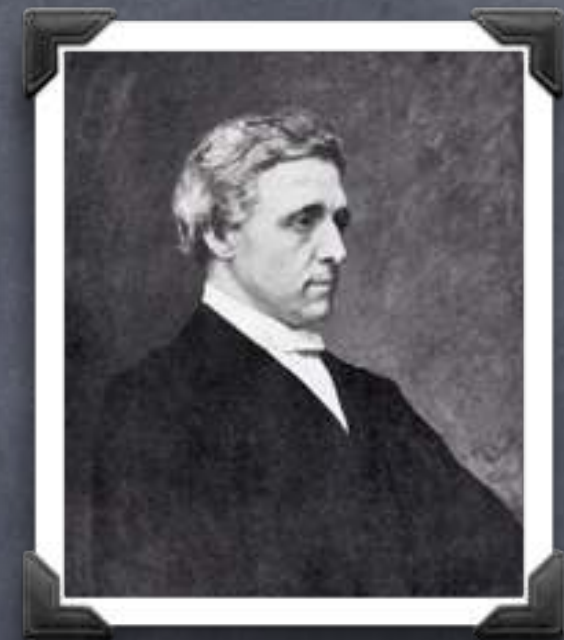


Logic

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1832 - 1898

Propositions,
Predicates,
Operators,
Formulas

Expert Systems

- From a repository consisting of “facts” derive answers to questions posed on the fly
- To automate decision making
- e.g., Prolog: a programming language that can be used to implement such a system

```
mother_child(trude, sally).
```

```
father_child(tom, sally).
```

```
father_child(tom, erica).
```

```
father_child(mike, tom).
```

```
sibling(X, Y) ← parent_child(Z, X)  
                ^ parent_child(Z, Y).
```

```
parent_child(X, Y) ← father_child(X, Y).
```

```
parent_child(X, Y) ← mother_child(X, Y).
```

```
?- sibling(sally, erica).
```

```
Yes
```


The Pointless Game

- Alice and Bob sit down to play a new board game, where they take turns to make “moves” that they can choose (no dice/randomness)
- The rules of the game guarantee that
 - The game can’t go on for ever
 - There are no ties — Alice or Bob will win when the game terminates
- Alice and Bob (smart as they are) decide that there is no point in playing the game, because they already know who is going to win it!



But how?

Propositions

- Goal: reasoning about whether statements are true or false
 - These statements are called propositions
- Propositions refer to things in a “domain of discourse” (e.g., characters in Alice in Wonderland)
- A proposition could simply refer to a property of an element in the domain (e.g., Alice doesn't have wings)
 - These properties are formalised as predicates


Alice
Jabberwock
Flamingo



Predicates

- **Predicate** is a function that assigns a value of TRUE or FALSE to each element in the domain of discourse
- If you apply a predicate to an element you get a proposition
 - A proposition will have truth value True or False
- More complex propositions can be built from such simple propositions

e.g.: Pink(Flamingo)



	Winged?	Flies?	Pink?
Alice	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Jabberwock	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
Flamingo	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

Propositional Calculus

Unary operator

cal·cu·lus /ˈkalkyələs/

1. The branch of mathematics that deals with the finding and properties of derivatives and integrals of functions, by methods originally developed by Isaac Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz.
2. A particular method or system of calculation or reasoning.

Synonyms: stone - calculation - reckoning - computation

Binary operators

not p

Symbol: $\neg p$

Negates the truth value.

e.g.: $\neg \text{Flies}(\text{Alice})$
has value True

p or q

Symbol: $p \vee q$

True if and only if at least one of p and q is true

e.g.: $\neg \text{Flies}(\text{Alice}) \vee \text{Pink}(\text{Jab'wock})$
has value True

p and q

Symbol: $p \wedge q$

True if and only if both of p and q are true

e.g.: $\neg \text{Flies}(\text{Alice}) \wedge \text{Pink}(\text{Jab'wock})$
has value False

if p then q

Symbol: $p \rightarrow q$

$(\neg p) \vee (p \wedge q)$

Same as $\neg p \vee q$

e.g.: $\text{Flies}(\text{Alice}) \rightarrow \text{Pink}(\text{Jab'wock})$
has value True



George Boole
1815 - 1864

\vee	T	F
T	T	T
F	T	F

\wedge	T	F
T	T	F
F	F	F

\rightarrow	T	F
T	T	F
F	T	T

Operator Gallery

(T)	T	F
T	T	T
F	T	T

(F)	T	F
T	F	F
F	F	F

(1)	T	F
T	T	T
F	F	F

(2)	T	F
T	T	F
F	T	F

$\neg(1)$	T	F
T	F	F
F	T	T

$\neg(2)$	T	F
T	F	T
F	F	T

XOR	\oplus	T	F
\neq	T	F	T
	F	T	F

IFF	\leftrightarrow	T	F
=	T	T	F
	F	F	T

OR \vee	T	F
T	T	T
F	T	F

NAND \uparrow	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T

NOR \downarrow	T	F
T	F	F
F	F	T

AND \wedge	T	F
T	T	F
F	F	F

IMPLIES \rightarrow	T	F
T	T	F
F	T	T

IMPLIED-BY \leftarrow	T	F
T	T	T
F	F	T

\nrightarrow	T	F
T	F	T
F	F	F

\nleftarrow	T	F
T	F	F
F	T	F

IMPLIES

\rightarrow	T	F
T	T	F
F	T	T

Important:
Not a causal
relation!

p implies q .
 whenever p holds, q holds
 if p then q .
 q if p .
 either not p or (p and q).
 p only if q .
 if not q then not p .
 not p if not q .

Try an example:

p : you're in the kitchen

q : you're in the house

Contrapositive

IMPLIED-BY

\leftarrow	T	F
T	T	T
F	F	T

p is implied by q .
 q implies p .
 p if q .

IFF

\equiv

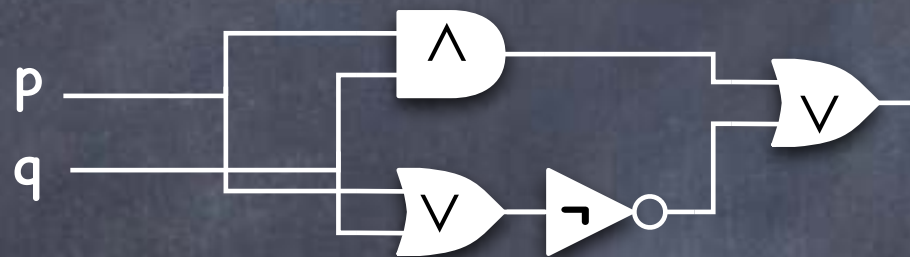
\leftrightarrow	T	F
T	T	F
F	F	T

p if and only if q .
 p iff q .
 p if q and not p if not q .

Formulas

- A recipe for creating a new proposition from given propositions, using operators

- e.g. $f(p,q) \triangleq (p \wedge q) \vee \neg(p \vee q)$



p	q	f
F	F	T
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

- Can also use “logic circuits” instead of formulas
- Different formulas can be **equivalent** to each other
 - e.g., $g(p,q) \triangleq \neg(p \oplus q)$. Then **$f \equiv g$** .
- A formula on two variables is equivalent to a binary operator

Another Example

- $g(p,q,r) \triangleq (p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \vee (\neg p \wedge q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge \neg q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge q \wedge r)$

- “Majority operator”

- $h(p,q,r) \triangleq (p \wedge (q \vee r)) \vee (q \wedge r)$

- $g \equiv h$

$$((\neg p) \wedge q) \wedge r$$

p	q	r	g	h
F	F	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	F
F	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T
T	T	T	T	T

More Equivalences [Exercise]

- Conjunction and disjunction with T and F

$$T \wedge q \equiv q$$

$$F \vee q \equiv q$$

$$F \wedge q \equiv F$$

$$T \vee q \equiv T$$

- Implication involving T and F

$$T \rightarrow q \equiv q$$

$$F \rightarrow q \equiv T$$

$$q \rightarrow F \equiv \neg q$$

$$q \rightarrow T \equiv T$$

- Implication involving negation

$$q \rightarrow \neg q \equiv \neg q$$

$$\neg q \rightarrow q \equiv q$$

- Contrapositive

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv (\neg q) \rightarrow (\neg p)$$

- Distributive Property

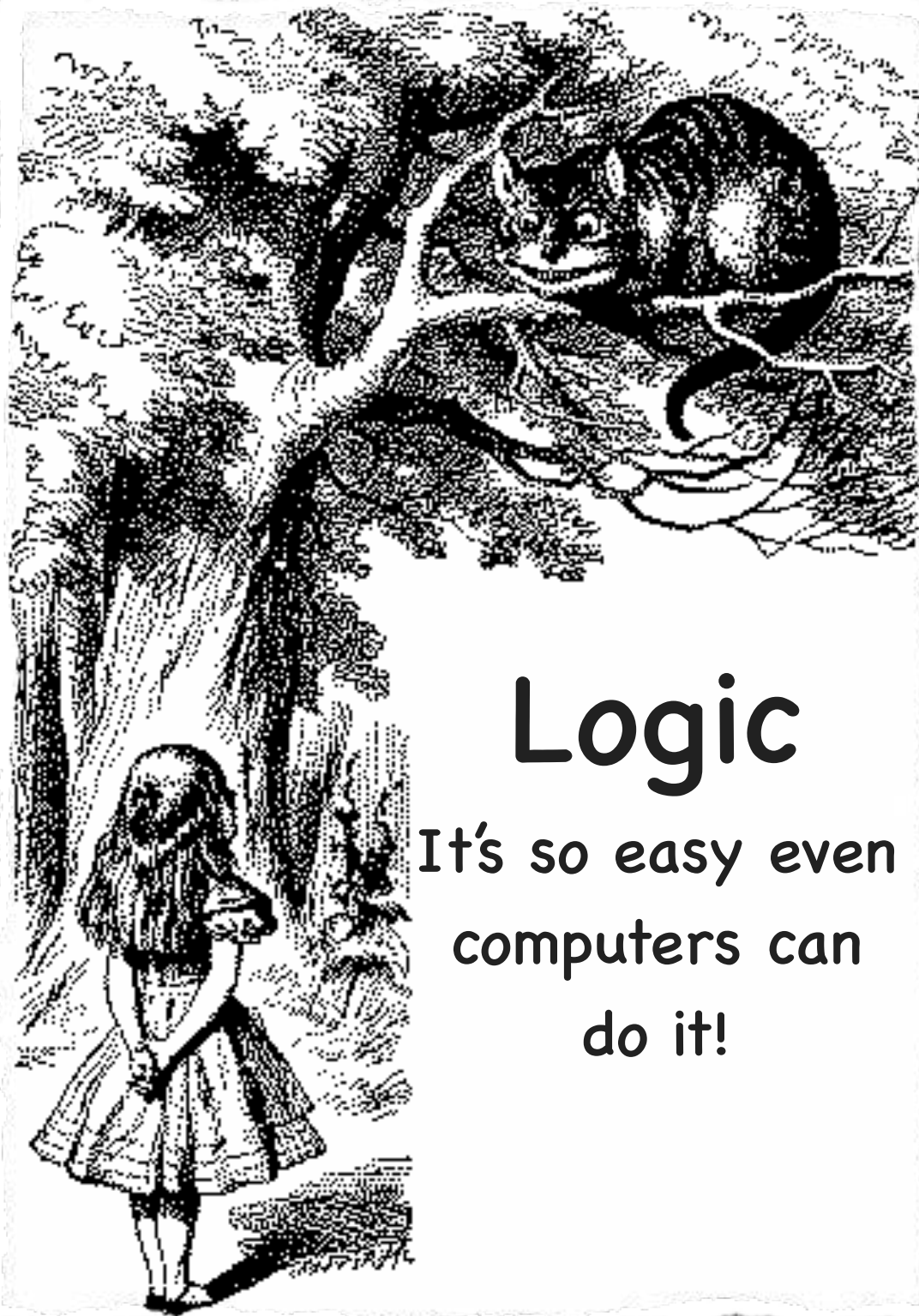
$$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

$$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$$

- De Morgan's Law

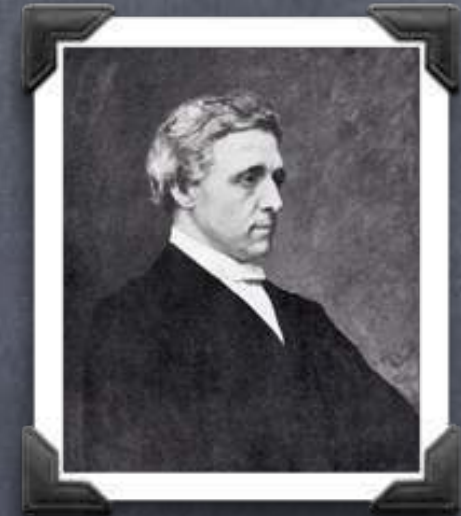
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Quantifiers

Predicates & Propositions

x	Winged(x)	Flies(x)	Pink(x)
Alice	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Jabberwock	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
Flamingo	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

- A predicate is a column in this table
- A proposition like $\text{Winged}(\text{Alice})$ refers to a single cell. Can build more complex propositions using propositional calculus (formulas)
- Next: Propositions involving quantifiers.

Quantified Propositions

(First-Order) Predicate Calculus

x	Winged(x)	Flies(x)	Pink(x)
Alice	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Jabberwock	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
Flamingo	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

∈ AIW

- All characters in AIW are winged. (False!)

$\forall x \text{ Winged}(x)$

- For every character x in AIW, $\text{Winged}(x)$ holds


- Some character in AIW is winged. (True)

$\exists x \text{ Winged}(x)$

- There exists a character x in AIW, such that $\text{Winged}(x)$ holds

Quantified Propositions

(First-Order) Predicate Calculus



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- Quantifiers: To what “extent” does a predicate evaluate to TRUE in the domain of discourse

$\forall x \text{ Winged}(x)$

- Universal quantifier, \forall

$\exists x \text{ Winged}(x)$

- Existential quantifier, \exists

Quantified Propositions

(First-Order) Predicate Calculus

x	Winged(x)	Flies(x)	Pink(x)
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- Could write $\forall x \text{ Winged}(x)$ as:
 $\text{Winged}(\text{Alice}) \wedge \text{Winged}(\text{J'wock}) \wedge \text{Winged}(\text{Flamingo})$
- And $\exists x \text{ Winged}(x)$ as:
 $\text{Winged}(\text{Alice}) \vee \text{Winged}(\text{J'wock}) \vee \text{Winged}(\text{Flamingo})$
 - But need to list the entire domain (works only if finite)

Examples

x	Winged(x)	Flies(x)	Pink(x)	Pink(x) \rightarrow Flies(x)
Alice	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Jabberwock	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
Flamingo	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

• $\forall x \text{ Winged}(x) \leftrightarrow \text{Flies}(x)$ is True

• $\exists x \text{ Winged}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{Flies}(x)$ is True

• $\forall x \text{ Pink}(x) \rightarrow \text{Flies}(x)$ is True

Quantified Propositions

(First-Order) Predicate Calculus

x	Winged(x)	Flies(x)	Pink(x)	\neg Winged(x)
Alice	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Jabberwock	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Flamingo	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE

• $\forall x$ Winged(x) is False

• Not everyone is winged

• Same as saying, there is someone who is not winged

• i.e., $\exists x \neg$ Winged(x) is True

• $\neg (\forall x W(x)) \equiv \exists x \neg W(x)$

$$\neg (W(a) \wedge W(j) \wedge W(f))$$

\equiv

$$\neg W(a) \vee \neg W(j) \vee \neg W(f)$$

Predicates, again

- A predicate can be defined over any number of elements from the domain
 - e.g., Likes(x,y): "x likes y"

x,y	Likes(x,y)
Alice, Alice	TRUE
Alice, Jabberwock	FALSE
Alice, Flamingo	TRUE
Jabberwock, Alice	FALSE
Jabberwock, Jabberwock	TRUE
Jabberwock, Flamingo	FALSE
Flamingo, Alice	FALSE
Flamingo, Jabberwock	FALSE
Flamingo, Flamingo	TRUE

Two quantifiers

x,y	Likes(x,y)
Alice, Alice	TRUE
Alice, Jabberwock	FALSE
Alice, Flamingo	TRUE
Jabberwock, Alice	FALSE
Jabberwock, Jabberwock	TRUE
Jabberwock, Flamingo	FALSE
Flamingo, Alice	FALSE
Flamingo, Jabberwock	FALSE
Flamingo, Flamingo	TRUE

- And we can quantify all the variables of a predicate
- e.g. $\forall x,y$ Likes(x,y)
 - Everyone likes everyone
 - False!

Two quantifiers

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Alice, Flamingo	TRUE
Jabberwock, Alice	FALSE
Jabberwock, Jabberwock	TRUE
Jabberwock, Flamingo	FALSE
Flamingo, Alice	FALSE
Flamingo, Jabberwock	FALSE
Flamingo, Flamingo	TRUE

• $\forall x \exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y)$

• Everyone likes someone (True)

• $\exists y \forall x \text{ Likes}(x,y)$

• Someone is liked by everyone (False)

Order of
quantifiers is
important!

Two quantifiers

x	y	Likes(x,y)	$\exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y)$ i.e., LikesSomeone(x)
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	Jabberwock	TRUE	
	Flamingo	FALSE	
Flamingo	Alice	FALSE	TRUE
	Jabberwock	FALSE	
	Flamingo	TRUE	

• $\forall x \exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y)$

• Everyone likes someone

• $\forall x \text{ LikesSomeone}(x)$

• True

Moving the Quantifiers

- $\forall x \forall y P(x,y) \equiv \forall y \forall x P(x,y)$ for all pairs (x,y) , $P(x,y)$ holds
- $\exists x \exists y P(x,y) \equiv \exists y \exists x P(x,y)$ for some pair (x,y) , $P(x,y)$ holds
- Below R is a proposition not involving x

$$\forall x P(x) \vee R \equiv (\forall x P(x)) \vee R$$

- ▶ **Scope** of x extends to the end: $\forall x (P(x) \vee R)$
- ▶ i.e., if domain is $\{a_1, \dots, a_N\}$
 $(P(a_1) \vee R) \wedge \dots \wedge (P(a_N) \vee R)$

- ▶ R evaluates to True or False (indep of x)
- ▶ When R is True, both equivalent (to True)
- ▶ Also, when R is False, both equivalent
- ▶ Hence both equivalent

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$$\exists x P(x) \vee R \equiv (\exists x P(x)) \vee R$$

$$\forall x P(x) \wedge R \equiv (\forall x P(x)) \wedge R$$

$$\exists x P(x) \wedge R \equiv (\exists x P(x)) \wedge R$$

- $\forall x R \rightarrow P(x) \equiv R \rightarrow (\forall x P(x))$

$$\exists x R \rightarrow P(x) \equiv R \rightarrow (\exists x P(x))$$

- $\forall x \underline{P(x) \rightarrow R} \equiv (\exists x P(x)) \rightarrow R$

$$\exists x \underline{P(x) \rightarrow R} \equiv (\forall x P(x)) \rightarrow R$$

$$\forall x \underline{\neg P(x) \vee R} \equiv (\forall x \neg P(x)) \vee R \equiv \neg (\exists x P(x)) \vee R$$

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$$\forall x P(x) \vee R \equiv (\forall x P(x)) \vee R \qquad \exists x P(x) \vee R \equiv (\exists x P(x)) \vee R$$

$$\forall x P(x) \wedge R \equiv (\forall x P(x)) \wedge R \qquad \exists x P(x) \wedge R \equiv (\exists x P(x)) \wedge R$$

- $\forall x R \rightarrow P(x) \equiv R \rightarrow (\forall x P(x)) \qquad \exists x R \rightarrow P(x) \equiv R \rightarrow (\exists x P(x))$

- $\forall x \underline{P(x) \rightarrow R} \equiv (\exists x P(x)) \rightarrow R \qquad \exists x \underline{P(x) \rightarrow R} \equiv (\forall x P(x)) \rightarrow R$

- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\forall x Q(x)) \equiv \forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$

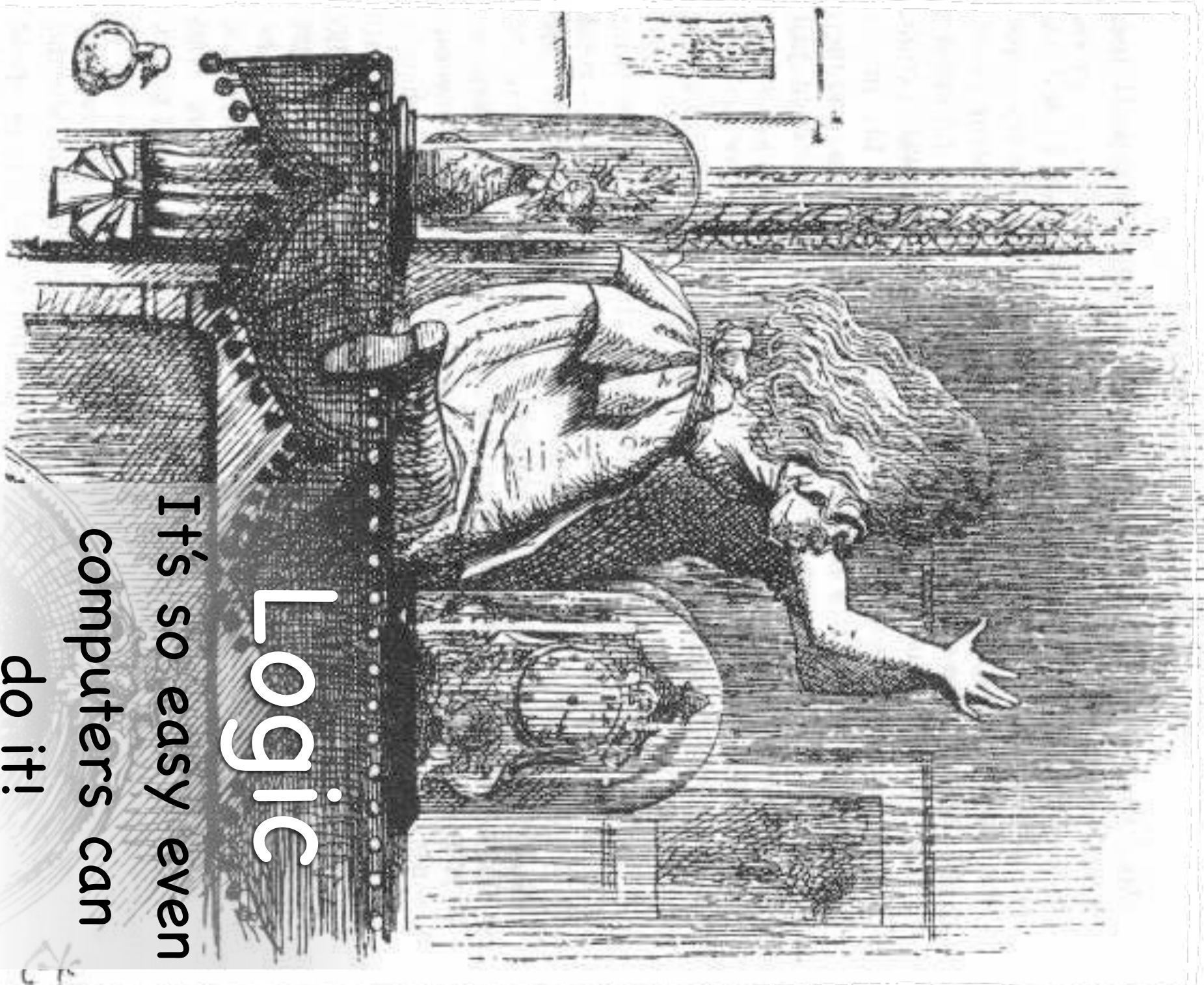
$$(\exists x P(x)) \vee (\exists x Q(x)) \equiv \exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

- $(\forall x P(x)) \vee (\forall x Q(x)) \equiv \forall x \forall y P(x) \vee Q(y)$

$$(\exists x P(x)) \wedge (\exists x Q(x)) \equiv \exists x \exists y P(x) \wedge Q(y)$$

- $\neg(\forall x P(x)) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x) \qquad \neg(\exists x P(x)) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$

$$\nexists x P(x)$$



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Through the
Looking Glass

The Looking Glass

- A mirror which shows the negation of every proposition
- Reflection changes **T** & **F** to **F** & **T** (resp.)
 - **∨** & **∧** are reflected as **∧** & **∨** (resp.)

Flies(Alice)
is **False**

Flies(Alice) ∨
Flies(J'wock)
is **True**

∨	T	F
T	T	T
F	T	F

∧	F	T
F	F	F
T	F	T

¬ Flies(Alice)
is **True**

?	F	T
F	F	F
T	F	T

¬Flies(Alice) ?
¬Flies(J'wock)
is **False**

∨	T	F
T	T	T
F	T	F

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De Morgan's Law

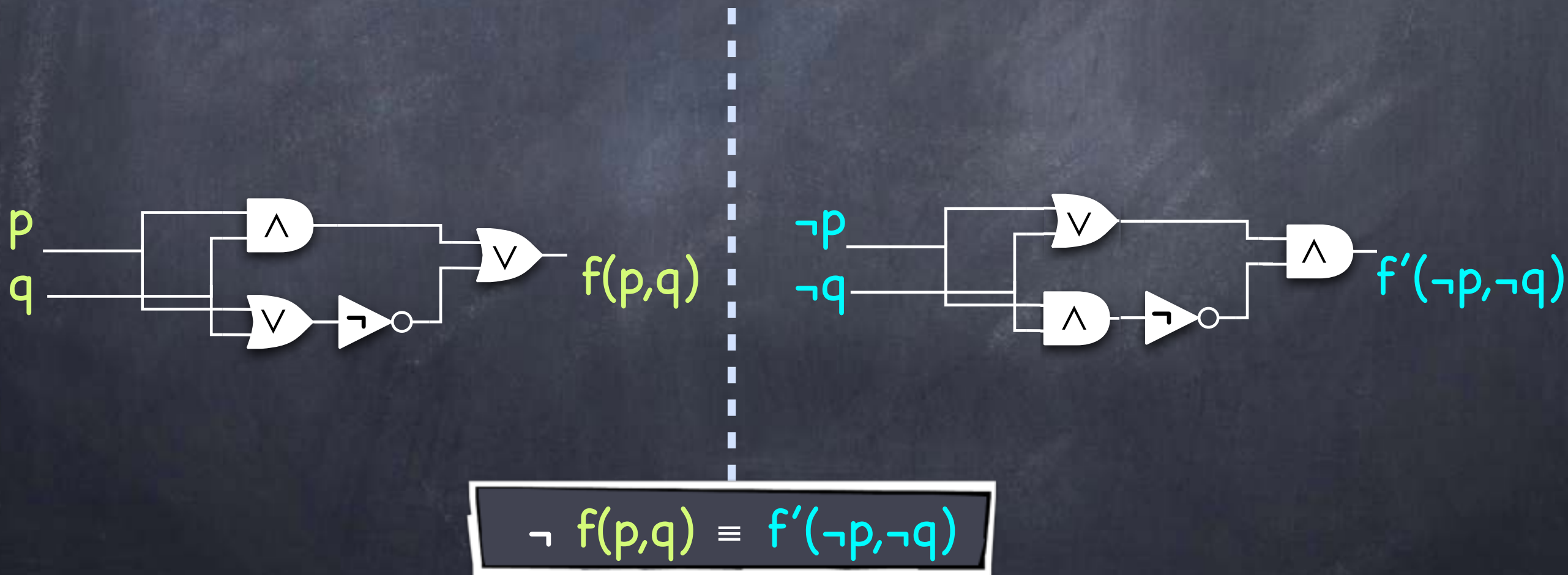
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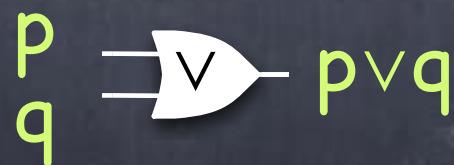
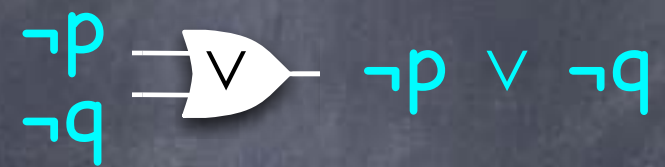
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The Looking Glass

- Reflection changes **T** & **F** to **F** & **T** (resp.)
- \vee** & **\wedge** are reflected as **\wedge** & **\vee** (resp.)

\forall & **\exists** are reflected as **\exists** & **\forall** (resp.)



$\forall x \text{ Pred}(x)$

$\exists x \neg \text{Pred}(x)$

$\exists x \text{ Pred}(x)$

$\forall x \neg \text{Pred}(x)$

Two quantifiers

x	y	Likes(x,y)	$\exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y)$ i.e., LikesSomeone(x)
Alice	Alice	TRUE	TRUE
	Jabberwock	FALSE	
	Flamingo	TRUE	
Jabberwock	Alice	FALSE	TRUE
	Jabberwock	TRUE	
	Flamingo	FALSE	
Flamingo	Alice	FALSE	TRUE
	Jabberwock	FALSE	
	Flamingo	TRUE	

- $\forall x \exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y)$
 - Everyone likes someone
- $\forall x \text{ LikesSomeone}(x)$
- True

Two quantifiers

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	Jabberwock	TRUE	
	Flamingo	FALSE	
Flamingo	Alice	FALSE	TRUE
	Jabberwock	FALSE	
	Flamingo	TRUE	

• $\forall x \exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y)$

• Everyone likes someone

• $\forall x \text{ LikesSomeone}(x)$

• True

• $\exists x \neg (\exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y))$

Two quantifiers

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	Flamingo	TRUE	

• $\forall x \exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y)$

• Everyone likes someone

• $\forall x \text{ LikesSomeone}(x)$

• True

• $\exists x \forall y \neg \text{ Likes}(x,y)$

• Someone doesn't like anyone

• $\exists x \text{ DoesntLikeAnyone}(x)$

• False

Two quantifiers

x	y	Likes(x,y)
Alice	Alice	TRUE
	Jabberwock	FALSE
	Flamingo	TRUE
Jabberwock	Alice	FALSE
	Jabberwock	TRUE
	Flamingo	FALSE
Flamingo	Alice	FALSE
	Jabberwock	FALSE
	Flamingo	TRUE

• $\exists y \forall x \text{ Likes}(x,y)$

⋮

Two quantifiers

x	y	Likes(x,y)	$\forall x \text{ Likes}(x,y)$ i.e., EveryoneLikes(y)
Alice	Alice	TRUE	FALSE
Jabberwock		FALSE	
Flamingo		FALSE	
Alice	Jabberwock	FALSE	FALSE
Jabberwock		TRUE	
Flamingo		FALSE	
Alice	Flamingo	TRUE	FALSE
Jabberwock		FALSE	
Flamingo		TRUE	

• $\exists y \forall x \text{ Likes}(x,y)$

• Someone is liked by everyone

• False

• $\forall y \exists x \neg \text{Likes}(x,y)$

• Everyone is disliked by someone

• True