

Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence

Chapter 12: Knowledge Representation

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 - reification of categories into objects (ex Basketballs): sets
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 - a category is a subclass of another category
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 - all members of a category have some properties
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- Values that we assign to these properties are measures
- Can be represented by unit functions
 - ex $Length(L_1) = Inches(1.5) \wedge Inches(1.5) = Centimeters(3.81)$
- Conversion between units:
 - $\forall i. Centimeters(2.54 \times i) = Inches(i)$
- Measures can be used to describe objects:
 - ex: $Diameter(Basketball_{12}) = Inches(9.5)$
 - ex: $ListPrice(Basketball_{12}) = \(19)
 - ex: $\forall d.(d \in Days \rightarrow Duration(d) = Hours(24))$

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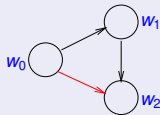
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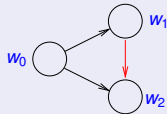
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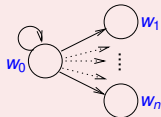
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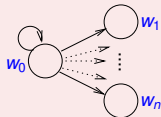
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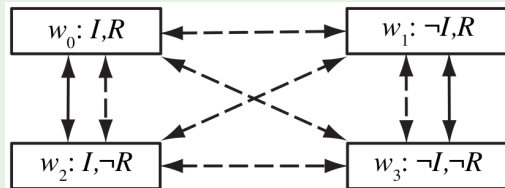
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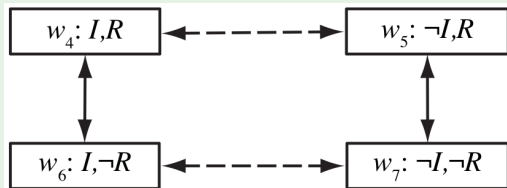
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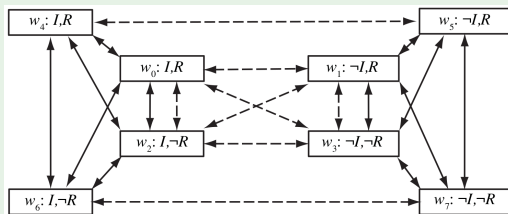
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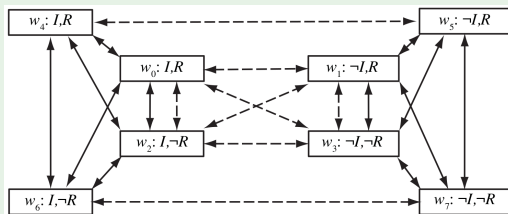
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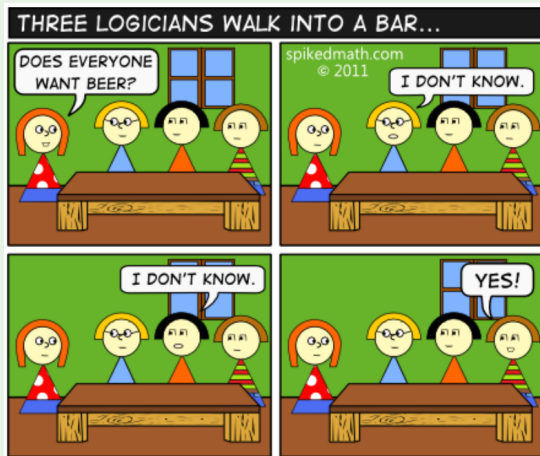
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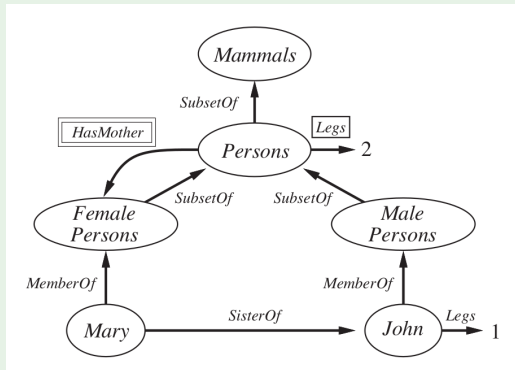
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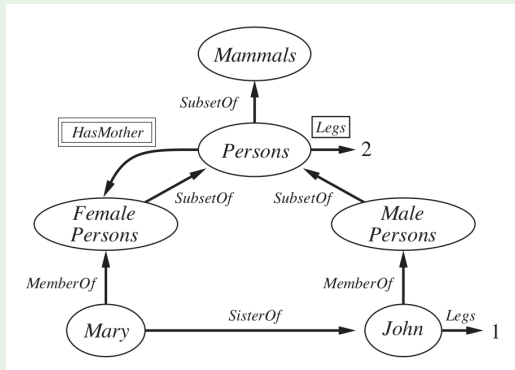
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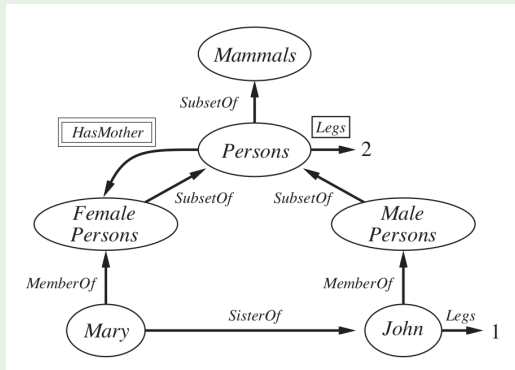
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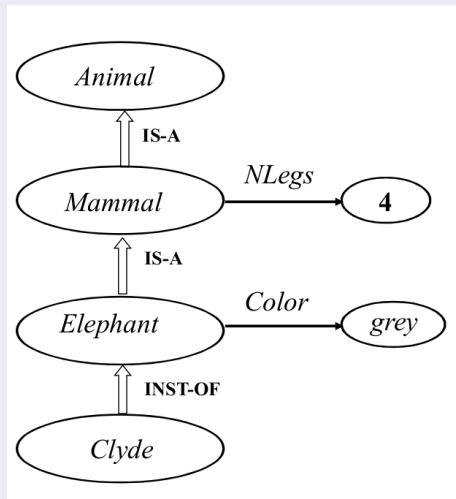


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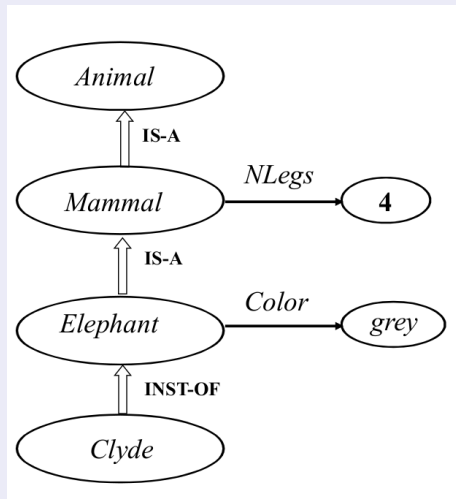
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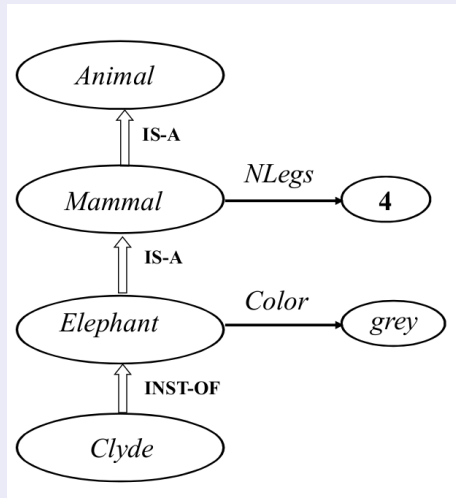
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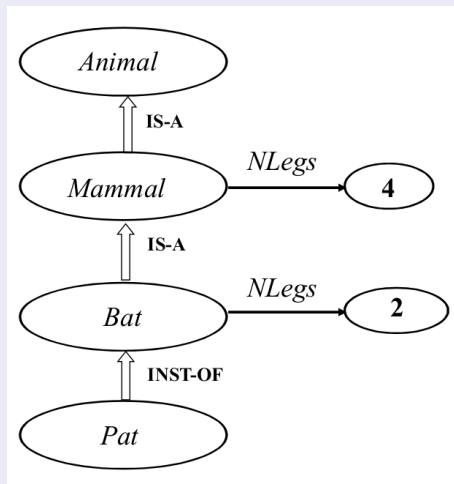


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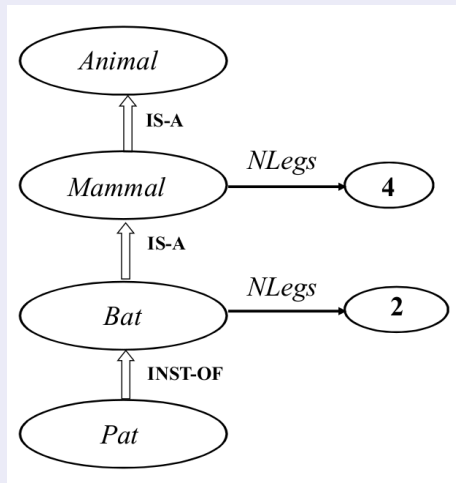
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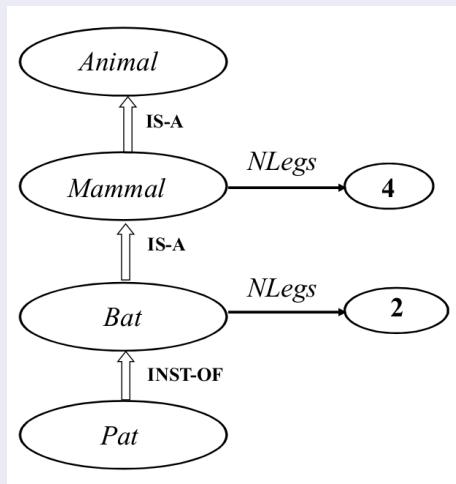


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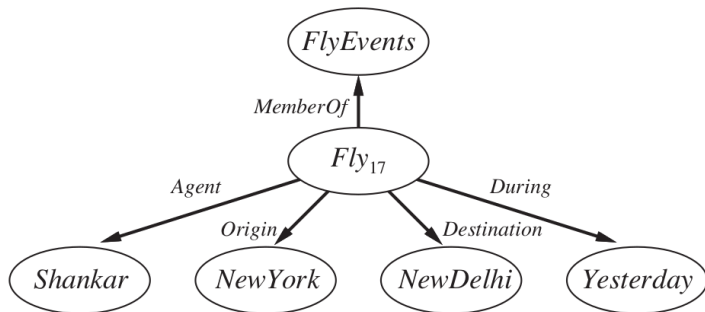
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