

# Artificial Intelligence

First-order predicate logic  
Chapter 8, AIMA

## Why first order logic (FOL)?

- **Logic is a language** we use to express knowledge.
- **Propositional (boolean) logic** is too limited; complex environments cannot be described in a concise way.
- **First order logic (predicate calculus)** can express common-sense knowledge.

## Limitations of propositional logic

$W_{31}$  = Wumpus in (3,1)  $\Rightarrow$   $S_{32}$  = Stench in (3,2)

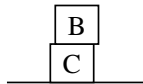
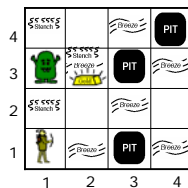
Propositional logic needs to express this for every square in the Wumpus world.

$A$  = John has a bike  $\wedge$   $B$  = John has a car

Propositional logic does not express that these two statements are about the same person.

$P$  = Block B is on top of C  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\neg Q = \neg(C$  is free to be moved)

With more blocks, we need lots of statements like this.



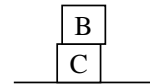
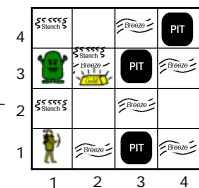
## We would like something like

"If there is a Wumpus in square  $x$ , then there will be a stench in all neighboring squares."

Once and for all.

"John has a bike and a car."

"We cannot move an object that has something on top of it."



## First-order logic (FOL)

Builds on:

- **Objects:**  
Man, woman, house, car, conflict,...
- **Relations (between objects):**  
Unary properties (red, green, nice,...)  
 $N$ -ary relations (larger, below,...)
- **Functions:**  
Father of, brother of, beginning of

## First-order logic (FOL)

### Syntax

### Components

#### Constants

$A$ , 125,  $Q$ , John, KingJohn, TheCrown, EiffelTower,  
Wumpus, HiH, Agent,...

#### Function constants (of all "arities")

FatherOf<sup>1</sup>, DistanceBetween<sup>2</sup>, Times<sup>2</sup>, LeftLegOf<sup>1</sup>,  
NeighborOf<sup>1</sup>, King<sup>1</sup>,...

#### Relations (predicates, of all "arities")

Parent<sup>2</sup>, Brother<sup>2</sup>, Married<sup>2</sup>, Before<sup>2</sup>, Ontop<sup>2</sup>, Orange<sup>1</sup>,...

#### Connectives and separators

$\vee$   $\wedge$   $\neg$   $\rightarrow$   $()$  ,

The superscript denotes the "arity" = the number of arguments



## First-order logic (FOL)

### Syntax

#### Variables and quantifiers

**Variables** refer to unspecified objects in the domain. They are denoted by lower case letters (at the end of the alphabet)

$x, y, z, \dots$

**Quantifiers** constrain the meaning of a variable in a sentence. There are two quantifiers:

"For all" ( $\forall$ ) and "There exists" ( $\exists$ )

Universal quantifier

Existential quantifier

## First-order logic (FOL)

### Syntax

#### Variables and quantifiers

( $\forall$  "For all...")

$\forall x \text{ King}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Person}(x)$

"All kings are persons"

$\forall x, y \text{ Brother}(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{Sibling}(y, x)$

"All brothers are siblings"

$\forall x, y \text{ Son}(x, \text{King}(y)) \Rightarrow \text{Prince}(x)$

"All sons of kings are princes"

$\forall x \text{ AIstudent}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Overworked}(x)$

"All AI students are overworked"

$\forall \langle \text{variables} \rangle \langle \text{sentence} \rangle$

Everyone at Berkeley is smart:

$\forall x \text{ At}(x, \text{Berkeley}) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(x)$

$\forall x P$  is equivalent to the conjunction of instantiations of  $P$

$\text{At}(\text{KingJohn}, \text{Berkeley}) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(\text{KingJohn})$

$\wedge \text{At}(\text{Richard}, \text{Berkeley}) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(\text{Richard})$

$\wedge \text{At}(\text{Berkeley}, \text{Berkeley}) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(\text{Berkeley})$

$\wedge \dots$

Typically,  $\Rightarrow$  is the main connective with  $\forall$ .

Common mistake: using  $\wedge$  as the main connective with  $\forall$ :

$\forall x \text{ At}(x, \text{Berkeley}) \wedge \text{Smart}(x)$

means "Everyone is at Berkeley and everyone is smart"

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## First-order logic (FOL)

### Syntax

#### Variables and quantifiers

( $\exists$  "There exists...")

$\exists x \text{ King}(x) \wedge \text{Person}(x)$

"There is a king who is a person"

$\exists x \text{ Loves}(x, \text{KingJohn})$

"There is someone who loves King John"

$\exists x \neg \text{Loves}(x, \text{KingJohn})$

"There is someone who does not love King John"

$\exists x \text{ AIstudent}(x) \wedge \text{Overworked}(x)$

"There is an AI student that is overworked"

$\exists \langle \text{variables} \rangle \langle \text{sentence} \rangle$

Someone at Stanford is smart:

$\exists x \text{ At}(x, \text{Stanford}) \wedge \text{Smart}(x)$

$\exists x P$  is equivalent to the disjunction of instantiations of  $P$

$\text{At}(\text{KingJohn}, \text{Stanford}) \wedge \text{Smart}(\text{KingJohn})$

$\vee \text{At}(\text{Richard}, \text{Stanford}) \wedge \text{Smart}(\text{Richard})$

$\vee \text{At}(\text{Stanford}, \text{Stanford}) \wedge \text{Smart}(\text{Stanford})$

$\vee \dots$

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Common mistake: using  $\Rightarrow$  as the main connective with  $\exists$ :

$\exists x \text{ At}(x, \text{Stanford}) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(x)$

is true if there is anyone who is not at Stanford!

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## First-order logic (FOL)

### Syntax

#### Nested quantifiers

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

"Everybody loves somebody"

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

"Someone is loved by everyone"

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

"Everyone is loved by someone"

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

"Someone loves everyone"

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Loves}(x, y) \wedge (y \neq x)$

"Everybody loves somebody else"

## Quantifier duality

### DeMorgan's rules

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \neg P(x) &\equiv \neg \exists x P(x) \\ \neg \forall x P(x) &\equiv \exists x \neg P(x) \\ \forall x P(x) &\equiv \neg \exists x \neg P(x) \\ \exists x P(x) &\equiv \neg \forall x \neg P(x)\end{aligned}$$

Ponder these for a while...

## Family fun

### Family axioms:

- "A mother is a female parent"
- "A husband is a male spouse"
- "You're either male or female"
- "A child's parent is the parent of the child" (sic!)
- "My grandparents are the parents of my parents"
- "Siblings are two children who share the same parents"
- "A first cousin is a child of the siblings of my parents"

...etc.

### Family theorems:

Sibling is reflexive

Write these in FOL



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## Family fun

### Family axioms:

- $\forall m, c (m = \text{Mother}(c) \Leftrightarrow (\text{Female}(m) \wedge \text{Parent}(m, c)))$
- $\forall w, h \text{ Husband}(h, w) \Leftrightarrow \text{Male}(h) \wedge \text{Spouse}(h, w)$
- $\forall x \text{ Male}(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg \text{Female}(x)$
- $\forall p, c \text{ Parent}(p, c) \Leftrightarrow \text{Child}(c, p)$
- $\forall g, c \text{ Grandparent}(g, c) \Leftrightarrow \exists p (\text{Parent}(g, p) \wedge \text{Parent}(p, c))$
- $\forall x, y \text{ Sibling}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow (\exists p (\text{Parent}(p, x) \wedge \text{Parent}(p, y))) \wedge (x \neq y)$
- $\forall x, y \text{ FirstCousin}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists p, s (\text{Parent}(p, x) \wedge \text{Sibling}(p, s) \wedge \text{Parent}(s, y))$

...etc.

### Family theorems:

- $\forall x, y \text{ Sibling}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \text{Sibling}(y, x)$
- ...etc.



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Spouse(Gomez, Morticia)  
Parent(Morticia, Wednesday)  
Sibling(Pugsley, Wednesday)  
Sister(Ophelia, Morticia)  
FirstCousin(Gomez, Itt)  
 $\exists p (\text{Parent}(p, \text{Morticia}) \wedge \text{Sibling}(p, \text{Fester}))$

## Mathematical fun

- "The square of every negative integer is positive"
  - $\forall x [\text{Integer}(x) \wedge (x < 0) \Rightarrow (x^2 > 0)]$
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- "Not every integer is positive"
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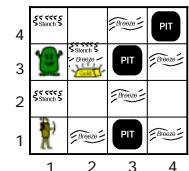
## The Wumpus world revisited

### Object constants:

Square  $s = [x, y]$ , Agent, Time (t),  
Percept  $p = [p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5]$ , Gold

### Predicates:

Pit(s), Breezy(s), EvilSmelling(s),  
Wumpus(s), Safe(s), Breeze(p, t),  
Stench(p, t), Glitter(p, t), Wall(p, t),  
Scream(p, t), Adjacent(s, r),  
At(Agent, s, t), Hold(Gold, t)



$\forall x, y, a, b \text{ Adjacent}([x, y], [a, b]) \Leftrightarrow ([a, b] \in \{[x+1, y], [x-1, y], [x, y+1], [x, y-1]\})$

$\forall s \text{ Breezy}(s) \Leftrightarrow \exists r (\text{Adjacent}(r, s) \wedge \text{Pit}(r))$

$\forall s \text{ EvilSmelling}(s) \Leftrightarrow \exists r (\text{Adjacent}(r, s) \wedge \text{Wumpus}(r))$

$\forall s (\neg \text{EvilSmelling}(s) \wedge \neg \text{Breezy}(s)) \Leftrightarrow \forall r (\text{Adjacent}(r, s) \wedge \text{Safe}(r))$

$\forall s, t (\text{At}(\text{Agent}, s, t) \wedge \text{Breeze}(p, t)) \Rightarrow \text{Breezy}(s)$

$\forall s, t (\text{At}(\text{Agent}, s, t) \wedge \text{Stench}(p, t)) \Rightarrow \text{EvilSmelling}(s)$

cf. the 275 rules in boolean KB

(There are other possible representations)