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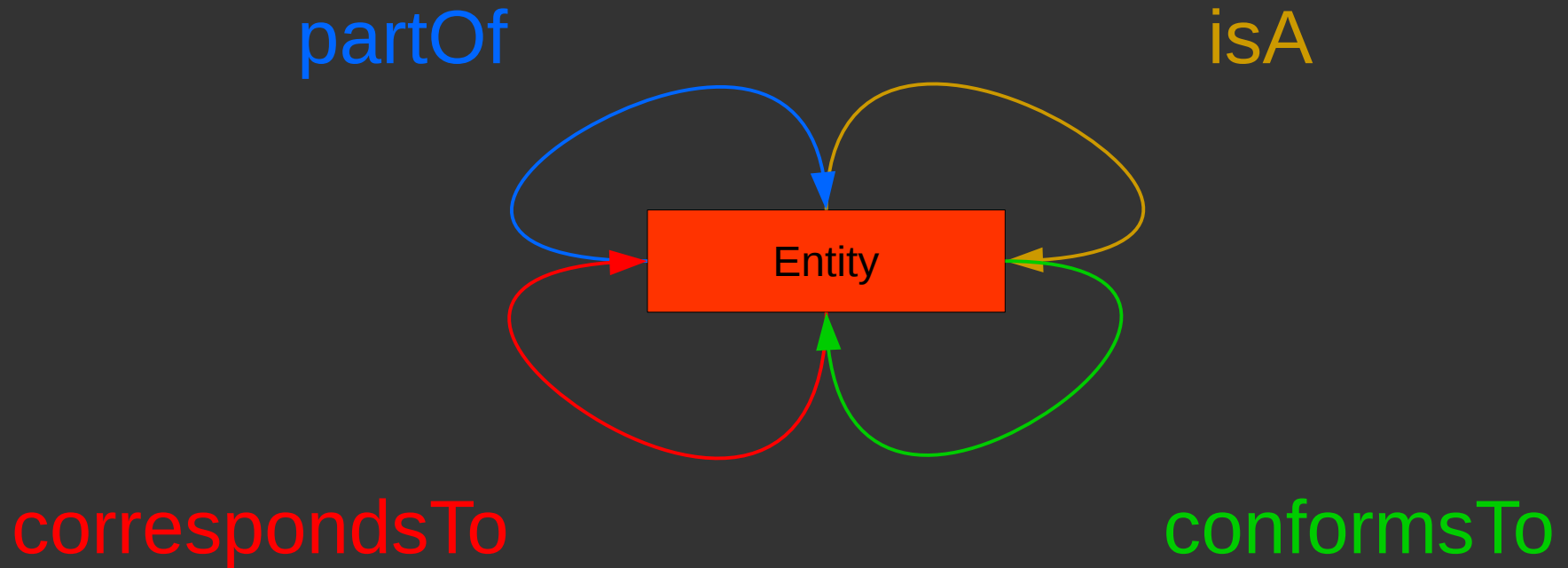
# MegaL Traceability Recovery

<https://github.com/maxmeffert/megal-tr>

**Formal Foundations**  
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# Prelude



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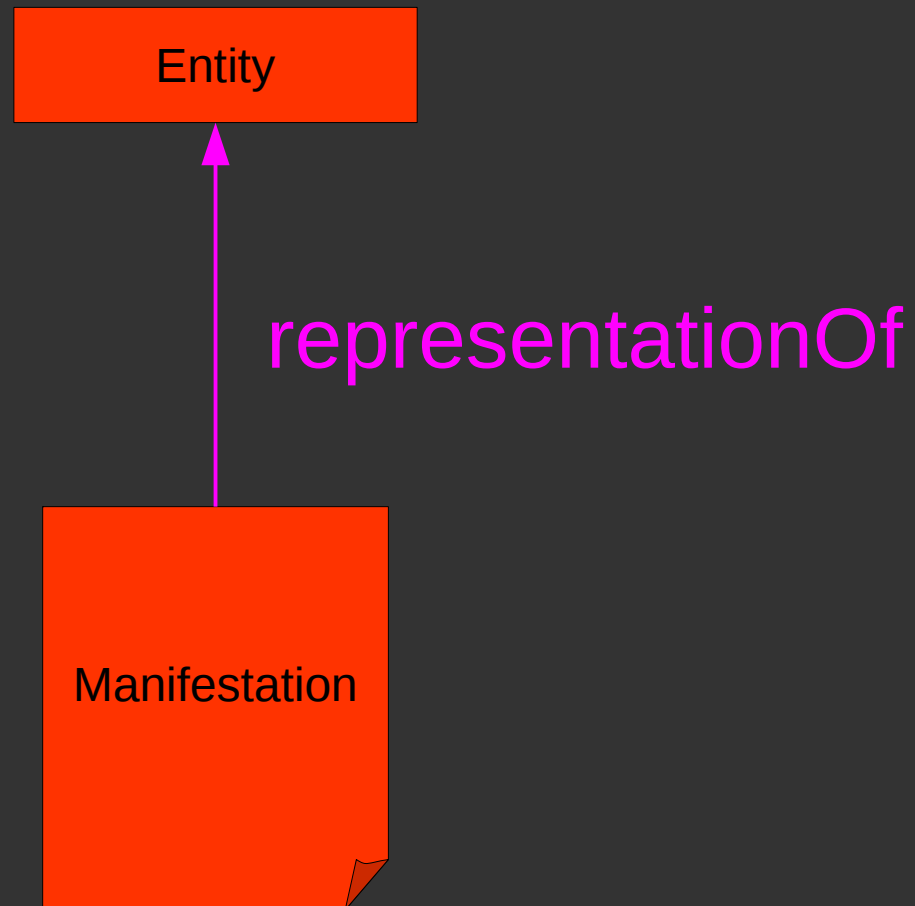


„Signum  $\in$  significat est. Ita  $a \in b$  legitur  $a$  est quoddam  $b$ “

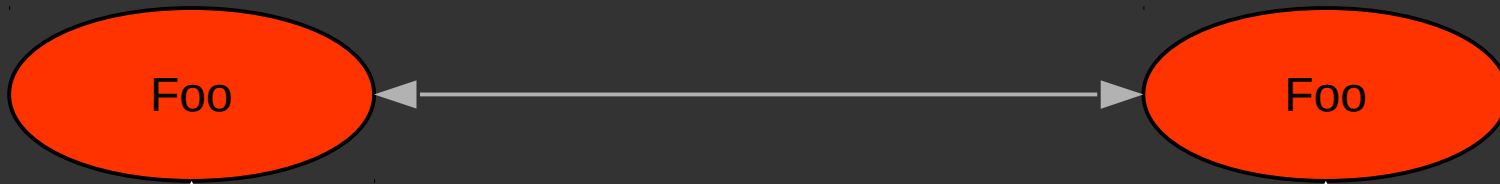
„The Symbol  $\in$  means is. Thus  $a \in b$  is read  $a$  is  $a$   $b$ “

(Giuseppe Peano: Arithmetices principia nova methodo exposita, 1889, S. X)

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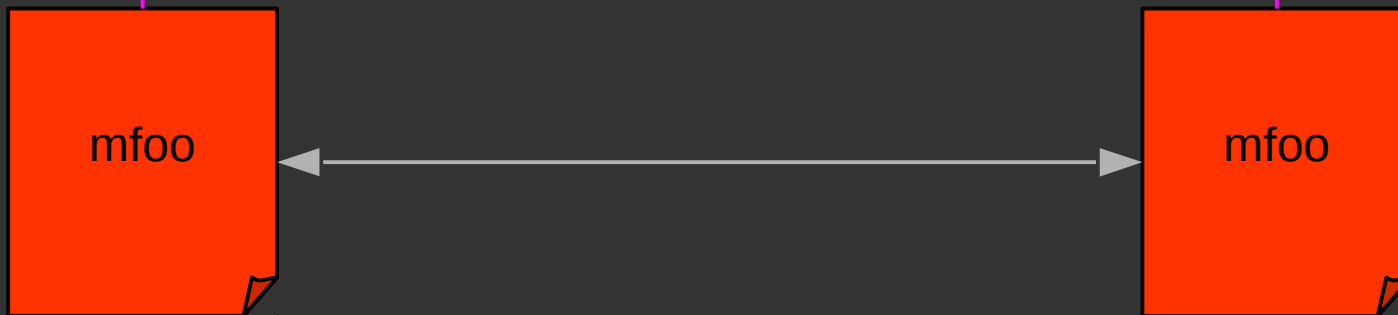
## *Entity-Type*



## *Entity*



## *Manifestation*



# Motivation



**A domain model is a collection of (axiomatic) statements over entity-types and entities.**

# Motivation



Foo < Entity  
Bar < Entity

partOf < Foo \* Bar

...

# Motivation



**Extends a KB with entities found in Manifestations.**

**Fragmentation is done by several plugins,  
specifically tailored to a domain.**



# Motivation



**Can we provide singular  
plugins for recovery?**

# Unambiguous Definitions?

A partOf B	$:\leftrightarrow$	???
A conformsTo B	$:\leftrightarrow$	???
A correspondsTo B	$:\leftrightarrow$	???
A representationOf B	$:\leftrightarrow$	???

# First Order Logic

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## Logic Symbols

Quantifier symbol:	$\forall, \exists$
Logic Operator symbols:	$\neg, \wedge, \vee, \leftrightarrow, \rightarrow$
Description Operator symbol:	$\iota$
Variable symbols:	$a, b, c, \dots, x, y, z$ (lower case)
Equality/Identity symbol:	$=$
Parentheses symbols:	$() []$

## Non-logic Symbols

Predicate symbols:	$A, B, C, \dots, X, Y, Z$ (upper case)
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## Terms

Any variable is a term.

## Formulars

asdf

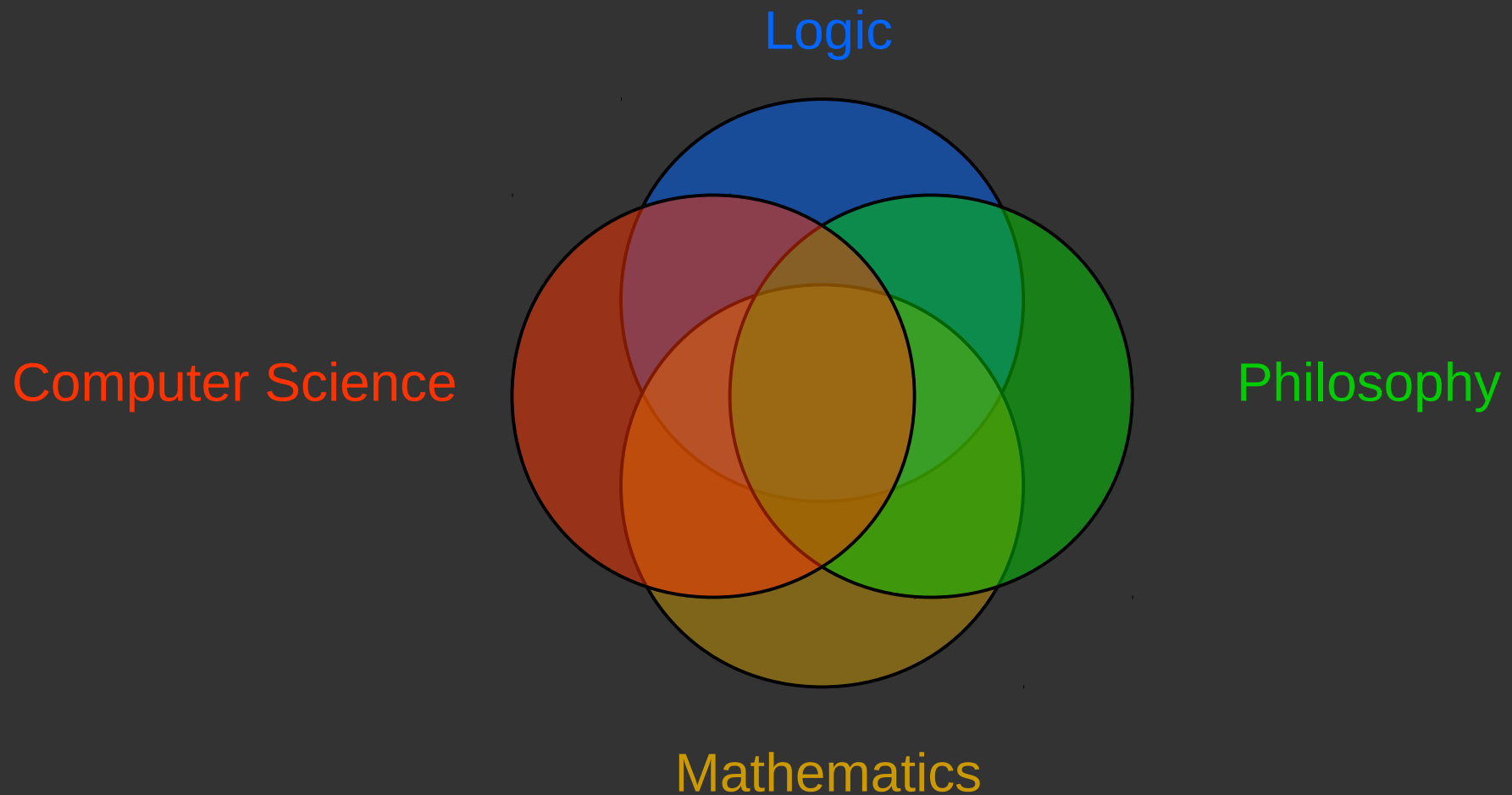
# Mereology

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The study of  
*wholes* and their constituent *parts*

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An axiomatic system with focus  
on the *parthood* (partOf) predicate:

$$P\ x\ y$$

“x is part of y”

# Ground Mereology

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(Reflexive)

$$P\ x\ x$$

(Antisymmetric)

$$P\ x\ y \wedge P\ y\ x \rightarrow x = y$$

(Transitive)

$$P\ x\ y \wedge P\ y\ z \rightarrow P\ x\ z$$

# Mereotopology

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An axiomatic extension of a Mereology with  
predicates  $\Phi$  other than parthood

$$\Phi x y$$

And statements like

$$P x y \rightarrow \Phi x y$$

$$\Phi x y \rightarrow P x y$$

$$P x y \leftrightarrow \Phi x y$$

...



# Formalization #1

# Formalization #1 : Example

Foo < Entity

Foo  $\subset$  Entity

Bar < Entity

Bar  $\subset$  Entity

partOf < Foo \* Bar

$\forall (x,y) \in \text{Foo} \times \text{Bar} (P \ x \ y)$

foo : Foo

foo  $\in$  Foo

bar : Bar

bar  $\in$  Bar

foo partOf bar

P foo bar

foo = mfoo

R mfoo foo

bar = mbar

R mbar bar

# Trace Recovery Rule

$$\Phi x y \wedge R a x \wedge R b y \rightarrow \Phi a b$$

Recovers the predicate  $\Phi$  between two manifestations  $a$  and  $b$ .

( Assume:  $\Phi \neq R$  )

# Formalization #1

**Problem:**

*Types are not handled properly!*

# Typed Predicate Logic



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# References

(1) asdf