

# Propositional Logic

Commutative laws	$P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P$ $P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$
Associative laws	$(P \vee Q) \vee R \equiv P \vee (Q \vee R)$ $(P \wedge Q) \wedge R \equiv P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$
Distributive laws:	$(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R) \equiv P \vee (Q \wedge R)$ $(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R) \equiv P \wedge (Q \vee R)$
Identity	$P \vee F \equiv P, P \wedge T \equiv P$
Negation	$P \vee \sim P \equiv T$ (excluded middle) $P \wedge \sim P \equiv F$ (contradiction)
Double negation	$\sim(\sim P) \equiv P$
Idempotent laws	$P \vee P \equiv P$ $P \wedge P \equiv P$
De Morgan's Laws	$\sim(P \vee Q) \equiv \sim P \wedge \sim Q$ $\sim(P \wedge Q) \equiv \sim P \vee \sim Q$
Universal bound laws (Domination)	$P \vee T \equiv T$ $P \wedge F \equiv F$
Absorption Laws	$P \vee (P \wedge Q) \equiv P$ $P \wedge (P \vee Q) \equiv P$
Negation of T and F	$\sim T \equiv F, \sim F \equiv T$

## Example

- Consider the problem of representing the following information:
  - Every person is mortal.
  - Confucius is a person.
  - Confucius is mortal.
- How can these sentences be represented so that we can infer the third sentence from the first two?

## Solution

$P = \text{“person”}; Q = \text{“mortal”}; R = \text{“Confucius”}$

$P \rightarrow Q; R \rightarrow P; R \rightarrow Q$

- To represent other individuals we must introduce separate symbols for each one, with some way to represent the fact that all individuals who are “people” are also “mortal”

## Quiz

- Construct a truth table for the following compound proposition:  
 $(p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q).$
- Let  $p$  stand for the proposition “I bought a lottery ticket” and  $q$  for “I won the jackpot”. Express the following as natural English sentences:
  - $\neg p$
  - $p \vee q$
  - $p \wedge q$
  - $p \rightarrow q$
  - $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$
  - $\neg p \vee (p \wedge q)$

# First-Order Logic

- is also known as **First-order Predicate Calculus**, the **Lower Predicate Calculus**, **Quantification Theory**, and **Predicate Logic**.
- First-order logic is distinguished from propositional logic by its use of quantified variables as :
  - Quantifier  $\rightarrow \exists \mid \forall$  where  $\forall x$  asserts that a sentence is true for all values of variable  $x$  for example “all man loves soccer” could be represented as  $\forall x \text{ man}(x) \rightarrow \text{love}(x, \text{soccer})$ .
  - While  $\exists x$  asserts that a sentence is true for at least one value of a variable  $x$  for example “Haneen is not the youngest girl” could be represented as  $\exists x \text{ younger}(x, \text{Haneen})$ .

# First-Order Logic

- Function symbols, which map individuals to individuals
  - **father-of(Mary) = John**
  - **color-of(Sky) = Blue**
- Predicate symbols, which map individuals to truth values
  - **greater(5,3)**
  - **green(Grass)**
  - **color(Grass, Green)**
- Example
  - $(\forall x) \text{ student}(x) \rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$  means “All students are smart”
  - $(\forall x) \text{ student}(x) \wedge \text{smart}(x)$  means “Everyone in the world is a student and is smart”
  - $(\exists x) \text{ student}(x) \rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$  means “ there is a student who is smart”

## Examples

**Every gardener likes the sun.**

$\forall x \text{ gardener}(x) \rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{Sun})$

**You can fool some of the people all of the time.**

$\exists x \forall t \text{ person}(x) \wedge \text{time}(t) \rightarrow \text{can-fool}(x, t)$

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**All purple mushrooms are poisonous.**

$\forall x (\text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{purple}(x)) \rightarrow \text{poisonous}(x)$

**No purple mushroom is poisonous.**

$\neg \exists x \text{ purple}(x) \wedge \text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{poisonous}(x)$

$\forall x (\text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{purple}(x)) \rightarrow \neg \text{poisonous}(x)$

**There are exactly two purple mushrooms.**

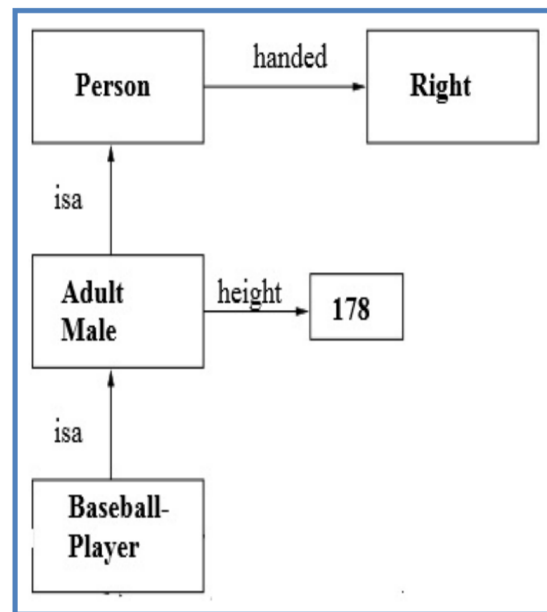
$\exists x \exists y \text{ mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{purple}(x) \wedge \text{mushroom}(y) \wedge \text{purple}(y) \wedge \neg(x=y)$

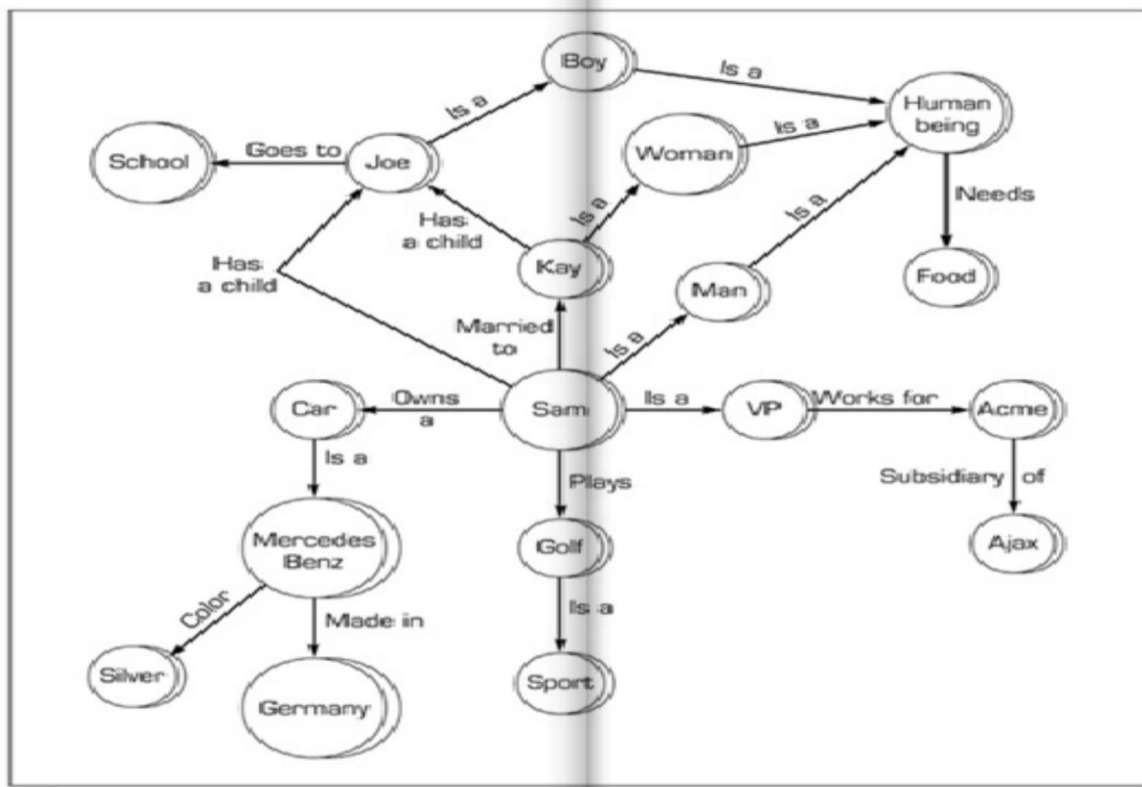
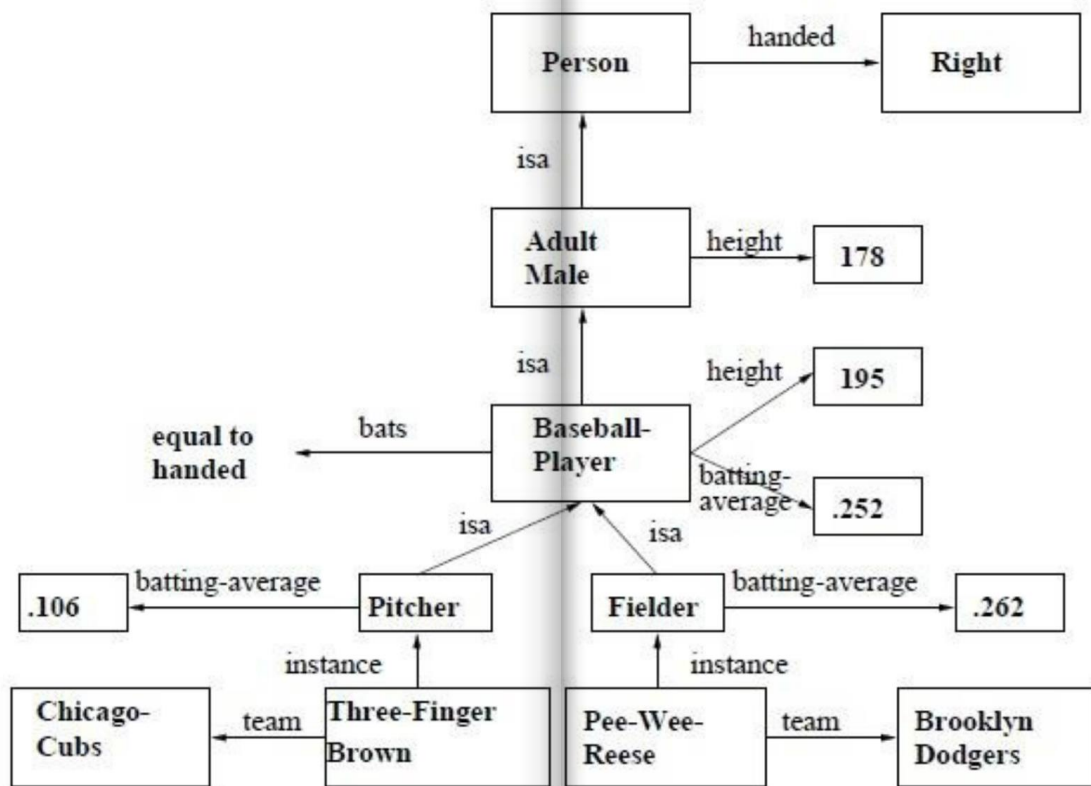
**Clinton is not tall.**

$\neg \text{tall}(\text{Clinton})$

## Semantic Networks

- humans tend to store and manipulate knowledge in Graphs.
- Graphs are very easy to store inside programs.
- Semantic Network** is a graph structure for representing knowledge in patterns of interconnected nodes and arcs.





# Propositional Logic

- Propositional logic is **declarative**
- Propositional logic allows partial / disjunctive / negated information unlike most data structures and databases
- Propositional logic has very limited expressive power
- The symbols in this logic are:

$\wedge$ ...and	[conjunction]
$\vee$ ...or	[disjunction]
$\Rightarrow$ ...implies	[implication / conditional]
$\Leftrightarrow$ ..is equivalent	[biconditional]
$\neg$ ...not	[negation]

# Propositional Logic

- Logical constants: true, false
- Propositional symbols: P, Q, S, ... (atomic sentences)
- Wrapping parentheses: ( ... )
- We can summarize the meanings of these connectives using

p	Q	$\neg q$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T

# Propositional Logic

- If “it is hot” and “the sun is shining” then “kids should wear hats”
  - P means “It is hot”
  - Q means “the sun is shining”
  - R means “kids should wear hats”

P      ^      Q      →      R

# Propositional Logic

- A sentence is a **Well Formed Formula** when:
  - A symbol is a sentence
  - If  $S$  is a sentence, then  $\neg S$  is a sentence
  - If  $S$  is a sentence, then  $(S)$  is a sentence
  - If  $S$  and  $T$  are sentences, then  $(S \vee T)$ ,  $(S \wedge T)$ ,  $(S \rightarrow T)$ , and  $(S \Leftrightarrow T)$  are sentences
  - A sentence results from a finite number of applications of the above rules