Mathematical Logic

Part Two

Recap from Last Time

Recap So Far

- A ***propositional variable*** is a variable that is either true or false.
- The ***propositional connectives*** are as follows:
  - Negation: $\neg p$
  - Conjunction: $p \land q$
  - Disjunction: $p \lor q$
  - Implication: $p \to q$
  - Biconditional: $p \leftrightarrow q$
  - True: $\top$
  - False: $\bot$

Take out a sheet of paper!

What's the truth table for the $\rightarrow$ connective?

What's the negation of $p \rightarrow q$?

New Stuff!

First-Order Logic

What is First-Order Logic?

- ***First-order logic*** is a logical system for reasoning about properties of objects.
- Augments the logical connectives from propositional logic with
  - ***predicates*** that describe properties of objects,
  - ***functions*** that map objects to one another, and
  - ***quantifiers*** that allow us to reason about multiple objects.

Some Examples

$$Likes(You, ComicBooks) \lor Likes(You, GoodMovies) \lor Likes(You, AwesomeWomenInTech) \rightarrow Likes(You, BlackPanther)$$

$$Likes(You, Eggs) \land Likes(You, Tomato) \rightarrow Likes(You, Shakshuka)$$

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These blue terms are called ***constant symbols***. Unlike propositional variables, they refer to *objects*, not *propositions*.

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The red things that look like function calls are called ***predicates***. Predicates take objects as arguments and evaluate to true or false.

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What remains are traditional propositional connectives. Because each predicate evaluates to true or false, we can connect the truth values of predicates using normal propositional connectives.

Reasoning about Objects

- To reason about objects, first-order logic uses ***predicates***.
- Examples:

$$Cute(Quokka)$$

$$Likes(DrLee, CS103)$$

$$Likes(DrLee, Quokka)$$

$$\neg Cute(Mosquito)$$

$$\neg Likes(DrLee, Mosquito)$$

- Applying a predicate to arguments produces a proposition, which is either true or false.
- Typically, when you're working in FOL, you'll have a list of predicates, what they stand for, and how many arguments they take. It'll be given separately than the formulas you write.

First-Order Sentences

- Sentences in first-order logic can be constructed from predicates applied to objects:

$$Cute(a) \to Dikdik(a) \lor Kitty(a) \lor Puppy(a)$$

$$Succeeds(You) \leftrightarrow Practices(You)$$

$$x < 8 \to x < 137$$

The less-than sign is just another predicate. Binary predicates are sometimes written in ***infix notation*** this way.

Numbers are not “built in” to first-order logic. They’re constant symbols just like “You” and “a” above.

Equality

- First-order logic is equipped with a special predicate **=** that says whether two objects are equal to one another.
- Equality is a part of first-order logic, just as → and ¬ are.
- Examples:

$$TomMarvoloRiddle = LordVoldemort$$

$$MorningStar = EveningStar$$

- Equality can only be applied to ***objects***; to state that two ***propositions*** are equal, use ↔.

Let's see some more examples.

$$FavoriteMovieOf(You) \neq FavoriteMovieOf(Date) \wedge$$
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These purple terms are ***functions***. Functions take objects as input and produce objects as output.

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Functions

- First-order logic allows ***functions*** that return objects associated with other objects.
- Examples:

$$ColorOf(Sky)$$

$$MedianOf(x, y, z)$$

$$x + y$$

- As with predicates, functions can take in any number of arguments, but always return a single value.
- Functions evaluate to ***objects***, not ***propositions***.

Objects and Predicates

- When working in first-order logic, be careful to keep objects (actual things) and predicates (true or false) separate.
- You cannot apply connectives to objects:

⚠ $$Venus \to TheSun$$ ⚠

- You cannot apply functions to propositions:

⚠ $$StarOf(IsRed(Sun) \land IsGreen(Mars))$$ ⚠

- Ever get confused? *Just ask!*

The Type-Checking Table

	… operate on …	… and produce
Connectives ($\leftrightarrow$, $\wedge$, etc.) …	propositions	a proposition
Predicates ($=$, etc.) …	objects	a proposition
Functions …	objects	an object

Type Inference

Consider the following formula in first-order logic:

$$R(y) \rightarrow (S(x, y) = T(x))$$

Assuming that this formula is syntactically correct,
which of R, S, and T are ***predicates*** and which are ***functions***?

A. R is a ***predicate***, S is a ***predicate***, and T is a ***predicate***.
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One last (and major) change

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∃ is the ***existential quantifier*** and says "for some choice of m, the following is true."

The Existential Quantifier

- A statement of the form

  $$\exists x.\ \textbf{\textit{some-formula}}$$

  is true if, for *some* choice of x, the statement ***some-formula*** is true when that x is plugged into it.
- Examples:

  $$\exists x.\ (Even(x) \land Prime(x))$$

  $$\exists x.\ (TallerThan(x, me) \land LighterThan(x, me))$$

  $$(\exists w.\ Will(w)) \to (\exists x.\ Way(x))$$

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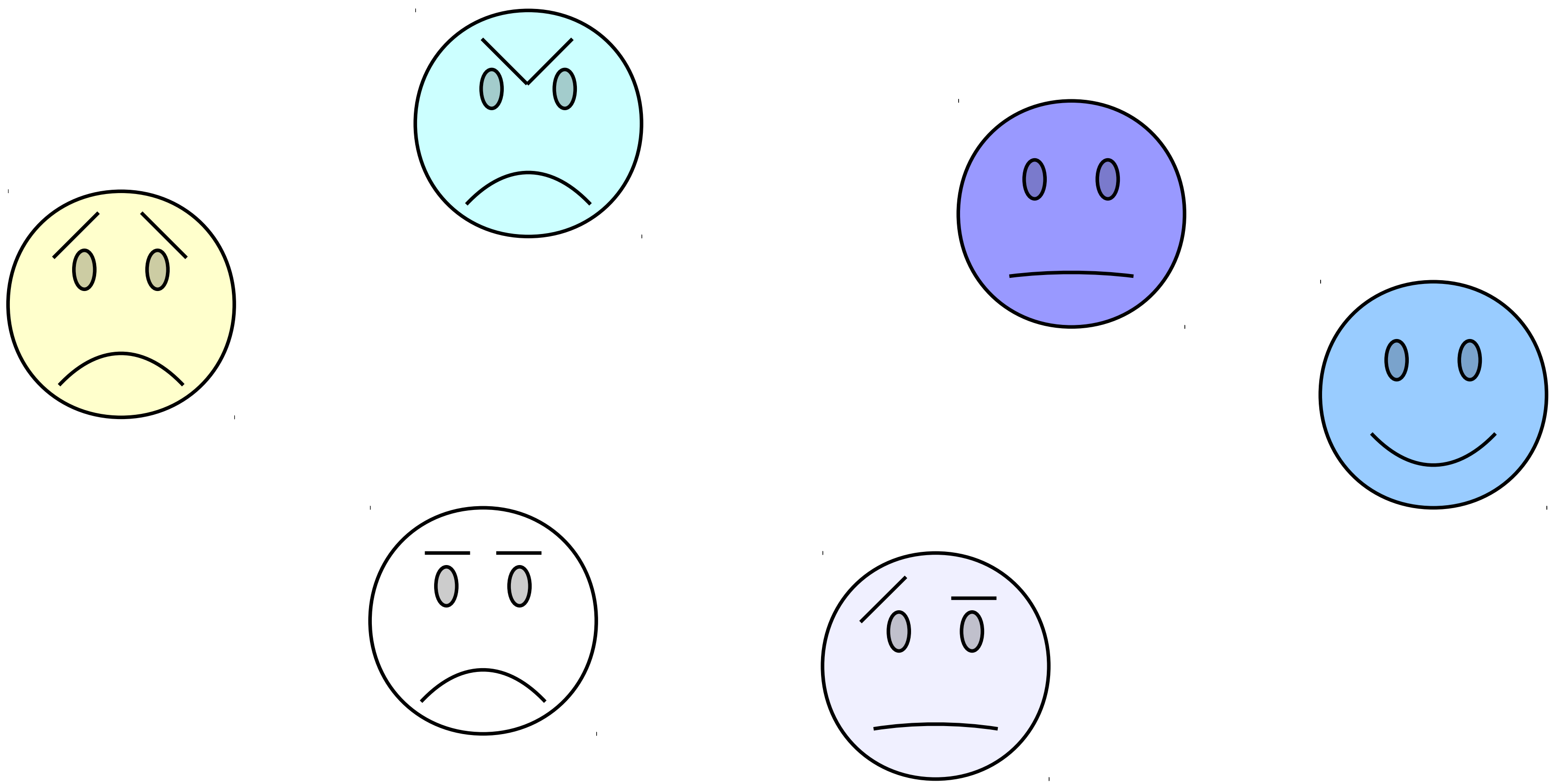

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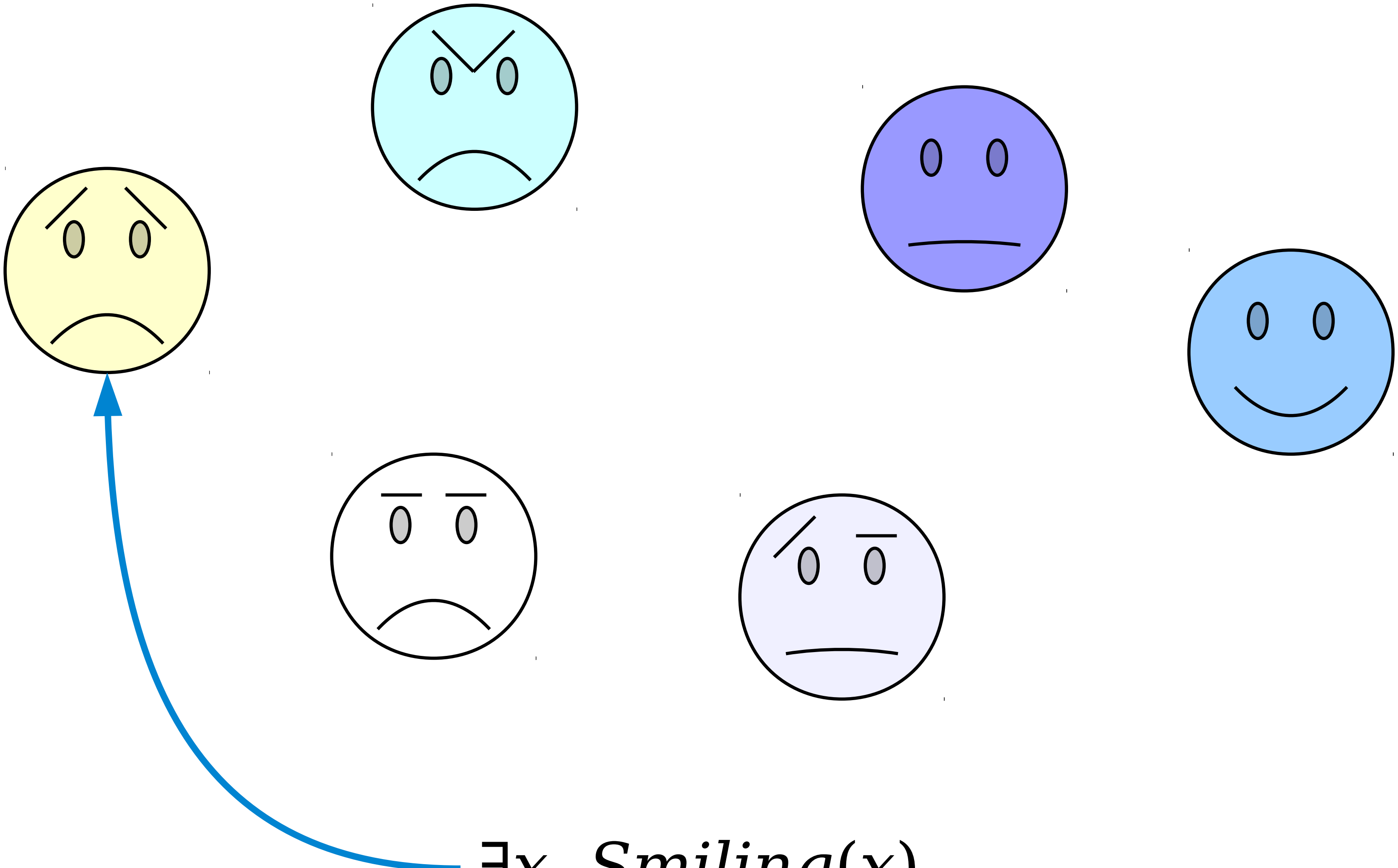

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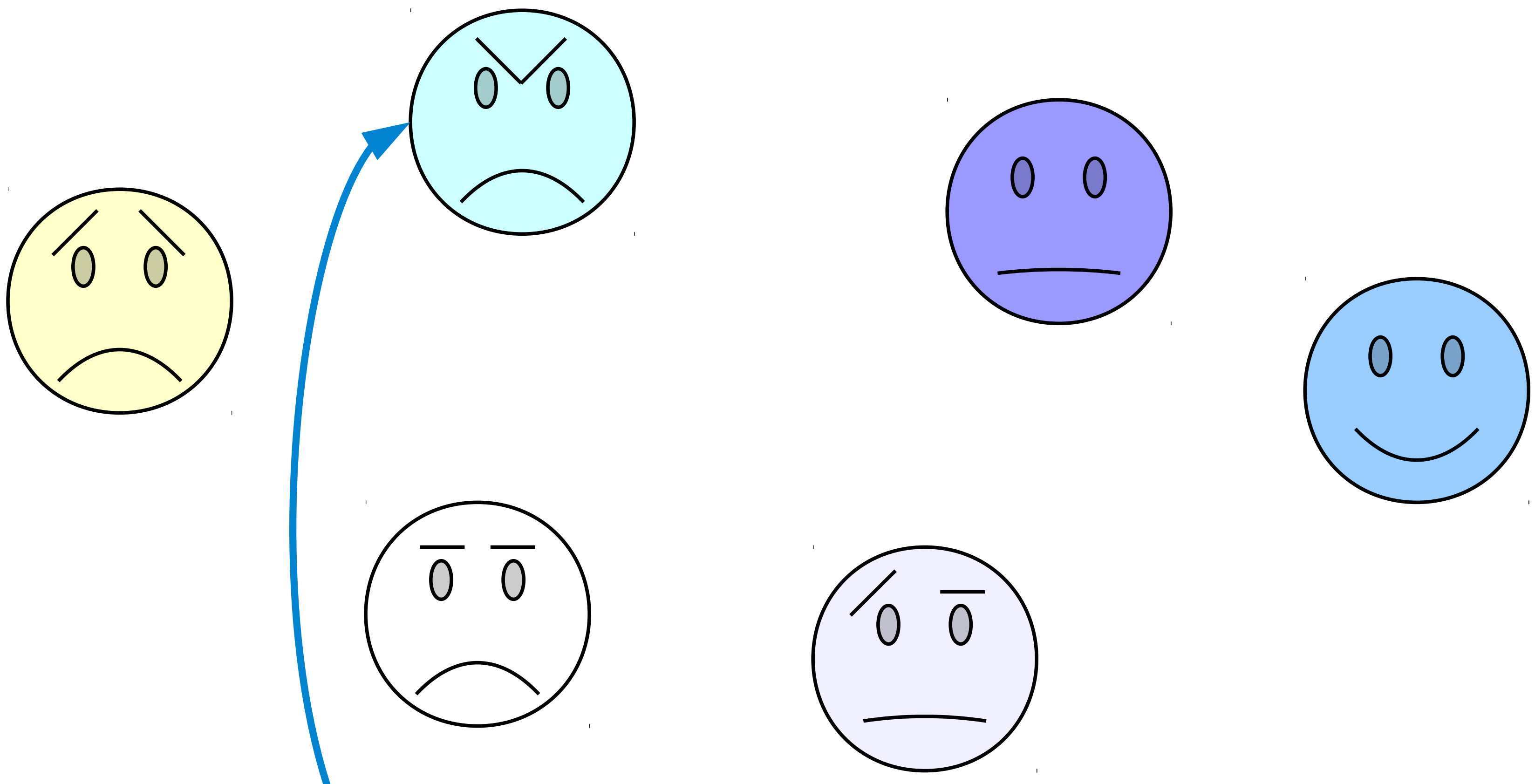

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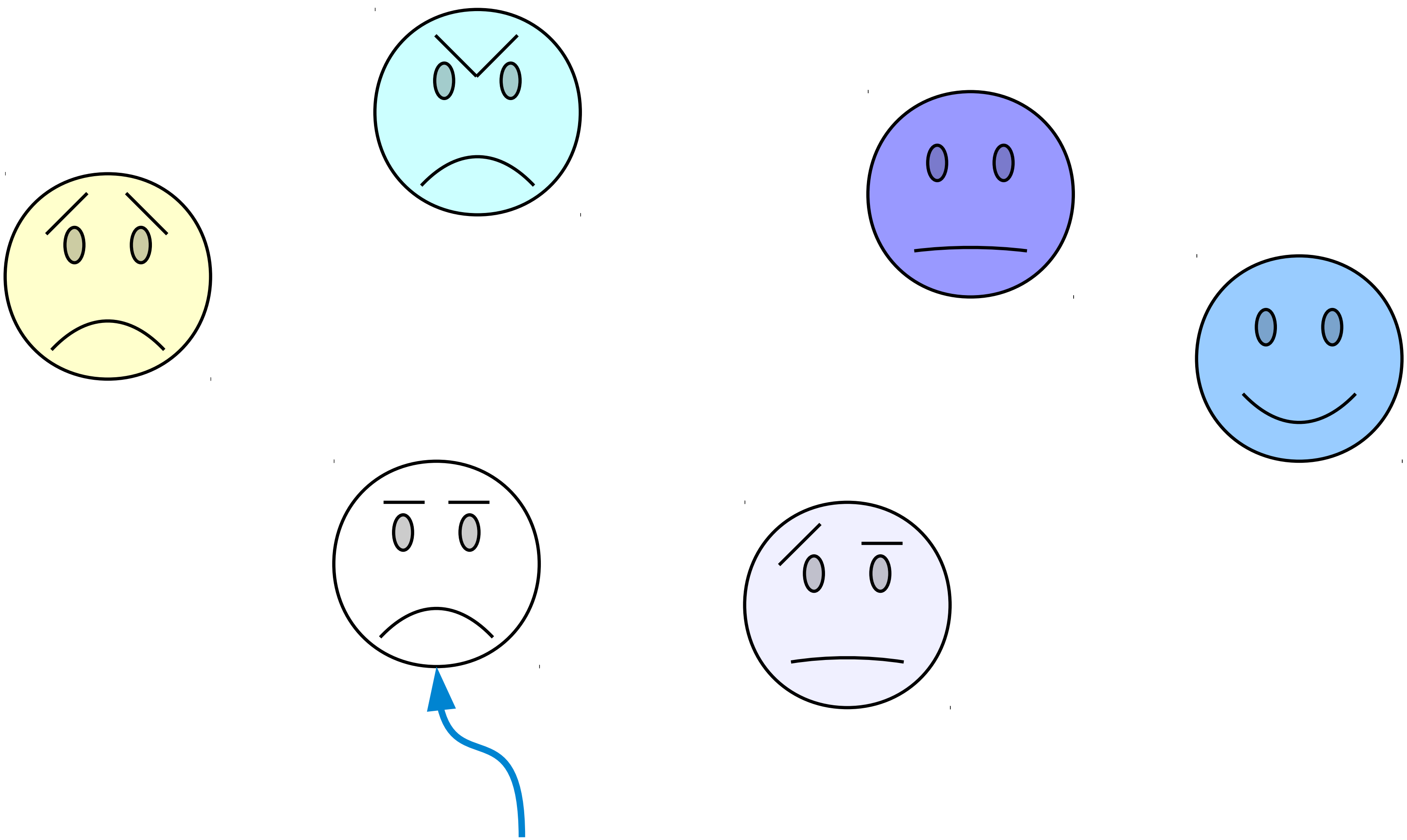

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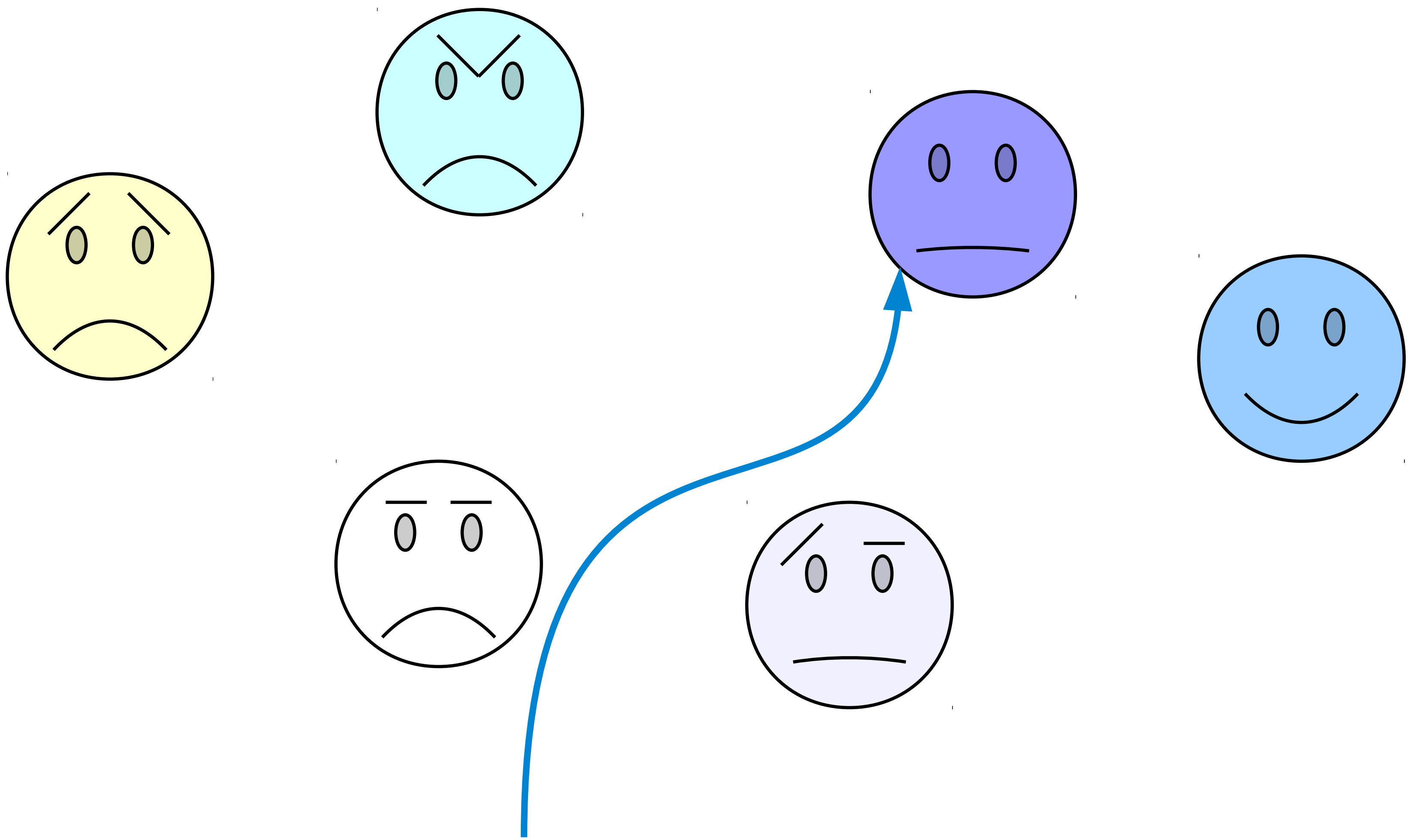

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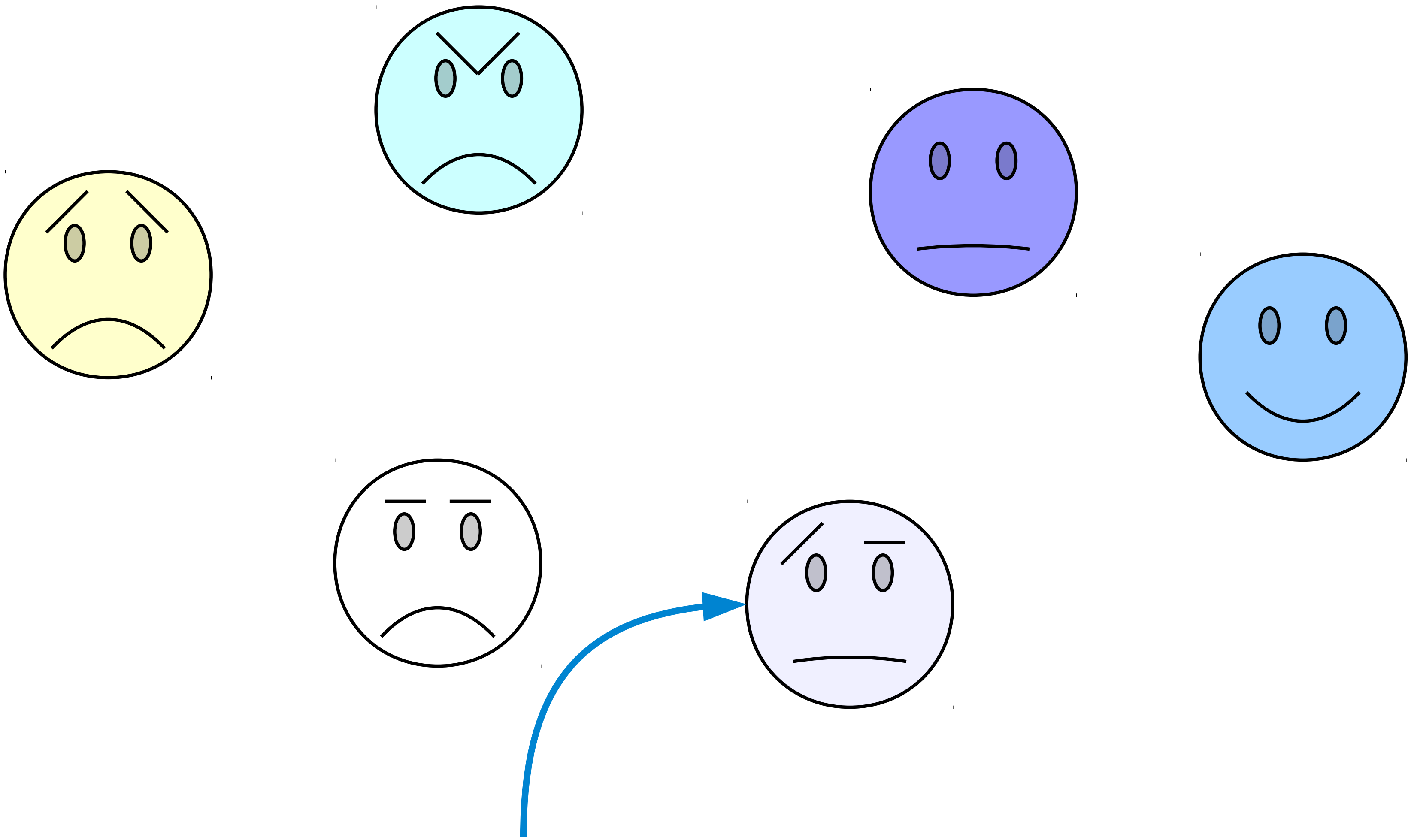

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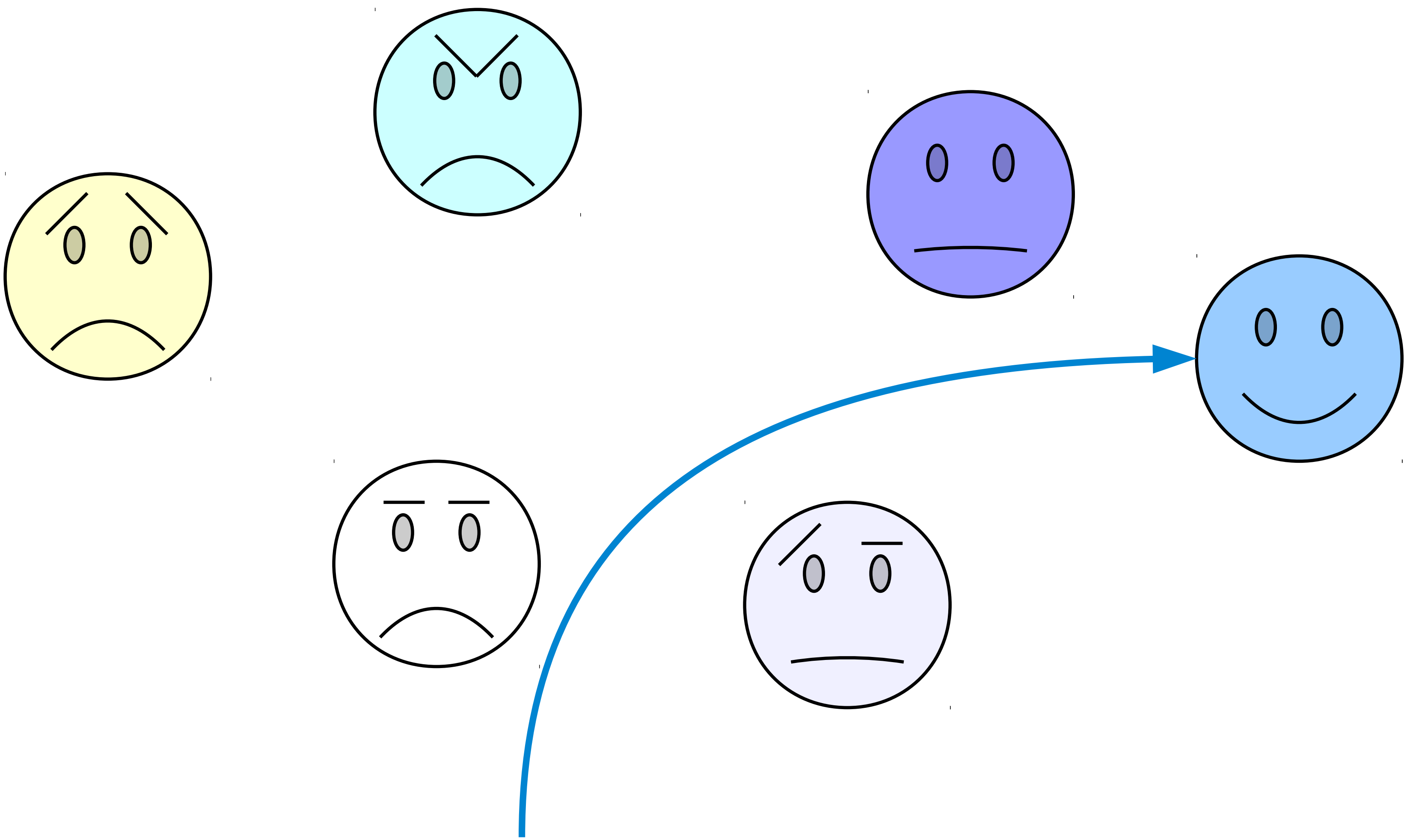

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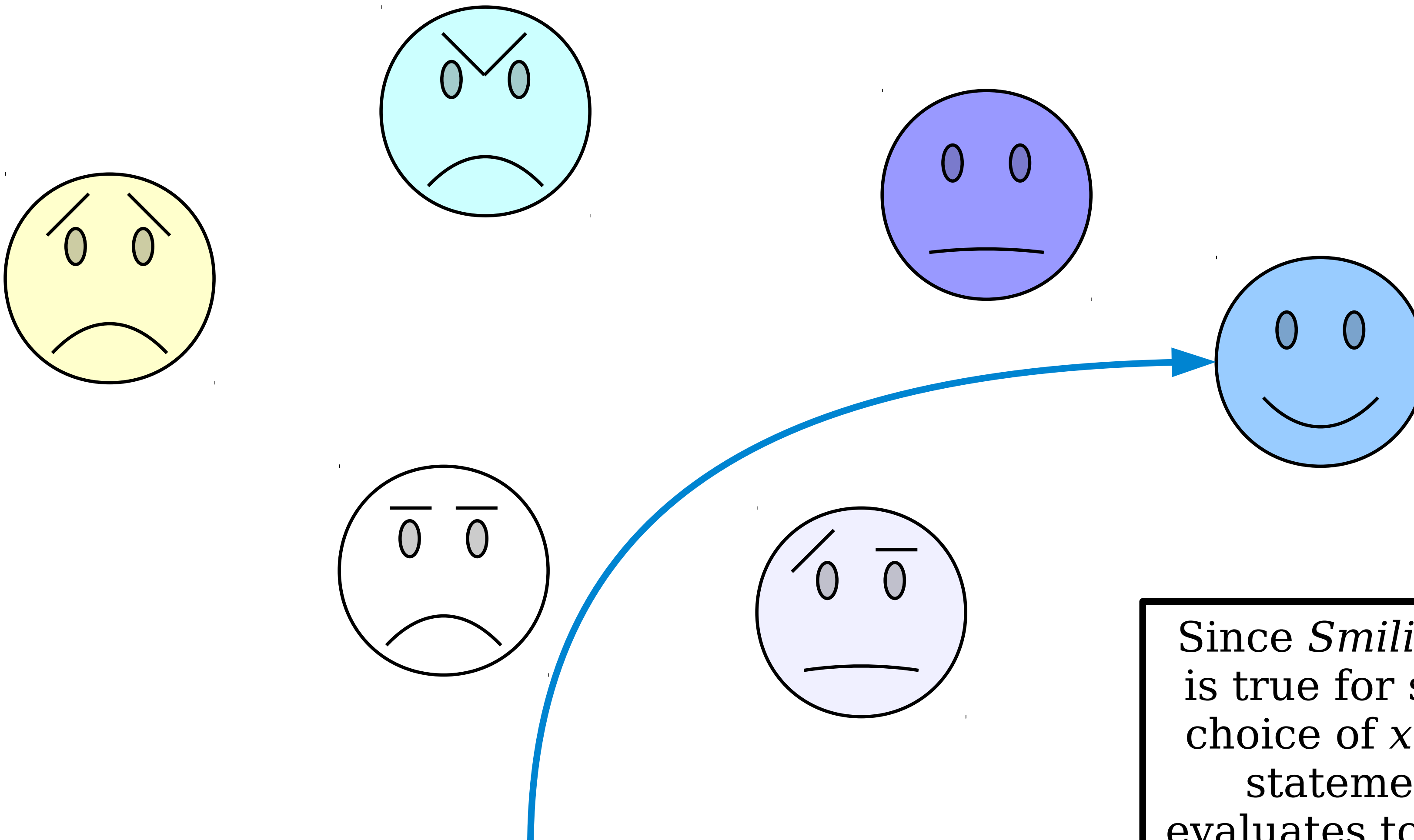

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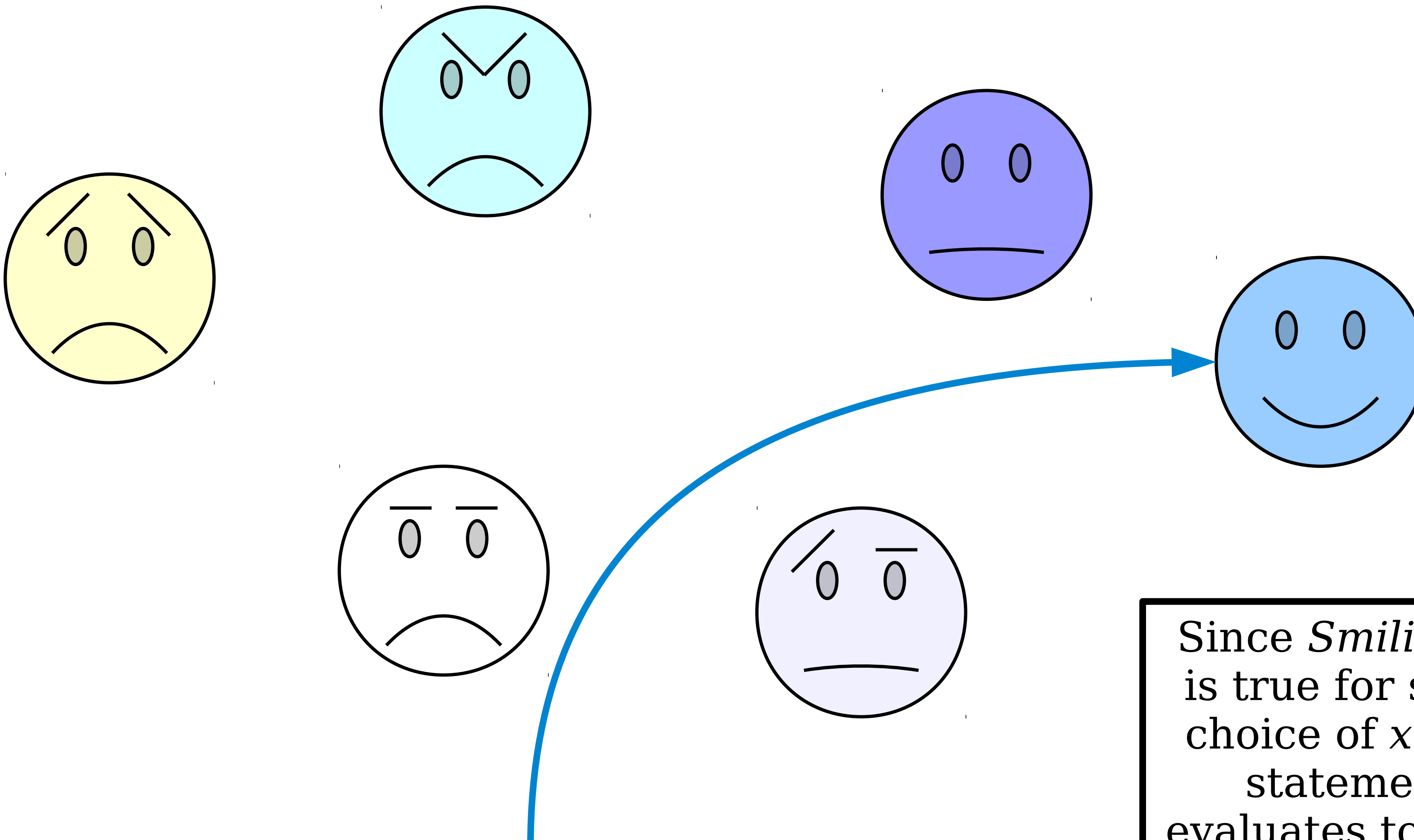

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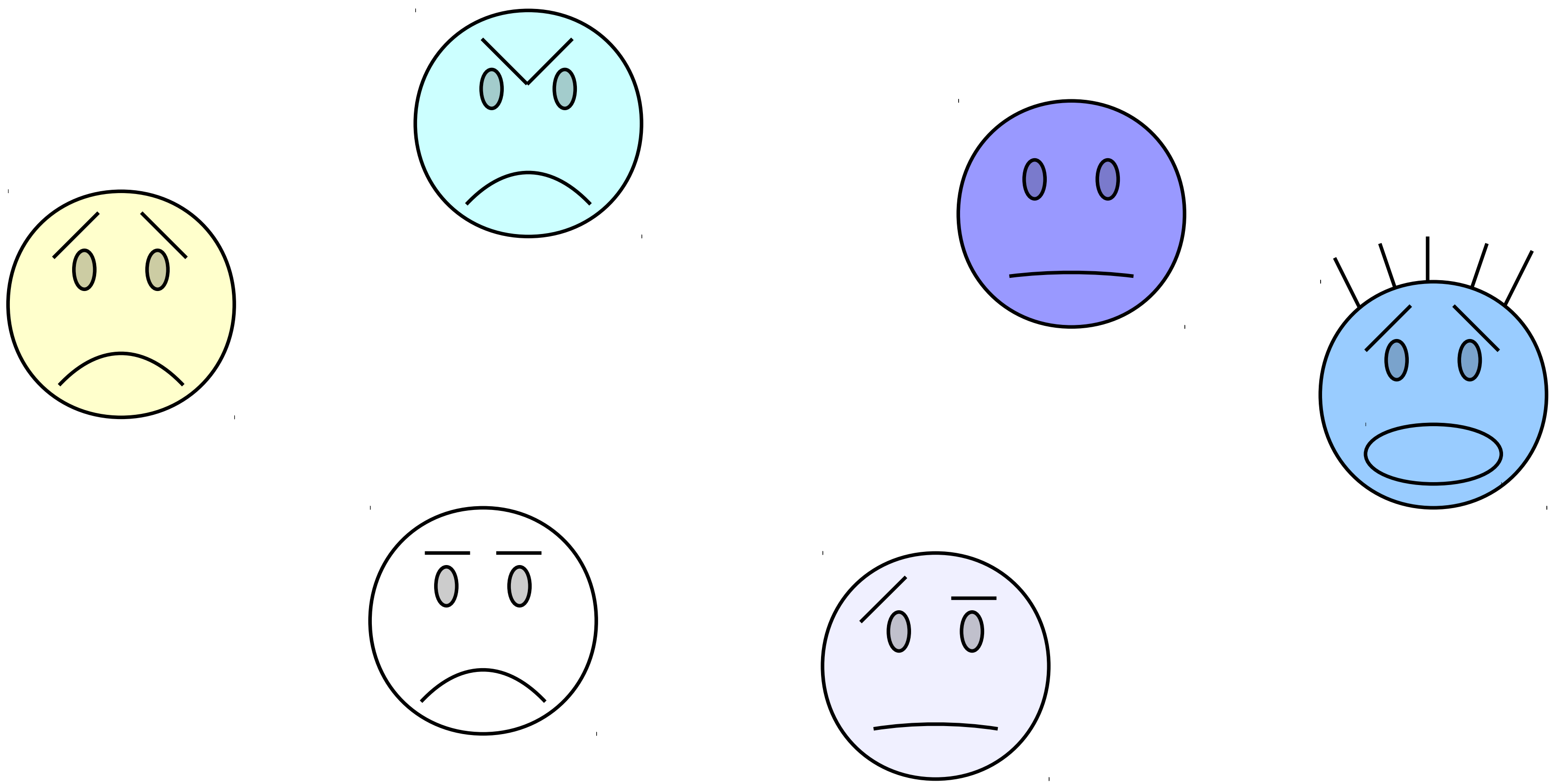

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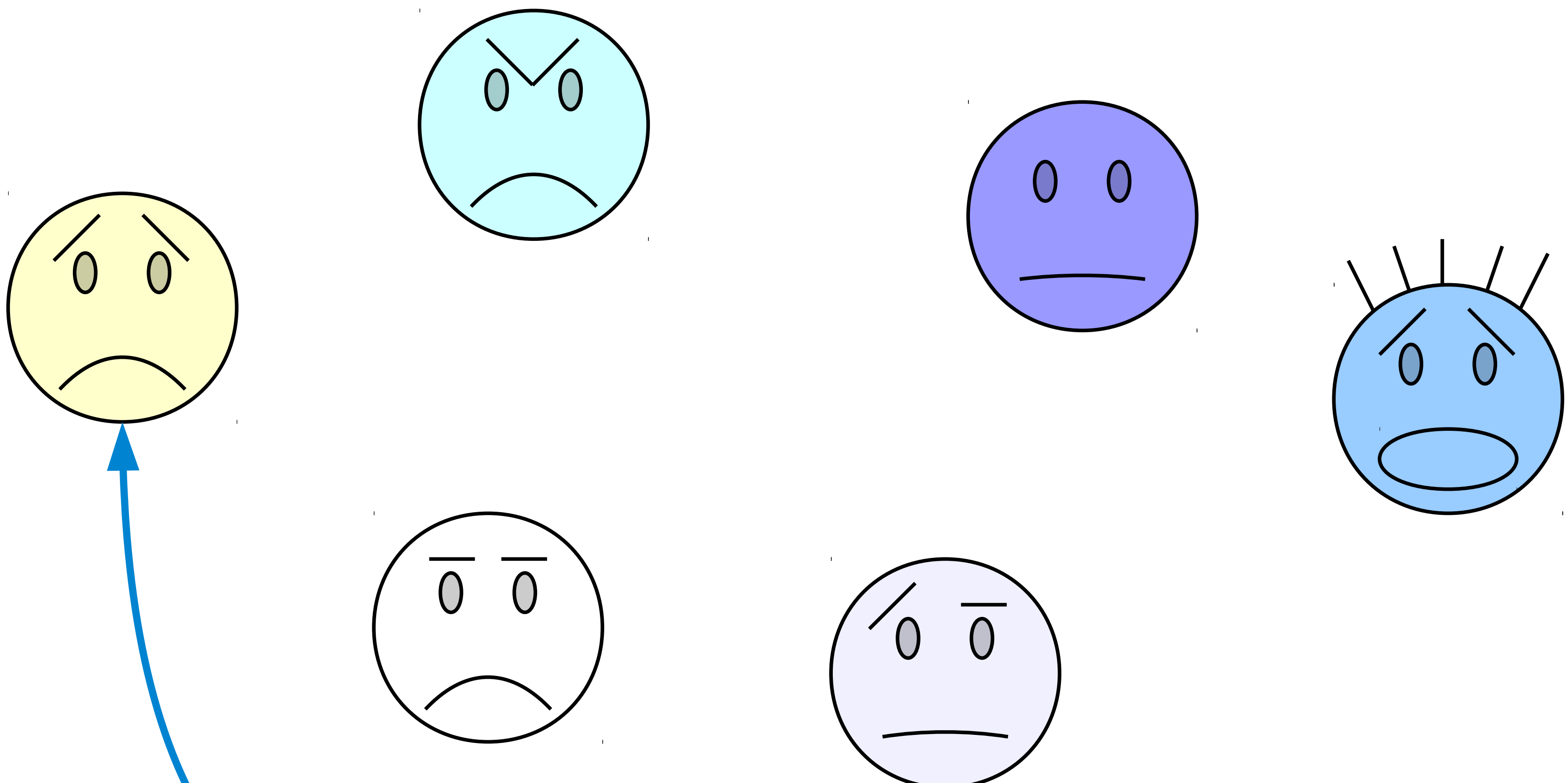

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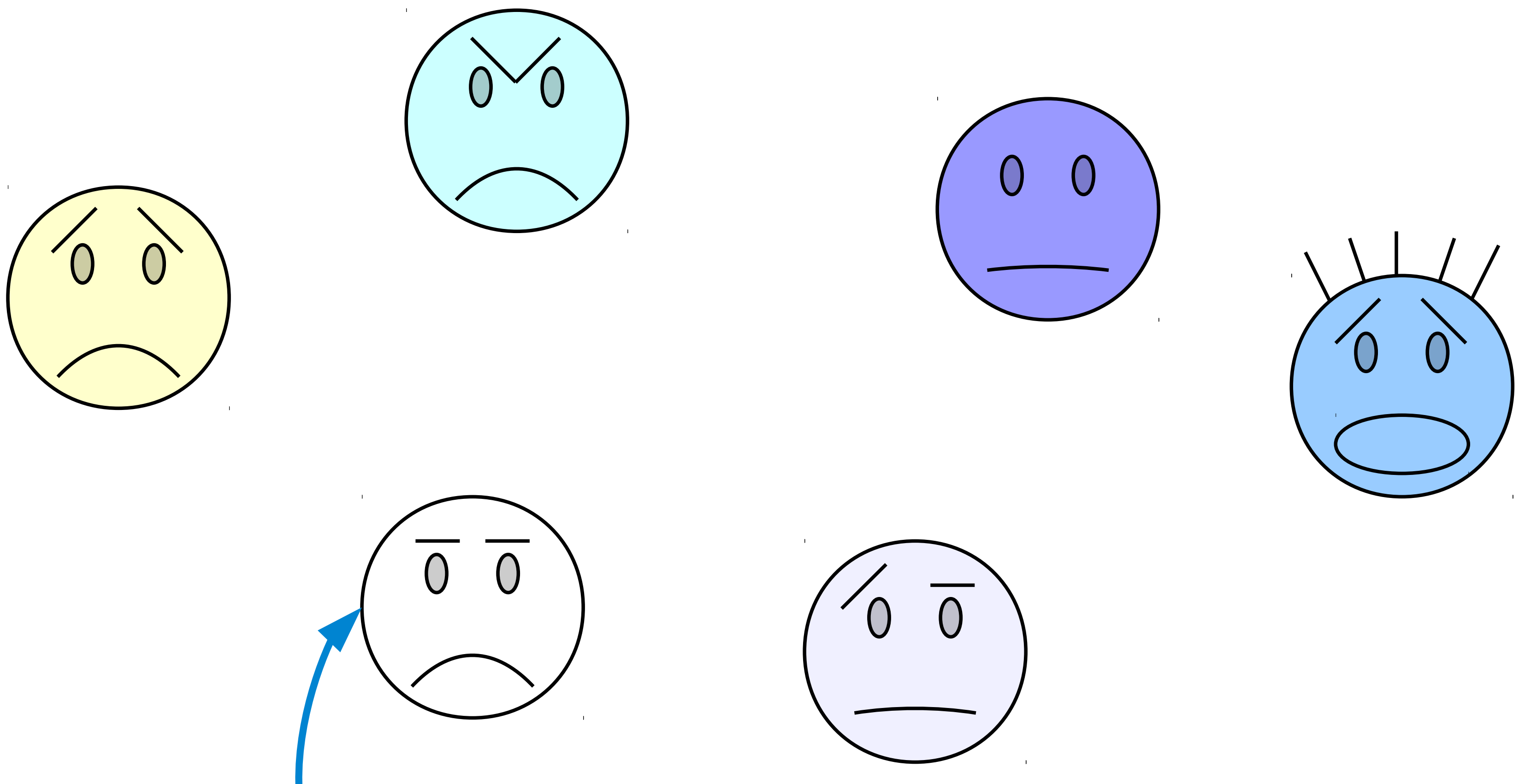

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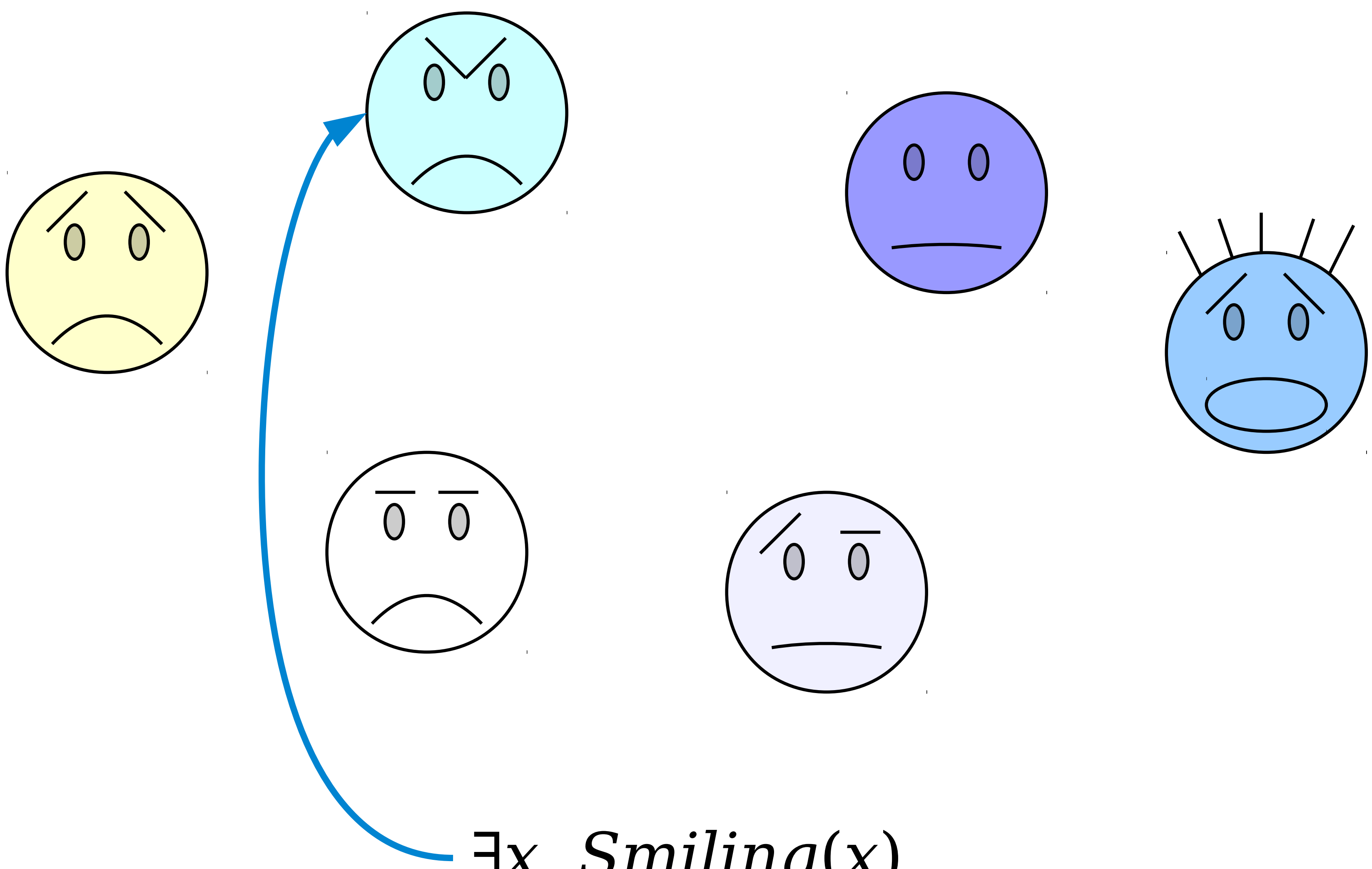

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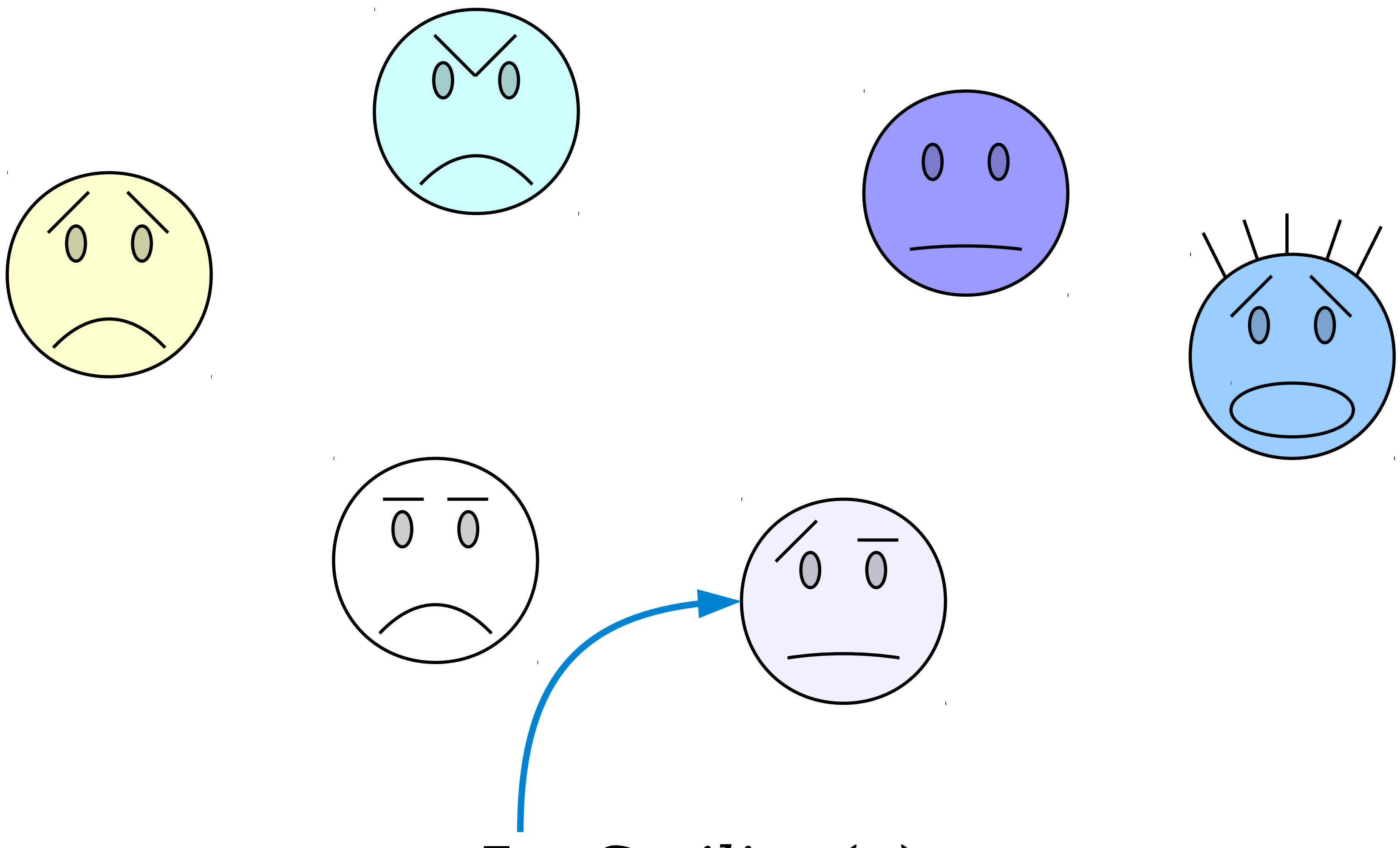

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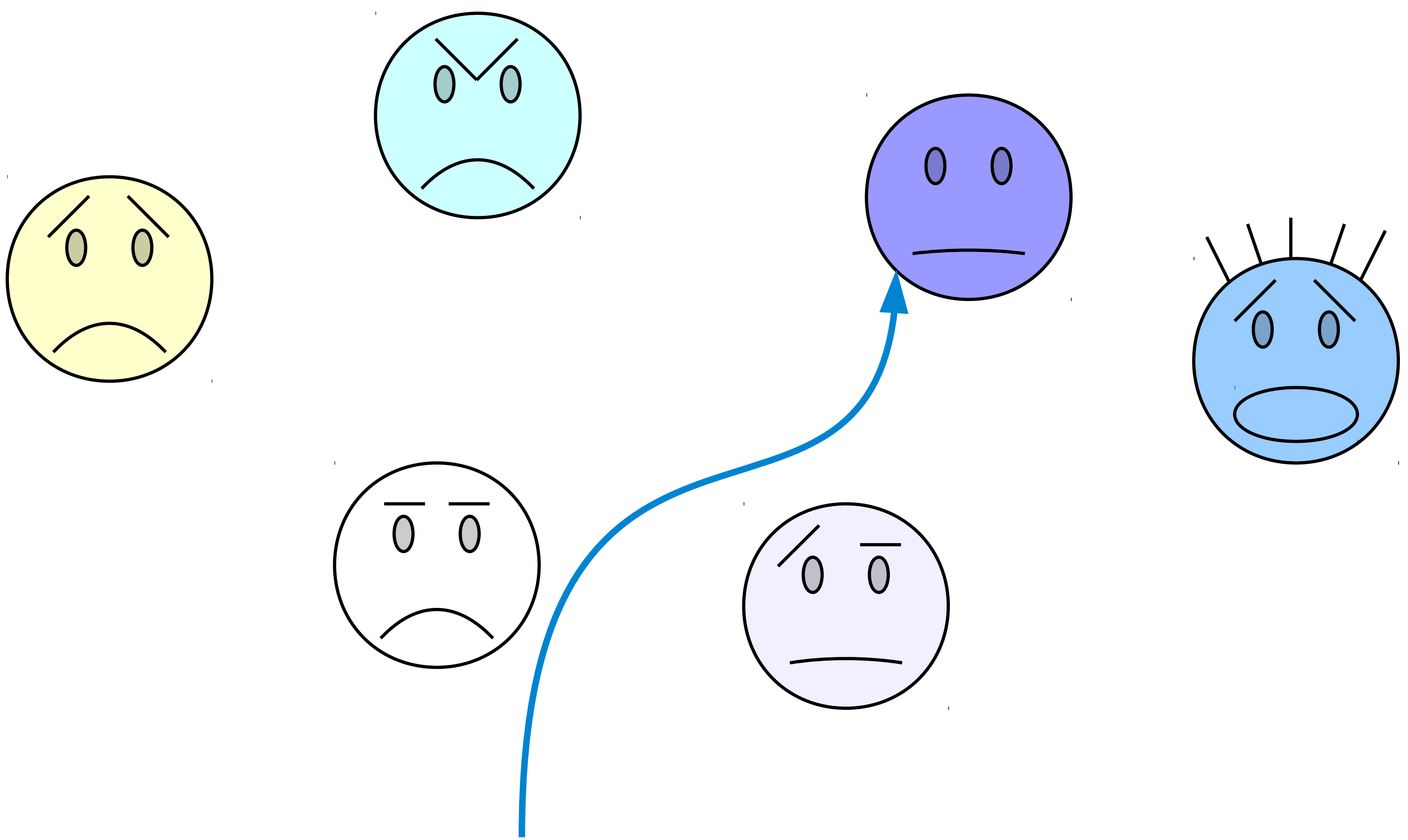

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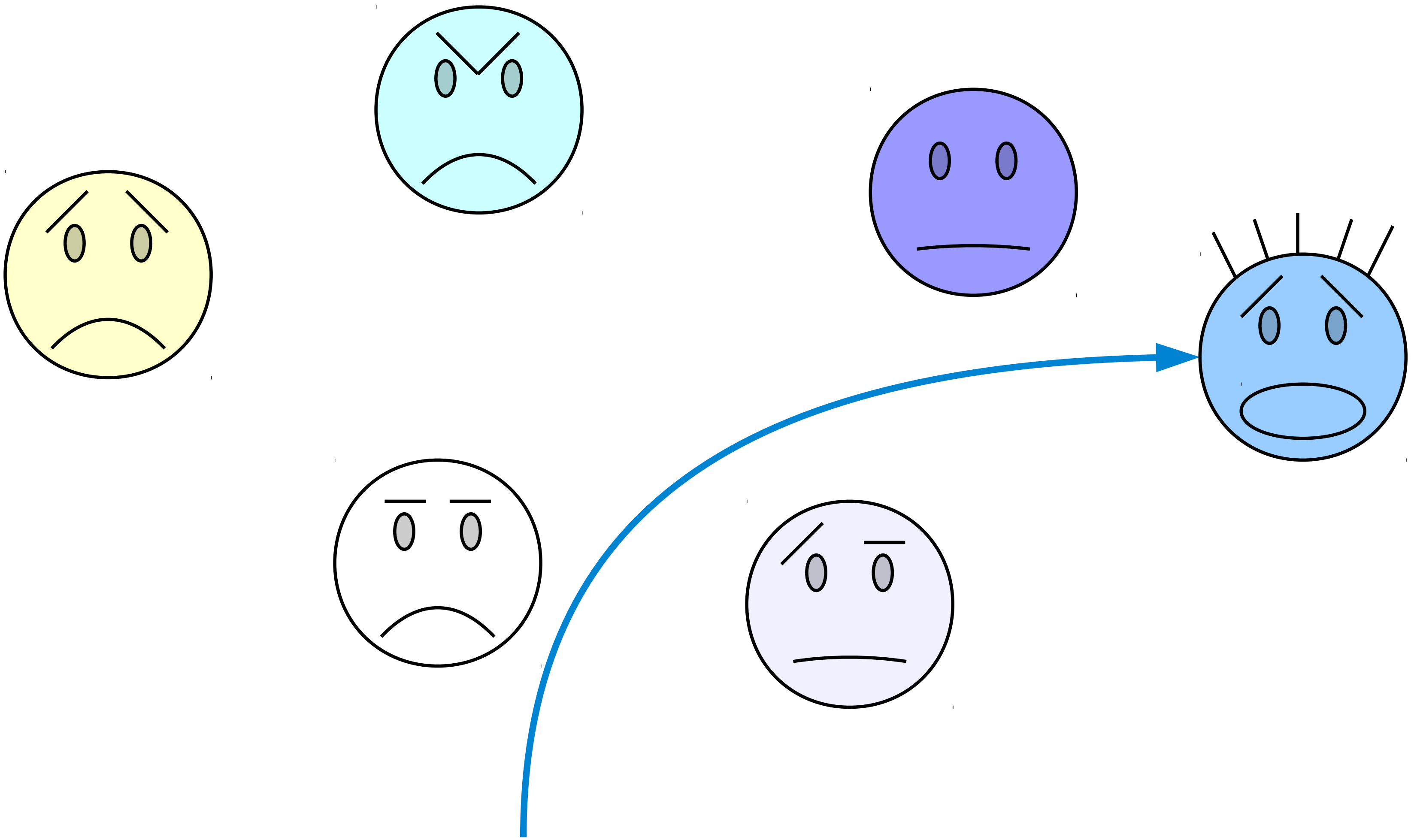

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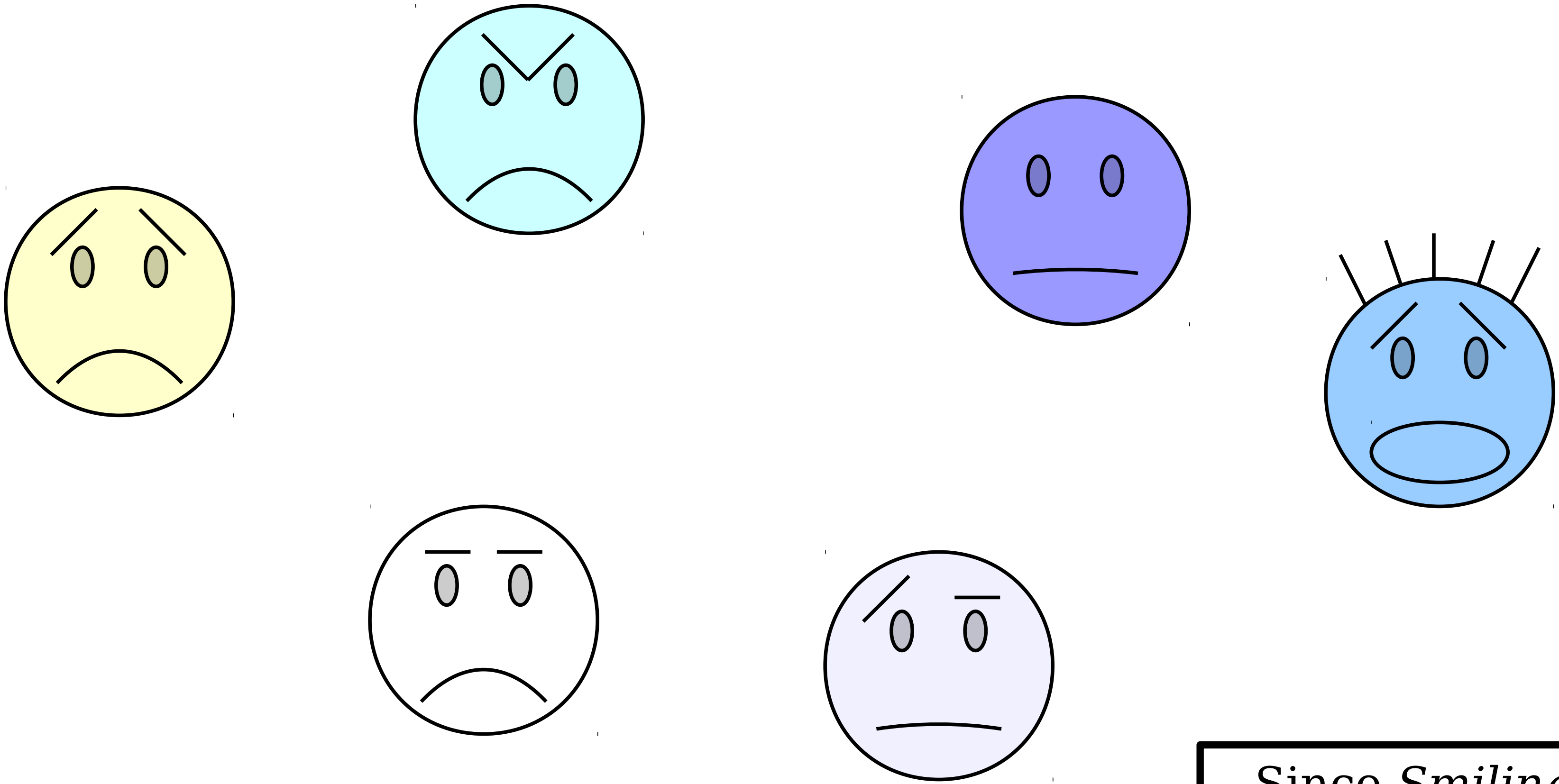

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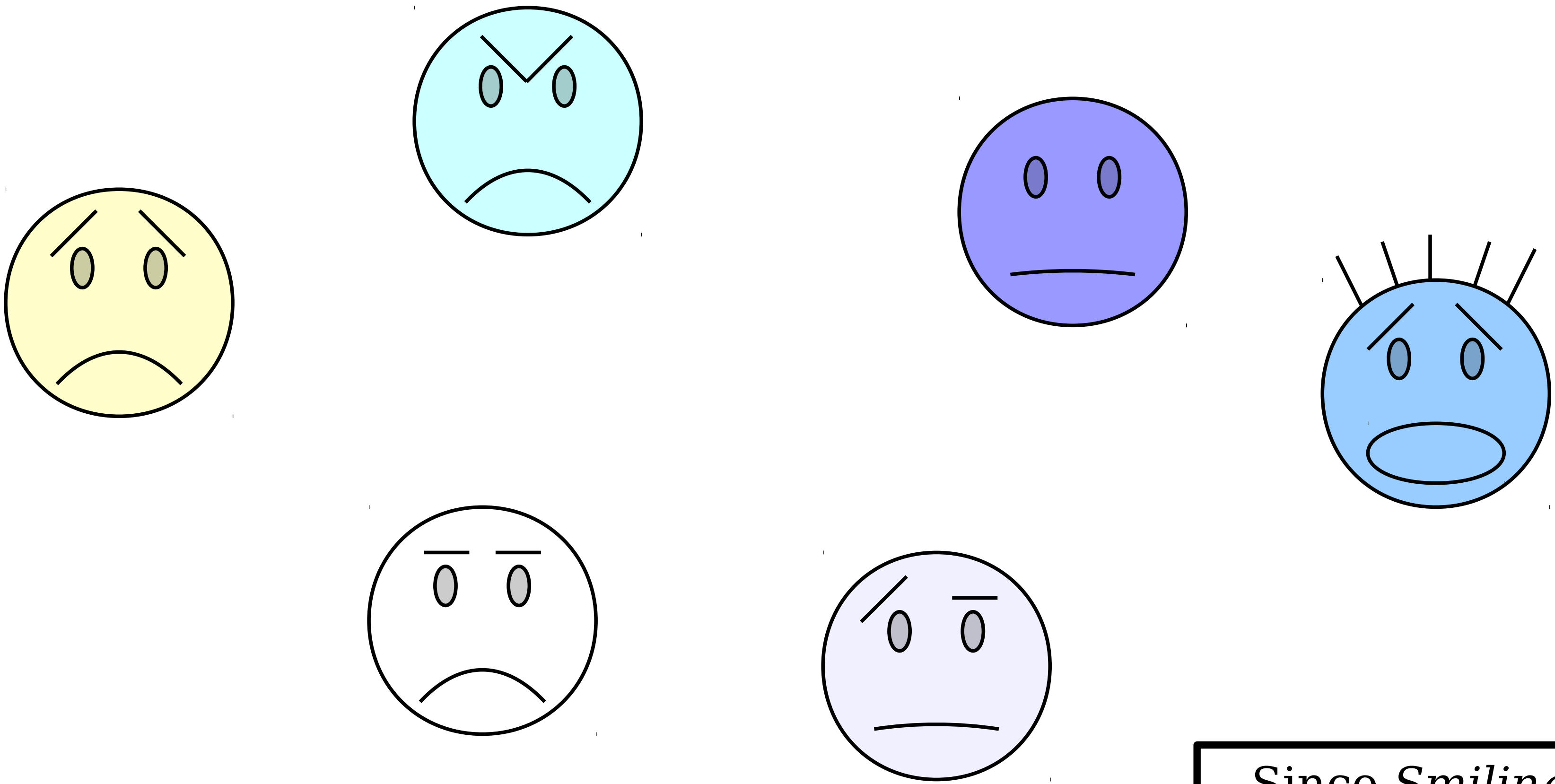

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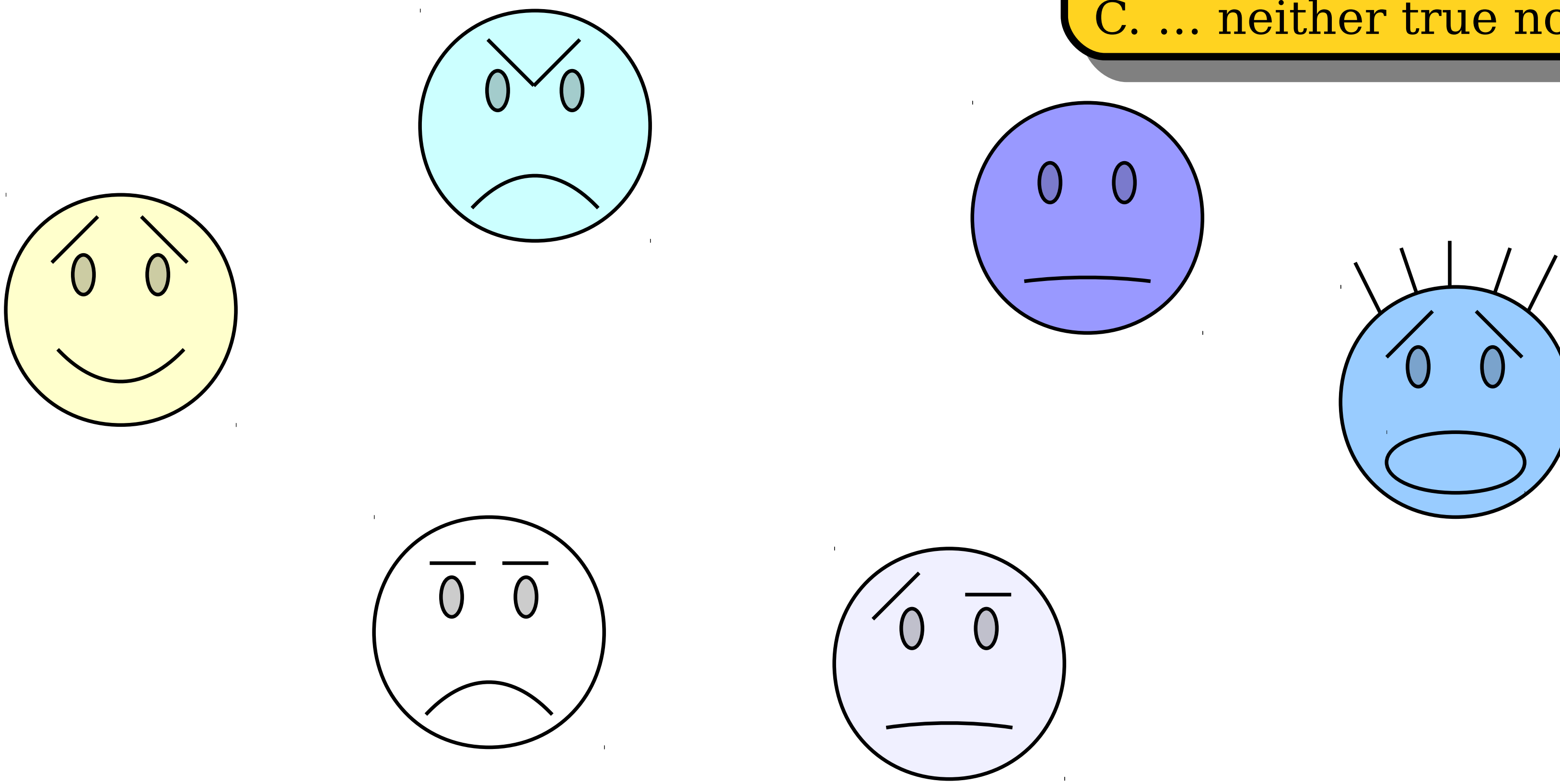
In this world, this first-order logic statement is…

A. … true.
B. … false.
C. … neither true nor false.



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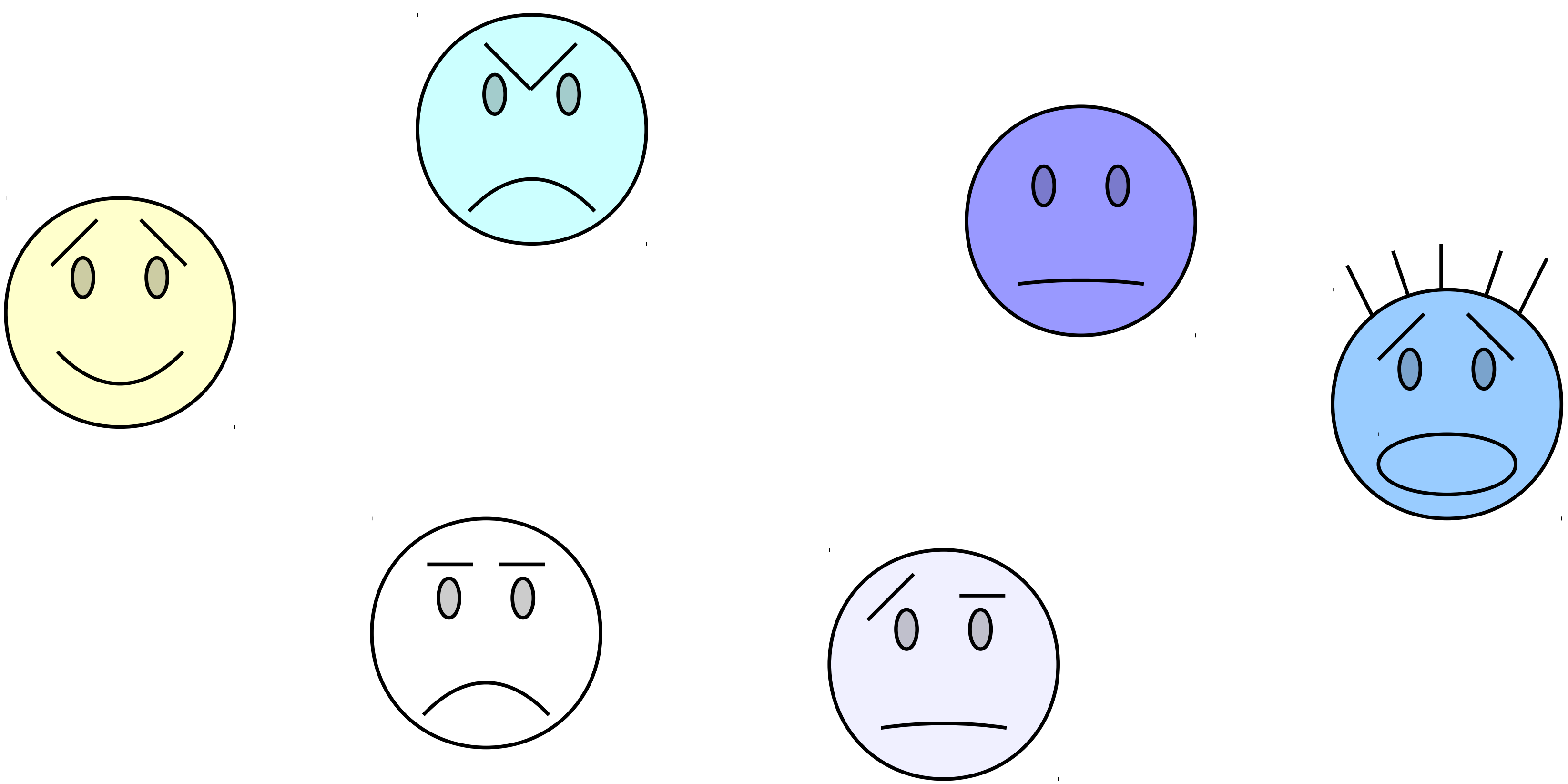

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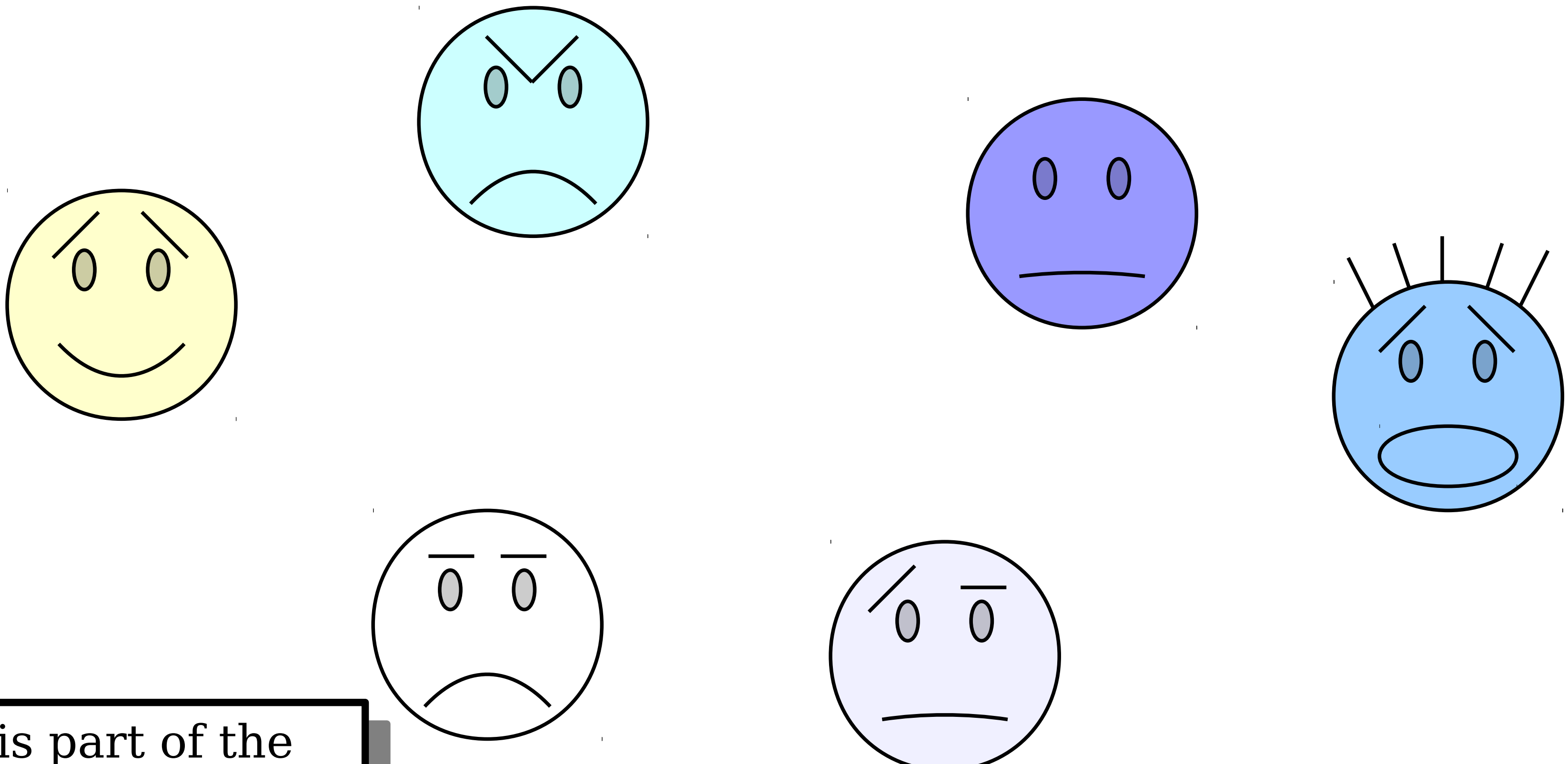

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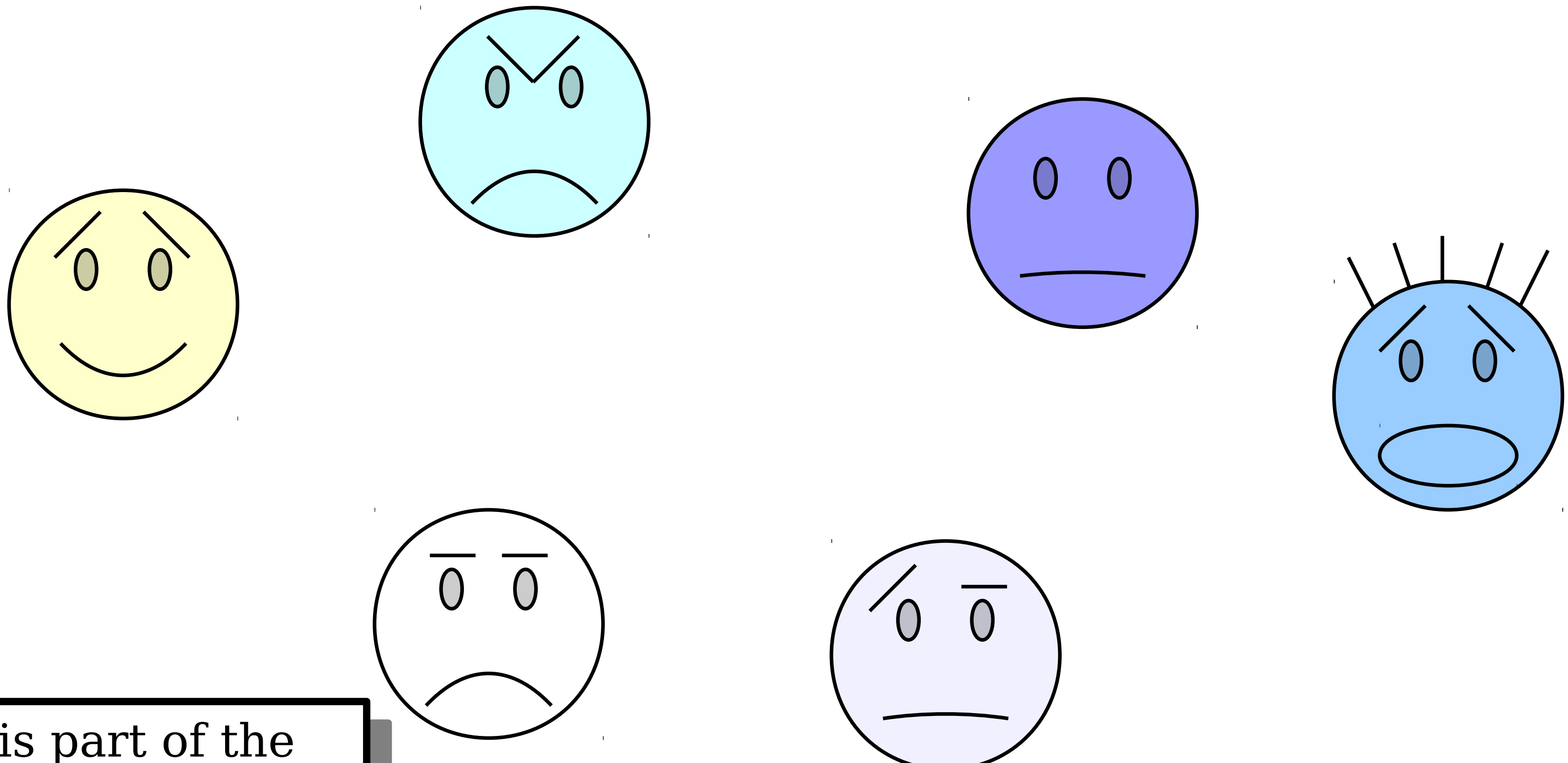

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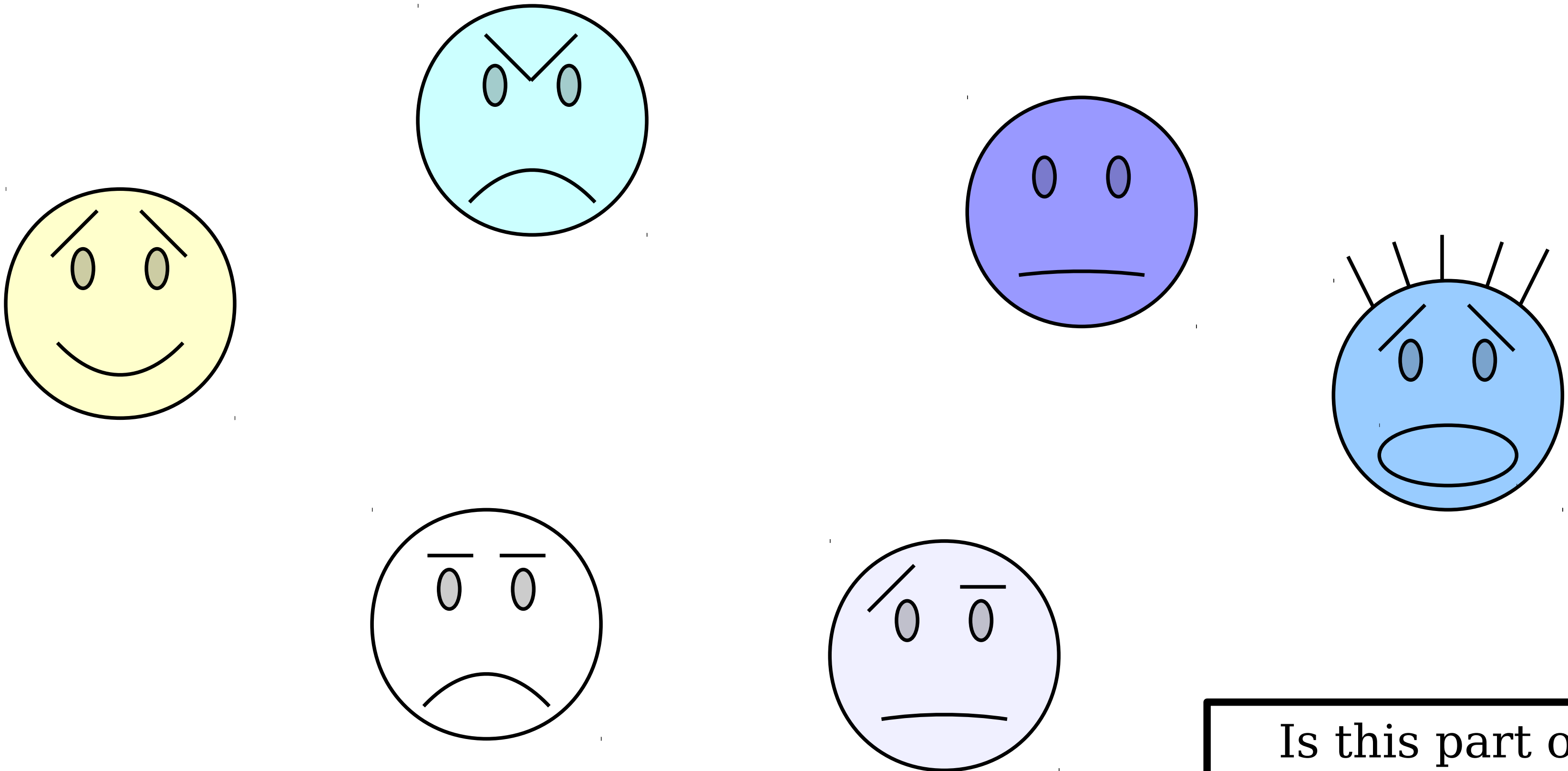

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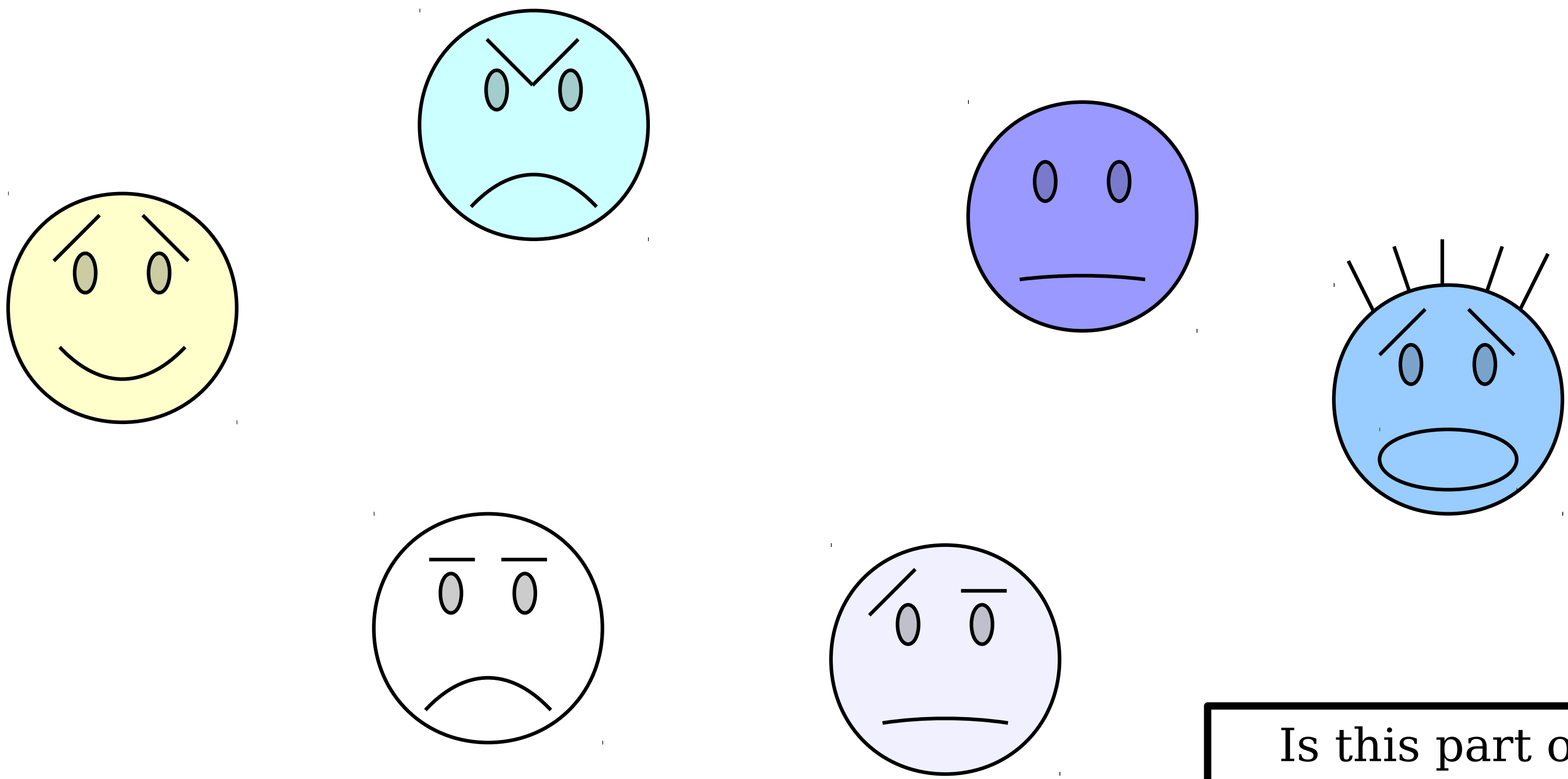

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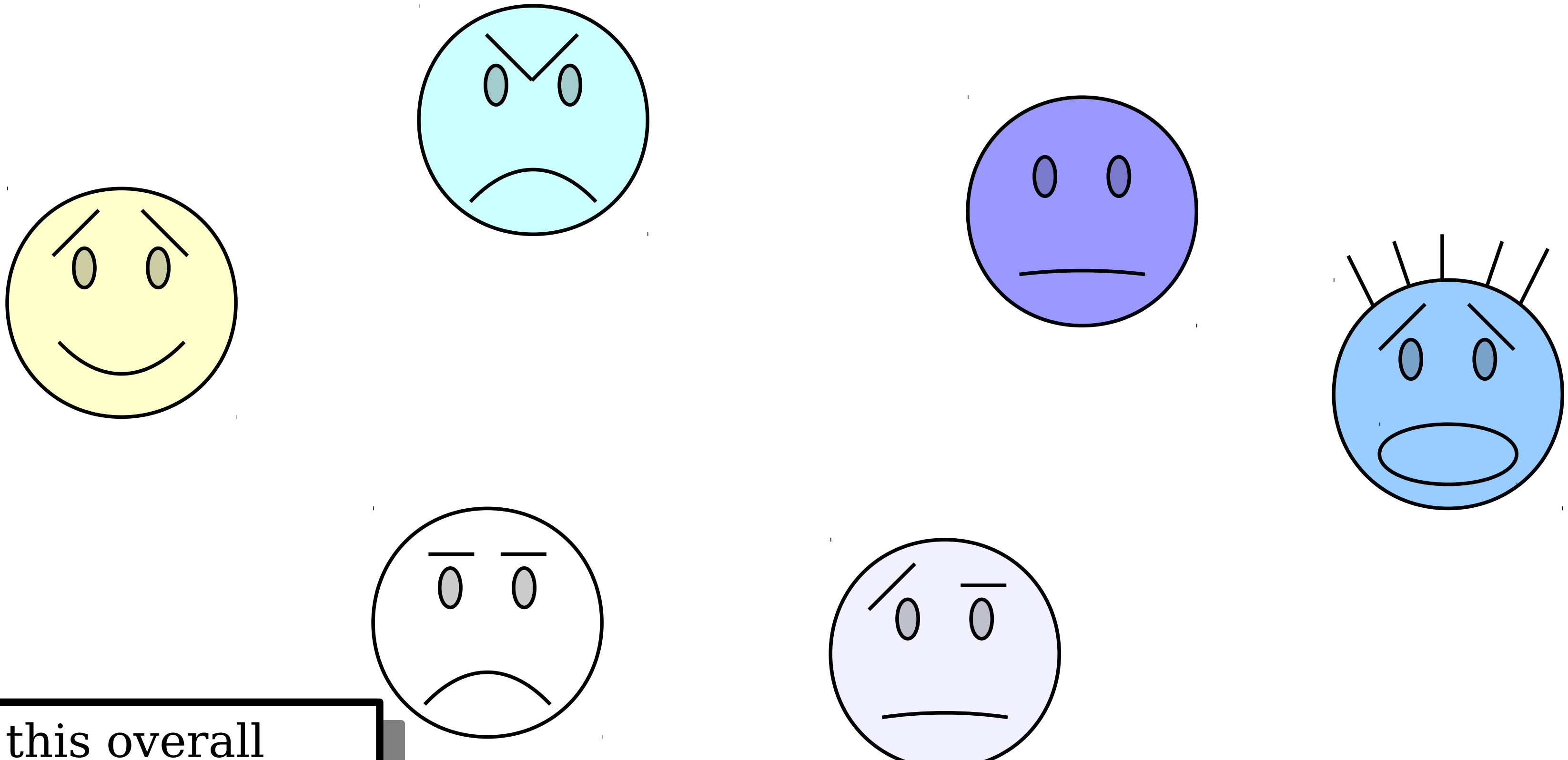

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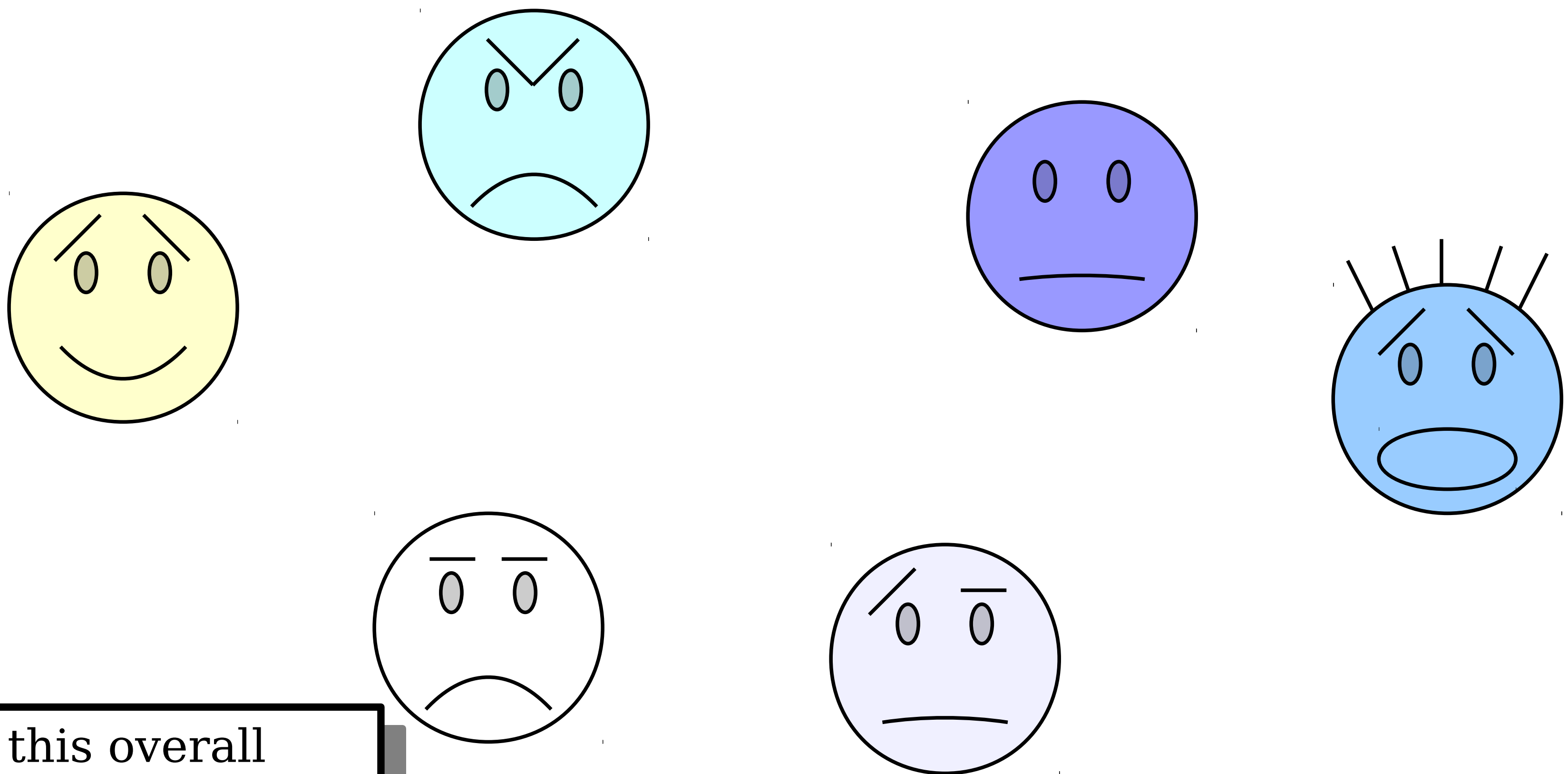

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Fun with Edge Cases

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Fun with Edge Cases

Existentially-quantified statements are false in an empty world, since it's not possible to choose an object!

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Some Technical Details

Variables and Quantifiers

- Each quantifier has two parts:
  - the variable that is introduced, and
  - the statement that's being quantified.
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Operator Precedence (Again)

- When writing out a formula in first-order logic, quantifiers have precedence just below ¬.
- The statement

$$\exists x.\ P(x) \land R(x) \land Q(x)$$

is parsed like this:

$$(\exists x.\ P(x)) \quad \land \quad (R(x) \land Q(x))$$

- This is syntactically invalid because the variable x is out of scope in the back half of the formula.
- To ensure that x is properly quantified, explicitly put parentheses around the region you want to quantify:

$$\exists x.\ (P(x) \land R(x) \land Q(x))$$

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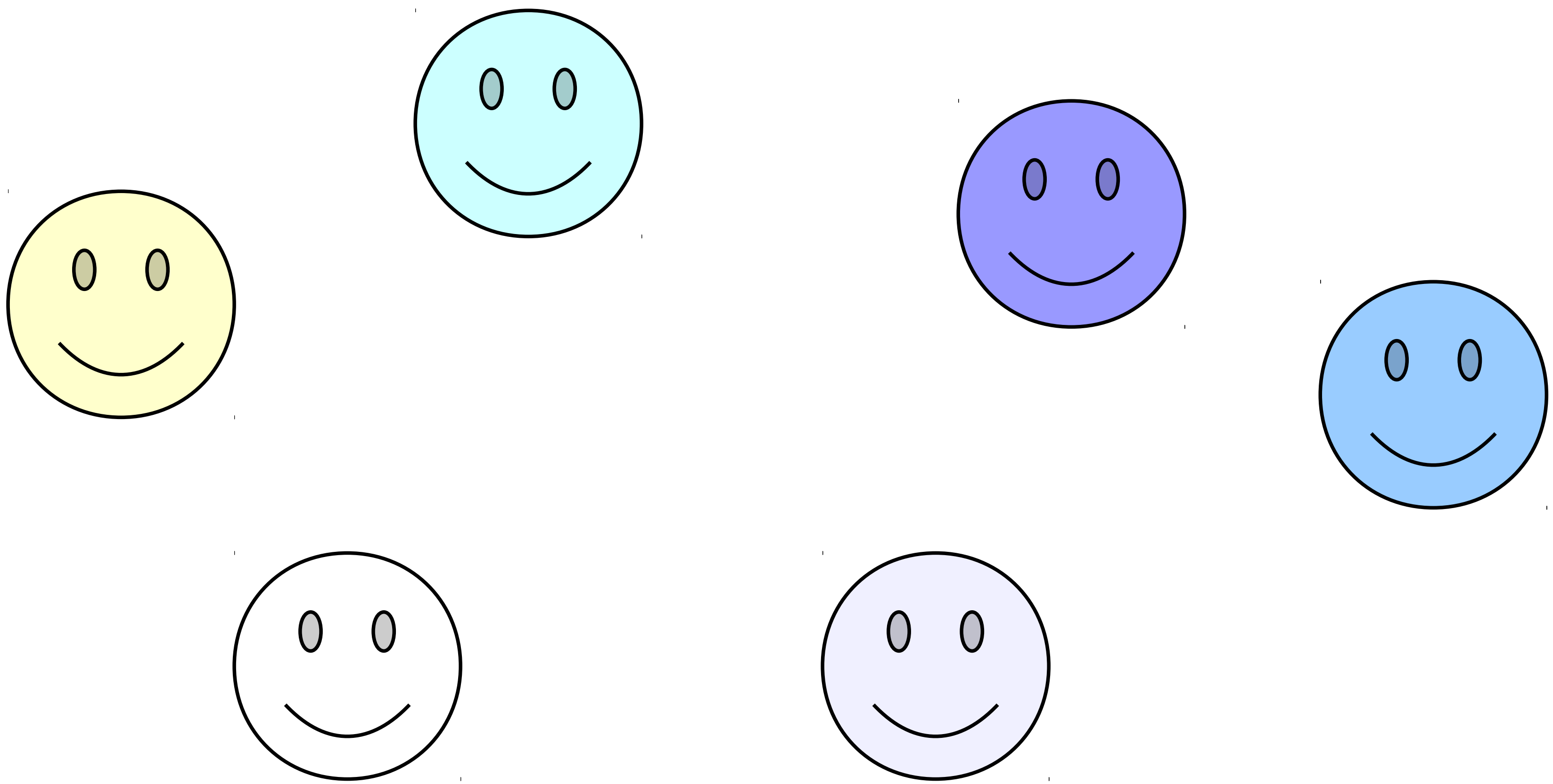
- Examples:

  $$\forall p.\ (Puppy(p) \to Cute(p))$$

  $$\forall m.\ (IsMillennial(m) \to IsSpecial(m))$$

  $$Tallest(SultanK\ddot{o}sen) \to \\ \quad \forall x.\ (SultanK\ddot{o}sen \neq x \to ShorterThan(x, SultanK\ddot{o}sen))$$

The Universal Quantifier



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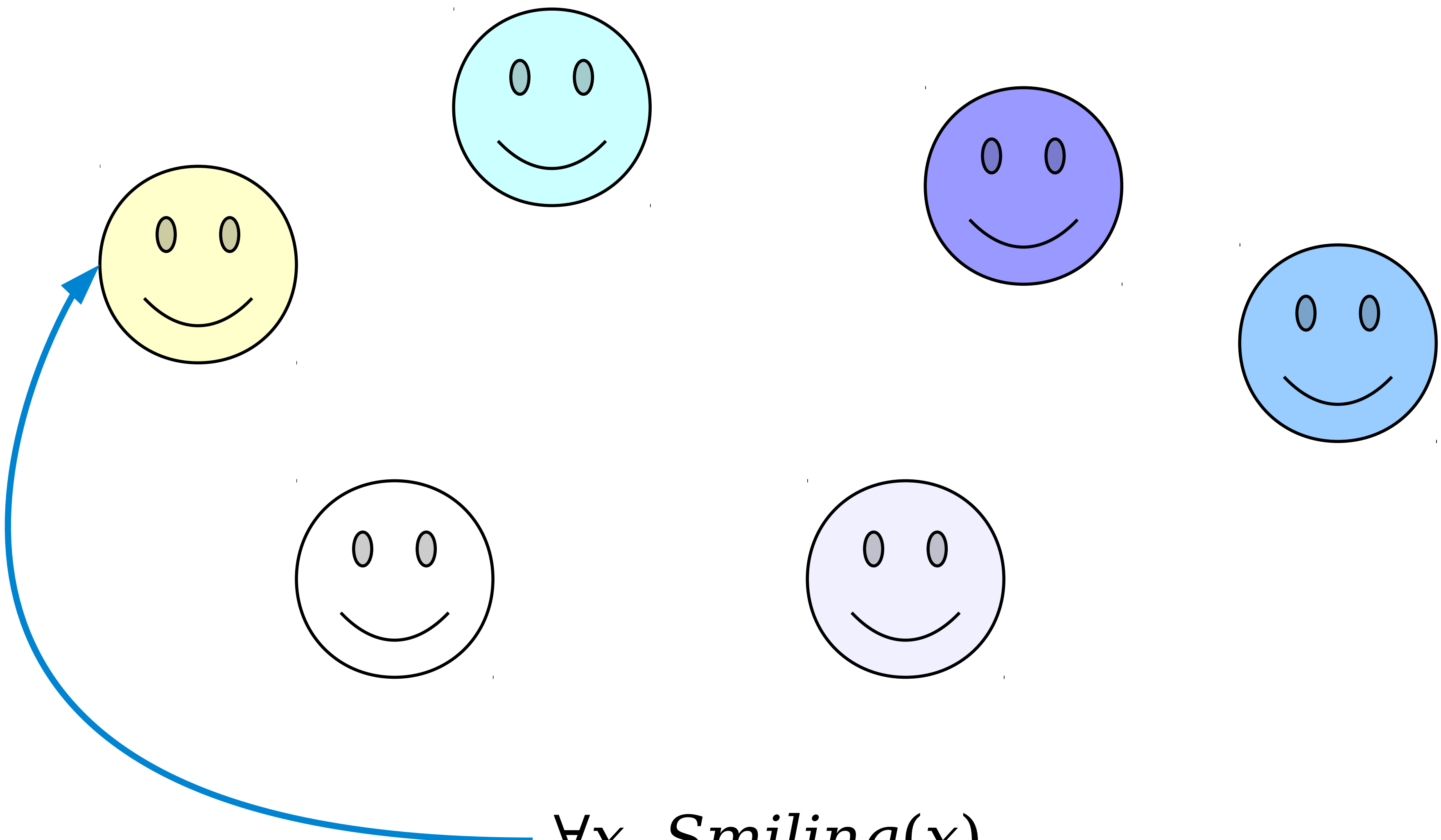

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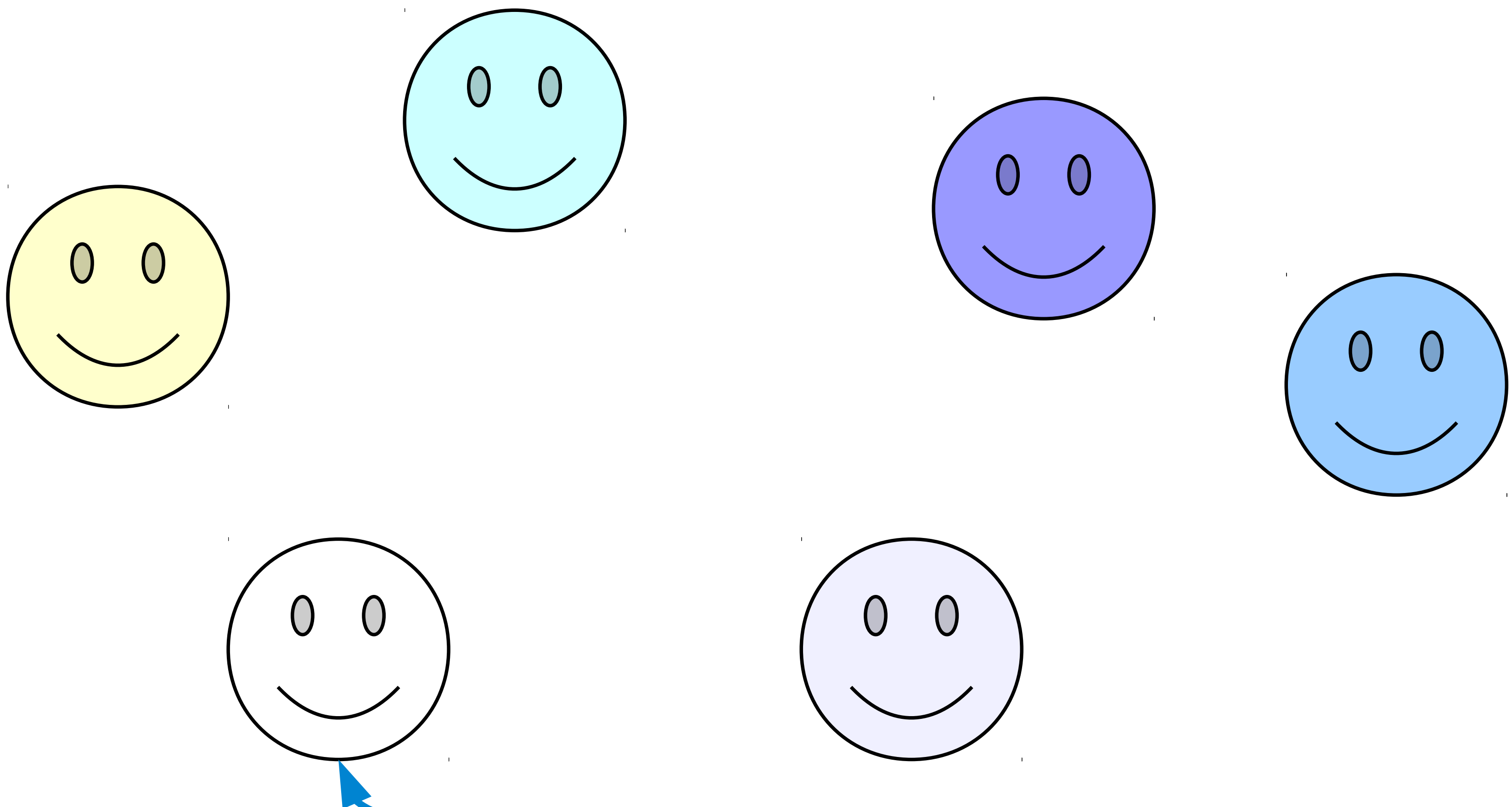

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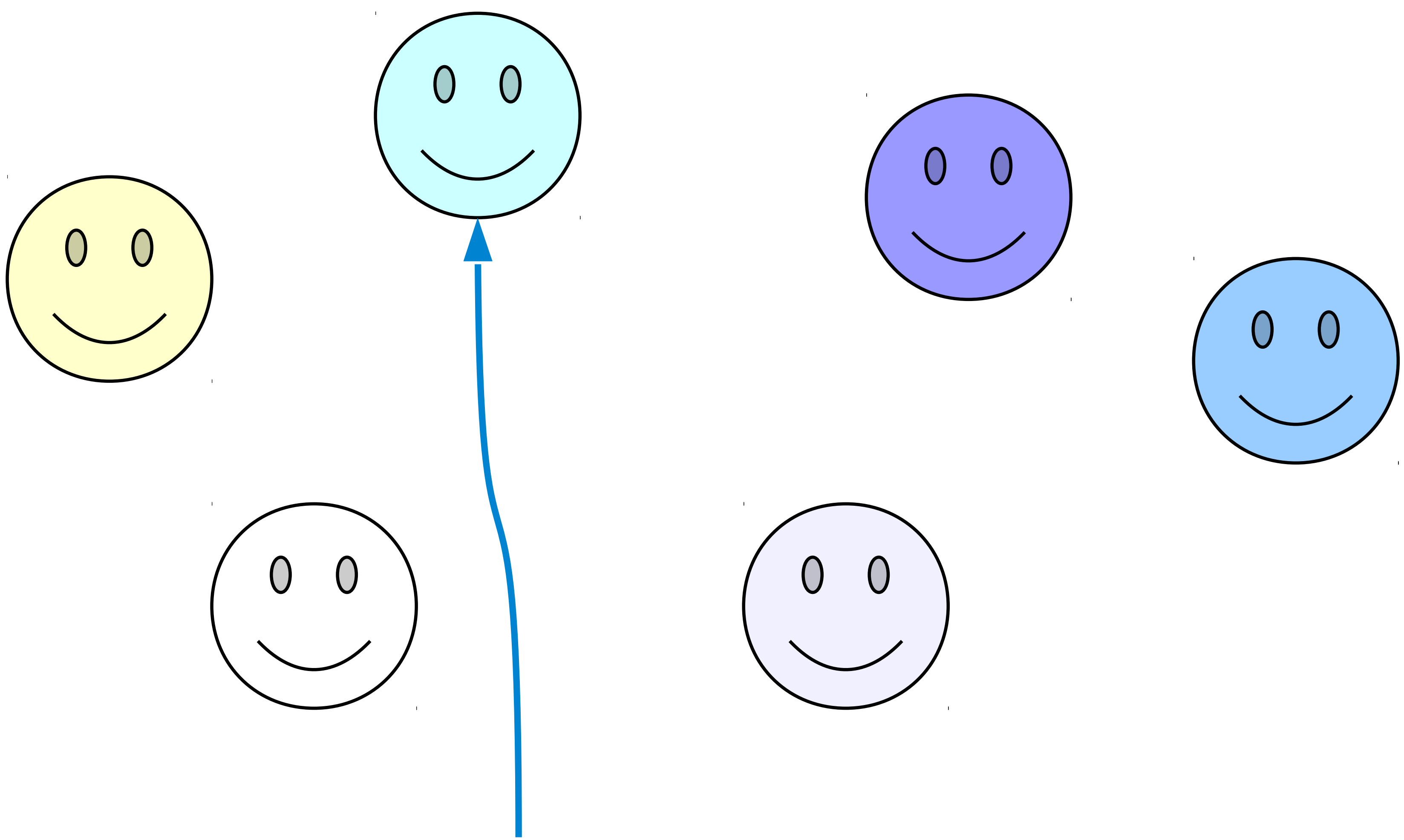

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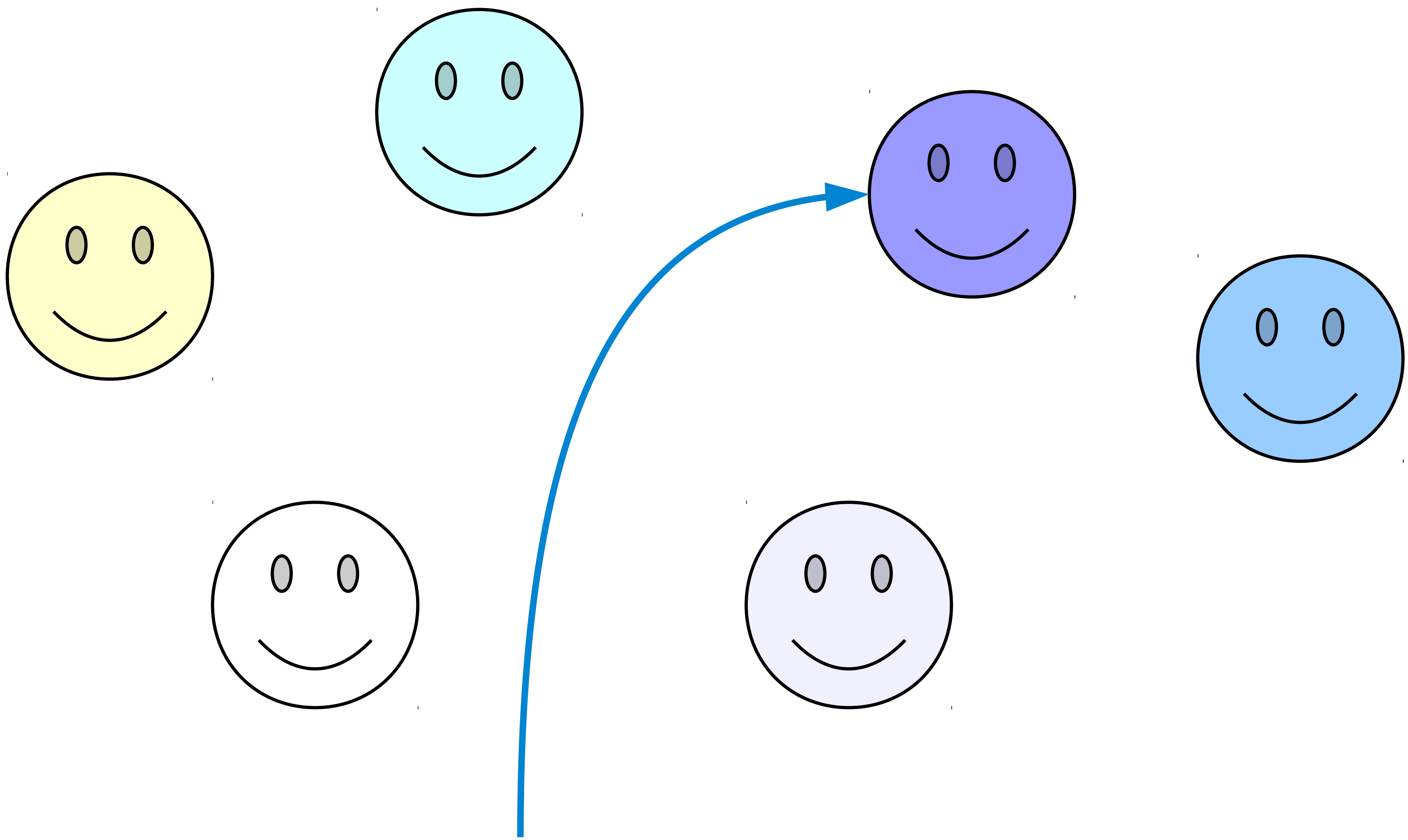

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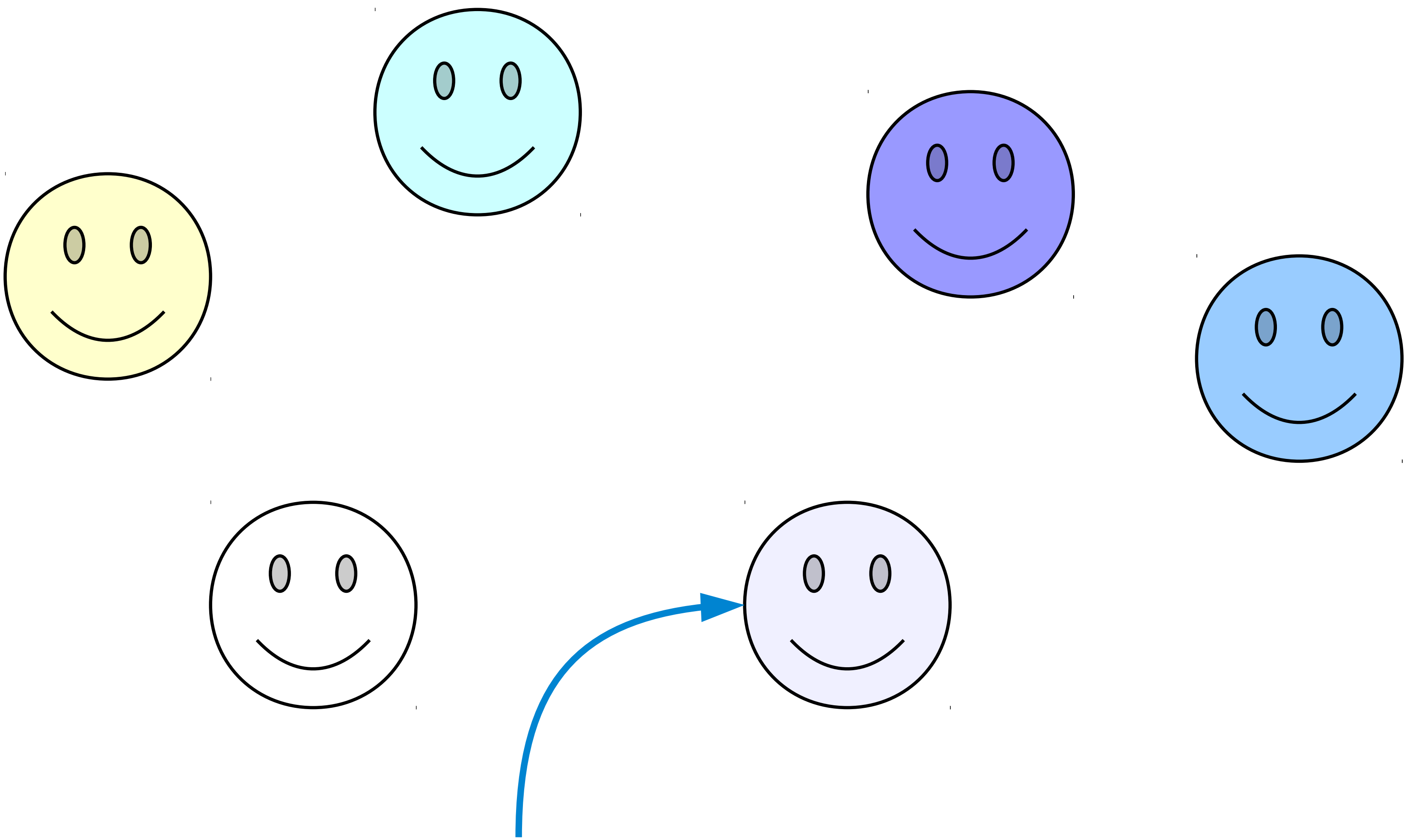

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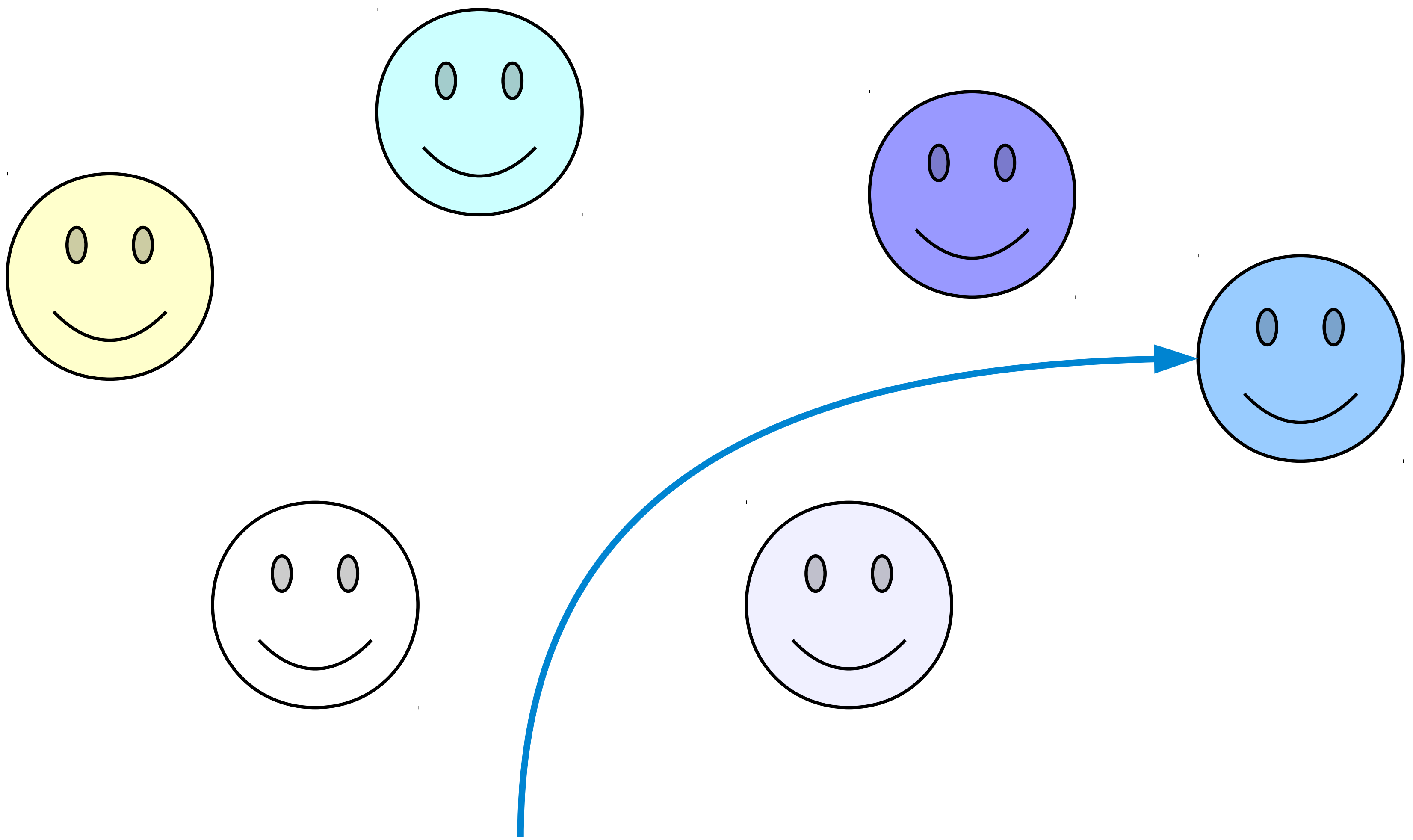

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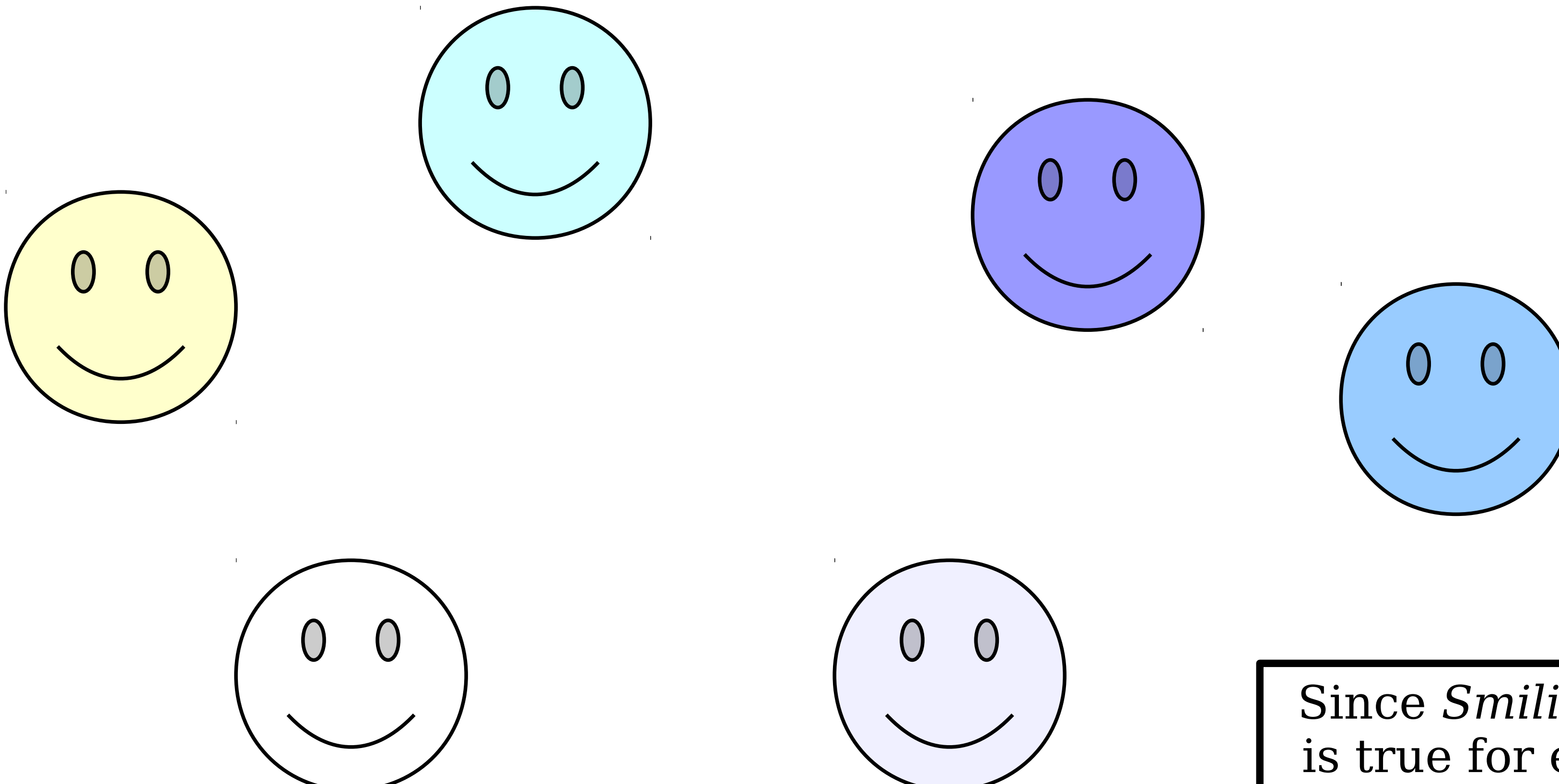

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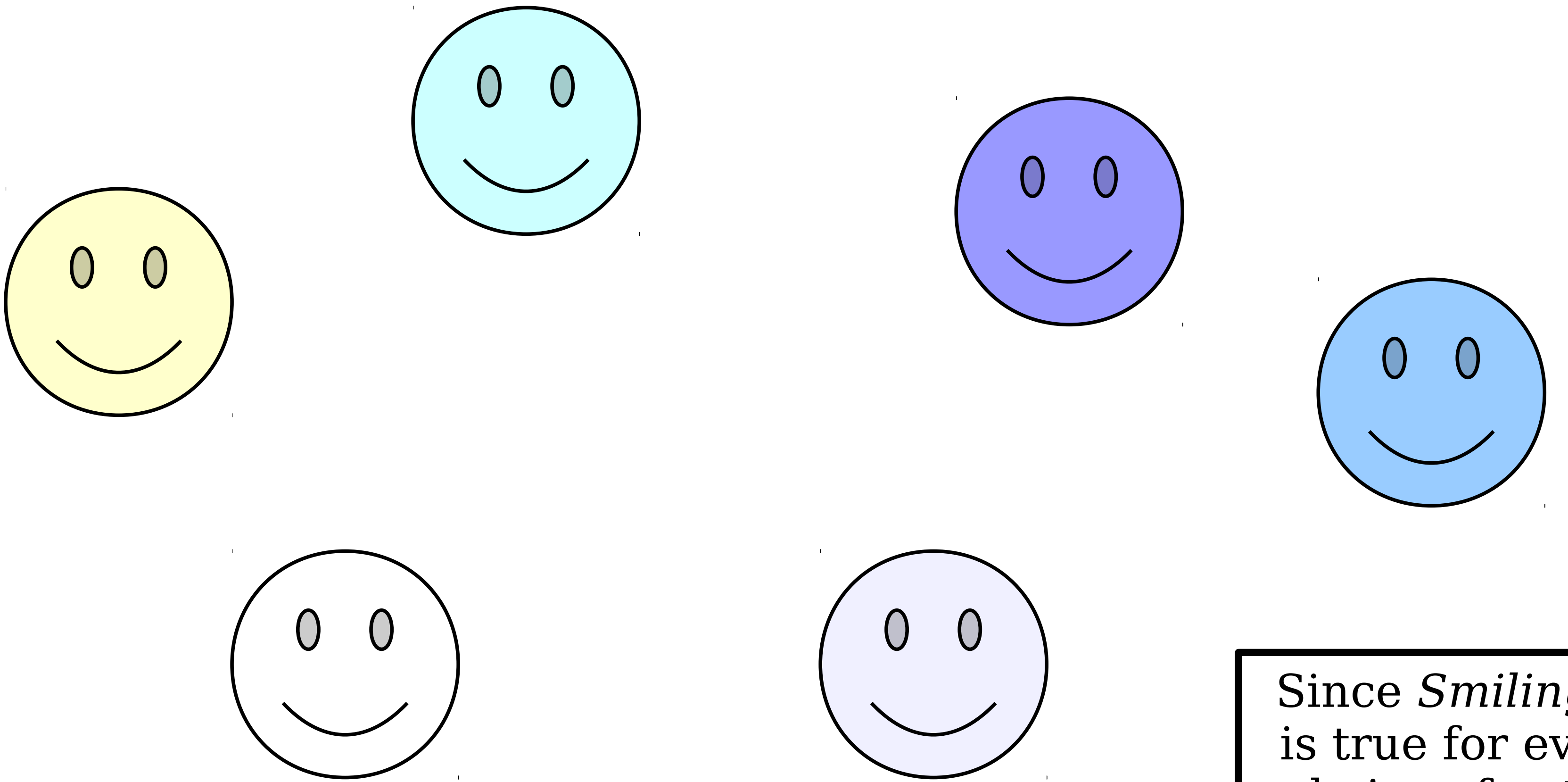

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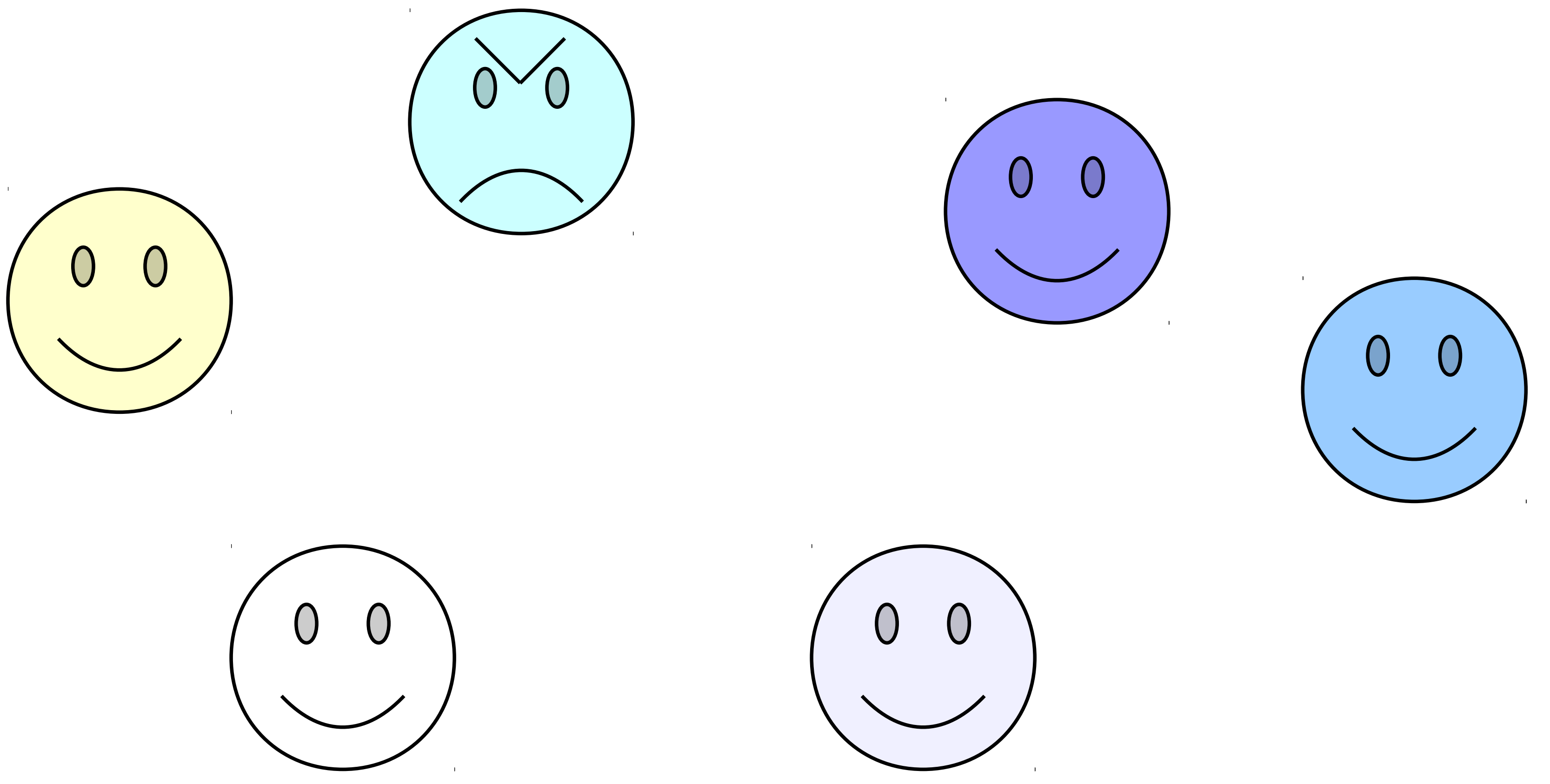

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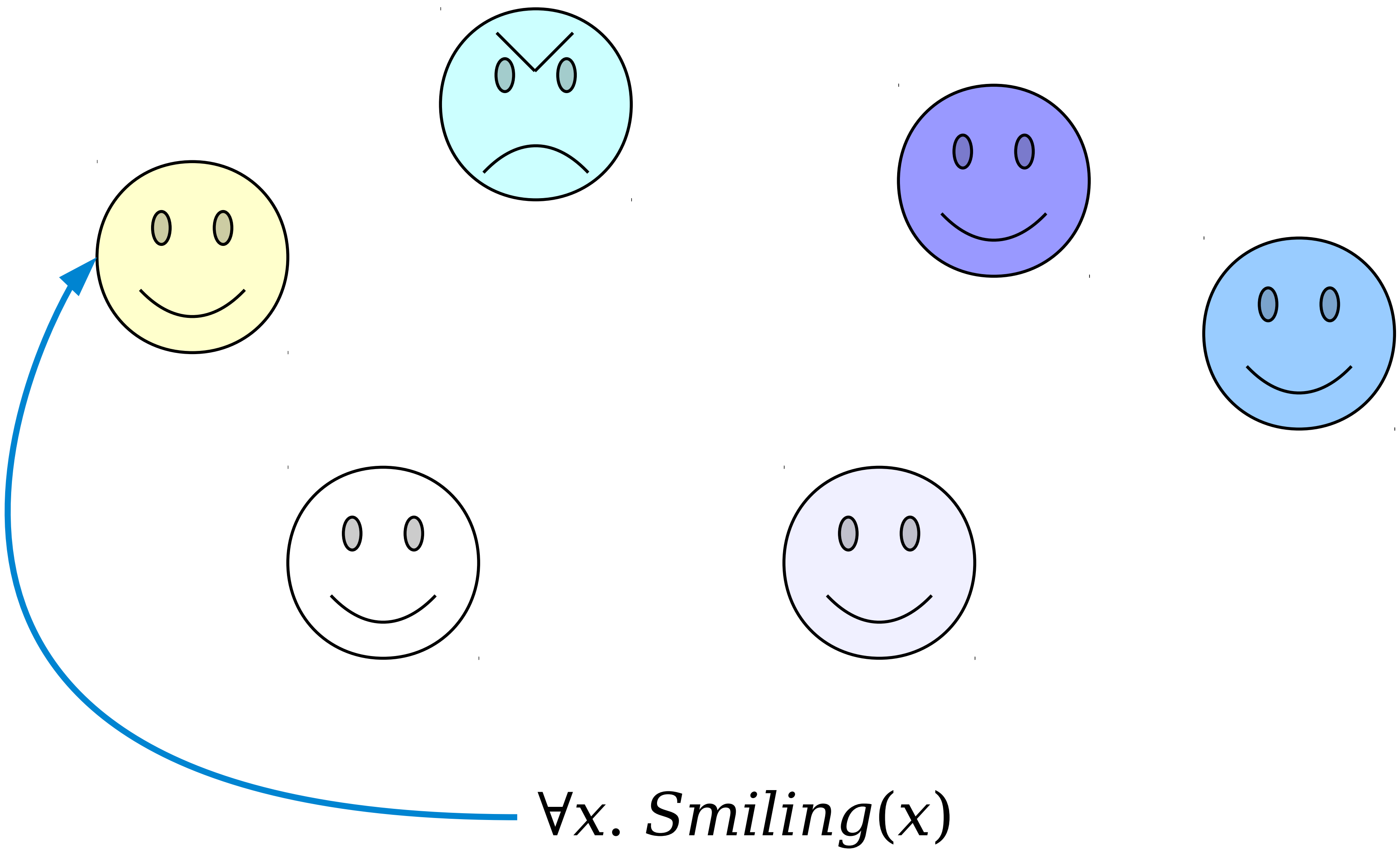

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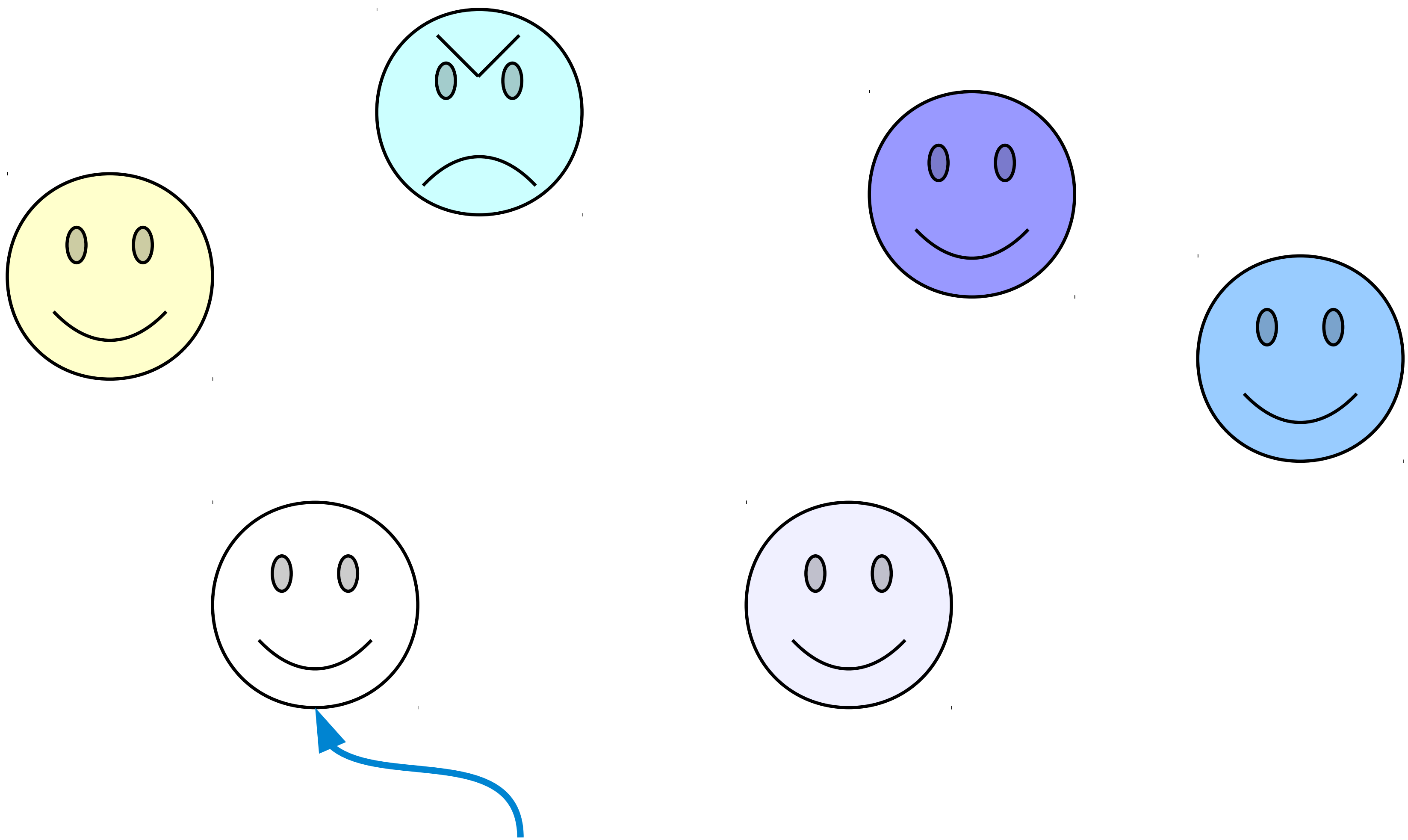

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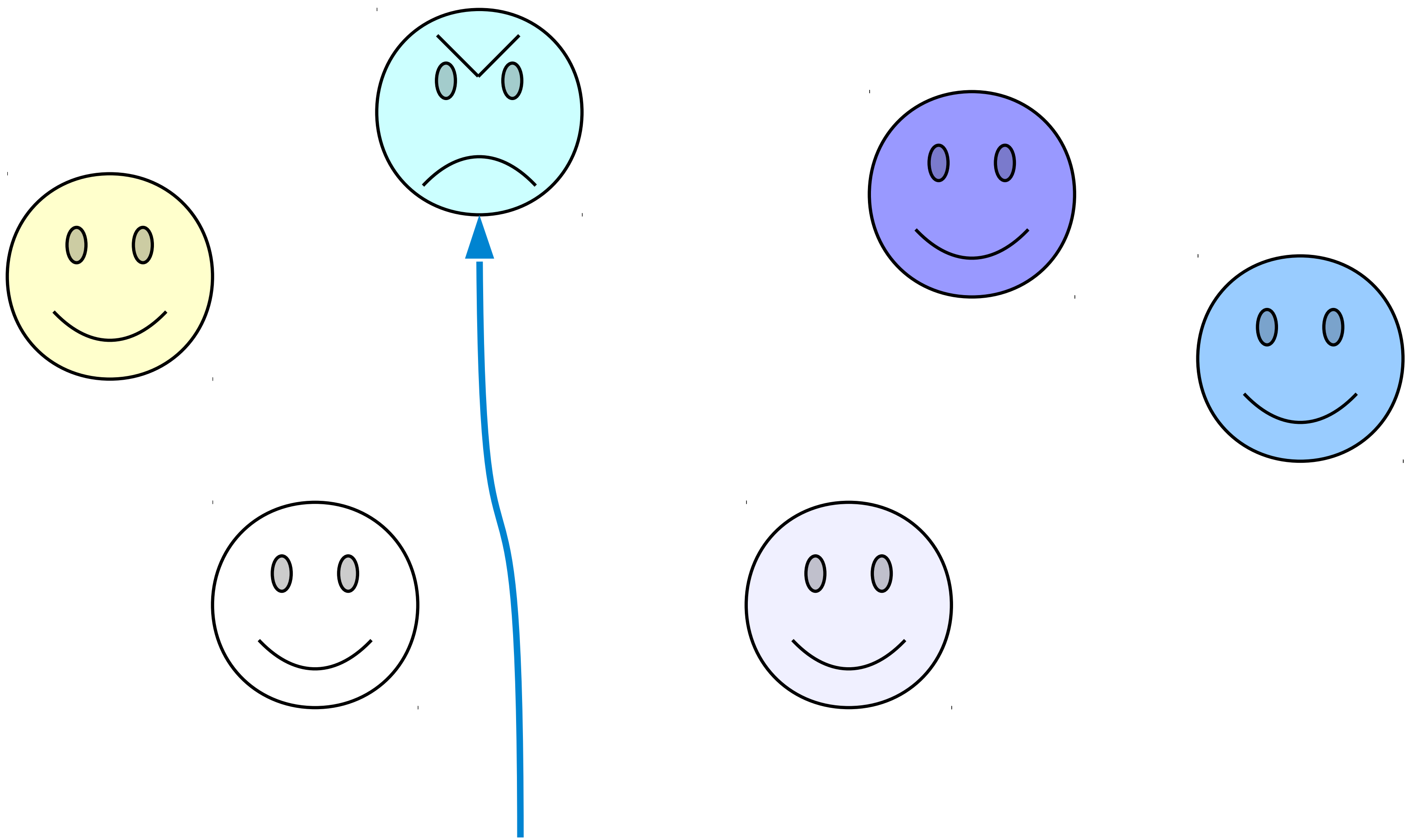

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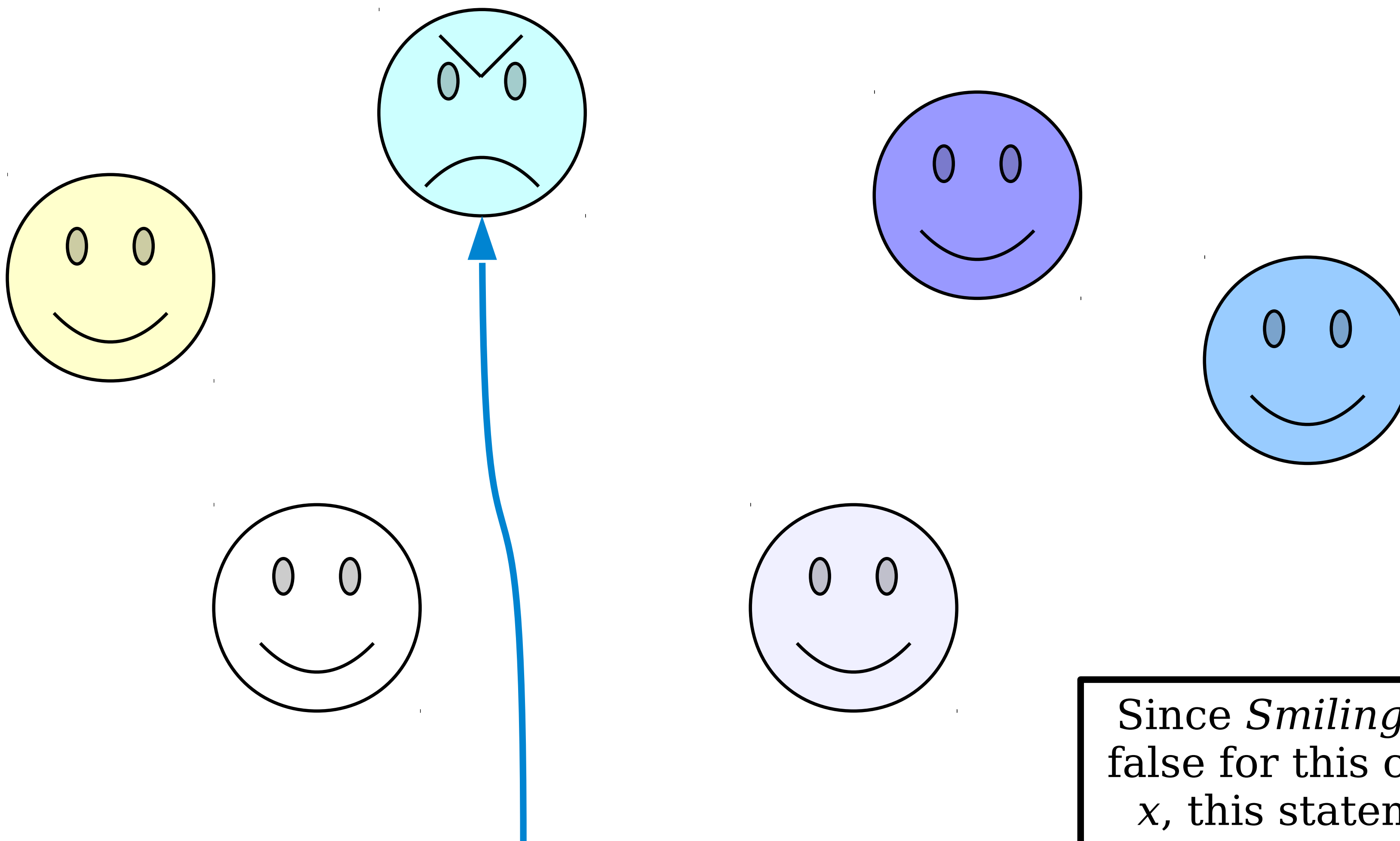

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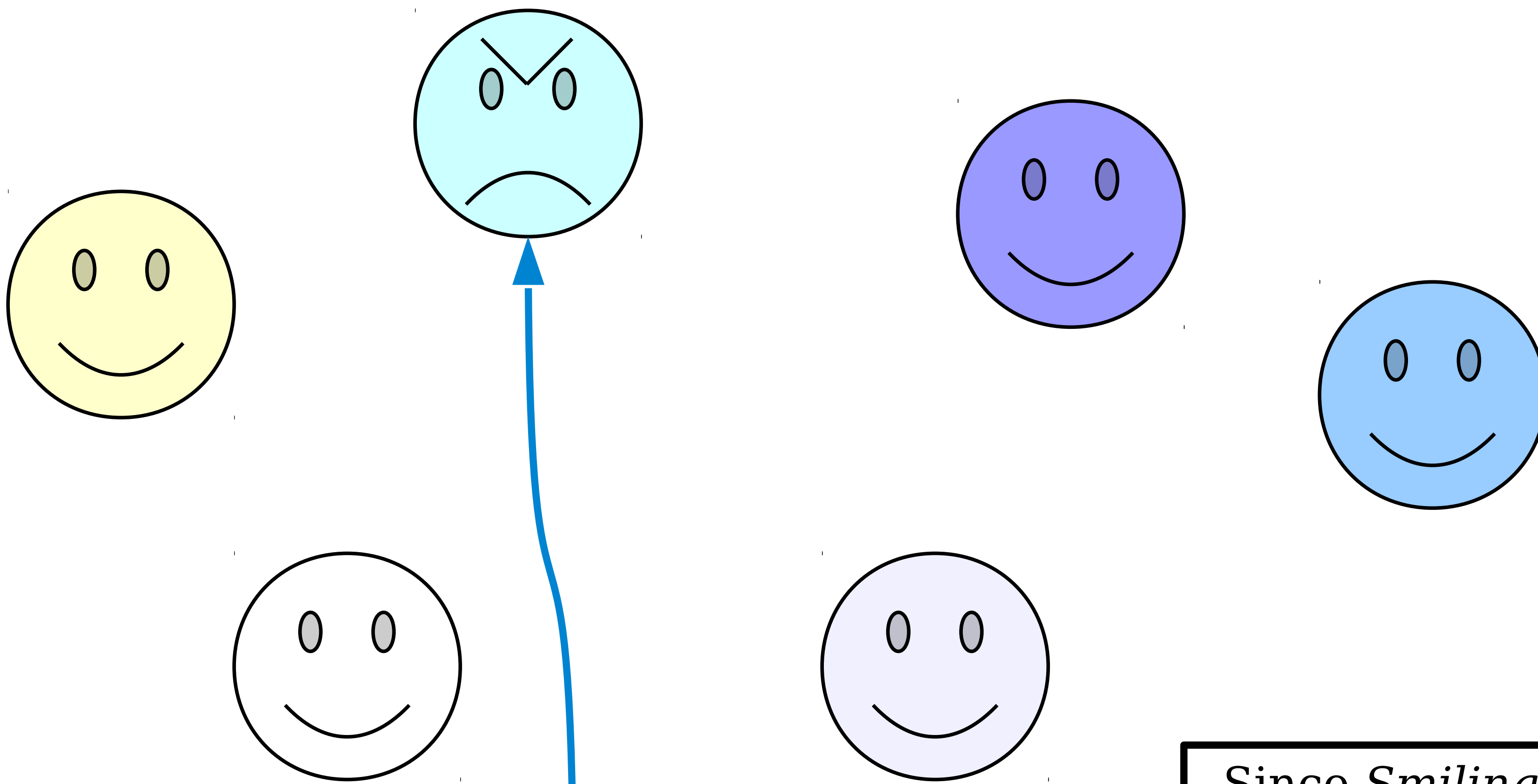

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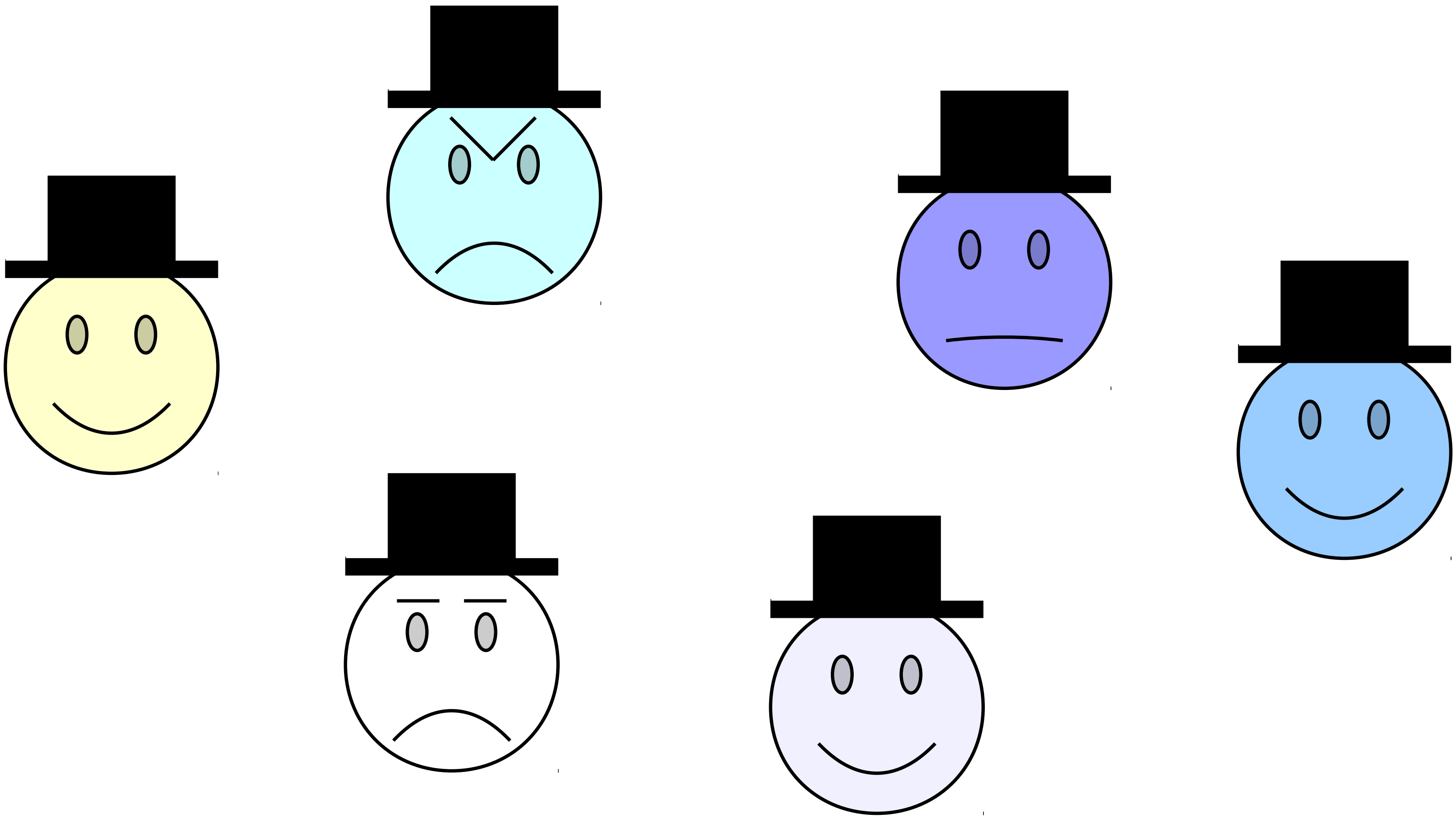

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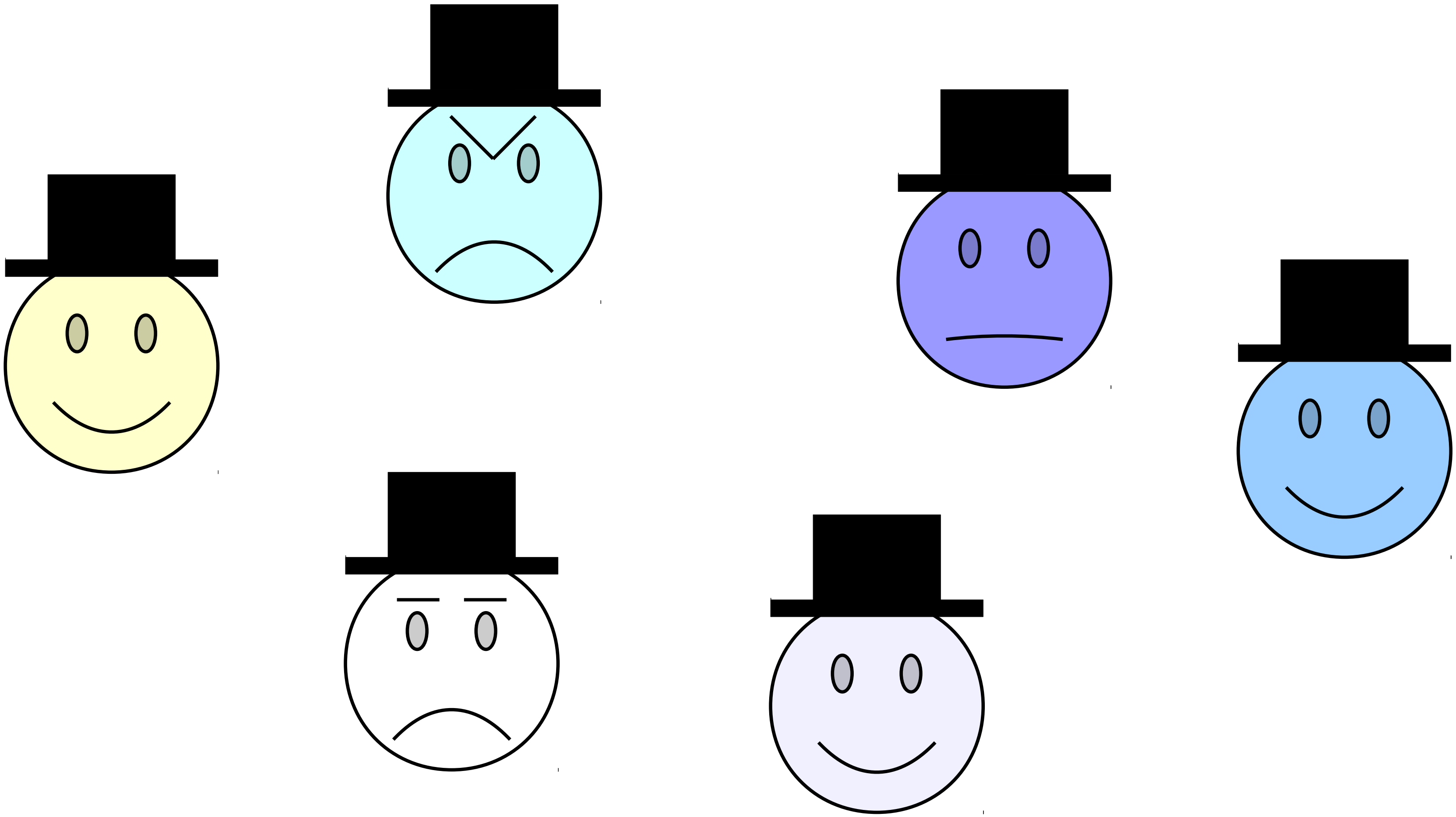

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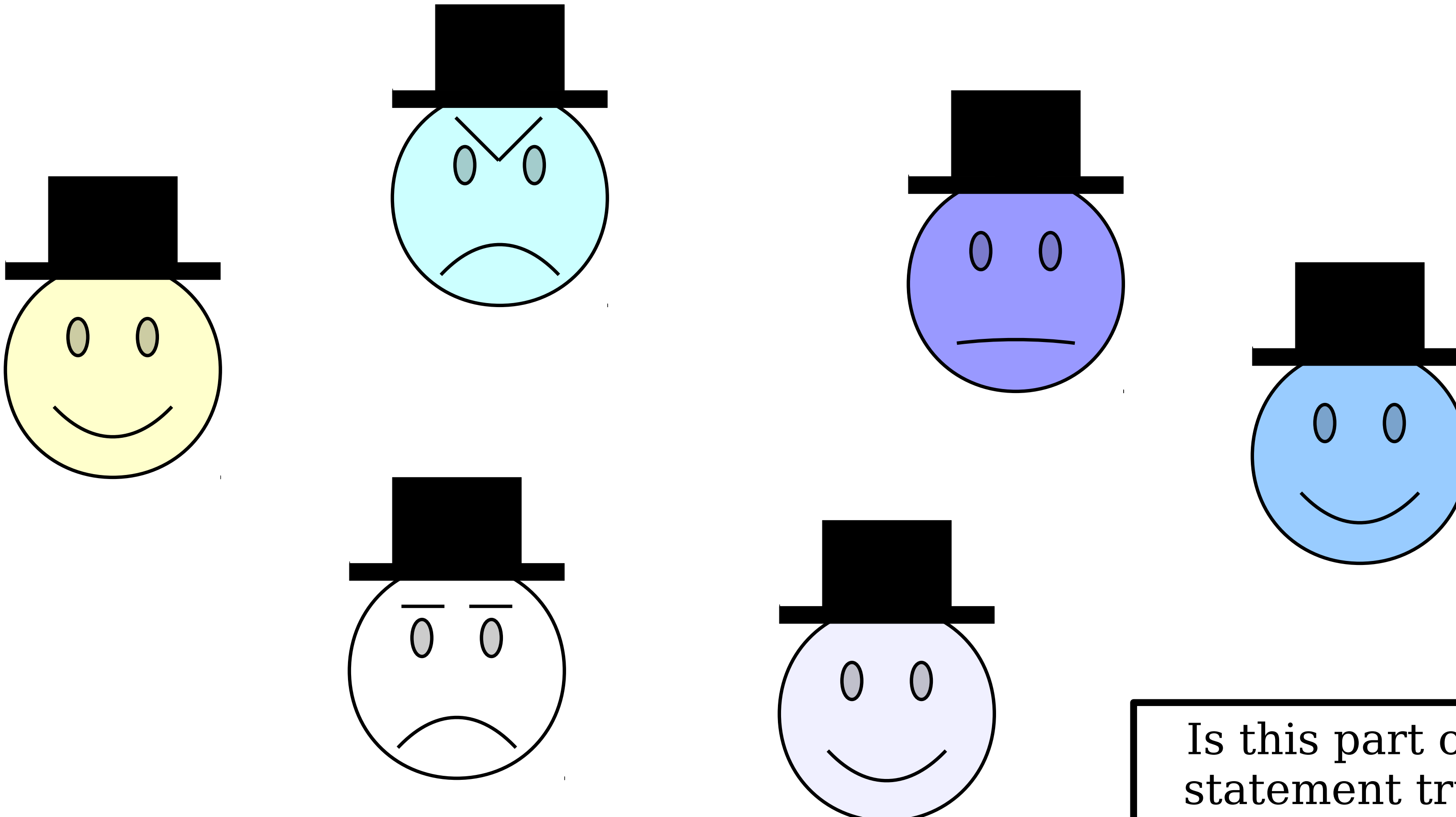

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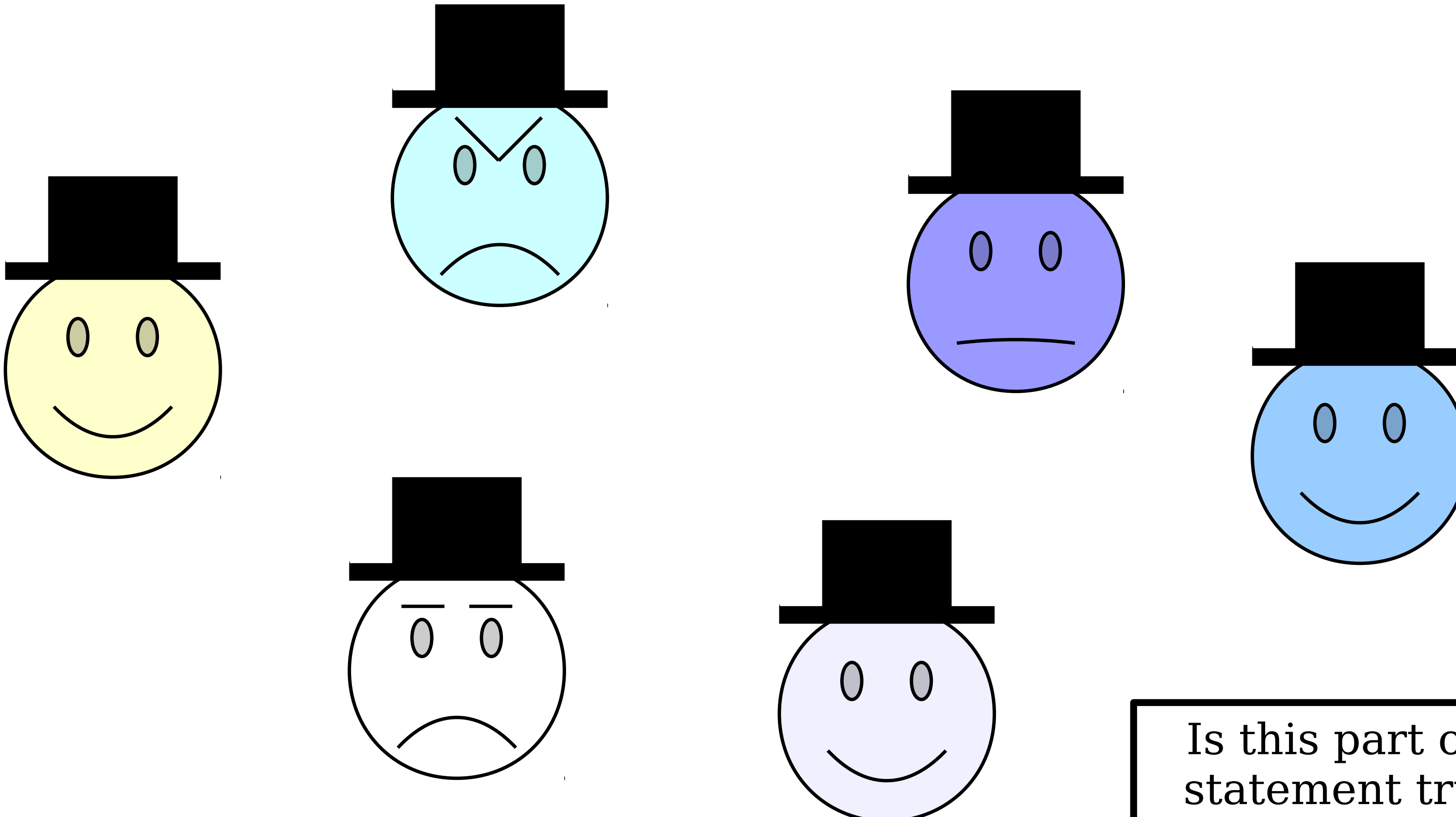

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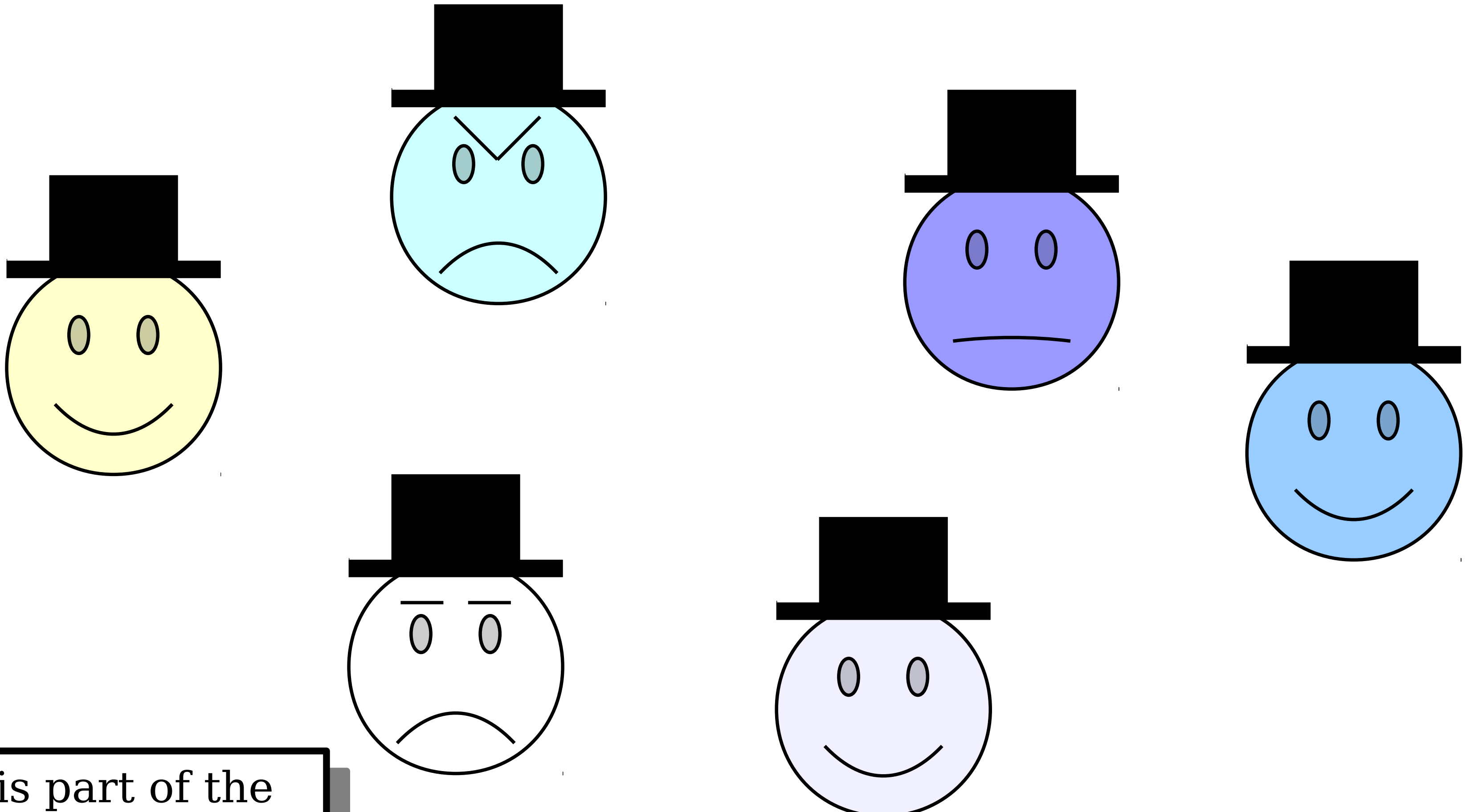

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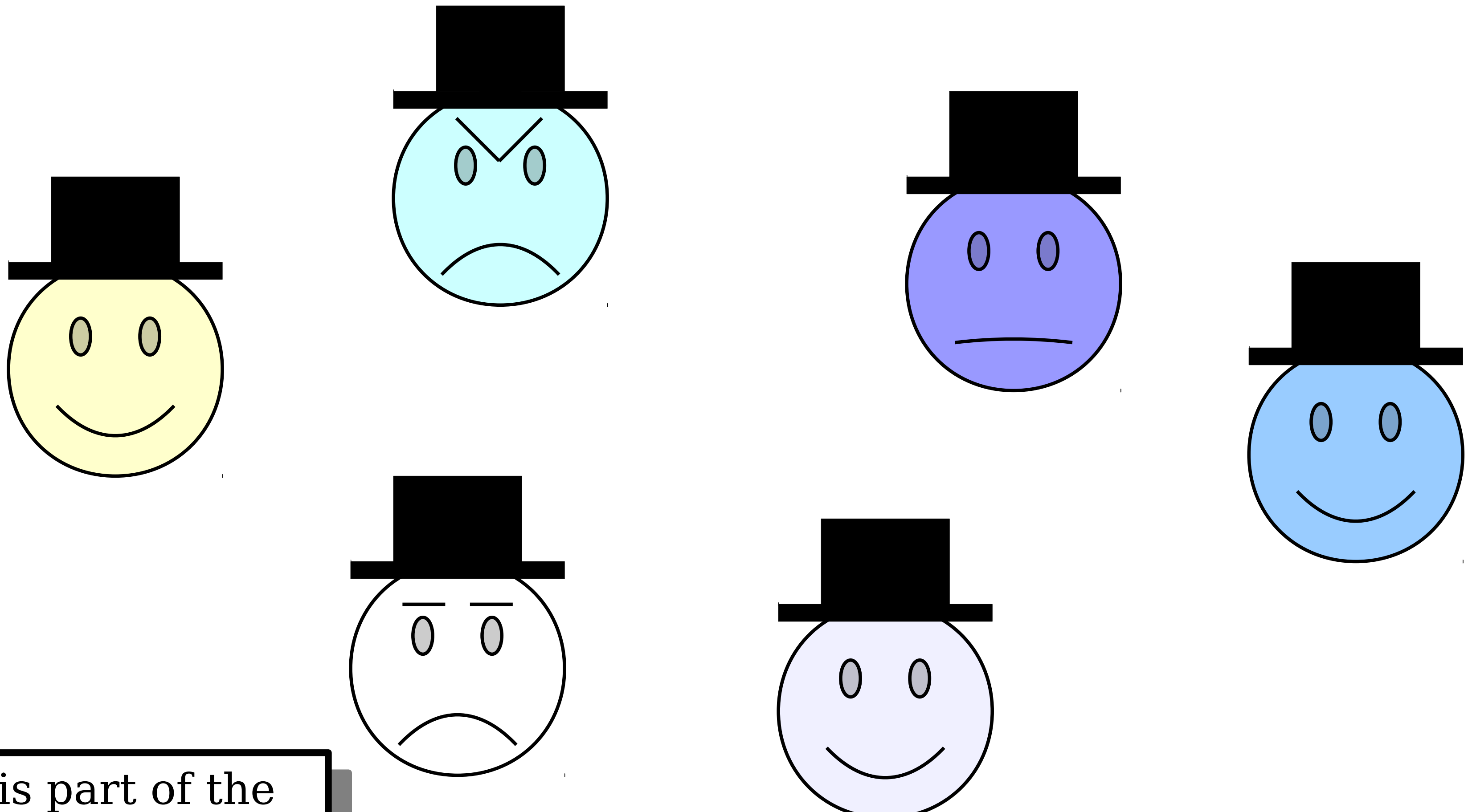

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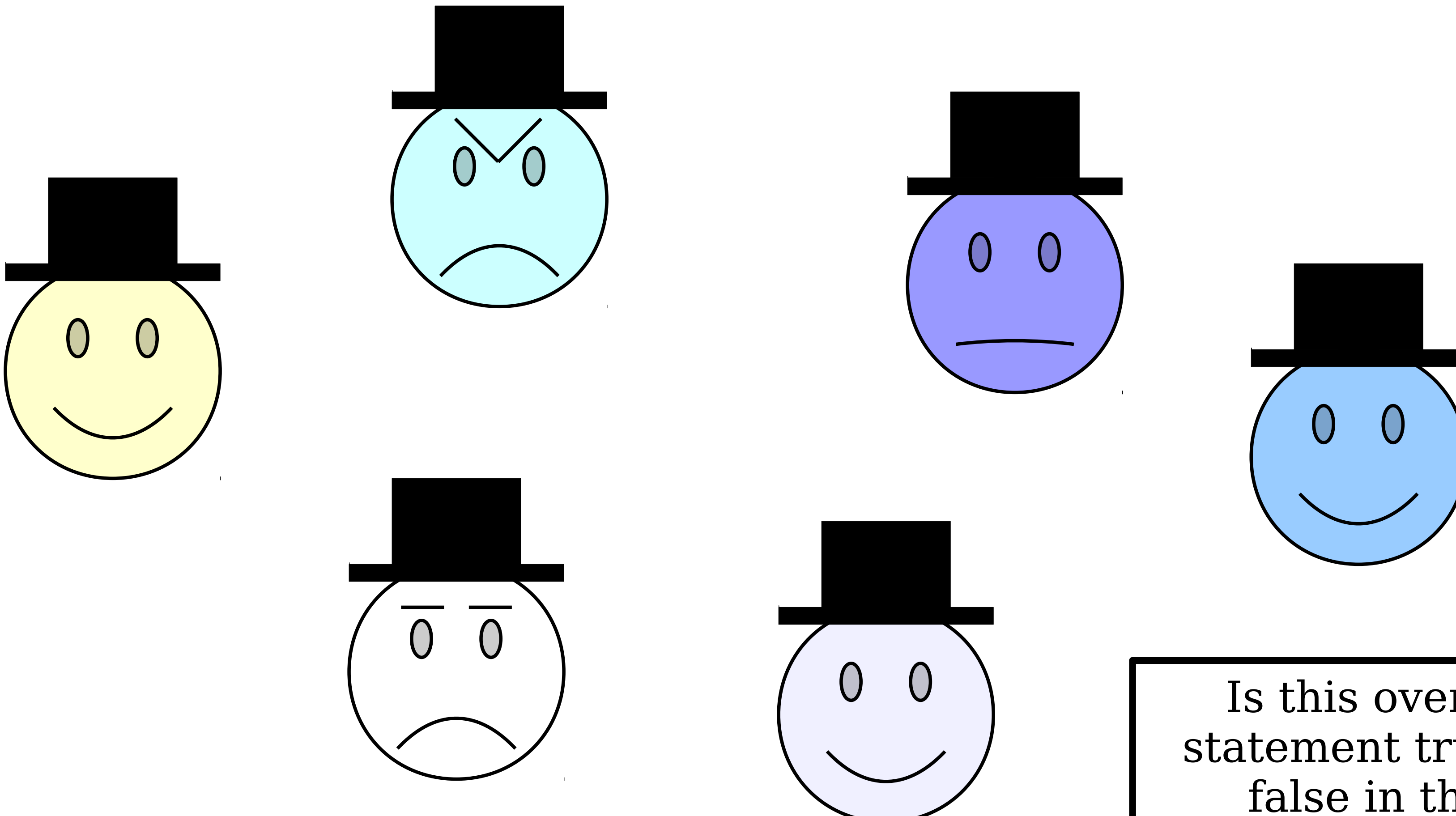

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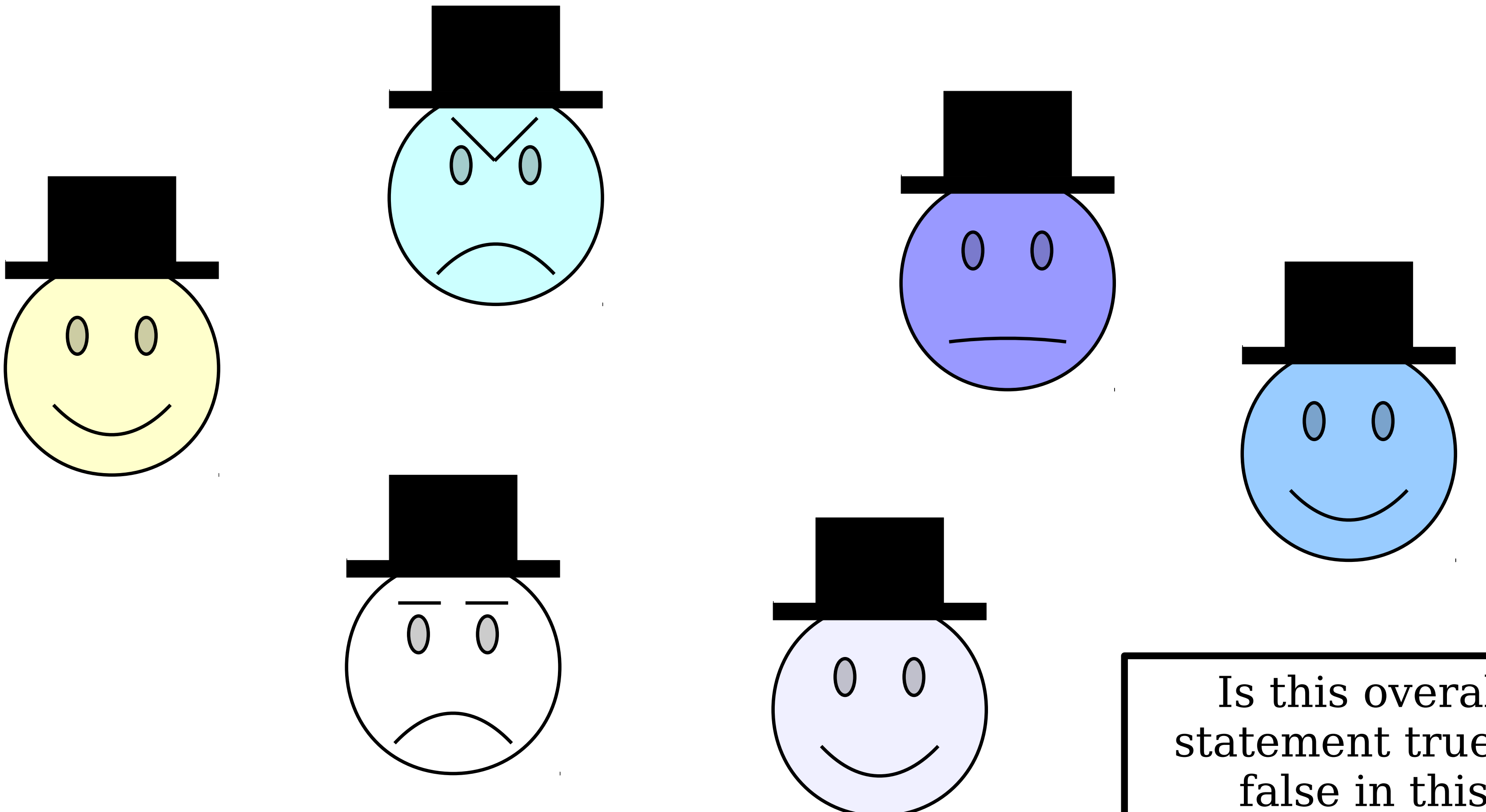

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Universally-quantified statements are ***vacuously true*** in empty worlds.

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Time-Out for Announcements!

Problem Set One

- Problem Set One is due Friday at 2:30PM.
  - Want to use your late days? You can submit up to 2:30PM on ***Sunday***.
  - Remember that late days are 24-hour extensions, so submitting on Sunday would use two late days.
- Problem Set Two goes out Friday.
  - Checkpoint assignment is due next ***Monday*** at 2:30PM.
  - Remaining problems are due next ***Friday*** at 2:30PM.
  - Play around with propositional and first-order logic and sharpen your proof-writing skills!

Back to CS103!

Translating into First-Order Logic

Translating Into Logic

- First-order logic is an excellent tool for manipulating definitions and theorems to learn more about them.
- Need to take a negation? Translate your statement into FOL, negate it, then translate it back.
- Want to prove something by contrapositive? Translate your implication into FOL, take the contrapositive, then translate it back.

Translating Into Logic

- ***Translating statements into first-order logic is a lot more difficult than it looks.***
- There are a lot of nuances that come up when translating into first-order logic.
- We'll cover examples of both good and bad translations into logic so that you can learn what to watch for.
- We'll also show lots of examples of translations so that you can see the process that goes into it.

Using the predicates

- $Puppy(p)$, which states that p is a puppy, and
- $Cute(x)$, which states that x is cute,

write a sentence in first-order logic that means "all puppies are cute."

Which of these first-order logic statements is a proper translation?

A. $\exists p.\ (Puppy(p) \land Cute(p))$
B. $\exists p.\ (Puppy(p) \to Cute(p))$
C. $\forall p.\ (Puppy(p) \land Cute(p))$
D. $\forall p.\ (Puppy(p) \to Cute(p))$
E. More than one of these.
F. None of these.

Answer at **PollEv.com/cs103** or
text **CS103** to **22333** once to join, then **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E**, or **F**.

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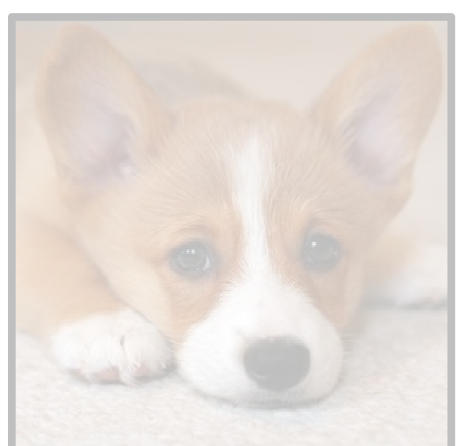

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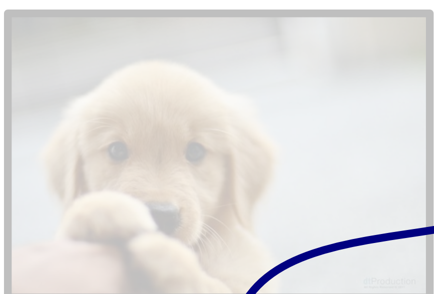

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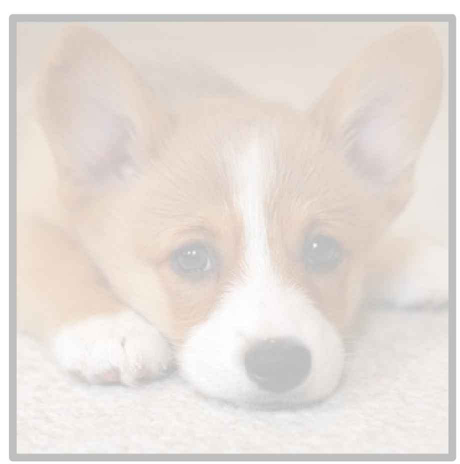

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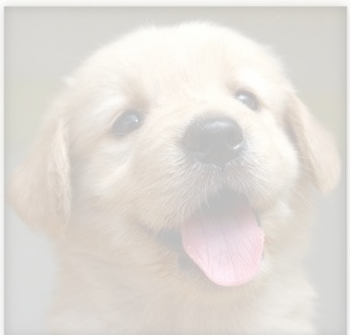

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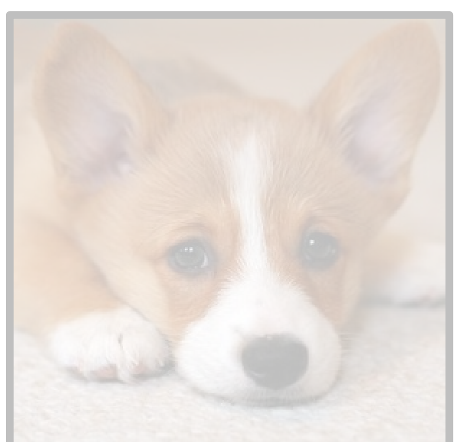

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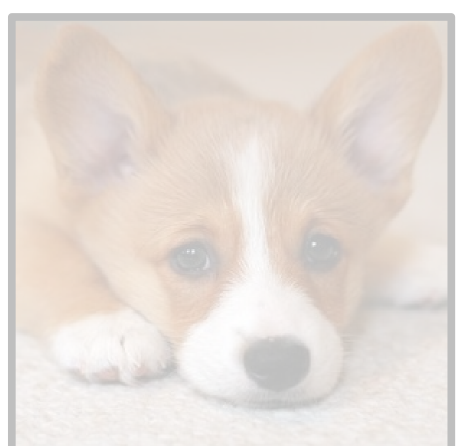

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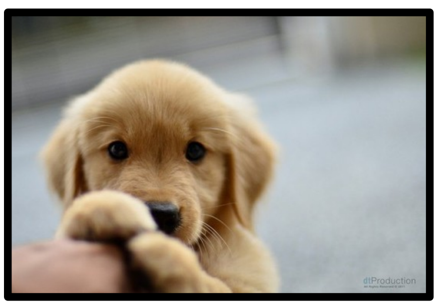

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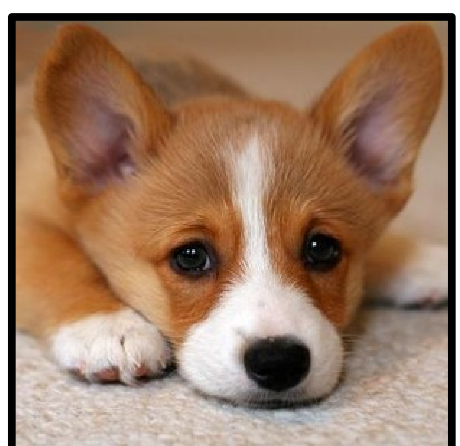

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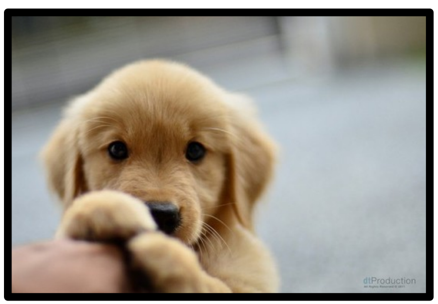

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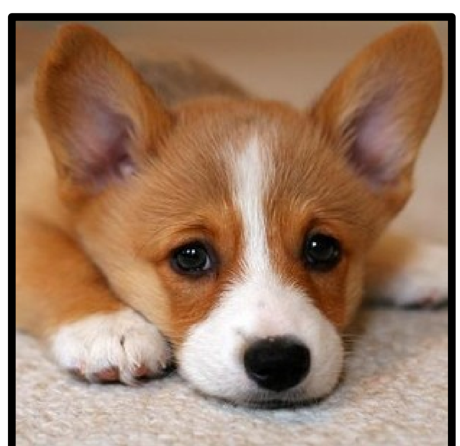

This first-order statement is false even though the English statement is true. Therefore, it can't be a correct translation.

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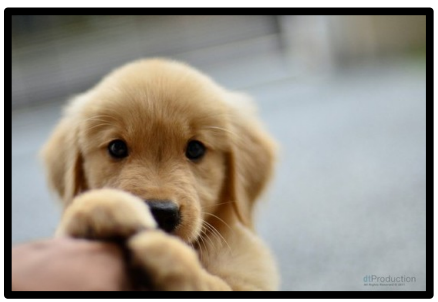

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The issue here is that this statement asserts that everything is a puppy. That's too strong of a claim to make.

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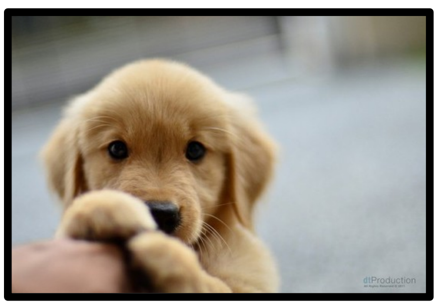

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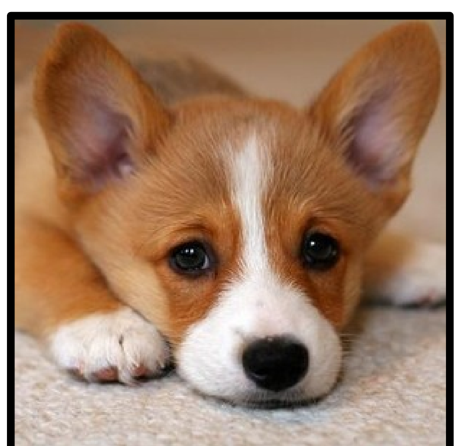

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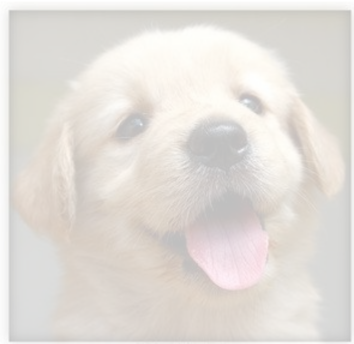

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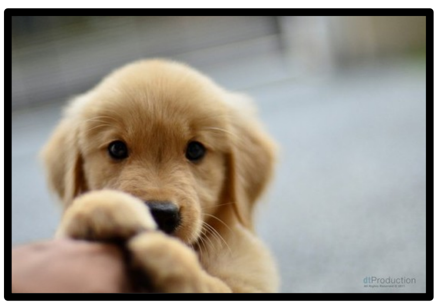

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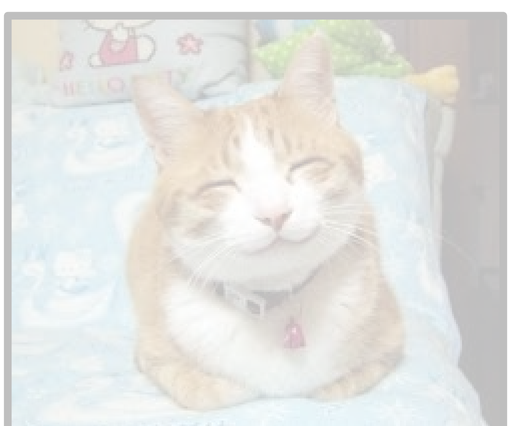

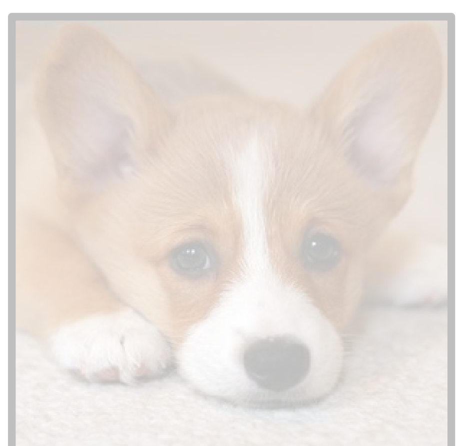

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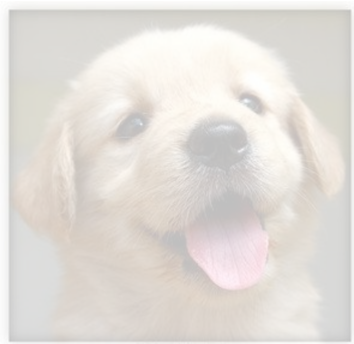

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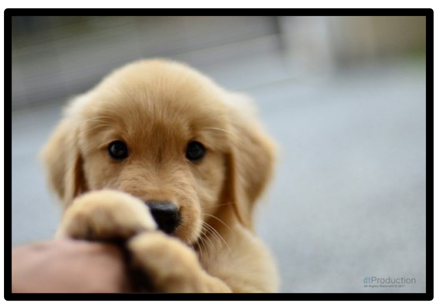

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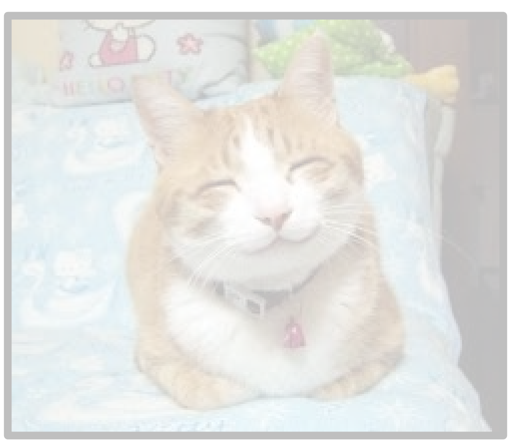

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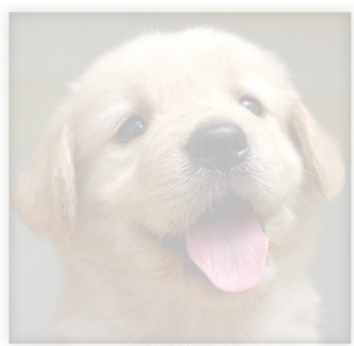

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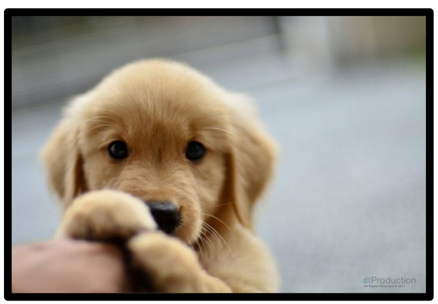

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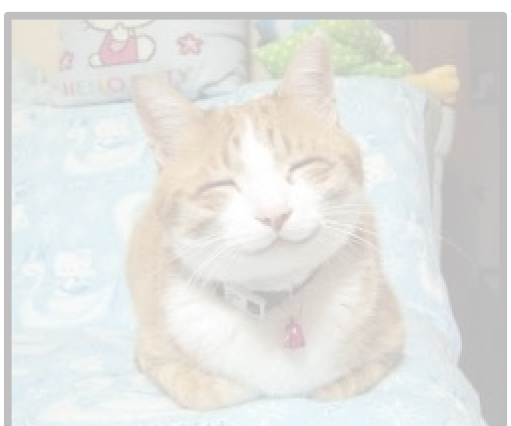

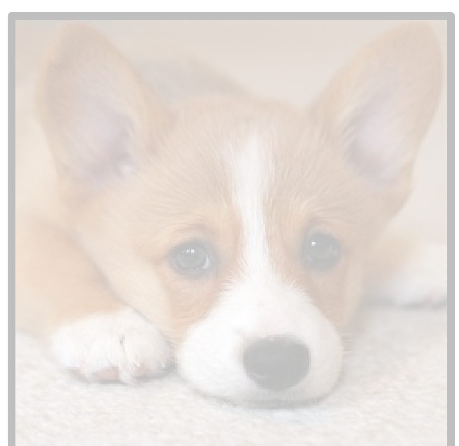

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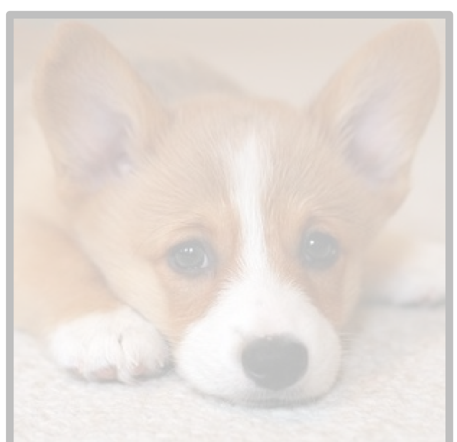

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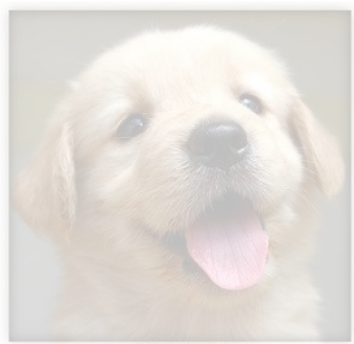

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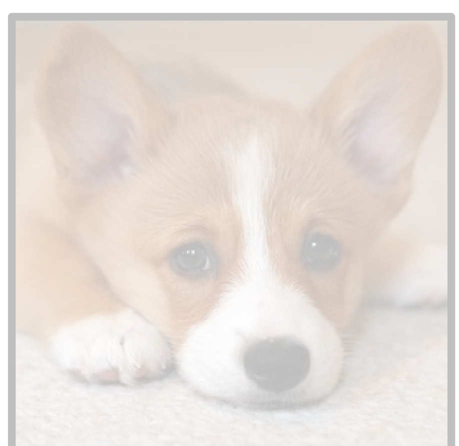

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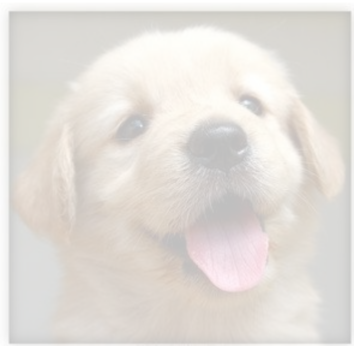

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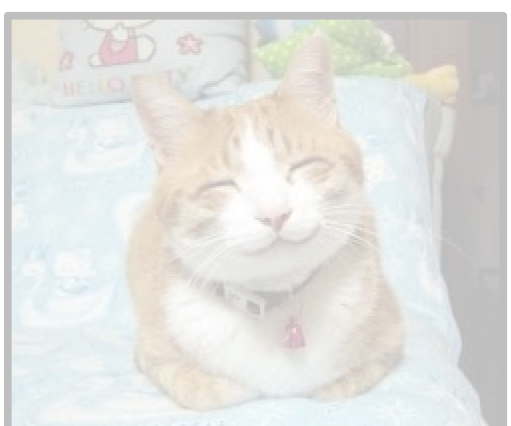

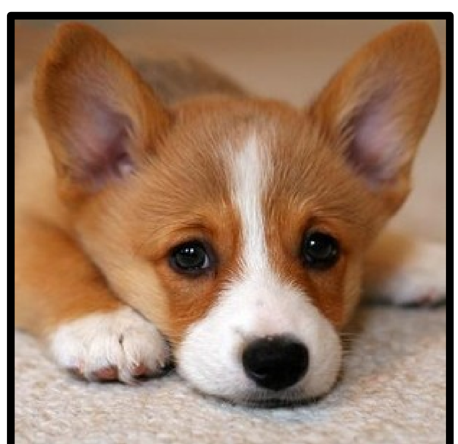

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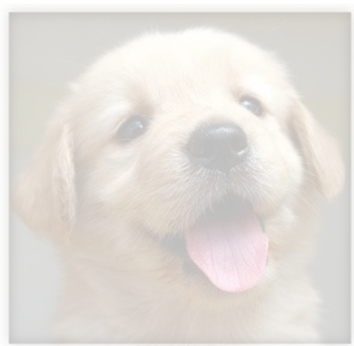

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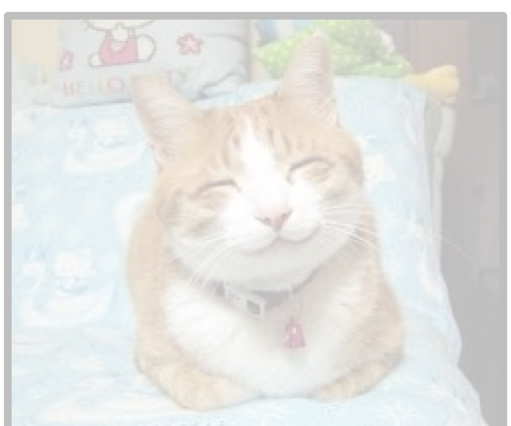

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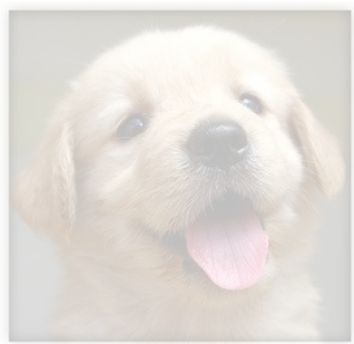

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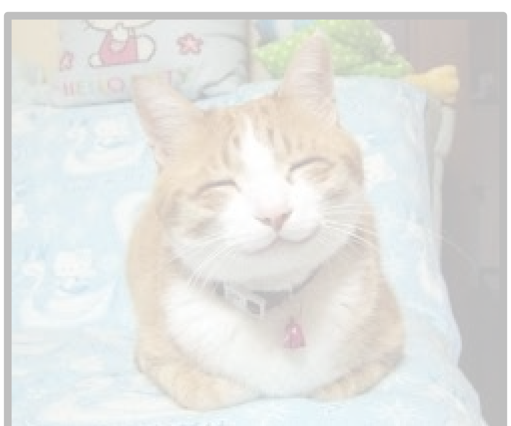

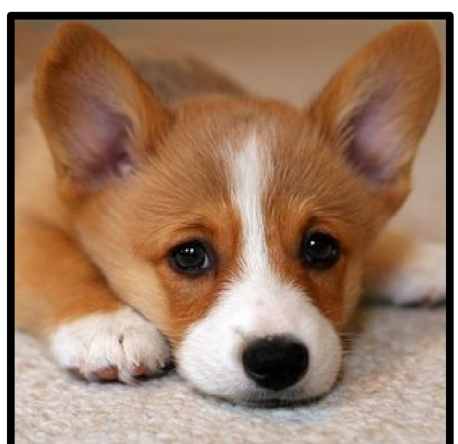

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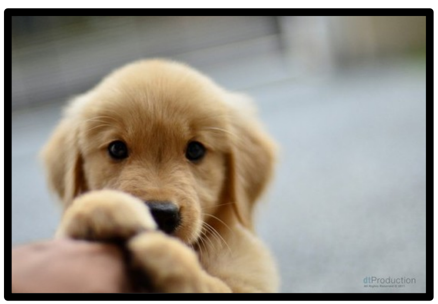

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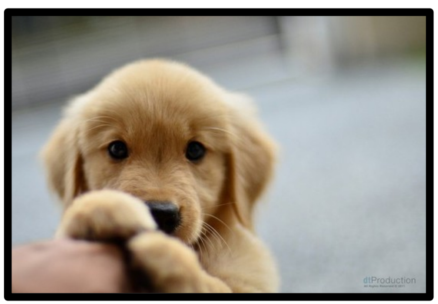

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“All *P*'s are *Q*'s”

translates as

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Useful Intuition:

Universally-quantified statements are true unless there's a counterexample.

$$\forall x.\ (P(x) \to Q(x))$$

If x is a counterexample, it *must* have property P but not have property Q.

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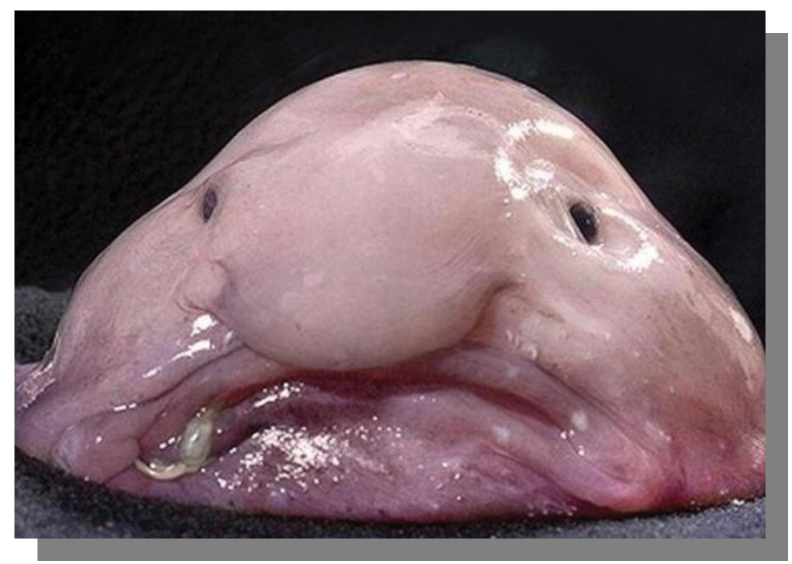

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E. More than one of these.
F. None of these.

Answer at **PollEv.com/cs103** or
text **CS103** to **22333** once to join, then **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E**, or **F**.

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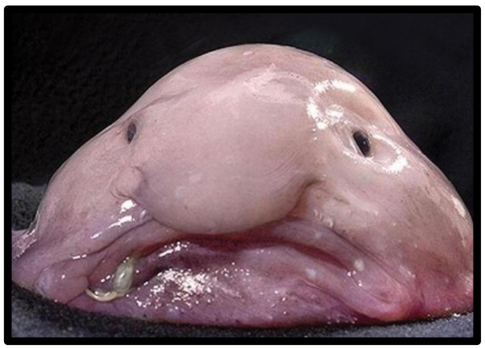

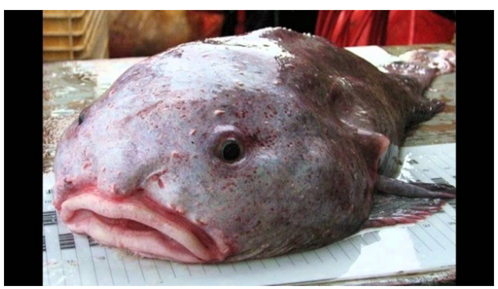

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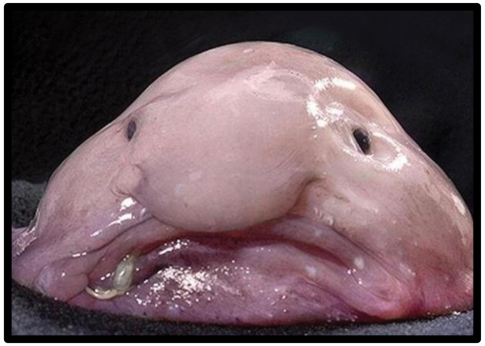

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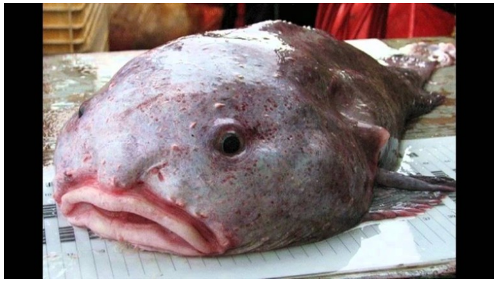

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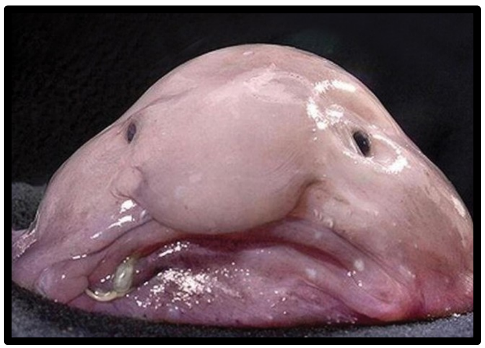

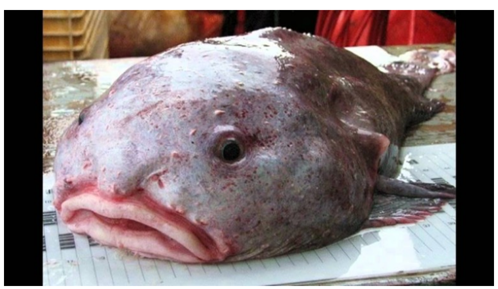

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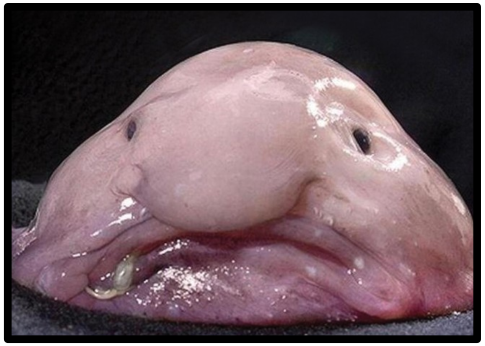

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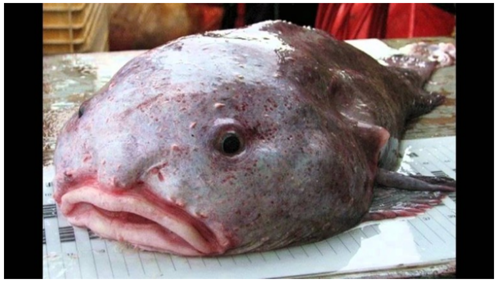

The issue here is that implications are true whenever the antecedent is false. This statement “accidentally” is true because of what happens when x isn't a blobfish.

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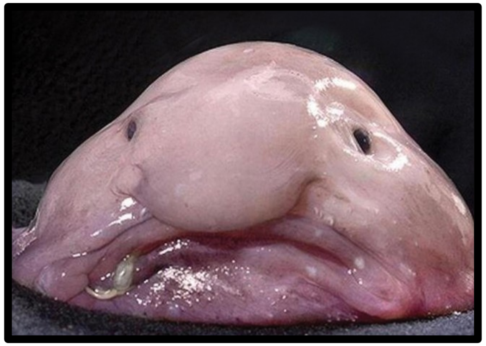

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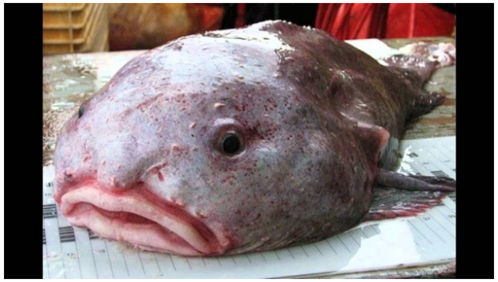

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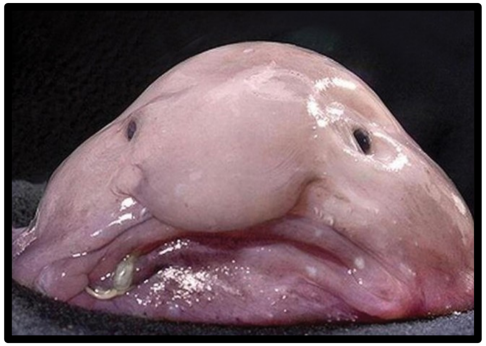

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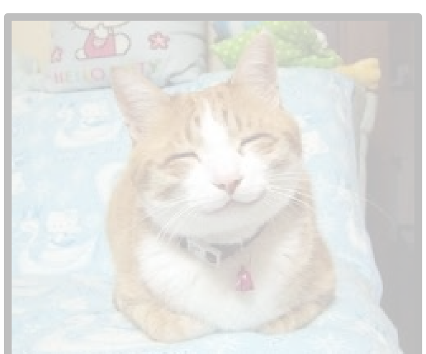

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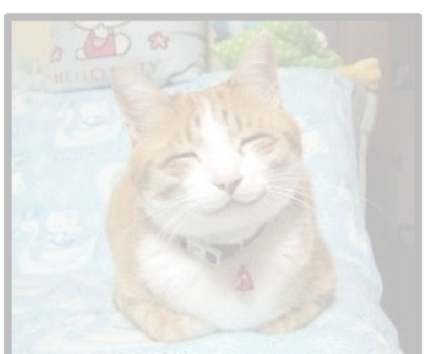

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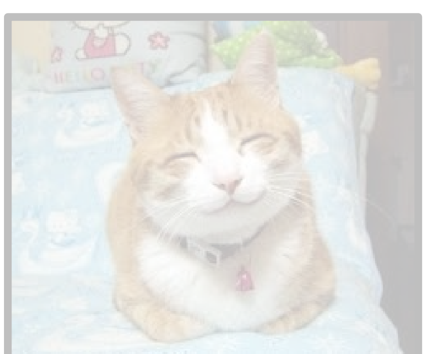

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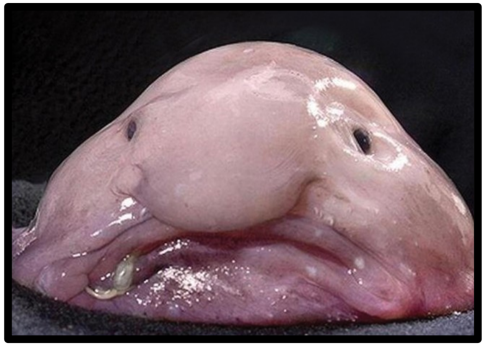

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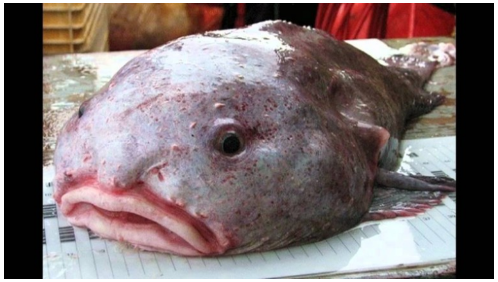

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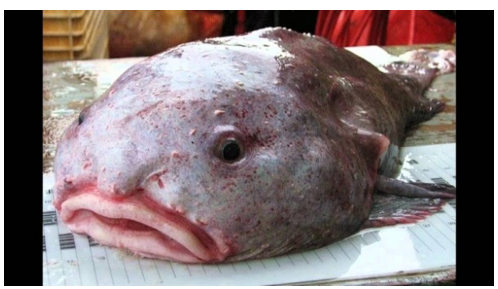

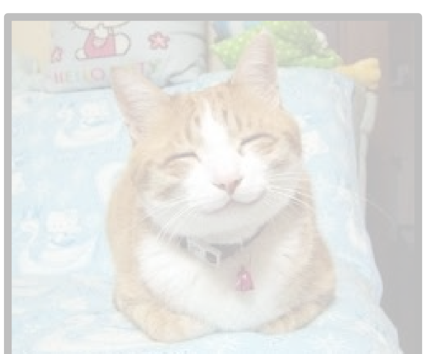

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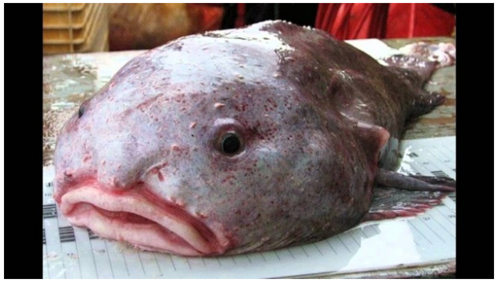

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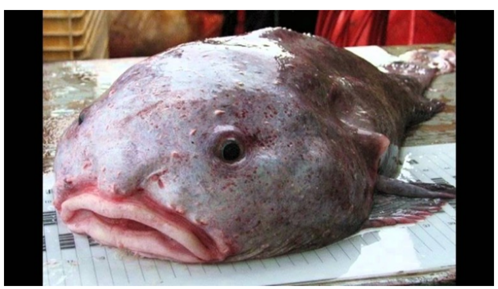

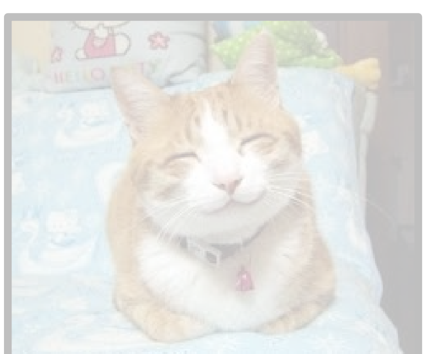

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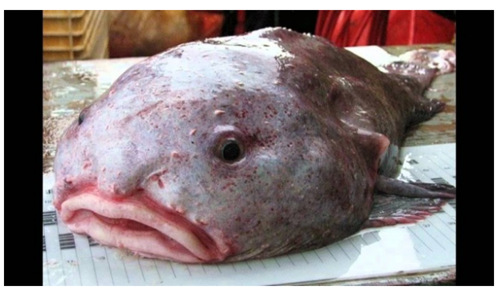

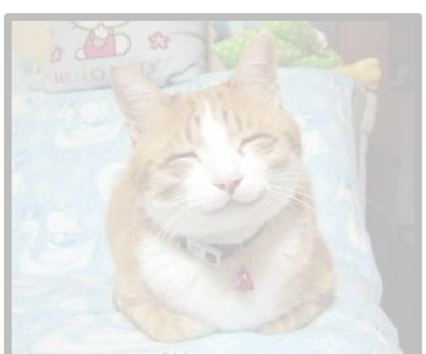

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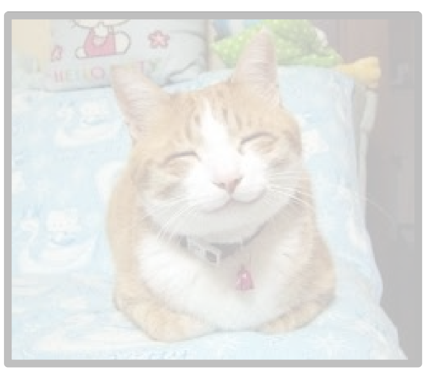

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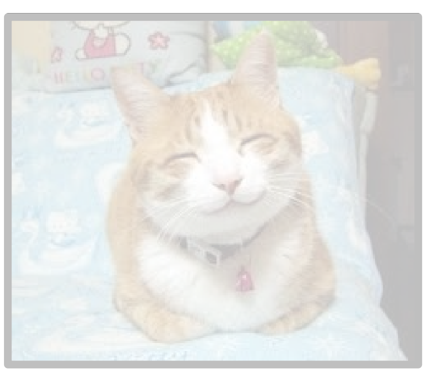

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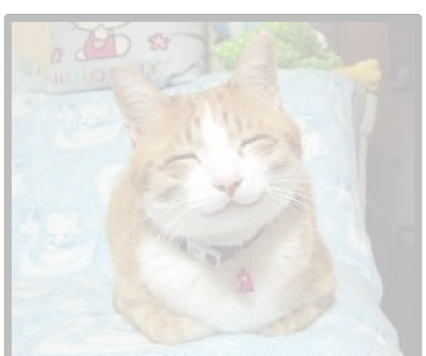

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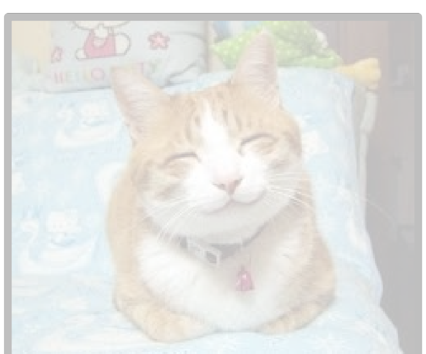

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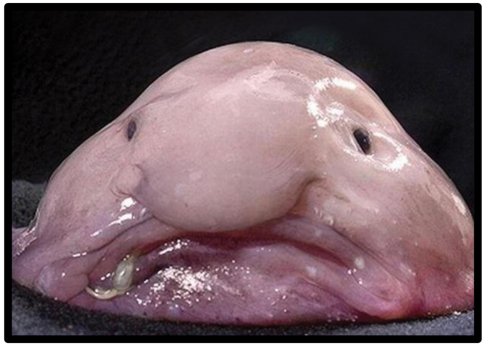

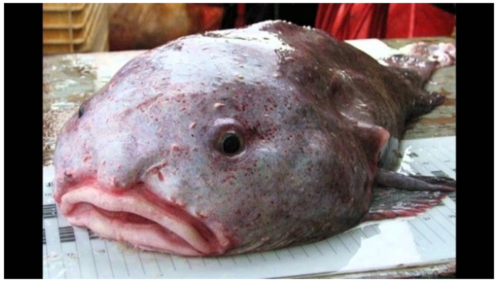

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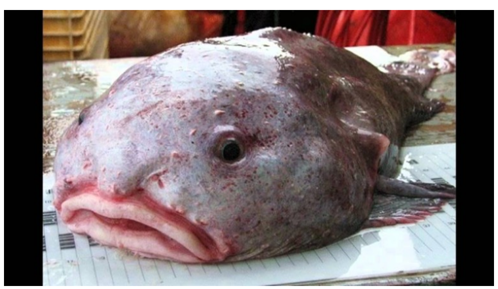

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Useful Intuition:

Existentially-quantified statements are false unless there's a positive example.

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If *x* is an example, it *must* have property *P* on top of property *Q*.

Good Pairings

- The ∀ quantifier *usually* is paired with →.

$$\forall x.\ (P(x) \to Q(x))$$

- The ∃ quantifier *usually* is paired with ∧.

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Next Time

- ***First-Order Translations***
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  - How do you select the order of quantifiers in first-order logic formulas?
- ***Negating Formulas***
  - How do you mechanically determine the negation of a first-order formula?
- ***Expressing Uniqueness***
  - How do we say there's just one object of a certain type?