

# The Art of Translation

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write a sentence in first-order logic that means “everybody loves someone else.”

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How many of the following first-order logic statements are correct translations of “everyone loves someone else?”

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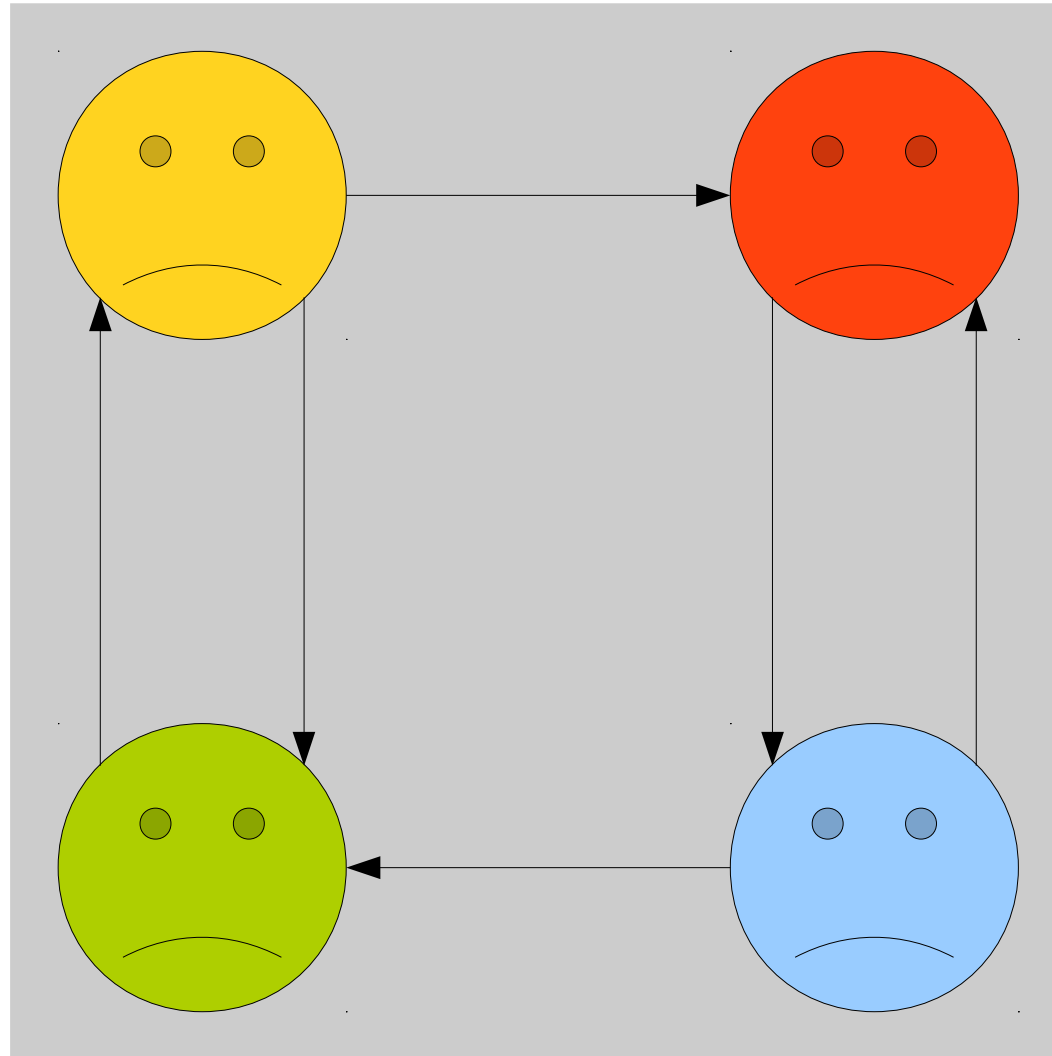
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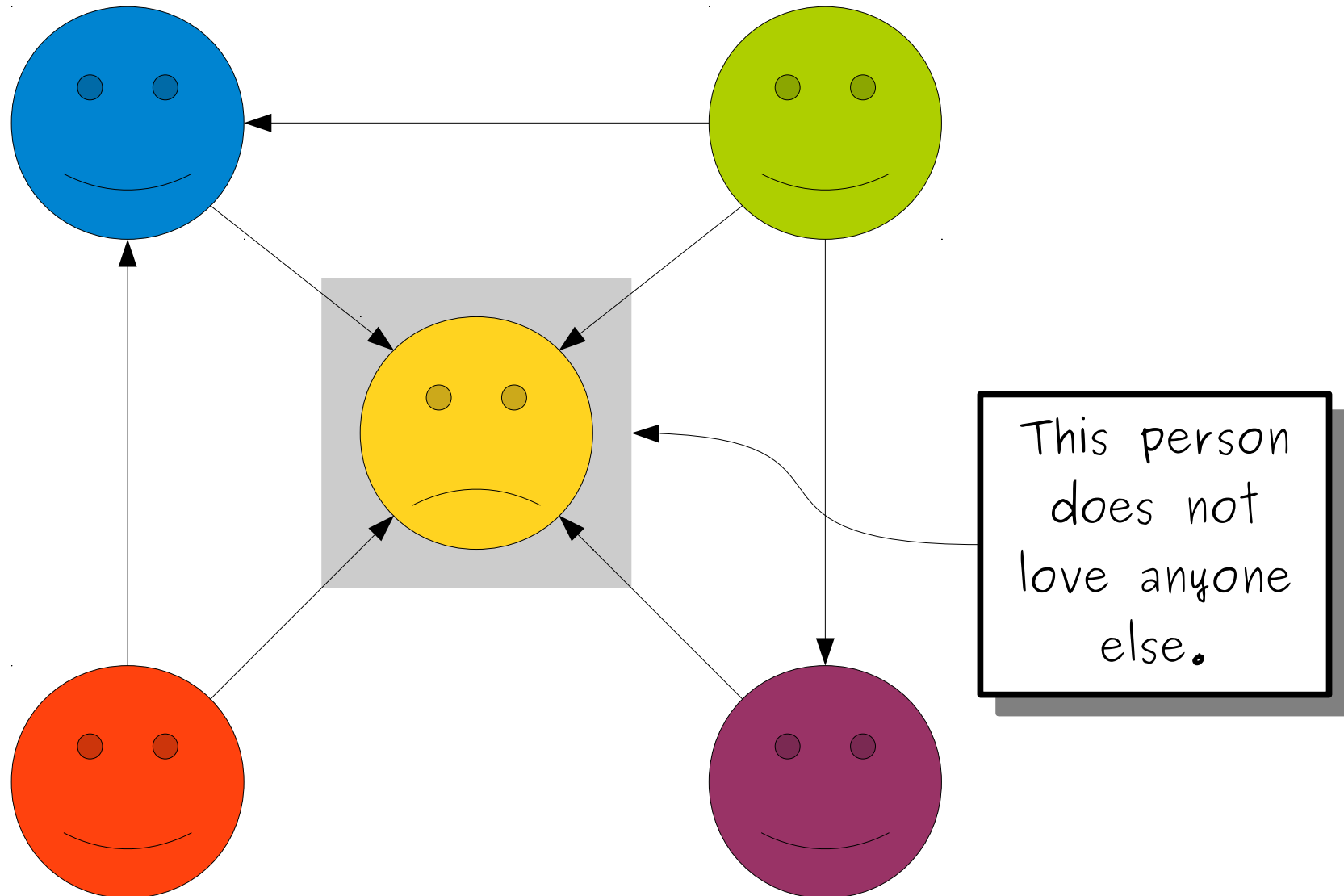
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# Everyone Loves Someone Else

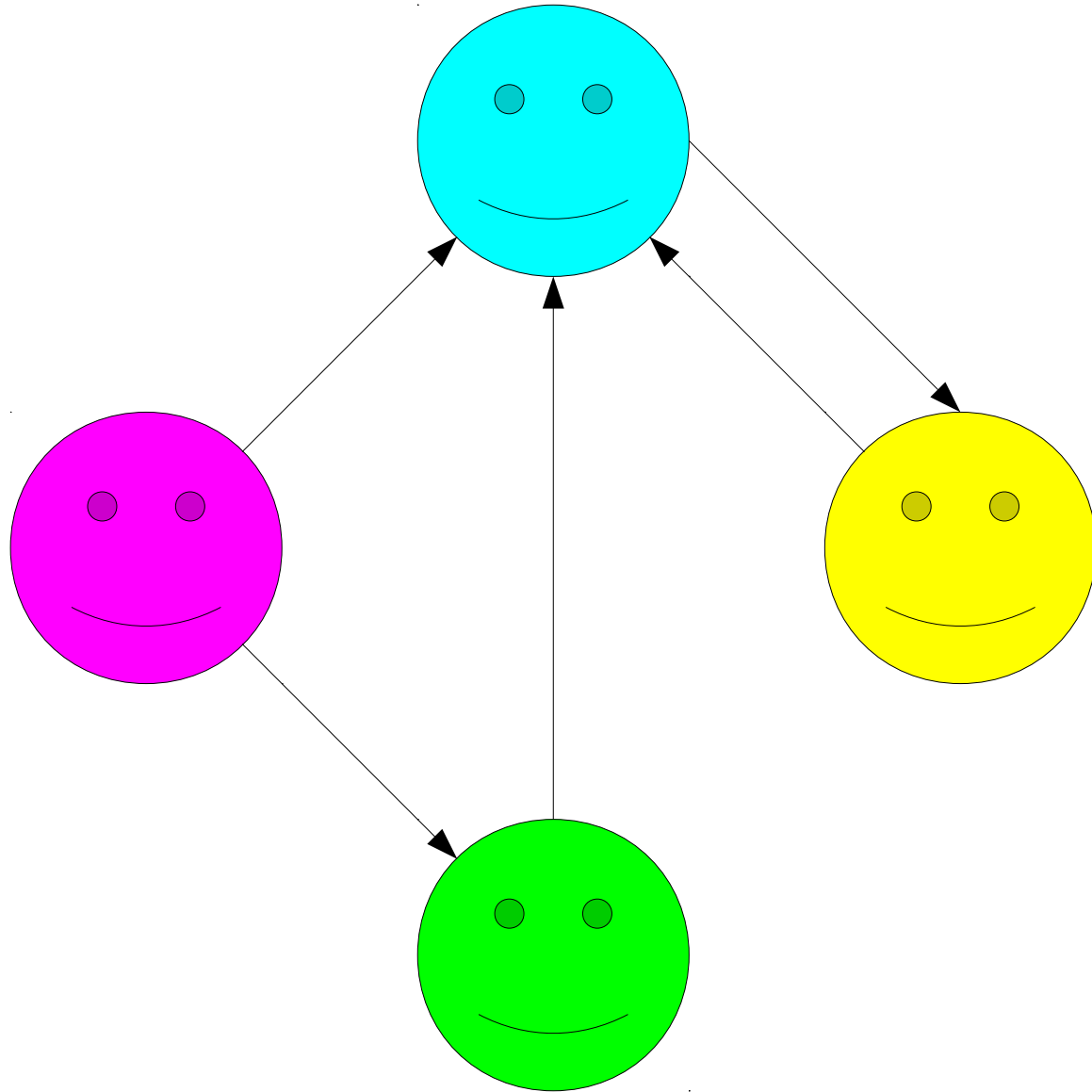


No one here  
is universally  
loved.

# There is Someone Everyone Else Loves



Everyone Loves Someone Else ***and***  
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# Quantifier Ordering

- The statement

$$\forall x. \exists y. P(x, y)$$

means “for any choice of  $x$ , there's some choice of  $y$  where  $P(x, y)$  is true.”

- The choice of  $y$  can be different every time and can depend on  $x$ .

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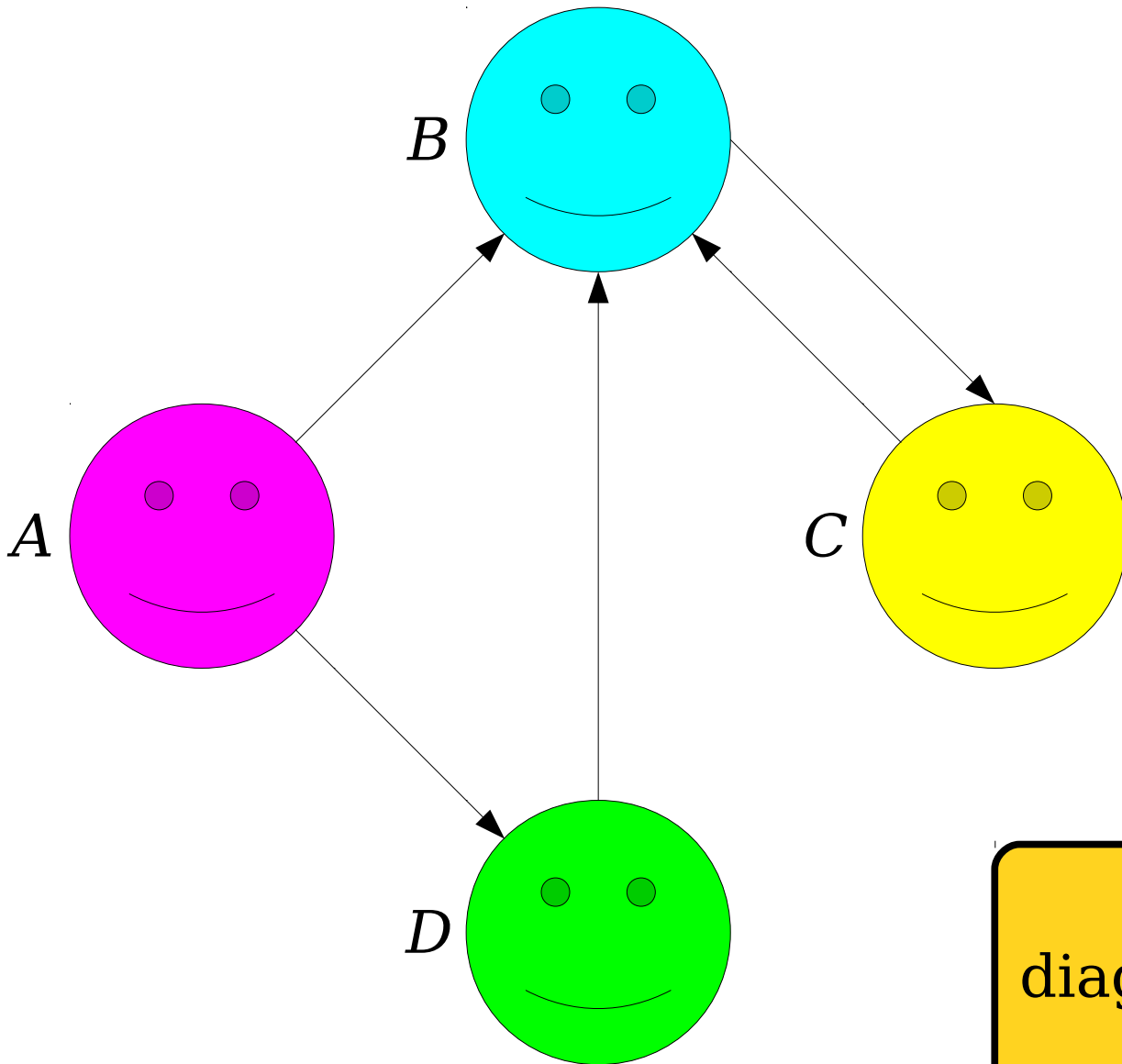
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means “there is some  $x$  where for any choice of  $y$ , we get that  $P(x, y)$  is true.”

- Since the inner part has to work for any choice of  $y$ , this places a lot of constraints on what  $x$  can be.

*Order matters* when mixing existential  
and universal quantifiers!





Which person in this diagram do you most aspire to be?

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# Set Translations

Using the predicates

- $Set(S)$ , which states that  $S$  is a set, and
- $x \in y$ , which states that  $x$  is an element of  $y$ ,

write a sentence in first-order logic that means “the empty set exists.”

First-order logic doesn't have set operators or symbols “built in.” If we only have the predicates given above, how might we describe this?

$$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge \neg \exists x. x \in S)$$

$$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge \forall x. x \notin S)$$

Both of these translations are correct. Just like in propositional logic, there are many different equivalent ways of expressing the same statement in first-order logic.

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write a sentence in first-order logic that means “two sets are equal if and only if they contain the same elements.”

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\forall S. (Set(S) \rightarrow \\
 &\quad \forall T. (Set(T) \rightarrow \\
 &\quad \quad (S = T \leftrightarrow \forall x. (x \in S \leftrightarrow x \in T)) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

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You sometimes see the universal quantifier pair with the  $\leftrightarrow$  connective. This is especially common when talking about sets because two sets are equal when they have precisely the same elements.