

# Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence

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

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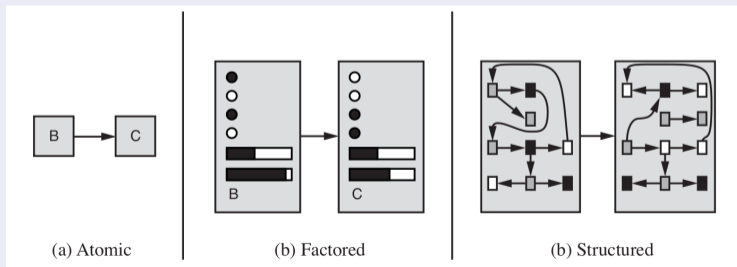
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# Recall: State Representations [Ch. 02]

## 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 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

# Cons of Propositional Logic

- Is “Atomic”: based on atomic events which cannot be decomposed
- Assumes the world contains facts in the world that are either true or false, nothing else
  - ex: Man\_Socrates, Man\_Plato, Man\_Aristotle, ... distinct atoms

⇒ 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)

# Logics

- A logic is a triple  $\langle \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$  where
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  - $\mathcal{R}$ , the logic's **inference system**: is a set of formal derivation rules over  $\mathcal{L}$
- There are several logics:
  - propositional logic (PL)
  - first-order logic (FOL)
  - modal logics (MLs)
  - description logics (DLs)
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  - (fuzzy logics, probabilistic logics, ...)
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- 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:  
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# POLARITY of subformulas

**Polarity:** the number of nested negations modulo 2.

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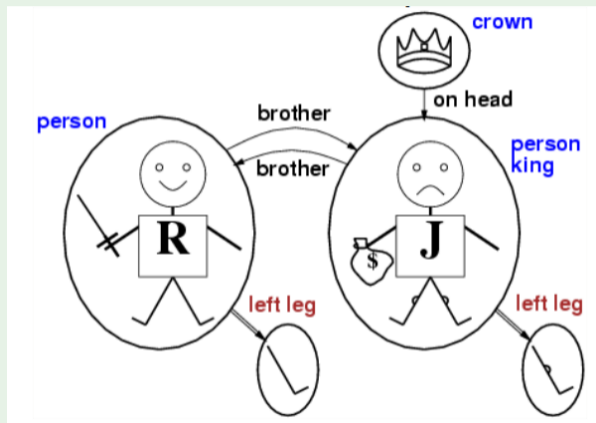
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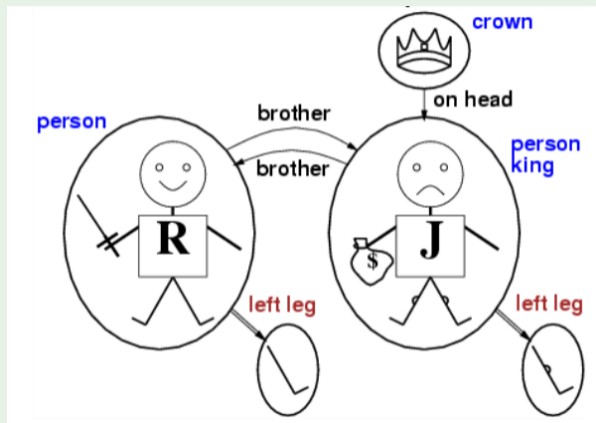


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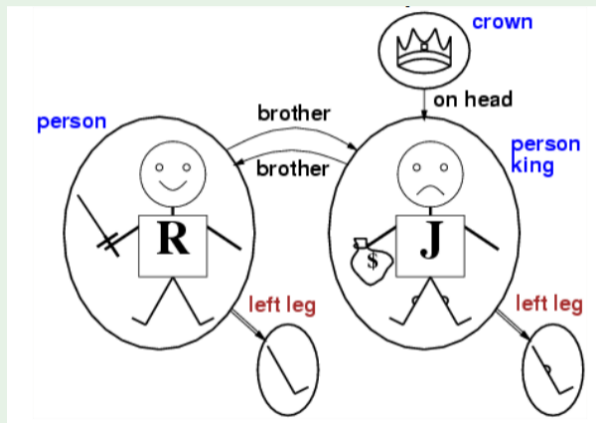


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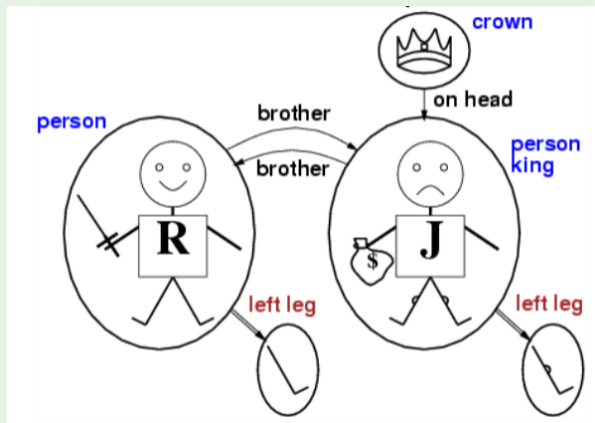


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- e.g.:  $[LeftLeg(crown)]^{\mathcal{I}}$ ?
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(other solution, sorts, not considered here)

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

- Perceives no stench, no breeze:

$$Tell(KB, Percept([Null, Null, Null, Null, Null], 0))$$
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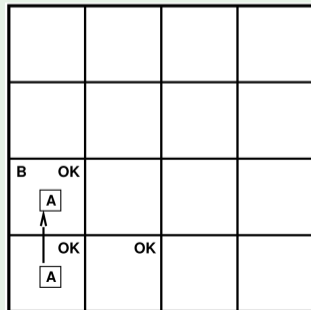
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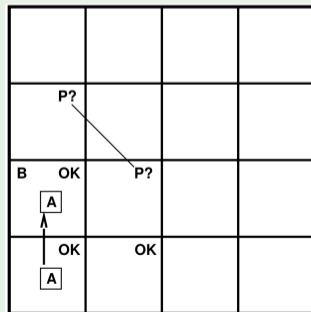
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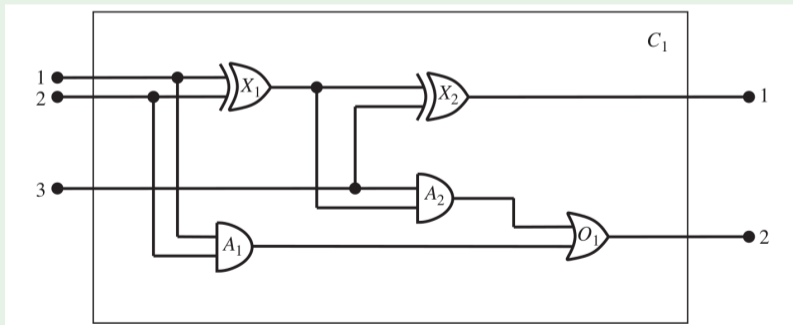
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Task: **Develop (an ontology and) a knowledge base allowing to reason about digital circuits** (e.g., that shown in Figure)

● 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



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$\forall t. (Terminal(t) \rightarrow ((Signal(t) = 1) \vee (Signal(t) = 0)))$

$\forall t_1, t_2. (Connected(t_1, t_2) \leftrightarrow Connected(t_2, t_1))$

$\forall g. (Gate(g) \rightarrow ((Type(g) = AND) \vee (Type(g) = OR) \vee (Type(g) = XOR) \vee (Type(g) = NOT)))$

$\forall g. ((Gate(g) \wedge Type(g) = AND) \rightarrow ((Signal(Out(1, g)) = 0) \leftrightarrow \exists n. (Signal(In(n, g)) = 0)))$

... analogous definitions for OR, XOR, NOT

$\forall g. ((Gate(g) \wedge (Type(g) = NOT)) \rightarrow Arity(g, 1, 1))$

$\forall g. ((Gate(g) \wedge ((Type(g) = AND) \vee (Type(g) = OR) \vee (Type(g) = XOR))) \rightarrow Arity(g, 2, 1))$

$\forall c, i, j. ((Circuit(c) \wedge Arity(c, i, j)) \rightarrow$

$\forall n. ((n \leq i \rightarrow Terminal(In(c, n))) \wedge (n > i \rightarrow In(c, n) = Nothing)) \wedge$

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Notation:  $(t_1 \neq t_2 \neq t_3 \neq \dots \neq t_n)$ : shortcut for  $\neg(t_1 = t_2) \wedge \neg(t_1 = t_3) \wedge \dots \wedge \neg(t_{n-1} = t_n)$ .

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

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

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 $Gate(X_1) \wedge Type(X_1) = XOR \wedge Gate(X_2) \wedge Type(X_2) = XOR \wedge \dots \wedge$   
 $Gate(O_1) \wedge Type(O_1) = OR$
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- 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?

$AskVars(KB, \exists i_1, i_2, i_3. (Signal(In(1, C_1)) = i_1 \wedge$   
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(see AIMA book for a detailed example)