



First Order Logic

Next Chapter:

Domain, Predicate

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Next Chapter:

First Order Logic



Propositional logic



Propositions

True

false

FOL



Objects

& their properties



FOL =

① Prop · logic

② Objects (Domain)

③ their Properties (Predicate)

④ multiple objects (Quantifier)
Properties

extra
features
of
FOL



First Order Logic:

1. Objects: Domain
2. Properties of Objects: Predicates
3. Talk about Multiple Objects: Quantifiers



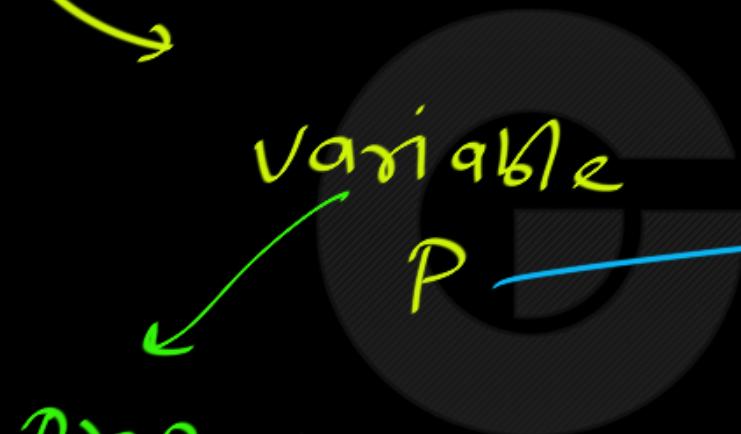
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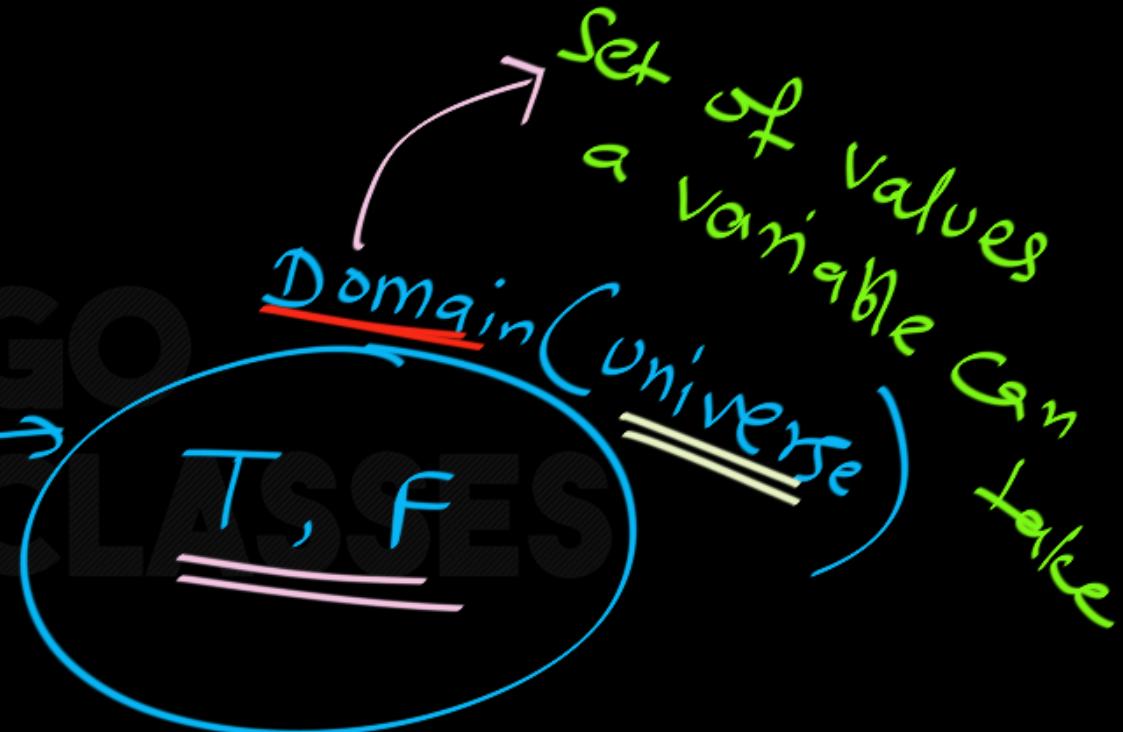
Objects, Domain



Prop. logic :



propositional var.
(Boolean var.)



The Universe of Propositional Logic

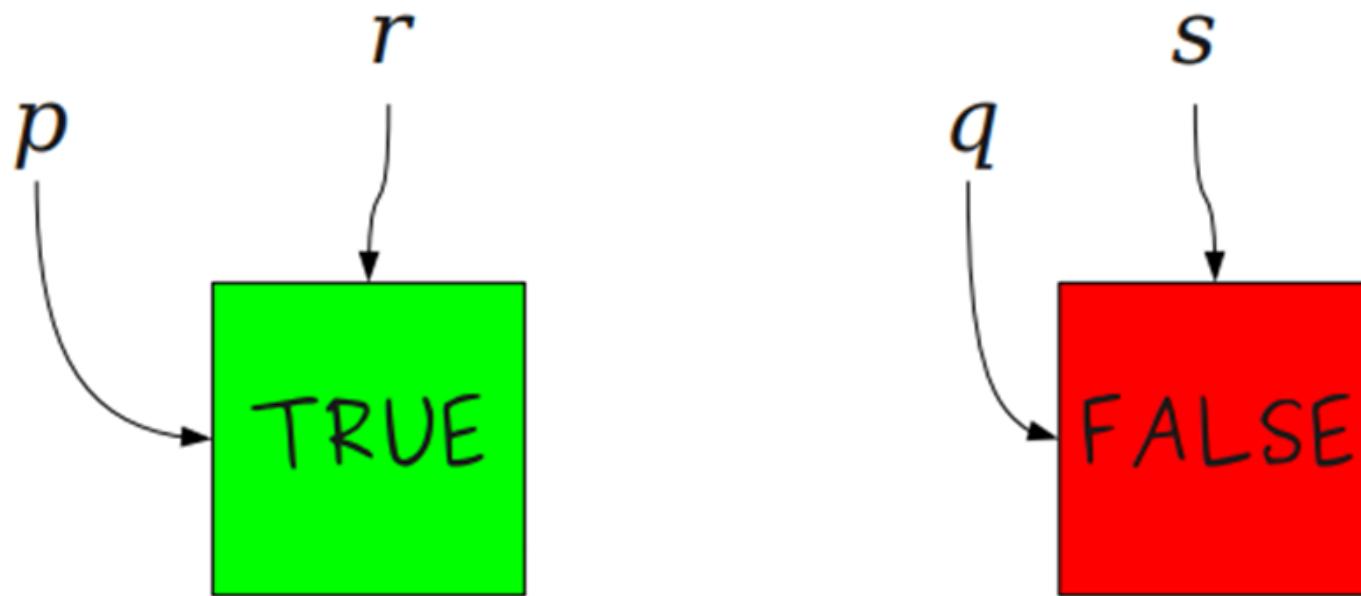
$$p \wedge q \rightarrow \neg r \vee \neg s$$

TRUE

FALSE

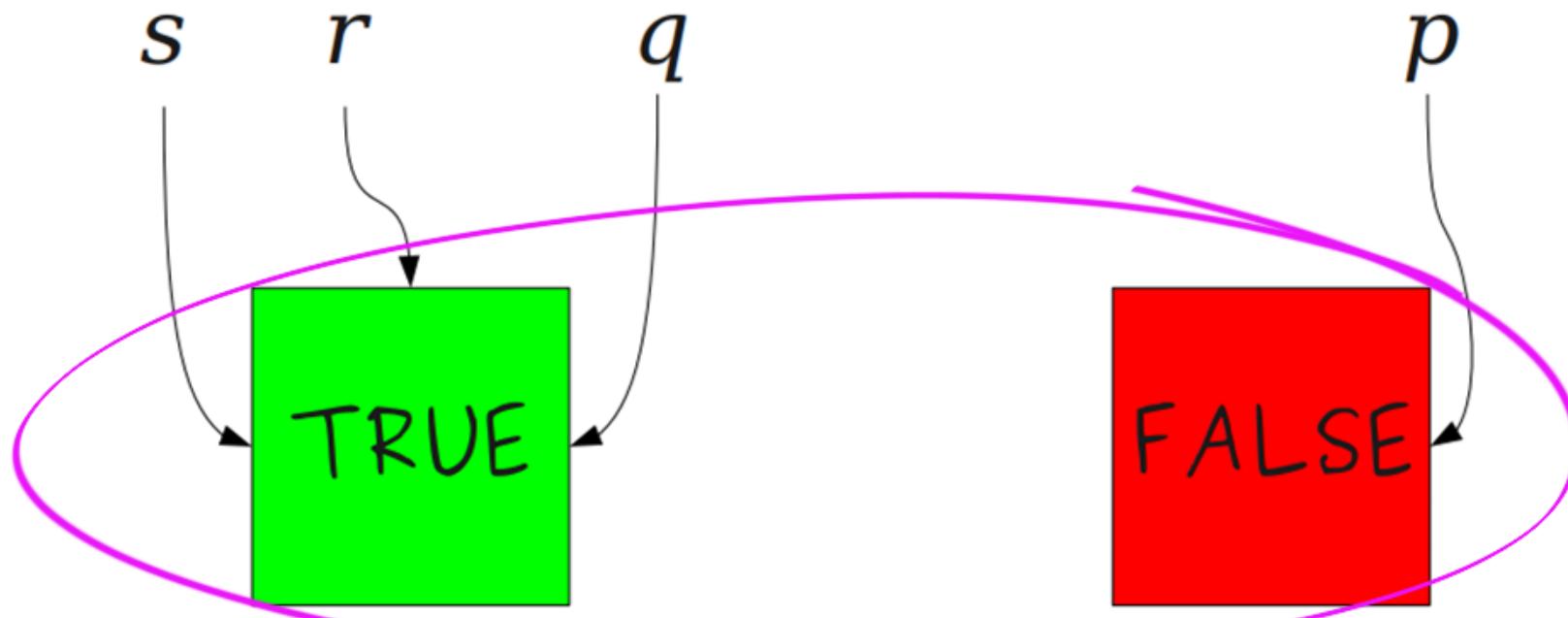
The Universe of Propositional Logic

$$\boxed{p \wedge q \rightarrow \neg r \vee \neg s} = \text{True}$$



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$$\boxed{p \wedge q} \rightarrow \neg r \vee \neg s = \text{True}$$



Propositional Logic

- In propositional logic, each variable represents a **proposition**, which is either true or false.
- Consequently, we can directly apply connectives to propositions:
 - $p \rightarrow q$
 - $\neg p \wedge q$
- The truth or falsity of a statement can be determined by plugging in the truth values for the input propositions and computing the result.
- We can see all possible truth values for a statement by checking all possible truth assignments to its variables.



Propositional Logic:

A World of True, False.

A world of Facts(statements/propositions).



First Order Logic:

Just like a Real World(People & their Stories)

A World of Objects & their properties.





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Domain or Universe:

In FOL, we talk about Objects.

The Set of Objects that we discuss is called the Domain or Universe.

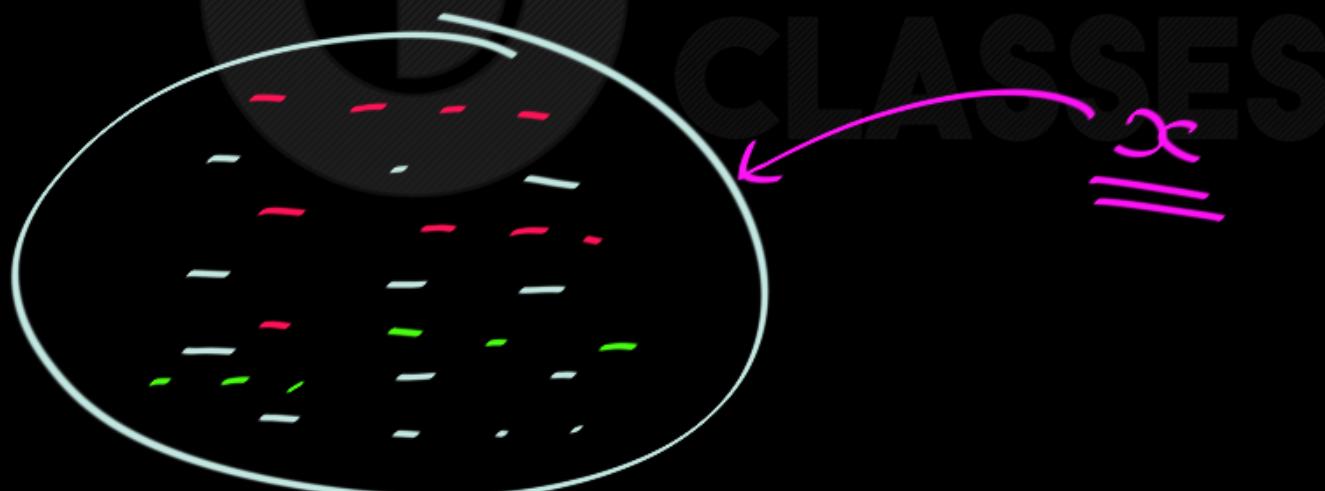
i.e. The Set of Objects of interest is called the Domain or Universe.



Objects of interest :

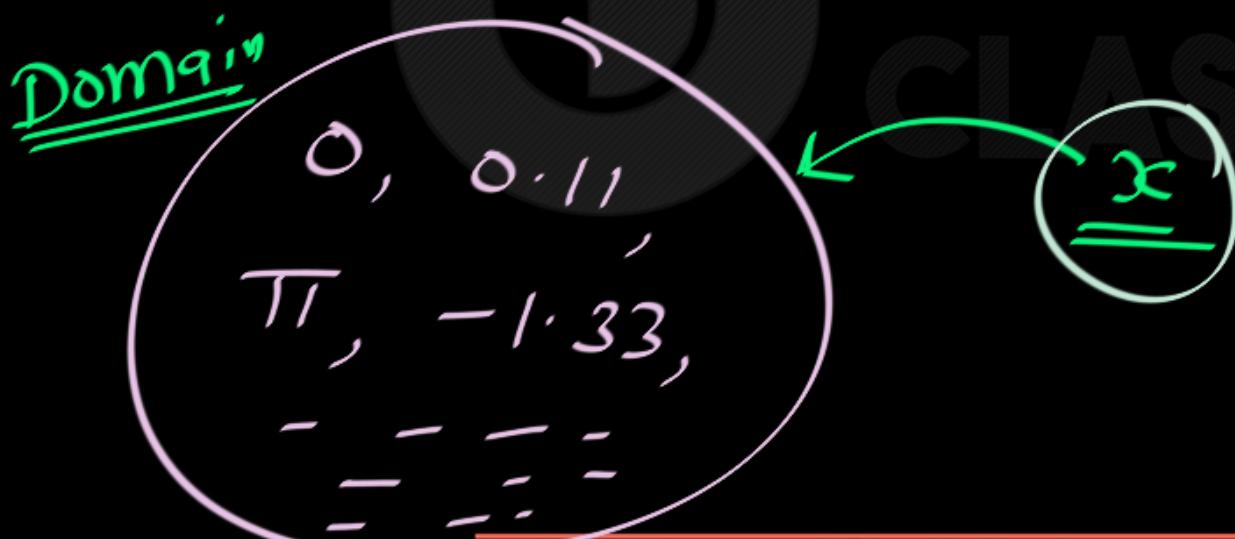


Domain : set of people



Objects of interest : Real numbers

Domain : Set of Real Numbers

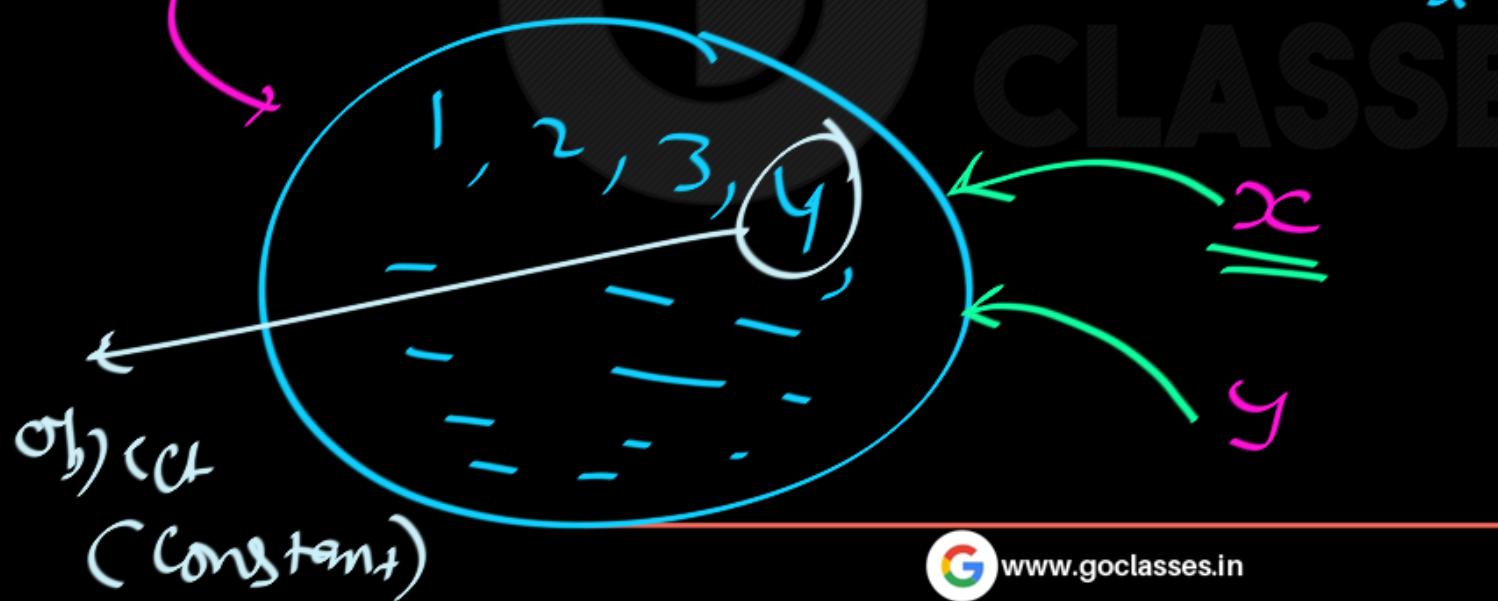


Domain : Set of Values a Variable can take.

Objects of interest : Natural Numbers

Domain:

Set of all Natural Numbers



$x \neq 0.5$

$y \neq 0.5$

Objects of interest:

Domain:

Set of values
a variable
can take.

Set of objects of interest

Variable

a, b, c,

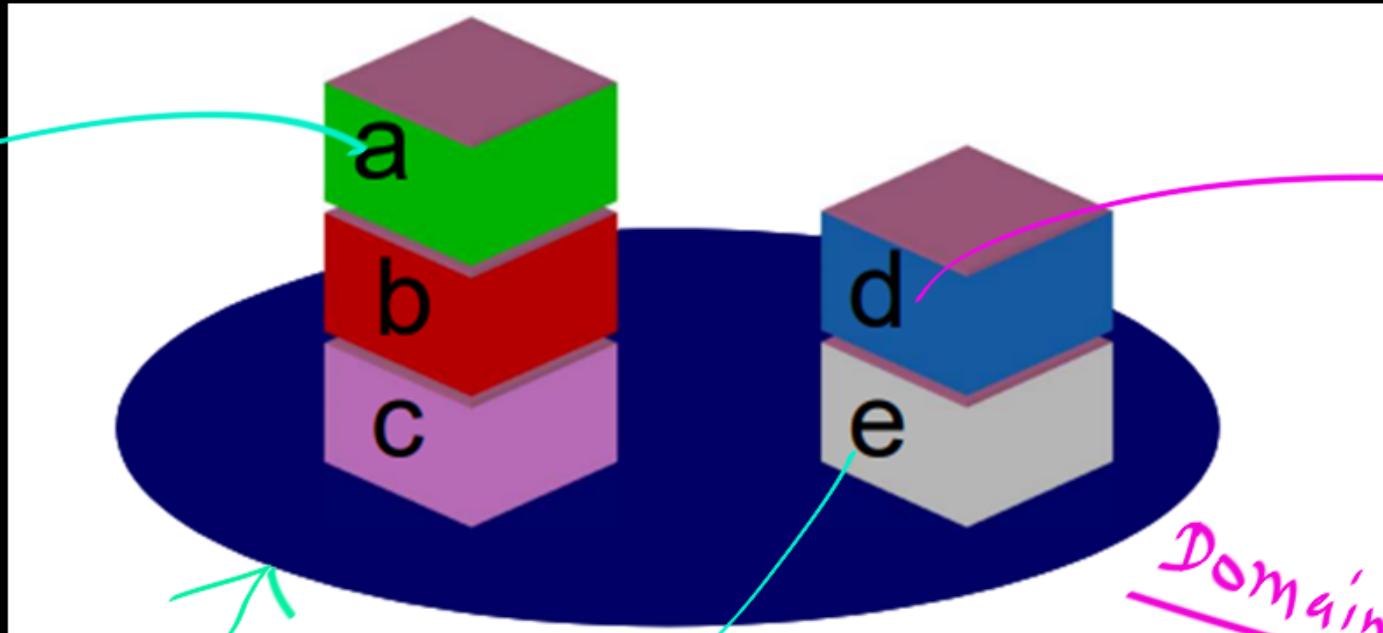
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object

Variable
 $x \equiv$

object



object (constant)

Domain

$$= \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$



First-Order Logic speaks about *objects*, which are the domain of discourse or the universe. First-Order Logic is also concerned about *Properties* of these objects (called *Predicates*), and the *Names* of these objects.





So we begin by fixing a domain of interest, called the **domain of discourse**: \mathcal{D} .

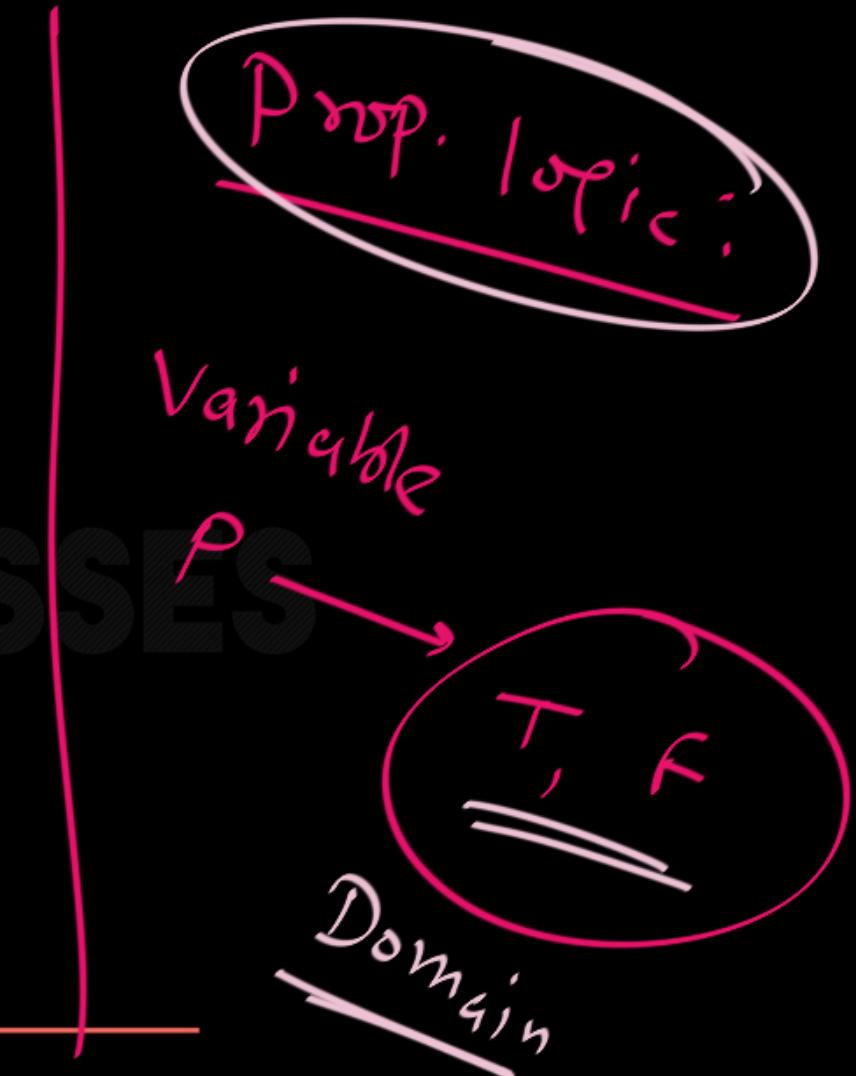
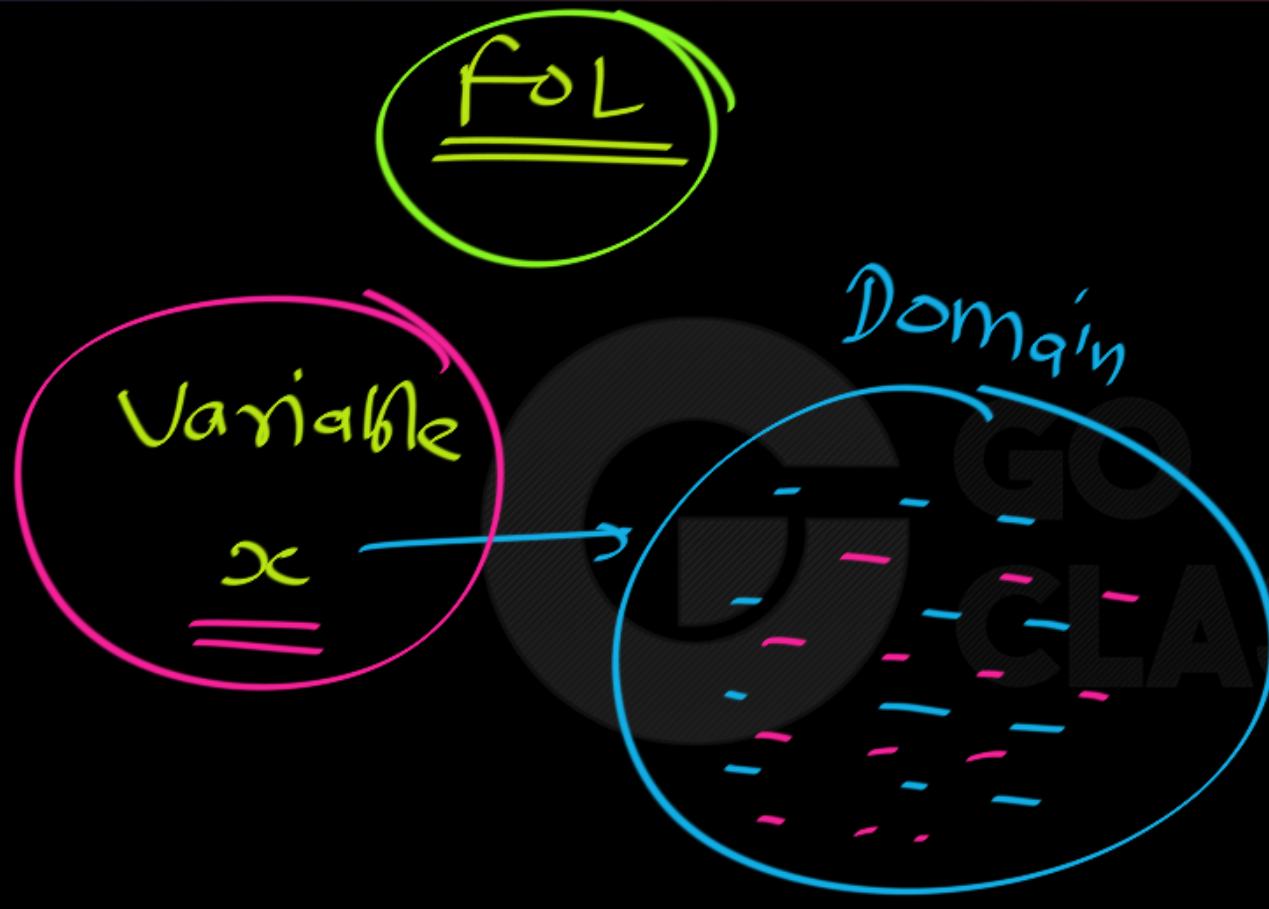
This can be any ***nonempty*** set at all – e.g., a set of (actual or imaginary) blocks on a table that you want to encode knowledge about; a set of numbers or other mathematical objects; a set of possible electronic circuits and their components; the set of all physical objects in the universe; the set of all physical objects, events, cultural and social entities in the world; etc.



First-Order Logic speaks about **objects**, which are the **domain of discourse** or the **universe**.

First-Order Logic

- In first-order logic, each variable refers to some object in a set called the **domain of discourse**.





Notation

- Variables: x, y, z, \dots
 - Represent elements of an underlying set
- Constants: a, b, c, \dots
 - Specific elements of underlying set

underlying set → Domain

underlying set → Domain

Constant = object in the Domain



Prop. Logic vs. FOL

- Propositional logic assumes that there are facts that either hold or do not hold
- **FOL assumes more:** the world consists of objects with certain relations among them that do or do not hold



First-Order Logic (FOL)

- Whereas propositional logic assumes the world contains **facts**
- First-order logic (like natural language) assumes the world contains
 - **Objects**: people, houses, numbers, colors, baseball games, wars, ...
 - **Relations**: red, round, prime, brother of, bigger than, part of, comes between, ...

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.



First Order Logic

Next Topic:

Predicates

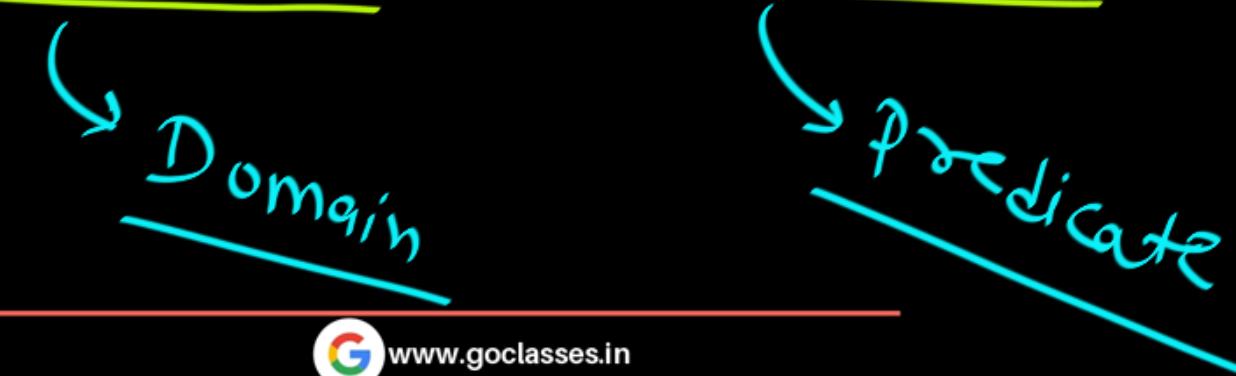
(Properties of Objects)



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Just like a Real World(People & their Stories)

A World of Objects & their properties.





Predicate:

Predicate tells us about the Properties of Objects.. and Relationship among objects.

Example 1: Domain: Set of people

male(x): x is a male

male(John): True

male(son): false

son is a male : false

Example 1: Domain: Set of people

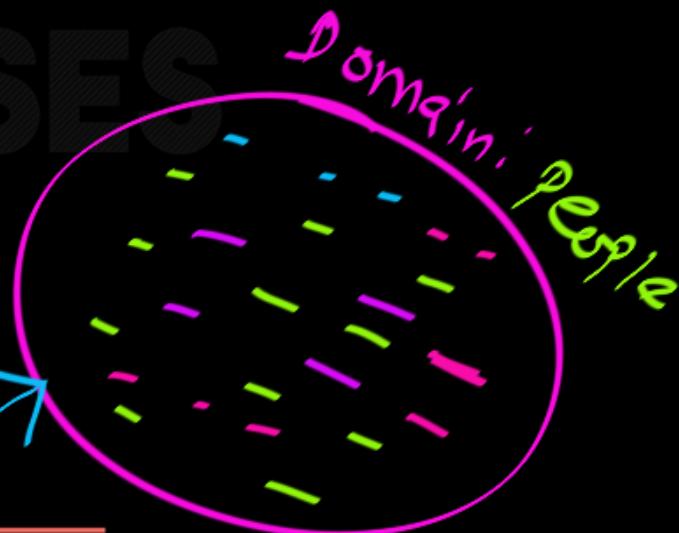
Consider the following predicates defined over the set of people:

- $F(x)$ = “x is a friend of mine”
- $C(x)$ = “x is clever”
- $W(x)$ = “x is wealthy”
- $B(x)$ = “x is boring”

Property of objects in the
Domain

Predicate

variable
 \equiv



Predicate : tells us about ;

Properties of objects ✓

& Relationship among objects

Example 1: Domain: Set of people

$f(x, y)$: x is father of y .

$f(a, b)$: True

$f(b, a)$: false

$f(a, a)$: false

Assume
 a is
father
of b .





Example 1: Domain: Set of people

Predicates:

$S(x)$: x is a student.

Unary predicate

$F(x, y)$: x and y are friends.

$O(x, y)$: x is older than y.

$S(x)$: x is a student.

Binary predicate

Unary predicate: predicate over one variable



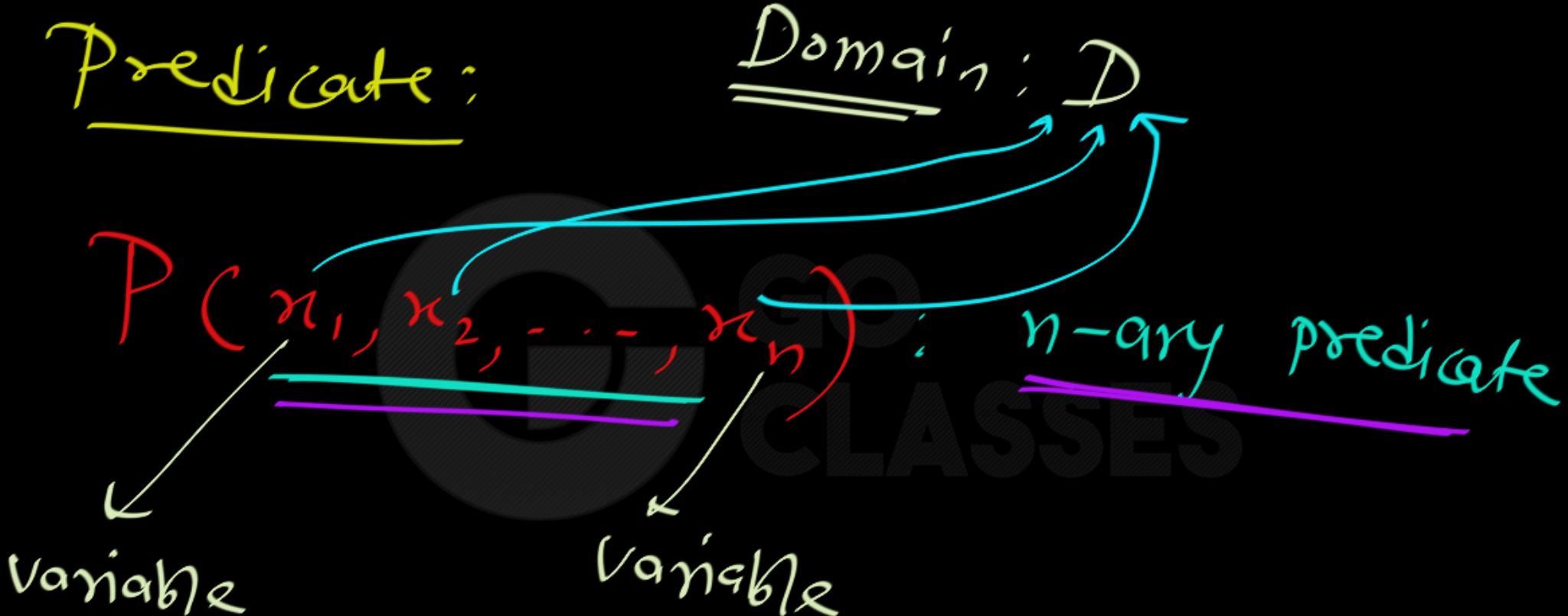
Example 1: Domain: Set of people

$C(x, y, z)$

x, y, z are classmates.

Ternary

Predicate : Predicate over
three variables.



Example 2: Domain: Set of Numbers

positive(x): x is +ve.

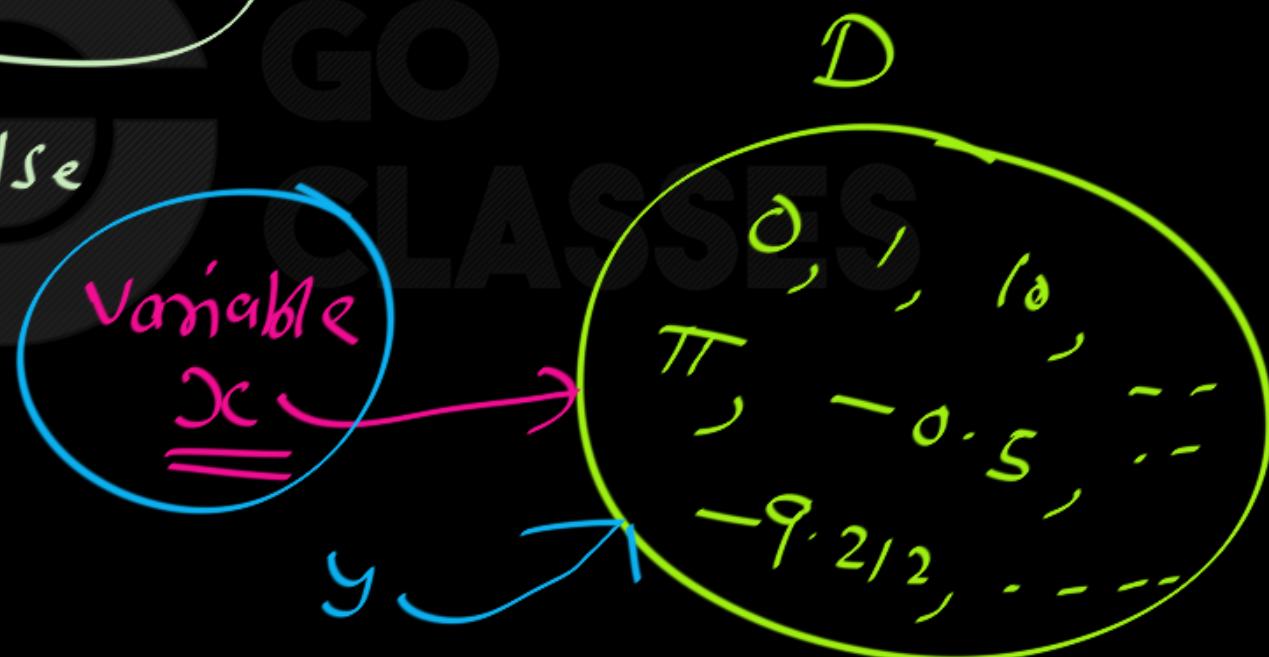
Real

positive(-0.5) = False

positive(π) = True

positive(0) = False

Variable
 x



Example 2: Domain: Set of Numbers

$\alpha \in (\cdot, \cdot)$



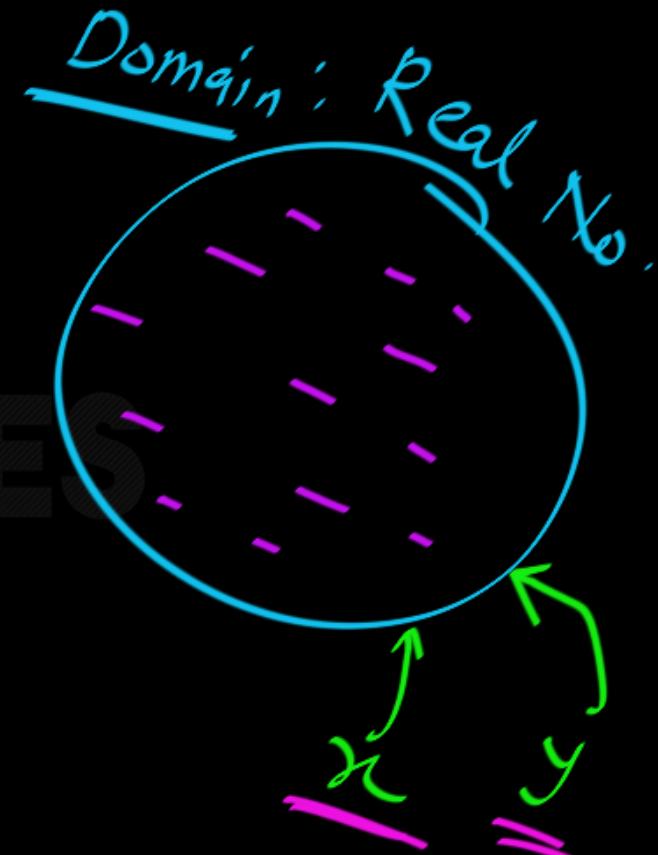
binary
Predicate

$x > y$

$GE(4, 2) : \text{True}$

$GE(2, 4) : \text{false}$

$GE(2, 2) : \text{True}$



Example 2: Domain: Set of Numbers

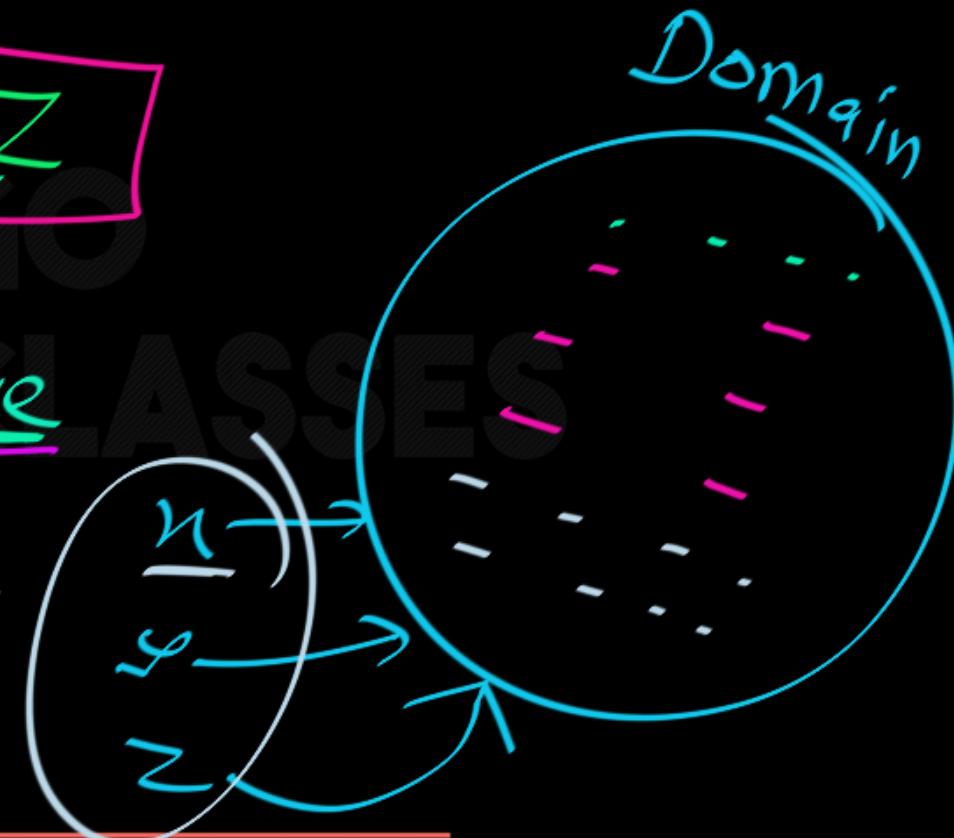
$P(x, y, z)$: $x + y = z$

Ternary Predicate

$P(0, 0, 0)$: True

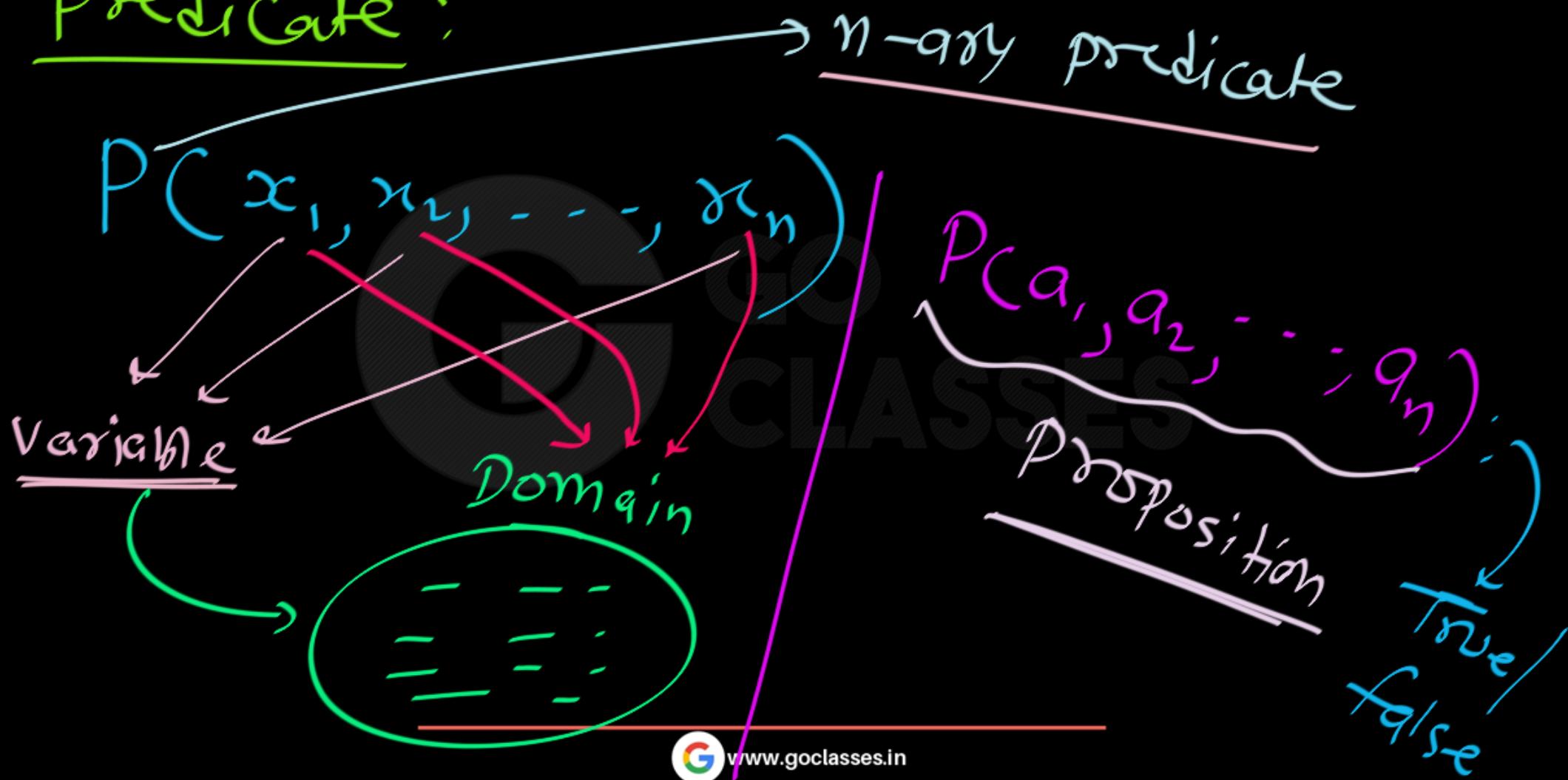
$P(5, 2, 3)$: False

$P(2, 3, 5)$: True





Predicate :





Predicate :

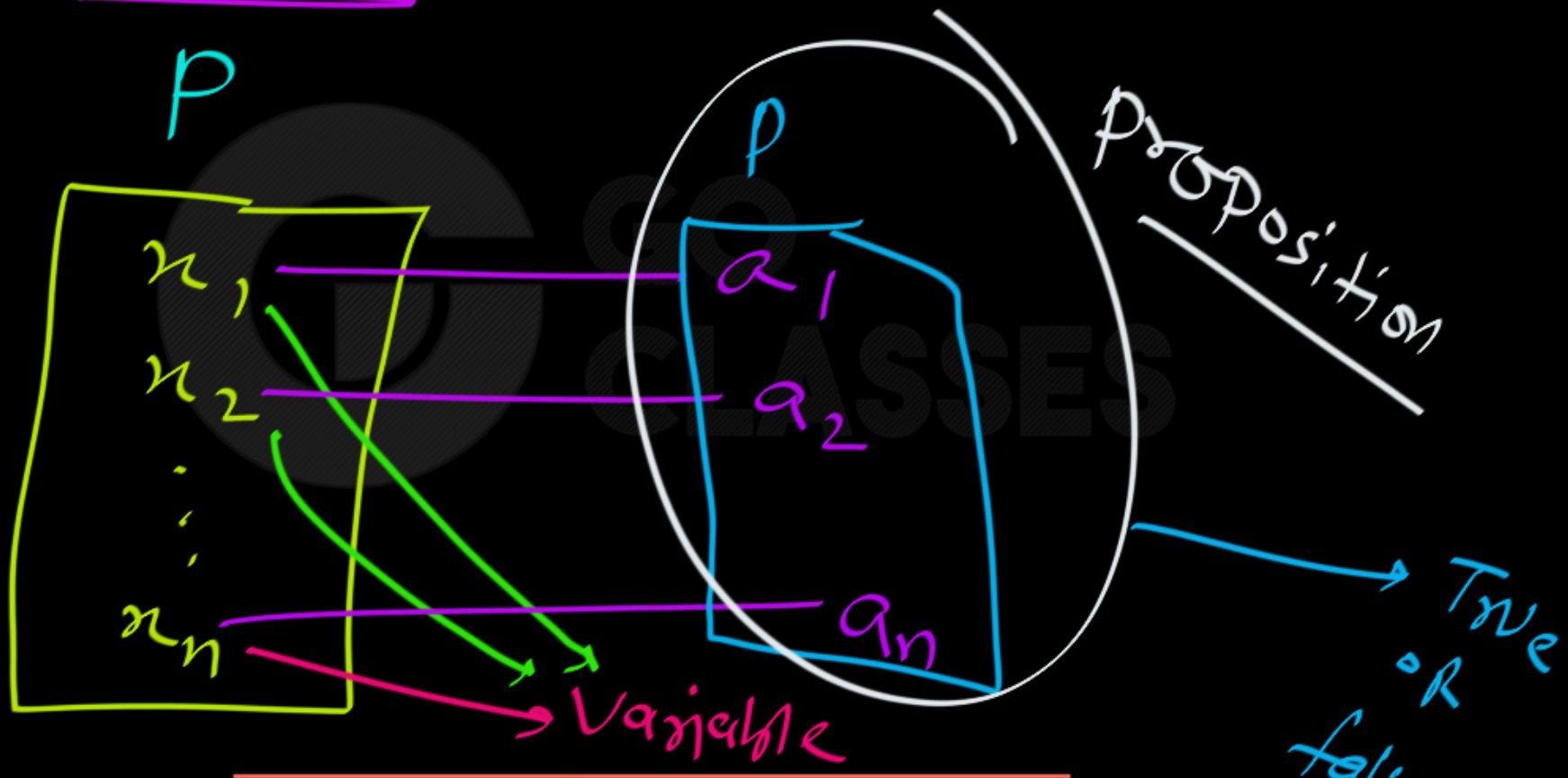
a sentence containing variables

(every variable refers to the domain)

such that it becomes a proposition

once we replace each variable with specific
values from domain.

Predicate



What is a predicate?

A “predicate” is a statement involving variables over a specified “domain” (set). Domain is **understood ahead of time**

Example

Domain (set)	Predicate
Integers (\mathbb{Z})	$S(x)$: x is a perfect square
Reals (\mathbb{R})	$G(x, y)$: $x > y$
Computers	$A(c)$: c is under attack
Computers; People	$B(c, p)$: c is under attack by p



Domain: \mathbb{Z}

$S(n)$: n is a perfect square.

$S(9)$: True

$S(7)$: false

$S(20)$ Proposition

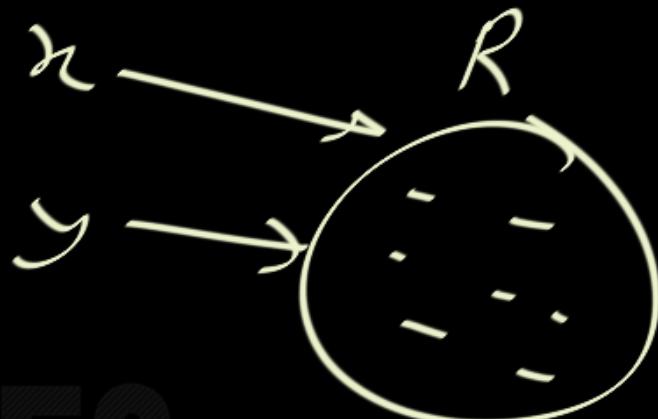
false

Domain : \mathbb{R}

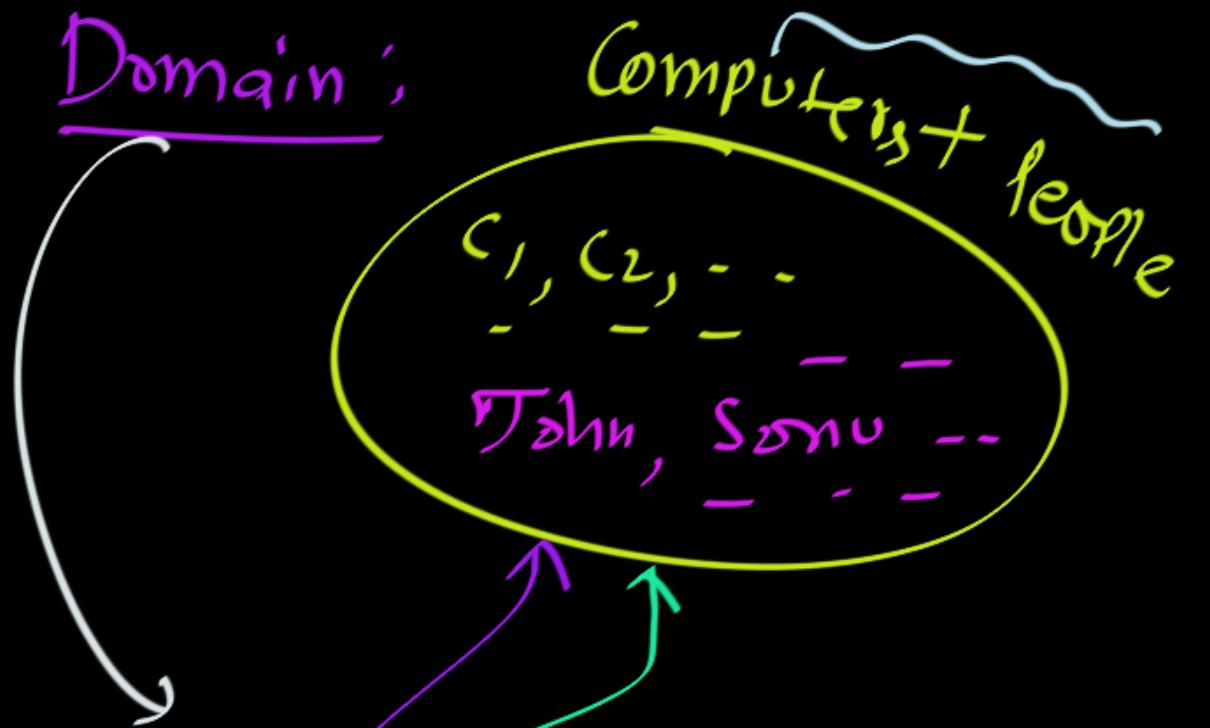
$\alpha(x, y) : x > y$

$\alpha(4, 7) : \text{false}$

$\alpha(7, 4) : \text{True}$



$\alpha(0, -10) : \text{Proposition}$
True



BC(c, p): Computer c is Under Attack by Person p .



Predicate:

In simple words, Sentence involving Variables.

Consider the following statements:

$x > 3,$

$x = y + 3,$

$x + y = z$

The truth value of these statements has no meaning without specifying the values of x, y, z .

Unary
Predicate

binary
Predicate

ternary
Predicate

Predicate

Let U be some universal set.

A logical expression containing some *variable* that becomes a proposition when we *substitute* any particular value from the universe for this variable is called a **predicate**.

It is also called *propositional function*.

Predicate:

A statement involving variables,
where every variable has a ~~Domain / Universe~~,
and when we replace ALL variable with
specific values from their respective domain,
we get a proposition.
↳ Different variables
may have diff domains.

Example

- Let $P(x, y) = "x > y"$.
Domain: integers, i.e. both x and y are integers.
- $P(4, 3)$ means " $4 > 3$ ", so $P(4, 3)$ is TRUE;
 $P(2, 2)$: False
- $P(1, 2)$ means " $1 > 2$ ", so $P(1, 2)$ is FALSE;
 $P(2, 1)$: True
- $P(3, 4)$ is false (in general, $P(x,y)$ and $P(y,x)$ not equal).

Propositional Functions: Example

Domain: Natural Numbers

- Let $Q(x,y,z)$ denote the statement ' $x^2+y^2=z^2$ '
 - What is the truth value of $Q(3,4,5)$?
 $\underline{Q(3,4,5)}$ is true
 - What is the truth value of $Q(2,2,3)$?
 $\underline{Q(2,3,3)}$ is false

False

$$2^2 + 2^2 \neq 3^2$$

An example

Domain : \mathbb{N}

Example:

Let's consider the following expression:

Natural number x is even.

Is it a proposition? No

Is it a kind of logical statement?

What can make it a proposition?

Substituting any particular value for the variable x (e.g. 3) will make it a proposition, e.g.:

Natural number 2 is even. True

Natural number 3 is even. False

Domain : 

Predicates

- Is the statement “ x^2 is greater than x ” a proposition?
- Define $P(x)$ = ‘ x^2 is greater than x ’.
- Is $P(1)$ a proposition? $P(1)$ = “ 1^2 is greater than 1” (F)
 $P(2)$: True ; $P(-5)$: True

A **predicate** is a statement that contains variables (**predicate variables**) and that may be true or false depending on the values of these variables.

Predicates take objects as arguments and evaluate to true or false.

objects → elements of Domain

Hence, predicates are also called “propositional function”
Because predicates become proposition when we replace every variable by objects from domain of that variable.

Predicate = propositional function

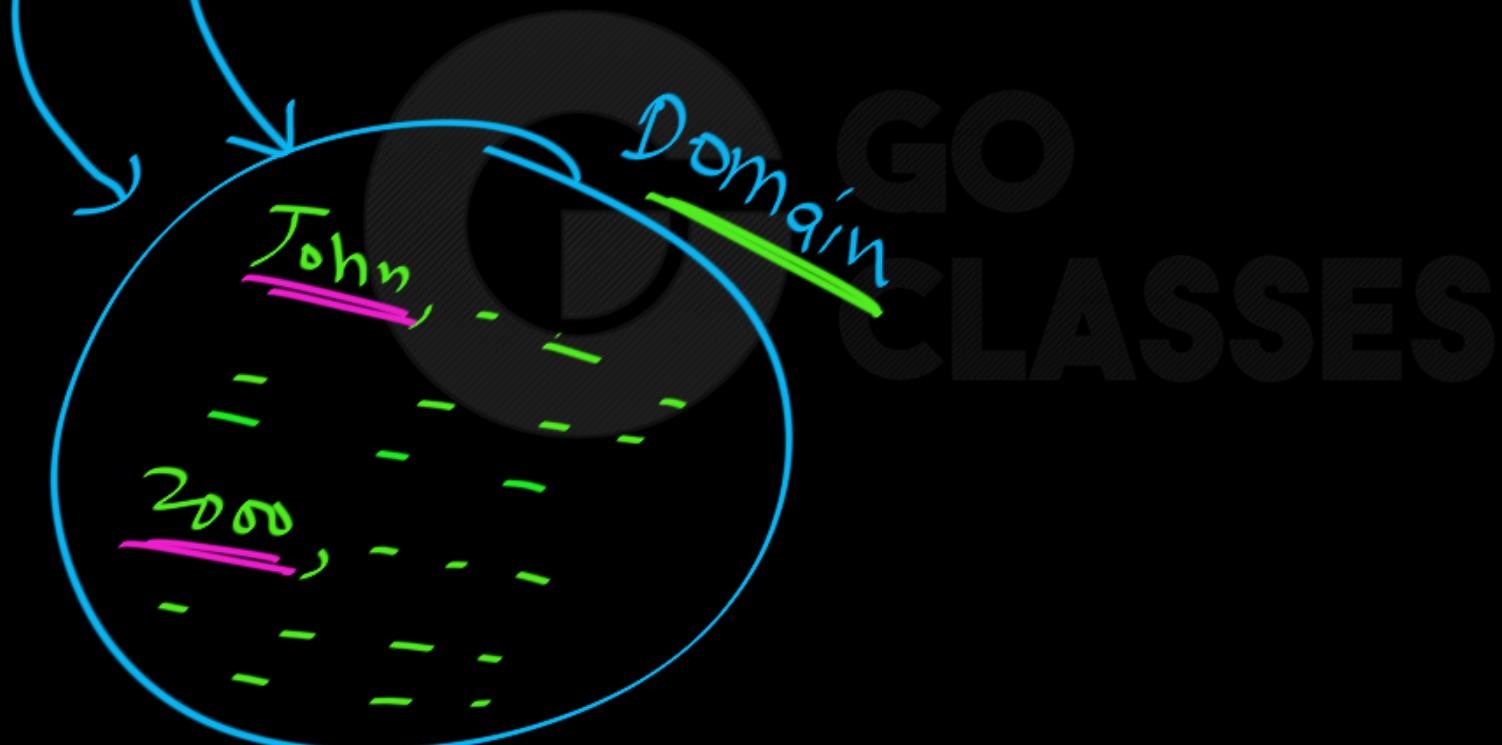


Note 1:

Note 1: Domain in FOL is

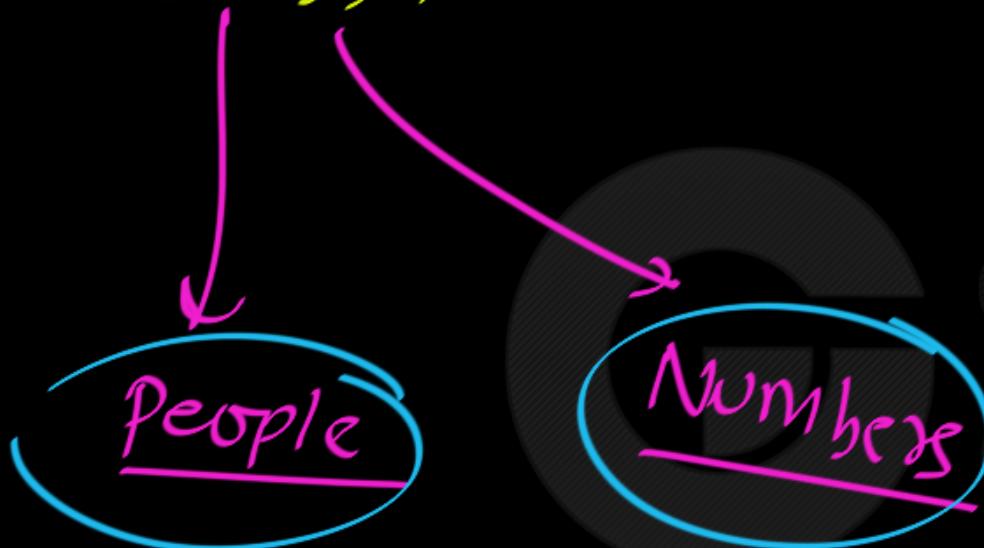
ALWAYS Non-empty; unless explicitly stated.

$P(x,y)$: x has salary y .





$P(x,y)$: x has salary y .





NOTE 2:

By default (if nothing is mentioned about domain, or domain of different variables) Domain of every variable in a FOL expression is same, and it is called “Domain/universe of the expression”



Since a predicate takes value true or false once instantiated (that is, once its variables are taking values), we may alternatively say that a predicate instantiated becomes a proposition.



Predicate Instantiated/Domain

A **predicate** is a statement that contains variables (**predicate variables**) and that may be true or false depending on the values of these variables.

- A predicate instantiated (where variables are evaluated in specific values) is a proposition.

The **domain** of a predicate variable is the collection of all possible values that the variable may take.

- e.g. the domain of x in $P(x)$: integer
- Different variables may have different domains.
- Predicate logic extends (is more powerful than) propositional logic.



First Order Logic

Next Topic:

Making Proposition

from Predicate



Q:

How to make “Propositions” from predicates?





Consider the following statements:

Domain: \mathbb{Z}

$$x > 3, \quad x = y + 3, \quad x + y = z$$

The truth value of these statements has no meaning without specifying the values of x, y, z .

However, we *can* make propositions out of such statements.



Domain: \mathbb{Z}

$$P(x,y) : \boxed{x = y + 3}$$

$$P(-5, 0)$$

Proposition

$$P(-5, 0) : \boxed{-5 = 0 + 3} \text{ false}$$



Q :

How to make "Propositions" from predicates?

Ans:

Way 1 : Substitute every variable by some value from the domain.



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Is there Any Other Way??



Domain: \mathbb{Z}

$E(x)$: x is even. Predicate

$E(19)$: false

proposition

Domain: \mathbb{Z}

$E(n)$: x is even.

proposition
false

for all x in the Domain, $E(n)$ is True.

≡ every integer is even: proposition

false



Domain: \mathbb{Z}

$E(x)$: x is even.

there exists x in the Domain, $E(x)$ is True.

\exists At least one integer is even. proposition

\rightarrow True

for all

there exists

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can create
Propositions

Quantification words



Q :

How to make “Propositions” from predicates?

Ans:

Way 1 : Substitute every variable by some value from the domain.

Way 2 : Quantification

Quantifiers

Introduction

A predicate becomes a proposition when we assign it fixed values. However, another way to make a predicate into a proposition is to *quantify* it. That is, the predicate is true (or false) for *all* possible values in the universe of discourse or for *some* value(s) in the universe of discourse.

Such *quantification* can be done with two *quantifiers*: the *universal* quantifier and the *existential* quantifier.

Quantification

- Statements like
 - Some birds are angry.
 - On the internet, no one knows who you are.
 - The square of any real number is nonnegative.



Quantification words in English:

few, All, many, some, any - - -

Quantification words in logics:

All = every

Some = "at least one"

In FOL:

two Quantifiers:

- ① for all \forall = Universal Quantifier
- ② there exists \exists = at least one
Existential Quantifier

Quantifiers

Standard

- + Universal Quantifier :
talks about "Universal" Quantification
over all elements in Domain
- + Existential Quantifier
talks about "Existence"
Does there exist some element.



Quantifier:

a way of creating proposition
from predicate.

Domain:

set of all people.

male(x):

x is a male.

predicate

male(John)

: True;

male(Sonu)

: false

Proposition

Domain:

set of all people.

male(n):

x is a male.

predicate

for all

$\forall x$ in the Domain, male(n) is True.

\exists every person is a male:

false

proposition

Domain:

set of all people.

male(x):

x is a male.

predicate

There exists

x in the Domain, $\text{male}(x)$

is True

\equiv at least one person is male : True

proposition



First Order Logic

Next Topic:

Universal Quantifier
(for all)