

# 472 Recitation

Week 9

# Logic

- Propositional logic: **symbols, connectives** ( $\wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow, \neg$ )
- First order logic: **objects, variables,**  
**connectives** ( $\wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow, \neg$ ),  
**quantifiers** ( $\forall, \exists$ ).....
  - $\forall$  with  $\Rightarrow$
  - $\exists$  with  $\wedge$

# FOL $\rightarrow$ PL

A ground term in FOL is  
a term without variables.

- Universal Instantiation (UI)
  - UI should be applied for **all possible ground term substitutions**
  - Logically equivalent to the original KB
  - Can generate lots of irrelevant sentences
- Existential Instantiation (EI)
  - Substitute **a single new constant symbol** for an existentially quantified variable.
  - Inferential equivalent to the original KB

# Lifted inference rules

- Redefined inference rules for FOL
- Unification: Finding substitutions that make different logical expressions look identical
- Unifier: The substitutions are called unifier

$$\text{Unify}(\alpha, \beta) = \theta \text{ if } \alpha\theta = \beta\theta$$

$\alpha : \text{Knows}(\text{John}, x), \beta : \text{Knows}(\text{John}, \text{Jane}), \theta: \{x/\text{Jane}\}$