that action
- Details hidden in three functions: MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE, MAKE-ACTION-QUERY, MAKE-ACTION-SENTENCE
  - construct logic sentences
  - implement the interface between sensors/actuators and KRR core
- Tell and Ask may require complex logical inference

**function** KB-AGENT(*percept*) **returns** an *action*

**persistent:** *KB*, a knowledge base

*t*, a counter, initially 0, indicating time

TELL(*KB*, MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE(*percept*, *t*))

*action*  $\leftarrow$  ASK(*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-QUERY(*t*))

TELL(*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-SENTENCE(*action*, *t*))

*t*  $\leftarrow$  *t* + 1

**return** *action*

# FOL Knowledge-Based Agent

- We can assert FOL sentences (**assertions**) into the KB. Ex:
  - ex:  $\text{Tell}(\text{KB}, \text{King}(\text{John}))$
  - ex:  $\text{Tell}(\text{KB}, \text{Person}(\text{Richard}))$
  - ex:  $\text{Tell}(\text{KB}, \forall x. (\text{King}(x) \rightarrow \text{Person}(x)))$
- We can ask **queries** (aka **goals**) to the KB. Ex:
  - ex:  $\text{Ask}(\text{KB}, \text{King}(\text{John}))$
  - ex:  $\text{Ask}(\text{KB}, \text{Person}(\text{John}))$
  - ex:  $\text{Ask}(\text{KB}, \exists x. \text{Person}(x))$

$\implies \text{Ask}(\text{KB}, \alpha)$  returns true only if  $\text{KB} \models \alpha$

- Other queries: **AskVars**, asking for variable values
  - $\implies$  returns one (or more) **binding lists** (aka **substitutions**)  
 $\{\text{var} / \text{term}; \text{var} / \text{term}, \dots\}$ 
    - ex:  $\text{AskVars}(\text{KB}, \exists x. \text{Person}(x)) \implies \{x / \text{John}\}; \{x / \text{Richard}\}$
    - typical for Horn clauses  
(e.g.  $\text{King}(\text{John}) \vee \text{King}(\text{Richard})$  would not cause a binding list)

# Example: The Kinship Domain

## Domain of family relationships

Notation: “ $t \neq s$ ” shortcut for “ $\neg(t = s)$ ”

- Binary predicate symbols (family relationships):
  - Parent, Sibling, Brother, Sister, Child, Daughter, Son, Spouse, Wife, Husband, Grandparent, Grandchild, Cousin, Aunt, Uncle
- function symbols:
  - Mother, Father
- Knowledge base KB:
  - 1  $\forall x, y. (x = \text{Mother}(y) \leftrightarrow (\text{Female}(x) \wedge \text{Parent}(x, y)))$
  - 2  $\forall x, y. (\text{Brother}(x, y) \leftrightarrow (\text{Male}(x) \wedge \text{Sibling}(x, y)))$
  - 3  $\forall x, y. (\text{Grandparent}(x, y) \leftrightarrow \exists z. (\text{Parent}(x, z) \wedge \text{Parent}(z, y)))$
  - 4  $\forall x, y. (\text{Sibling}(x, y) \leftrightarrow ((x \neq y) \wedge \exists m, f. ((m \neq f) \wedge \text{Parent}(m, x) \wedge \text{Parent}(m, y) \wedge (\text{Parent}(f, x) \wedge \text{Parent}(f, y))))$
  - 5 ...
- Queries inferred from KB
  - ex: (4)  $\models \forall x, y. (\text{Sibling}(x, y) \leftrightarrow \text{Sibling}(y, x))$

# Example: Integer Numbers

## Peano Arithmetic

- Basic symbols
  - Unary predicate symbol:  $\text{NatNum}$  (natural number)
  - Unary function symbol:  $S$  (Successor)
  - Constant symbol:  $0$
- Defined symbols:
  - Binary function symbols:  $+, *$  (infix)
  - Constant symbols:  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots$
- Knowledge base KB:
  - 1  $\text{NatNum}(0)$
  - 2  $\forall x. (\text{NatNum}(x) \rightarrow \text{NatNum}(S(x)))$
  - 3  $\forall x. (\text{NatNum}(x) \rightarrow (0 \neq S(x)))$
  - 4  $\forall x, y. ((\text{NatNum}(x) \wedge \text{NatNum}(y)) \rightarrow ((x \neq y) \rightarrow (S(x) \neq S(y))))$
  - 5  $\forall x. (\text{NatNum}(x) \rightarrow (x = (0 + x)))$
  - 6  $\forall x, y. ((\text{NatNum}(x) \wedge \text{NatNum}(y)) \rightarrow (S(x) + y) = S(x + y))$
  - 7  $1 = S(0), 2 = S(1), 3 = S(2), \dots$
- Queries inferred from KB
  - ex: (4)  $\models \forall x, y. ((x + y) = (y + x))$

# Exercises

## About the Kinship domain

- Try to add the axioms defining other predicates or functions (e.g. Brother, Sister, Child, Daughter, Son, Spouse, Wife, Husband, Grandparent, Grandchild, Cousin, Aunt, Uncle, ...)
- Add some ground atom or its negation to the KB (ex: Brother(Steve,Mary), Mary=Mother(Paul),...)
- Try to solve some query by entailment (e.g. Uncle(Steve,Paul),  $\exists x. Uncle(x, Paul)$ , ...)

## About the Peano Arithmetic domain

- Try to add the axioms defining other predicate or functions (e.g. " $n \leq m$ " or " $m * n$ ",  $n^m$ )
- Add some ground atom or its negation to the KB (ex:  $1 = S(0)$ ,  $2 = S(1)$ , ...)
- Try to solve some query by entailment (e.g.  $3 + 2 = 5$ ,  $2 * 3 = 6$ , ...)

# Example: The Wumpus World

## The FOL KB

- **Perception:** binary predicate  $\text{Percept}([s, b, g, b, sc], t)$ 
  - (recall: perception is [Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream])
  - **Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream** constant symbols
  - time step  $t$  represented as integer
- Percepts imply facts about the current state.
  - $\forall t, s, g, m, c. (\text{Percept}([s, \text{Breeze}, g, m, c], t) \rightarrow \text{Breeze}(t))$
  - $\forall t, s, g, m, c. (\text{Percept}([s, \text{Null}, g, m, c], t) \rightarrow \neg \text{Breeze}(t))$
  - ...
- **Environment:**
  - **Square:** term (pair of integers):  $[1, 2]$
  - **Adjacency:** binary predicate  $\text{Adjacent}$ :  
 $\forall x, y, a, b. (\text{Adjacent}([x, y], [a, b]) \leftrightarrow (x = a \wedge (y = b - 1 \vee y = b + 1)) \vee (y = b \wedge (x = a - 1 \vee x = a + 1)))$
  - **Position:** predicate  $\text{At}(\text{Agent}, s, t)$ , ex:  $\text{At}(\text{Agent}, [1, 1], 1)$
  - Unique position:  $\forall x, s_1, s_2, t. ((\text{At}(x, s_1, t) \wedge \text{At}(x, s_2, t)) \rightarrow s_1 = s_2)$
  - **Wumpus:** predicate  $\text{Wumpus}(s)$ , ex:  $\text{Wumpus}([3, 1])$
  - **Pits:** predicate  $\text{Pit}(s)$ , ex:  $\text{Pit}([3, 1])$

## Personal Remark

- For Wumpus, AIMA suggests;
  - **Wumpus**: constant, ex  $\forall t. At(Wumpus, [2, 2], t)$
- Simplification: assume Wumpus status does not evolve with time
  - predicate  $Wumpus(s)$ , ex:  $Wumpus([3, 1])$
  - ⇒ makes inference much easier
  - if we consider the case the Wumpus is killed by arrow, then we need reintroducing the “At” formalization

## Example: The Wumpus World [cont.]

### The FOL KB [cont.]

- Infer properties from percepts:
  - $\forall s, t. ((At(Agent, s, t) \wedge Breeze(t)) \rightarrow Breezy(s))$
  - $\forall s, t. ((At(Agent, s, t) \wedge \neg Breeze(t)) \rightarrow \neg Breezy(s))$
- Infer information about pits & Wumpus
  - $\forall s. (Breezy(s) \leftrightarrow \exists r. (Adjacent(r, s) \wedge Pit(r)))$
  - $\forall s. (Stench(s) \leftrightarrow \exists r. (Adjacent(r, s) \wedge Wumpus(r)))$
- **Actions:** terms Turn(Right), Turn(Left), Forward, Shoot, Grab, Climb
  - reflex with internal state (ex: do we have the gold already?)  
 $\forall t. ((Glitter(t) \wedge \neg Holding(Gold, t)) \rightarrow BestAction(Grab, t))$
  - Query:  $AskVars(\exists a. BestAction(a, 5)) \implies \{a/Grab\}$
- Evolution on time: successor states:
  - $\forall t. (HaveArrow(t+1) \leftrightarrow (HaveArrow(t) \wedge \neg Action(Shoot, t)))$

### Note

$Holding(Gold, t)$  cannot be observed

$\implies$  keeping track of change is essential (see Ch. 10-12)



## Example: Exploring the Wumpus World

KB initially contains:

$$\forall x, y, a, b. (Adjacent([x, y], [a, b]) \leftrightarrow (x = a \wedge (y = b - 1 \vee y = b + 1)) \vee (y = b \wedge (x = a - 1 \vee x = a + 1)))$$
$$\forall t, s, g, m, c. (Percept([s, Null, g, m, c], t) \rightarrow \neg Breeze(t))$$
$$\forall t, b, g, m, c. (Percept([Null, b, g, m, c], t) \rightarrow \neg Stench(t))$$
$$\forall s, t. ((At(Agent, s, t) \wedge \neg Breeze(t)) \rightarrow \neg Breezy(s))$$
$$\forall s, t. ((At(Agent, s, t) \wedge \neg Stench(t)) \rightarrow \neg Stenchy(s))$$
$$\forall s. (Breezy(s) \leftrightarrow \exists r. (Adjacent(r, s) \wedge Pit(r)))$$
$$\forall s. (Stench(s) \leftrightarrow \exists r. (Adjacent(r, s) \wedge Wumpus(r)))$$
$$\forall s. (Ok(s) \leftrightarrow (\neg Stenchy(s) \wedge \neg Breezy(s)))$$

● A is initially in 1,1:  $At(A, [1, 1], 0)$

● Perceives no stench, no breeze:

$Tell(KB, Percept([Null, Null, Null, Null, Null], 0))$

$\Rightarrow \neg Breeze(0), \neg Stench(0),$

$\Rightarrow \neg Breezy([1, 1]), \neg Stenchy([1, 1]),$

$\Rightarrow \neg Pit([1, 2]), \neg Pit([2, 1])$

$\neg Wumpus([1, 2]), \neg Wumpus([2, 1]),$

$\Rightarrow Ok([1, 2]), Ok([2, 1])$

$AskVars(KB, \exists a. Action(a, 0))$

$\Rightarrow \{a/Move([1, 2]), \{a/Move([2, 1])\}$

OK			
OK	OK		

## Example: Exploring the Wumpus World

KB initially contains:  $\neg Pit([1, 1]), \neg Wumpus([1, 1]), \dots$

$\forall x, y, a, b. (Adjacent([x, y], [a, b]) \leftrightarrow$

$(x = a \wedge (y = b - 1 \vee y = b + 1)) \vee (y = b \wedge (x = a - 1 \vee x = a + 1)))$

$\forall t, s, g, m, c. (Percept([s, Breeze, g, m, c], t) \rightarrow Breezy(t))$

$\forall t, b, g, m, c. (Percept([Null, b, g, m, c], t) \rightarrow \neg Stench(t))$

$\forall s, t. ((At(Agent, s, t) \wedge Breezy(t)) \rightarrow Breezy(s))$

$\forall s, t. ((At(Agent, s, t) \wedge \neg Stench(t)) \rightarrow \neg Stenchy(s))$

$\forall s. (Breezy(s) \leftrightarrow \exists r. (Adjacent(r, s) \wedge Pit(r)))$

$\forall s. (Stench(s) \leftrightarrow \exists r. (Adjacent(r, s) \wedge Wumpus(r)))$

● Agent moves to [2,1]:  $At(A, [2, 1], 1)$

● Perceives a breeze and no stench:

$Tell(KB, Percept([Null, Breeze, Null, Null, Null], 1))$

$\implies Breezy(1), \neg Stench(1),$

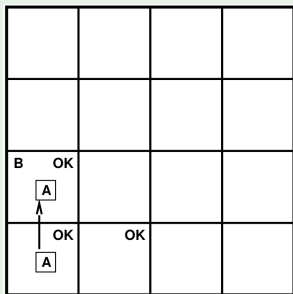
$\implies Breezy([2, 1]), \neg Stenchy([2, 1]),$

$\implies \exists r. (Adjacent(r, [2, 1]) \wedge Pit(r),$   
 $\neg Wumpus([3, 1]), \neg Wumpus([2, 2]),$

$\implies (Pit([3, 1]) \vee Pit([2, 2]))$

$AskVars(KB, \exists a. Action(a, 1)) \implies$

$\{a/Move([1, 1])\}$



## Example: Exploring the Wumpus World

KB initially contains:  $\neg Pit([1, 1]), \neg Wumpus([1, 1]), \dots$

$\forall x, y, a, b. (Adjacent([x, y], [a, b]) \leftrightarrow$

$(x = a \wedge (y = b - 1 \vee y = b + 1)) \vee (y = b \wedge (x = a - 1 \vee x = a + 1)))$

$\forall t, s, g, m, c. (Percept([s, Breeze, g, m, c], t) \rightarrow Breezy(t))$

$\forall t, b, g, m, c. (Percept([Null, b, g, m, c], t) \rightarrow \neg Stench(t))$

$\forall s, t. ((At(Agent, s, t) \wedge Breezy(t)) \rightarrow Breezy(s))$

$\forall s, t. ((At(Agent, s, t) \wedge \neg Stench(t)) \rightarrow \neg Stenchy(s))$

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$\forall s. (Stench(s) \leftrightarrow \exists r. (Adjacent(r, s) \wedge Wumpus(r)))$

● Agent moves to [2,1]:  $At(A, [2, 1], 1)$

● Perceives a breeze and no stench:

$Tell(KB, Percept([Null, Breeze, Null, Null, Null], 1))$

$\implies Breezy(1), \neg Stench(1),$

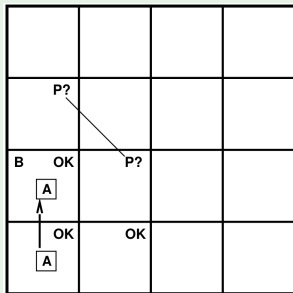
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 $\neg Wumpus([3, 1]), \neg Wumpus([2, 2]),$

$\implies (Pit([3, 1]) \vee Pit([2, 2]))$

$AskVars(KB, \exists a. Action(a, 1)) \implies$

$\{a/Move([1, 1])\}$



## Exercise

Complete the example in the FOL case (see the PL case).

# Outline

- 1 Generalities
- 2 Syntax and Semantics of FOL
- 3 Using FOL
- 4 Knowledge Engineering in FOL**

# Knowledge Engineering in FOL

## The knowledge-engineering process

- 1 **Identify the task** (analogous to PEAS process to design agents)
  - determine what knowledge must be represented in order to connect problem instances to answers
- 2 **Assemble the relevant knowledge** (aka **knowledge acquisition**)  
(either by own domain knowledge or by experts interviews)
  - understand the scope of the knowledge base
  - understand how the domain actually works
- 3 **Decide on a vocabulary of predicates, functions, and constants**
  - translate relevant domain-level concepts into logic-level names
  - what should be represented as predicate/function/constant?

⇒ define the **ontology** of the domain
- 4 **Encode into FOL general knowledge about the domain**
  - write down the axioms for all the vocabulary terms

⇒ should enable the domain expert to check the content
- 5 ...

# Knowledge Engineering in FOL [cont.]

## The knowledge-engineering process [cont.]

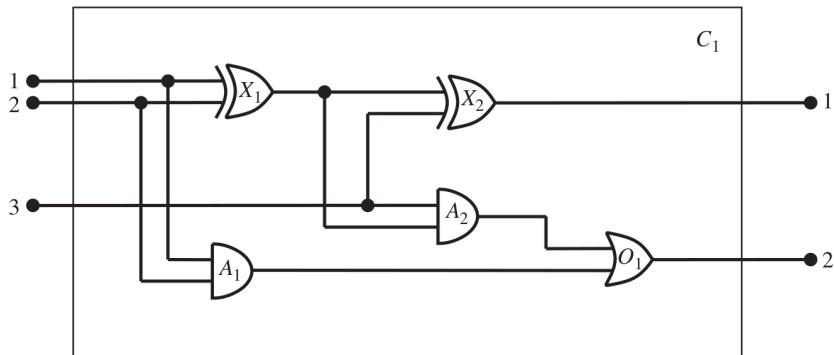
- 4 ...
- 5 **Encode into FOL a description of the specific problem instance**  
(straightforward iff the ontology is well-conceived)
  - mostly assertions of (possibly negated) ground atomic formulas
  - for a logical agent, problem instances are supplied by the sensors
  - general knowledge base is supplied with additional sentences
- 6 **Pose queries to the inference procedure and get answers**
  - the final outcome
  - check the queries
- 7 **Debug the knowledge base**
  - detect un-answered/wrong queries
  - identify too-weak or missing axioms by backward-analysis

No need for writing an application-specific solution algorithm!

# Example: The Electronic Circuits Domain

Task: **Develop (an ontology and) a knowledge base allowing to reason about digital circuits** (e.g., that shown in Figure)

- Ex: **One-bit full adder:**
  - first two inputs are to be added, the third input is a carry bit
  - first output is the sum, the second output is a carry bit





# Example: The Electronic Circuits Domain [cont.]

## 1 Identify the task

- At the highest level, analyze the circuit's functionality
- ex: does the circuit contain feedback loops?
- ...

## 2 Assemble the relevant knowledge

- signals flow along wires to the input terminals of gates
- each gate produces a signal on the output
- AND, OR, XOR gates have two inputs, NOT gates have one
- ...

## 3 Decide on a vocabulary of predicates, functions, and constants

- e.g. each gate instance represented as constant (ex " $X_1$ ")
- each gate type represented as constant (ex " $AND$ ")
- a function  $Type$  (ex:  $Type(X_1) = XOR$ )
- gate terminals represented as integer constants,
- two functions  $In$ ,  $Out$ , and one predicate  $Connected$  (ex:  $Connected(In(1, X_1), In(1, A_2))$ ),
- two values  $0, 1$ , a predicate  $Signal(t)$  (ex:  $Signal(In(1, X_1)) = 1$ )
- ...

## Example: The Electronic Circuits Domain [cont.]

### 4 Encode general knowledge about the domain

$$\forall t_1, t_2. ((Terminal(t_1) \wedge Terminal(t_2) \wedge Connected(t_1, t_2)) \rightarrow (Signal(t_1) = Signal(t_2)))$$
$$\forall t. (Terminal(t) \rightarrow ((Signal(t) = 1) \vee (Signal(t) = 0)))$$
$$\forall t_1, t_2. (Connected(t_1, t_2) \leftrightarrow Connected(t_2, t_1))$$
$$\forall g. (Gate(g) \rightarrow ((Type(g) = AND) \vee (Type(g) = OR) \vee (Type(g) = XOR) \vee (Type(g) = NOT)))$$
$$\forall g. ((Gate(g) \wedge Type(g) = AND) \rightarrow ((Signal(Out(1, g)) = 0) \leftrightarrow \exists n. (Signal(In(n, g)) = 0)))$$

... analogous definitions for OR, XOR, NOT

$$\forall g. ((Gate(g) \wedge (Type(g) = NOT)) \rightarrow Arity(g, 1, 1))$$
$$\forall g. ((Gate(g) \wedge ((Type(g) = AND) \vee (Type(g) = OR) \vee (Type(g) = XOR))) \rightarrow Arity(g, 2, 1))$$
$$\forall c, i, j. ((Circuit(c) \wedge Arity(c, i, j)) \rightarrow$$
$$\forall n. ((n \leq i \rightarrow Terminal(In(c, n))) \wedge (n > i \rightarrow In(c, n) = Nothing)) \wedge$$
$$\forall n. ((n \leq j \rightarrow Terminal(Out(c, n))) \wedge (n > j \rightarrow Out(c, n) = Nothing)))$$
$$\forall g, t. ((Gate(g) \wedge Terminal(t)) \rightarrow$$
$$(g \neq t \neq 1 \neq 0 \neq OR \neq AND \neq XOR \neq NOT \neq Nothing))$$

## Example: The Electronic Circuits Domain [cont.]

### 5 Encode a description of the specific problem instance

- $Circuit(C_1) \wedge Arity(C_1, 3, 2) \wedge$   
 $Gate(X_1) \wedge Type(X_1) = XOR \wedge Gate(X_2) \wedge Type(X_2) = XOR \wedge \dots \wedge$   
 $Gate(O_1) \wedge Type(O_1) = OR$
- $Connected(Out(1, X_1), In(1, X_2)) \wedge$   
 $\dots \wedge$   
 $Connected(In(3, C_1), In(1, A_2))$

### 6 Pose queries to the inference procedure and get answers

- Ex: Which inputs would cause the first output of  $C_1$  (the sum bit) to be 0 and the second output of  $C_1$  (the carry bit) to be 1?

$AskVars(KB, \exists i_1, i_2, i_3. (Signal(In(1, C_1)) = i_1 \wedge$   
 $Signal(In(2, C_1)) = i_2 \wedge Signal(In(3, C_1)) = i_3 \wedge$   
 $Signal(Out(1, C_1)) = 0 \wedge Signal(Out(2, C_1)) = 1))$

$\Rightarrow \{i_1/1, i_2/1, i_3/0\}$  or  $\{i_1/1, i_2/0, i_3/1\}$  or  $\{i_1/0, i_2/1, i_3/1\}$

- What are the possible value sets of all terminals?

$AskVars(KB, \exists i_1, i_2, i_3, o_1, o_2. (Signal(In(1, C_1)) = i_1 \wedge$   
 $Signal(In(2, C_1)) = i_2 \wedge Signal(In(3, C_1)) = i_3 \wedge$   
 $Signal(Out(1, C_1)) = o_1 \wedge Signal(Out(2, C_1)) = o_2))$

$\Rightarrow \{i_1/1, i_2/1, i_3/1, o_1/1, o_2/1\}$  or  $\{i_1/1, i_2/1, i_3/0, o_1/0, o_2/1\}$  or ...

## Example: The Electronic Circuits Domain [cont.]

### 7 Debug the knowledge base

- Suppose no output produced by previous query
- We progressively try to restrict our analysis my more local queries, until we pinpoint the problem.
- Ex:  $\exists i_1, i_2, o. (\text{Signal}(\text{In}(1, C1)) = i_1 \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{In}(2, C1)) = i_2 \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, X1)) = o)$   
(see AIMA book for a detailed example)