

First Order Logic (FOL)

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Why FOL?

- ▶ To represent knowledge of complex environments concisely.
 - ▶ **Expressive** enough to represent a good deal of of our knowledge
 - ▶ E.g., “pits cause breezes in adjacent squares” needs many rules in propositional logic but one rule in FOL

Natural language elements & FOL elements

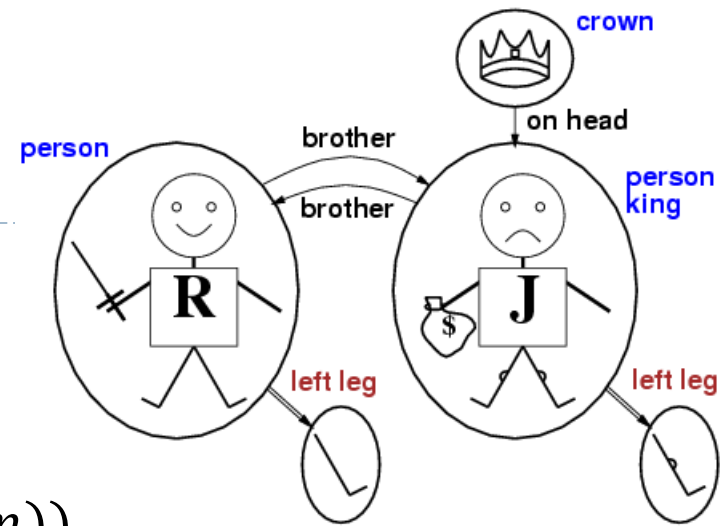
- ▶ Some basic elements of natural language (included also in FOL):
 - ▶ Nouns and noun phrases referring to **objects** (squares, pits, wumpus)
 - ▶ Some of objects are defined as **functions** of other objects
 - ▶ Verbs and verb phrases referring to **relation** among objects (is breezy, is adjacent to, shoot)
- ▶ Examples:
 - ▶ **Objects**: people, houses, numbers, baseball games, ...
 - ▶ **Relations**
 - ▶ Unary relation or property: red, round, prime, ...
 - ▶ n-ary: brother of, bigger than, inside, part of, owns, comes between, ...
 - ▶ **Functions**: father of, best friend, one more than, beginning of, ...
- ▶ FOL does not include all elements of natural language.

Symbols & interpretations

- ▶ Types of symbols
 - ▶ **Constant** for objects
 - ▶ **Predicate** for relations
 - ▶ **Function** for functional relations

Example

- ▶ $Brother(Richard, John)$
- ▶ $Father(John) = Henry$
- ▶ $Married(Father(Richard), Mother(John))$
- ▶ $\forall x \text{ King}(x) \Rightarrow Person(x)$
- ▶ $\exists x \text{ Crown}(x) \Rightarrow OnHead(x, John)$
- ▶ $\exists x, y \text{ Brother}(x, Richard) \wedge \text{Brother}(y, Richard) \wedge \neg(x = y)$
- ▶ $\neg King(Richard) \Rightarrow King(John)$
- ▶ $\forall x, y \text{ Sibling}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow [\neg(x = y) \wedge \exists m, f \neg(m = f) \wedge \text{Parent}(m, x) \wedge \text{Parent}(f, x) \wedge \text{Parent}(m, y) \wedge \text{Parent}(f, y)]$



Syntax of FOL: Basic elements

▶ Logical elements

- ▶ Connectives $\neg, \Rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \Leftrightarrow$
- ▶ Quantifiers \forall, \exists

▶ Domain specific elements

- ▶ Constants *John, Richard, ...*
- ▶ Predicates *Brother, ...*
- ▶ Functions *LeftLegOf, ...*

▶ Non-logical general elements

- ▶ Variables x, y, a, b, \dots
- ▶ Equality $=$

Syntax of FOL: Atomic sentences

Atomic Sentence \rightarrow *Predicate* | *Predicate* (*Term*,..., *Term*) | *Term*=*Term*

Term \rightarrow *Constant*

| *variable*

| *Function*(*Term*,...)

← Object

Relation

Constant \rightarrow *Richard* | *A* | *X*₁ | ...

Variable \rightarrow *a* | *x* | *s* | ...

Function \rightarrow *Mother* | *LeftLeg* | ...

1) *Brother*(*Richard*,*John*)

2) *Father*(*John*) = *Henry*

3) *Married*(*Father*(*Richard*),*Mother*(*John*))

Predicate \rightarrow *True* | *False* | *After* | *Loves* | *Hascolor* |

Syntax of FOL (BNF Grammar)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sentence} &\rightarrow \text{Atomic Sentence} \mid \text{ComplexSentence} \\ \text{Atomic Sentence} &\rightarrow \text{Predicate} \mid \text{Predicate}(\text{Term}, \dots, \text{Term}) \mid \text{Term} = \text{Term} \\ \text{ComplexSentence} &\rightarrow (\text{Sentence}) \mid \neg \text{Sentence} \\ &\mid \text{Sentence} \wedge \text{Sentence} \mid \text{Sentence} \vee \text{Sentence} \\ &\mid \text{Sentence} \Rightarrow \text{Sentence} \mid \text{Sentence} \Leftrightarrow \text{Sentence} \\ &\mid \text{Quantifier variable, ...Sentence} \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} \textit{Term} \rightarrow \textit{Function}(\textit{Term}, \dots) \\ \quad | \textit{Constant} \\ \quad | \textit{variable} \end{array}$$

Quantifier $\rightarrow \forall \mid \exists$

$$Constant \rightarrow A \mid X_1 \dots$$
$$Variable \rightarrow a \mid x \mid s \mid \dots$$

Predicate \rightarrow *True* | *False* | *After* | *Loves* | *Hascolor* |

$$Function \rightarrow Mother | LeftLeg | \dots$$

Universal quantification

- ▶ $\forall x P(x)$ is true in a model m iff $P(x)$ is true with x being each possible object in the model
 - ▶ **conjunction of instantiations** of $P(x)$

Existential quantification

- ▶ $\exists x P(x)$ is true in a model m iff $P(x)$ is true with x being some possible object in the model
 - ▶ **disjunction of instantiations** of $P(x)$

Properties of quantifiers

- ▶ $\forall x \forall y P$ is the same as $\forall y \forall x P$
- ▶ $\exists x \exists y P$ is the same as $\exists y \exists x P$
- ▶ $\exists x \forall y P$ is not the same as $\forall y \exists x P$
 - ▶ $\exists x \forall y \text{Mother}(x, y)$
 - ▶ “There is a person who is mother of everyone in the world”
 - ▶ $\forall y \exists x \text{Mother}(x, y)$
 - ▶ “Everyone in the world has a mother”
- ▶ **Quantifier duality**
 - ▶ $\forall x P \Leftrightarrow \neg \exists x \neg P$
 - ▶ $\exists x P \Leftrightarrow \neg \forall x \neg P$

FOL: Kinship domain example

- ▶ Objects
- ▶ Functions
- ▶ Predicates

FOL: Kinship domain example

- ▶ **Objects:** people
- ▶ **Functions:** *Mother, Father*
- ▶ **Predicates:**
 - ▶ *Unary: Male, Female*
 - ▶ *Binary: Parent, Sibling, Brother, Sister, Child, Daughter, Son, Spouse, Wife, Husband, Grandparent, Grandchild, Cousin, Aunt, Uncle*

FOL: Kinship domain example

▶ Sample sentences:

- ▶ $\forall m, c \text{ Mother}(c) = m \Leftrightarrow (\text{Female}(m) \wedge \text{Parent}(m, c))$
- ▶ $\forall p, c \text{ Parent}(p, c) \Leftrightarrow \text{Child}(c, p)$
- ▶ $\forall g, c \text{ Grandparent}(g, c) \Leftrightarrow \exists p \text{ Parent}(g, p) \wedge \text{Parent}(p, c)$
- ▶ $\forall x, y \text{ Sibling}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow x \neq y \wedge \exists p \text{ Parent}(p, x) \wedge \text{Parent}(p, y)$

Assertions & queries in FOL KBs

- ▶ **Assertions:** sentences added to KB using $TELL$
 - ▶ $Tell(KB, King(John))$
 - ▶ $Tell(KB, (\forall x \ King(x) \Rightarrow Person(x)))$
- ▶ **Queries or goals:** questions asked from KB using ASK
 - ▶ $ASK(KB, King(John))$
 - ▶ $ASK(KB, \exists x \ King(x))$
- ▶ **Substitution or binding list:** $ASKVARS$
 - ▶ In KB of Horn clauses, every way of making the query true will bind the variables to specific values
 - ▶ $ASKVARS(KB, King(x))$: answer $\{x/John\}$
 - ▶ If KB contains $King(John) \vee King(Richard)$, there is no binding although $ASK(KB, \exists x \ King(x))$ is true

FOL: Set domain example

- ▶ **Objects:** sets, elements
- ▶ **Functions:** $s_1 \cap s_2, s_1 \cup s_2, \{x|s\}$
- ▶ **Predicates:**
 - ▶ Unary: Set
 - ▶ Binary: $x \in s, s_1 \subseteq s_2$
- ▶ $\forall s \text{ Set}(s) \Leftrightarrow (s = \{\}) \vee (\exists x, s_2 \text{ Set}(s_2) \wedge s = \{x|s_2\})$
- ▶ $\neg \exists x, s \{x|s\} = \{\}$
- ▶ $\forall x, s \ x \in s \Leftrightarrow s = \{x|s\}$
- ▶ $\forall x, s \ x \in s \Leftrightarrow \exists y, s_2 (s = \{y|s_2\} \wedge (x = y \vee x \in s_2))$
- ▶ $\forall s_1, s_2 \ s_1 \subseteq s_2 \Leftrightarrow (\forall x \ x \in s_1 \Rightarrow x \in s_2)$
- ▶ $\forall s_1, s_2 \ (s_1 = s_2) \Leftrightarrow (s_1 \subseteq s_2 \wedge s_2 \subseteq s_1)$
- ▶ $\forall x, s_1, s_2 \ x \in (s_1 \cap s_2) \Leftrightarrow (x \in s_1 \wedge x \in s_2)$
- ▶ $\forall x, s_1, s_2 \ x \in (s_1 \cup s_2) \Leftrightarrow (x \in s_1 \vee x \in s_2)$

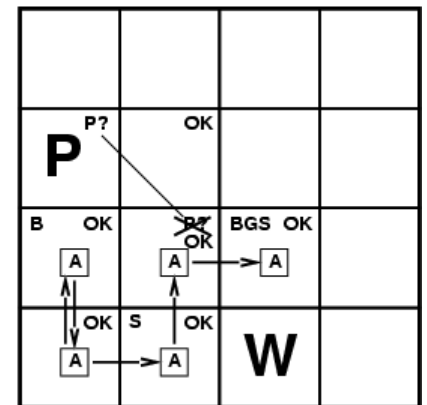
FOL: Wumpus world example

- ▶ Environment

- ▶ **Objects:** pairs identifying squares $[i, j]$, *Agent*, *Wumpus*
- ▶ **Relations:** *Pit*, *Adjacent*, *Breezy*, *Stenchy*,
Percept, *Action*, *At*, *HaveArrow*, ...

FOL: Wumpus world example

- ▶ **Perceptions:** perceives a smell, a breeze, and glitter at $t = 5$:
 - ▶ $Percept([Stench, Breeze, Glitter, None, None], 5)$
- ▶ **Actions:** $Turn(Left), Turn(Right), Forward, Shoot, Grab, Climb$
- ▶ Perceptions implies facts about current state
 - ▶ $\forall t, s, g, m, c \text{ } Percept([s, Breeze, g, m, c], t) \Rightarrow Breeze(t)$
- ▶ Simple reflex behavior
 - ▶ $\forall t \text{ } Glitter(t) \Rightarrow BestAction(Grab, t)$
- ▶ $ASKVARS(\exists a \text{ } BestAction(a, 5))$
 - ▶ Binding list: e.g., $\{a/Grab\}$



FOL: Wumpus world example

► Samples of rules:

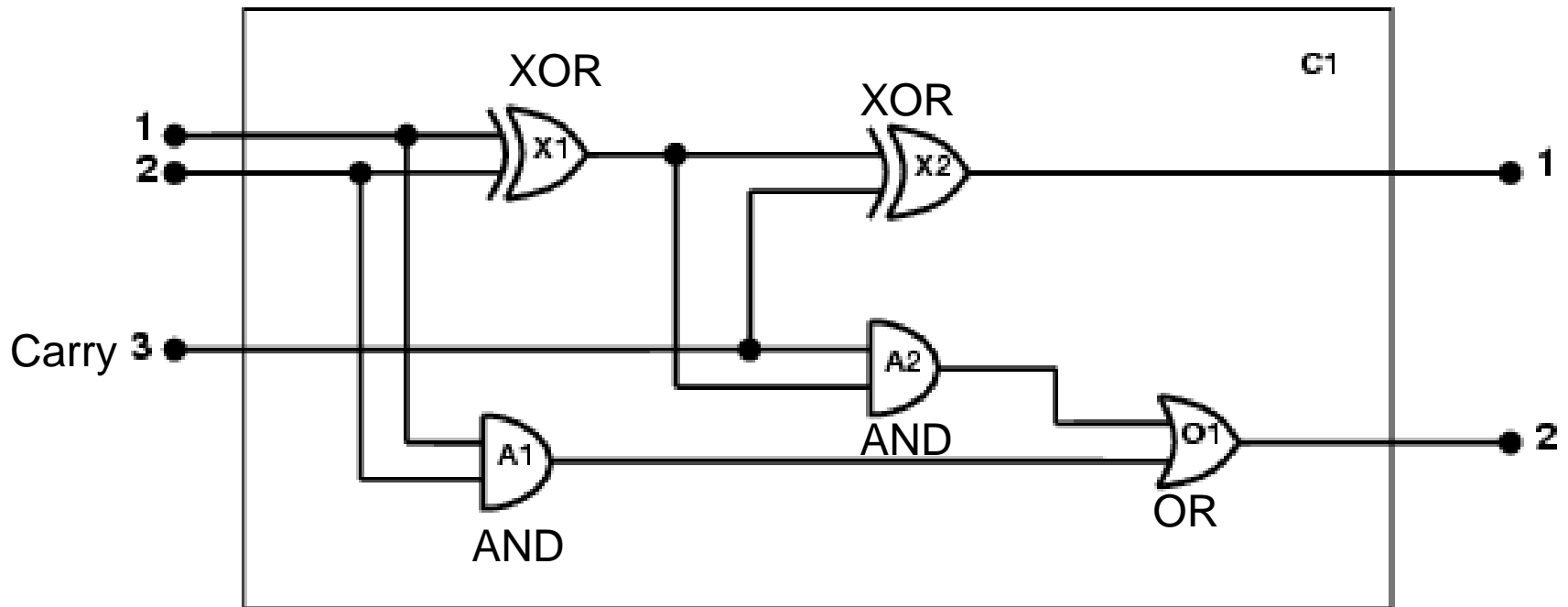
- $\forall x, y, a, b \text{ Adj}([x, y], [a, b]) \Leftrightarrow (x = a \wedge (y = b - 1 \vee y = b + 1)) \vee (y = b \wedge (x = a - 1 \vee x = a + 1))$
 - $At(Agent, s, t)$
 - $\exists x, y \forall t At(Wumpus, [x, y], t)$
 - $\forall s, t At(Agent, s, t) \wedge Breeze(t) \Rightarrow Breezy(s)$
 - $\forall x, s_1, s_2, t At(Agent, s_1, t) \wedge At(Agent, s_2, t) \Rightarrow s_1 = s_2$
 - $\forall s, t Breezy(s) \Rightarrow \exists r Adj(r, s) \wedge Pit(r)$
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- One **successor-state axiom** for each predicate
 - $\forall t HaveArrow(t + 1) \Leftrightarrow (HaveArrow(t) \wedge \neg Action(Shoot, t))$

Knowledge Engineering (KE) in FOL

- 1) Identify the task
- 2) Assemble the relevant knowledge
- 3) Decide on a vocabulary of predicates, functions, and constants (Ontology)
- 4) Encode general knowledge about the domain
- 5) Encode a description of the specific problem instance
- 6) Pose queries to the inference procedure and get answers
- 7) Debug the knowledge base

KE: electronic circuits example

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KE: electronic circuits example (steps)

1) Identify the task

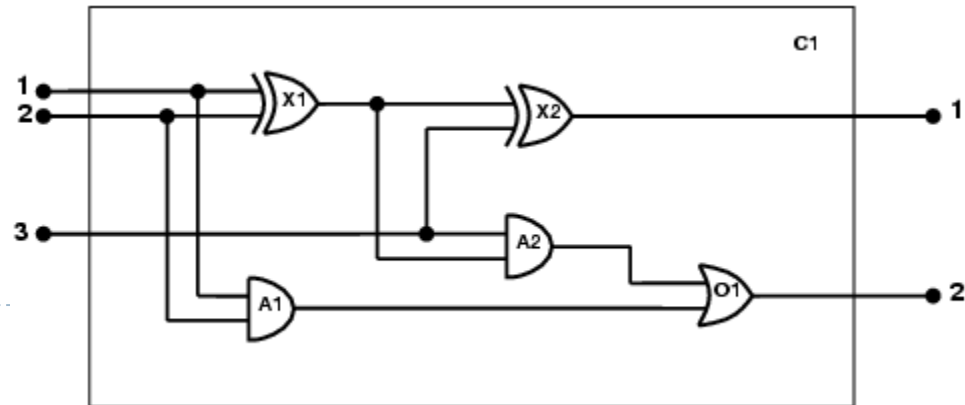
- Does the circuit add properly? (circuit verification)

2) Assemble the relevant knowledge

- Signals, input and output terminals, gates, wires connecting gates, types of gates (AND, OR, XOR, NOT)

3) Decide on a vocabulary (ontology)

- types of gates, terminals of gates, connections between gates, signal on terminals of gates
 - e.g., alternatives for determining the type of a gate:
 - $Type(X_1) = XOR$
 - $XOR(X_1)$
 - $Type(X_1, XOR)$



KE: electronic circuits example (steps)

4) Encode general knowledge of the domain

- ▶ $\forall t_1, t_2 \text{ Connected}(t_1, t_2) \Rightarrow \text{Signal}(t_1) = \text{Signal}(t_2)$
- ▶ $\forall t \text{ Signal}(t) = 1 \vee \text{Signal}(t) = 0$
- ▶ $\forall t_1, t_2 \text{ Connected}(t_1, t_2) \Leftrightarrow \text{Connected}(t_2, t_1)$
- ▶ $\forall g \text{ Type}(g) = \text{OR} \Rightarrow (\text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, g)) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \exists n \text{ Signal}(\text{In}(n, g)) = 1)$
- ▶ $\forall g \text{ Type}(g) = \text{AND} \Rightarrow (\text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, g)) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists n \text{ Signal}(\text{In}(n, g)) = 0)$
- ▶ $\forall g \text{ Type}(g) = \text{XOR} \Rightarrow (\text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, g)) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Signal}(\text{In}(1, g)) = \text{Signal}(\text{In}(2, g)))$
- ▶ $\forall g \text{ Type}(g) = \text{NOT} \Rightarrow (\text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, g)) \neq \text{Signal}(\text{In}(1, g)))$
- ▶ $1 \neq 0$

[You can see a more accurate encoding in 3rd edition of AIMA]

KE: electronic circuits example (steps)

5) Encode the specific problem instance

$Type(X_1) = XOR$

$Type(X_2) = XOR$

$Type(A_1) = AND$

$Type(A_2) = AND$

$Type(O_1) = OR$

$Connected(Out(1, X_1), In(1, X_2))$

$Connected(In(1, C_1), In(1, X_1))$

$Connected(Out(1, X_1), In(2, A_2))$

$Connected(In(1, C_1), In(1, A_1))$

$Connected(Out(1, A_2), In(1, O_1))$

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$Connected(Out(1, A_1), In(2, O_1))$

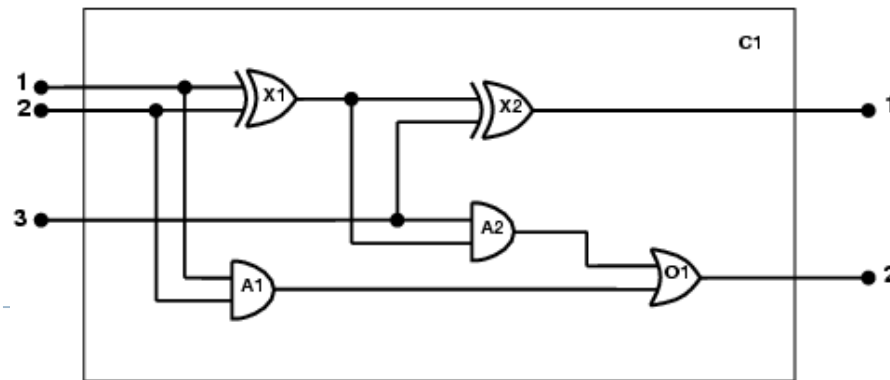
$Connected(In(2, C_1), In(2, A_1))$

$Connected(Out(1, X_2), Out(1, C_1))$

$Connected(In(3, C_1), In(2, X_2))$

$Connected(Out(1, O_1), Out(2, C_1))$

$Connected(In(3, C_1), In(1, A_2))$

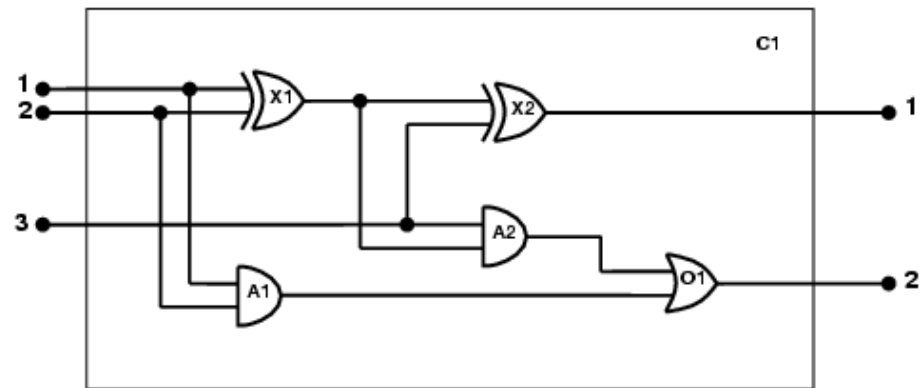


KE: electronic circuits example (steps)

6) Pose queries to the inference procedure

$$\begin{aligned} \exists i_1, i_2, i_3 \quad & \text{Signal}(\text{In}(1, C_1)) = i_1 \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{In}(2, C_1)) = i_2 \\ & \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{In}(3, C_1)) = i_3 \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, C_1)) = 0 \\ & \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(2, C_1)) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Bindings= $\{i_1/1, i_2/1, i_3/0\}, \{i_1/1, i_2/0, i_3/1\}, \{i_1/0, i_2/1, i_3/1\}$



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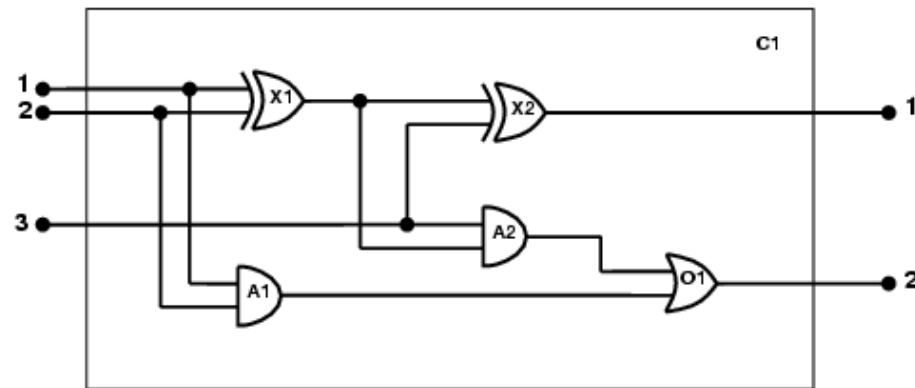
6) Pose queries to the inference procedure

$$\begin{aligned} \exists i_1, i_2, i_3, o_1, o_2 \text{ } & \text{Signal}(\text{In}(1, C_1)) = i_1 \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{In}(2, C_1)) = i_2 \\ & \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{In}(3, C_1)) = i_3 \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, C_1)) = o_1 \\ & \wedge \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(2, C_1)) = o_2 \end{aligned}$$

Bindings = whole input-output table

7) Debug the knowledge base

Has 1 \neq 0 been asserted?



Summary

- ▶ First-order logic:
 - ▶ objects and relations are semantic primitives
 - ▶ syntax: constants, variables, functions, predicates, quantifiers
- ▶ Knowledge engineering