

## Artificial Intelligence

Chapter 8 (& extra Material)

# First Order Logic Syntax and Semantics

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# Reading

This lecture is based on chapter 8 + other material.

Some slides are borrowed Enrico Franconi

<http://www.inf.unibz.it/~franconi/dl/course/>

(But notice that I introduced some modifications.)

# Outline

## First Order Logic

### Motivation (why FOL)

- Syntax
- Semantics

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# Motivation

- We can already do a lot with propositional logic.
- But it is unpleasant that we cannot access the *structure of atomic sentences*.
- Atomic formulas of propositional logic are *too atomic* . *they are just statement*.
- which may be true or false but which have no internal structure.
- In *First Order Logic (FOL)* the atomic formulas are interpreted as statements about **relationships between objects**.

# Predicates and Constants

Let's consider the statements:

- *Mary is female*
- *John is male*
- *Mary and John are siblings*

In propositional logic the above statements are atomic propositions:

- Mary-is-female
- John-is-male
- Mary-and-John-are-siblings

In FOL atomic statements use predicates, with constants as argument:

- Female(mary)
- Male(john)
- Siblings(mary, john)

# Variables and Quantifiers

Let's consider the statements:

- *Everybody is male or female*
- *A male is not a female*

In FOL predicates may have variables as arguments, whose value is bounded by quantifiers:

- $\forall x. \text{Male}(x) \vee \text{Female}(x)$
- $\forall x. \text{Male}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{Female}(x)$

Deduction (why?):

- *Mary is not male*
- $\neg \text{Male}(\text{Mary})$

# Functions

Let's consider the statement:

- *The father of a person is male*

In FOL objects of the domain may be denoted by functions applied to (other) objects:

- $\forall x. \text{Male}(\text{father}(x))$



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# Syntax of FOL: atomic sentences

Countably infinite **supply of symbols (signature):**

individual constants:  $a, b, c, \dots$

variable symbols:  $x, y, z, \dots$

$n$ -ary predicate symbols:  $P, Q, R, \dots$

$n$ -ary function symbols:  $f, g, h, \dots$

Terms:	$t \rightarrow x$	variable
	$a$	constant
	$f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$	function application

**Ground terms:** terms that do not contain variables

Formulas:  $\phi \rightarrow P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  atomic formulas

E.g., Brother(KingJohn; RichardTheLionheart)

>(length(leftLegOf(Richard)), length(leftLegOf(KingJohn)))

# Syntax of Propositional Logic

<b>Formulas:</b> $\phi, \psi \rightarrow P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$	Atomic Formulas
$\perp$	False
$\top$	True
$\neg\phi$	Negation
$\phi \wedge \psi$	Conjunction
$\phi \vee \psi$	Disjunction
$\phi \rightarrow \psi$	Implication
$\phi \leftrightarrow \psi$	Equivalence

(Ground) **atoms** and (ground) **literals**.

E.g.  $\text{Sibling}(\text{kingJohn}, \text{Richard}) \rightarrow \text{Sibling}(\text{Richard}, \text{KingJohn})$

$>(1, 2) \vee \leq(1, 2)$

$>(1, 2) \wedge \neg >(1, 2)$

# Syntax of First Order Logic

<b>Formulas:</b> $\phi, \psi \rightarrow P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$	Atomic Formulas
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$\top$	True
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$\phi \wedge \psi$	Conjunction
$\phi \vee \psi$	Disjunction
$\phi \rightarrow \psi$	Implication
$\phi \leftrightarrow \psi$	Equivalence
$\forall x.\phi$	Universal quantification
$\exists x.\phi$	<i>Existential</i> quantification

E.g. Everyone in Italy is smart:  $\forall x. \text{In}(x, \text{Italy}) \rightarrow \text{Smart}(x)$

Someone in France is smart:  $\exists x. \text{In}(x, \text{France}) \wedge \text{Smart}(x)$

# Summary of Syntax of FOL

## Terms

- Variables
- Constants
- Functions

## Literals

- Atomic Formula
  - Relation (Predicate)
- Negation

## Well formed formulas

- Truth-functional connectives
- Existential and universal quantifiers

# Outline

- **First Order Logic**

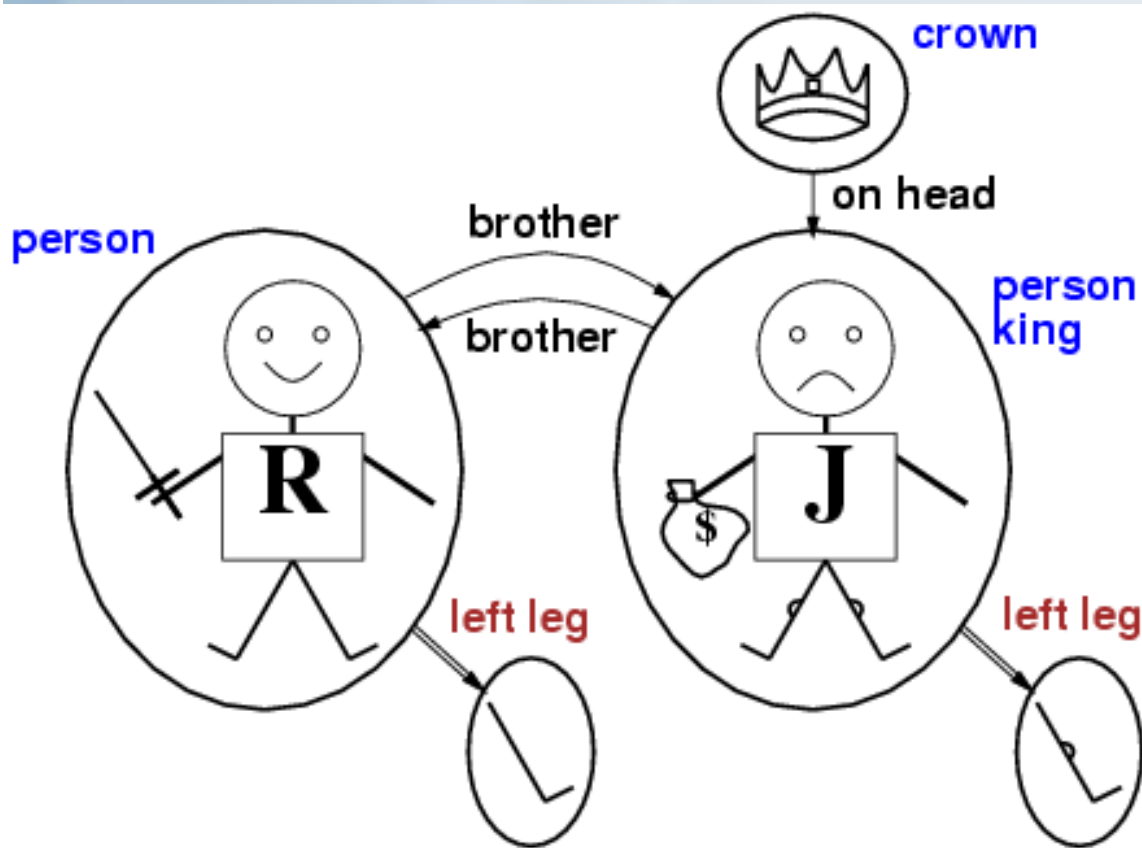
- Motivation (why FOL)

- Syntax

-  Semantics ( =how to interpret FOL statements)

# What is a domain $\Delta$

$\Delta$  = Set of objects, relations, and functions



Objects



Relations

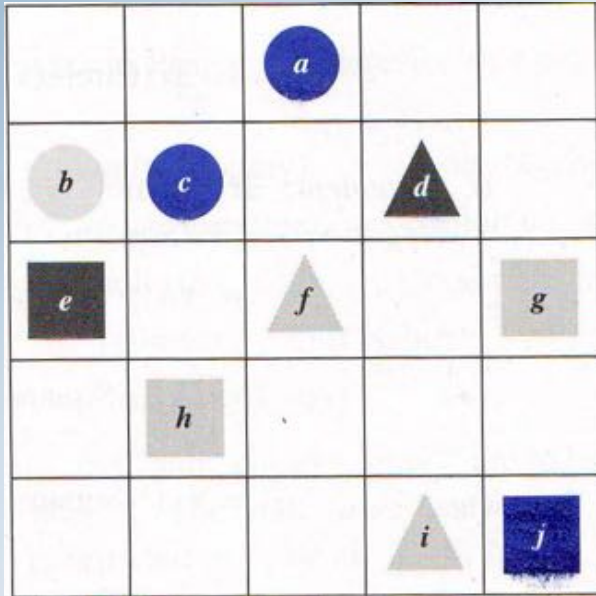


Functional relations



## Example: Tarski's World

Domain  $\Delta$



$\Delta$  = objects + relations + functions

**How do you interpret these statements?**

$\forall x \text{ Circle}(x) \rightarrow \text{Above}(x, f)$

$\exists x \text{ Square}(x) \wedge \text{Black}(x, f)$

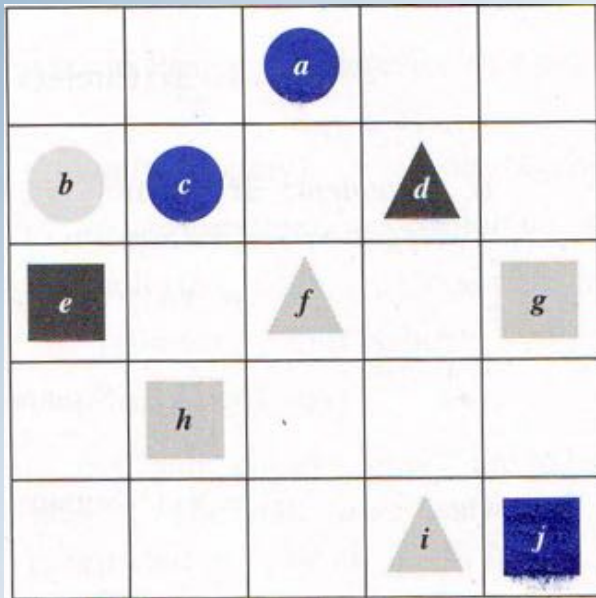
$\forall x (\text{Circle}(x) \rightarrow \exists y (\text{Square}(y) \wedge \text{SameColor}(x, y)))$

$\exists x (\text{Square}(x) \wedge \forall y (\text{Triangle}(y) \rightarrow \text{RightOf}(x, y)))$



# Motivation Example: Tarski's World

Domain  $\Delta$



Conceptualization of Domain  $\Delta$

Block = {a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j}

Circle = {a,b,c}

Square = {e,h,g,j}

Triangle = {d,f,i}

Blue = {a,c,j}

Black = {e,d}

SameColor = {  
 $\langle a,c \rangle, \langle a,j \rangle, \langle c,j \rangle, \langle b,f \rangle,$   
 $\langle b,g \rangle, \langle b,h \rangle, \langle b,i \rangle, \langle f,g \rangle, \langle f,h \rangle,$   
 $\langle f,i \rangle, \langle g,h \rangle, \langle e,d \rangle, \}$

RightOf = {  
 $\langle a,b \rangle, \langle a,c \rangle, \dots, \langle j,i \rangle \}$

LiftOf = {  
 $\langle b,a \rangle, \langle c,a \rangle, \dots, \langle l,j \rangle \}$

Above = {  
 $\langle a,b \rangle, \langle a,c \rangle, \langle a,d \rangle, \langle b,e \rangle, \langle b,j \rangle \dots \}$

## How do you interpret these statements?

$\forall x \text{ Circle}(x) \rightarrow \text{Above}(x, f)$  ✓

$\exists x \text{ Square}(x) \wedge \text{Black}(x, f)$  ✓

$\forall x (\text{Circle}(x) \rightarrow \exists x (\text{Square}(y) \wedge \text{SameColor}(x, y)))$  ✓

$\exists x (\text{Square}(x) \wedge \forall y (\text{Triangle}(y) \rightarrow \text{RightOf}(x, y)))$  ✓

# Semantics of FOL: Intuition

- Just like in propositional logic, a (complex) FOL formula may be true (or false) with respect to a given interpretation.
- An interpretation specifies referents for
  - constant symbols* → **objects**
  - predicate symbols* → **relations**
  - function symbols* → **functional relations**
- An atomic sentence  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is true in a given interpretation iff the *objects referred to by  $t_1, \dots, t_n$*  are in the *relation referred to by the predicate  $P$* .
- An interpretation in which a formula is true is called a **model for the formula**.

# Semantic of FOL statements ( First-Order Interpretations)

**Interpretation:**  $I = \langle \Delta, \cdot^I \rangle$  where  $\Delta$  is an arbitrary non-empty set and  $\cdot^I$  is a function that maps:

- Individual constants to elements of  $\Delta$  :

$$a^I \in \Delta$$

- $n$ -ary predicate symbols to relation over  $\Delta$  :

$$P^I \subseteq \Delta^n$$

- $n$ -ary function symbols to functions over  $\Delta$  :

$$f^I \in [\Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta]$$

# Semantic of FOL: Satisfaction

**Interpretation** of ground terms:

$$(f(t_1, \dots, t_n))^I = f^I(t_1^I, \dots, t_n^I) \ (\in \Delta)$$

$$\text{SameColor}(a, j)^I = \text{SameColor}'(a', j') \in \Delta$$

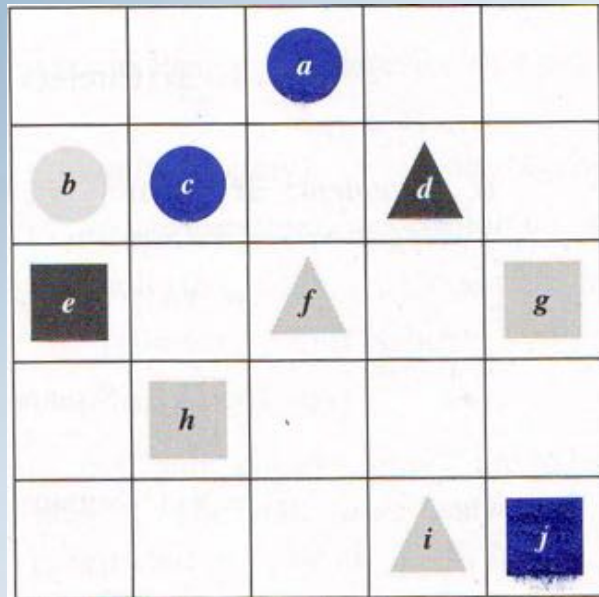
**Satisfaction** of ground atoms  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ :

$$I \models P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \quad \text{iff} \quad \langle t_1^I, \dots, t_n^I \rangle \in P^I$$

$$I \models \text{SameColor}(a, j) \quad \text{iff} \quad \langle a', j' \rangle \in \text{SameColor}'$$

# Interpretation Example: Tarski's World

## Domain $\Delta$



## Conceptualization of Domain $\Delta$

**Block** = {a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j}

**Circle** = {a,b,c}

**Square** = {e,h,g,j}

**Triangle** = {d,f,i}

**Blue** = {a,c,j}

**Black** = {e,d}

.....  
**SameColor** = {<a,c>, <a,j>, <c,j>, <b,f>, <b,g>, <b,h>, <b,i>, <f,g><f,h>, <f,i>, <g,h>, <e,d>,}

**RightOf** = {<a,b>, <a,c>, ..., <j,i>}

**LiftOf** = {<b,a>, <c,a>, ..., <l,j>}

**Above** = {<a,b>, <a,c>, <a,d>, <b,e>, <b,j> ...}

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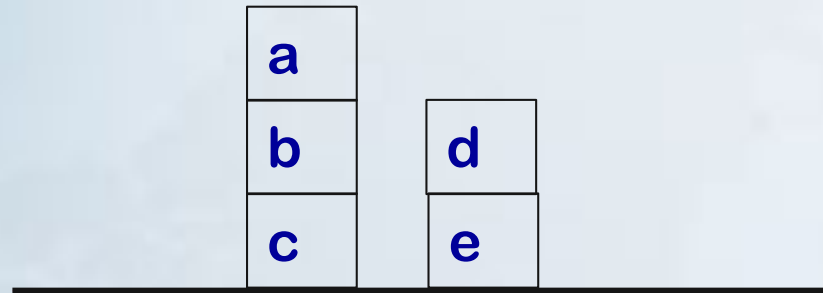
$I \models \text{Circle}(a)$

$I \not\models \text{Circle}(h)$

$I \models \text{SameColor}(g, h)$

$I \not\models \text{Above}(e, b)$

# Interpretation (Example)



$\text{Block}^I = \{\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle, \langle c \rangle, \langle d \rangle, \langle e \rangle\}$

$\text{Above}^I = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle b, c \rangle, \langle d, e \rangle\}$

$\text{Clear}^I = \{\langle a \rangle, \langle d \rangle\}$

$\text{Table}^I = \{\langle c \rangle, \langle e \rangle\}$

$I \models \text{Block}(a)$

$I \not\models \text{Above}(b, e)$

$I \not\models \text{Block}(f)$

$I \models \text{Above}(b, c)$

# Semantics of FOL: Variable Assignments

$V$  set of all variables. Function  $\alpha: V \rightarrow \Delta$ .

**Notation:**  $\alpha[x/d]$  means assign  $d$  to  $x$

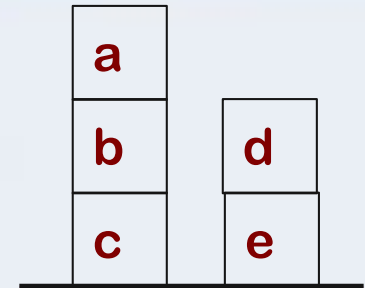
Interpretation of terms

$$x^{I,\alpha} = \alpha(x)$$

$$a^{I,\alpha} = a^I$$

$$(f(t_1, \dots, t_n))^{I,\alpha} = f^I(t_1^{I,\alpha}, \dots, t_n^{I,\alpha})$$

$$\text{Above}(a,b)^{I,\alpha} = \text{Above}^I(b^{I,\alpha}, c^{I,\alpha})$$



Satisfiability of atomic formulas:

$$I,\alpha \models P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \quad \text{iff} \quad \langle t_1^{I,\alpha}, \dots, t_n^{I,\alpha} \rangle \in P^I$$

## Variable Assignment example

$$\alpha = \{(x \rightarrow d_1), (y \rightarrow d_2)\}$$

$$I, \alpha \models \text{Red}(x)$$

$$I, \alpha[y/d_1] \models \text{Block}(y)$$



# Semantics of FOL: Satisfiability of formulas

A formula  $\phi$  is satisfied by (*is true in*) an interpretation  $I$  under a variable assignment  $\alpha$ .

$I, \alpha \models \phi$ :

$I, \alpha \models P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  iff  $\langle t_1^{I, \alpha}, \dots, t_n^{I, \alpha} \rangle \in P^I$

$I, \alpha \models \neg \phi$  iff  $I, \alpha \not\models \phi$

$I, \alpha \models \phi \wedge \psi$  iff  $I, \alpha \models \phi$  and  $I, \alpha \models \psi$

$I, \alpha \models \phi \vee \psi$  iff  $I, \alpha \models \phi$  or  $I, \alpha \models \psi$

$I, \alpha \models \forall x. \phi$  iff for all  $d \in \Delta$ :  $I, \alpha[x/d] \models \phi$

$I, \alpha \models \exists x. \phi$  iff there exists a  $d \in \Delta$ :  $I, \alpha[x/d] \models \phi$

# Satisfiability and Validity

An interpretation  $I$  is a **model** of  $\phi$  under  $\alpha$ , if

$$I, \alpha \models \phi$$

Similarly as in propositional logic, a formula  $\phi$  can be **satisfiable**, **unsatisfiable**, **falsifiable** or **valid** -the definition is in terms of the pair  $(I, \alpha)$ .

A formula  $\phi$  is

**Satisfiable**, if there is some  $(I, \alpha)$  that satisfies  $\phi$ ,

**Unsatisfiable**, if  $\phi$  is not satisfiable,

**Falsifiable**, if there is some  $(I, \alpha)$  that does not satisfy  $\phi$ ,

**Valid** (i.e., a **Tautology**), if every  $(I, \alpha)$  is a model of  $\phi$ .

# Equivalence

Analogously, two formulas are **logically** equivalent ( $\phi \equiv \psi$ ), if for all  $I; \alpha$  we have:

$$I, \alpha \models \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad I, \alpha \models \psi$$

# Entailment

Entailment is defined similarly as in propositional logic.

The formula  $\phi$  is logically implied by a formula  $\psi$ , if  $\phi$  is true in all models of  $\psi$

(symbolically,  $\psi \models \phi$ ):

$$\psi \models \phi \text{ iff } I \models \phi \text{ for all models } I \text{ of } \psi$$

# Properties of quantifiers

$(\forall x . \forall y. \phi)$  is the same as  $(\forall y . \forall x. \phi)$

$(\exists x . \exists y. \phi)$  is the same as  $(\exists y . \exists x. \phi)$

$(\exists x . \forall y. \phi)$  is **not** the same as  $(\forall y . \exists x. \phi)$

$\exists x . \forall y. Loves(x,y)$  “There is a person who loves everyone in the world”

$\forall y. \exists x. Loves(x,y)$  “Everyone in the world is loved by at least one person”

Quantifier duality: each can be expressed using the other

$\forall x. Likes(x,Falafel)$                        $\neg \exists x. \neg Likes(x,Falafel)$

$\exists x.Likes(x,Salad)$                        $\neg \forall x \neg Likes(x,Salad)$

# Equivalences

$$(\forall x. \phi) \wedge \psi \equiv \forall x. (\phi \wedge \psi)$$

$$(\forall x. \phi) \vee \psi \equiv \forall x. (\phi \vee \psi)$$

$$(\exists x. \phi) \wedge \psi \equiv \exists x. (\phi \wedge \psi)$$

$$(\exists x. \phi) \vee \psi \equiv \exists x. (\phi \vee \psi)$$

$$\forall x. \phi \wedge \forall x. \psi \equiv \forall x. (\phi \wedge \psi)$$

$$\exists x. \phi \vee \exists x. \psi \equiv \exists x. (\phi \vee \psi)$$

$$\neg \forall x. \phi \equiv \exists x. \neg \phi$$

$$\neg \exists x. \phi \equiv \forall x. \neg \phi$$

& propositional equivalences

# Knowledge Engineering in FOL

1. Identify the task
2. Assemble the relevant knowledge
3. Decide on a vocabulary of predicates, functions, and constants
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

# A simple genealogy KB (Another Example)

- **Build a small genealogy knowledge base by FOL that**
  - contains facts of immediate family relations (spouses, parents, etc.)
  - contains definitions of more complex relations (ancestors, relatives)
  - is able to answer queries about relationships between people
- **Predicates:**
  - parent(x, y), child (x, y), father(x, y), daughter(x, y), etc.
  - spouse(x, y), husband(x, y), wife(x,y)
  - ancestor(x, y), descendent(x, y)
  - relative(x, y)
- **Facts:**
  - husband(Joe, Mary), son(Fred, Joe)
  - spouse(John, Nancy), male(John), son(Mark, Nancy)
  - father(Jack, Nancy), daughter(Linda, Jack)
  - daughter(Liz, Linda)
  - etc.



# A simple genealogy KB (Another Example)

- **Rules for genealogical relations**

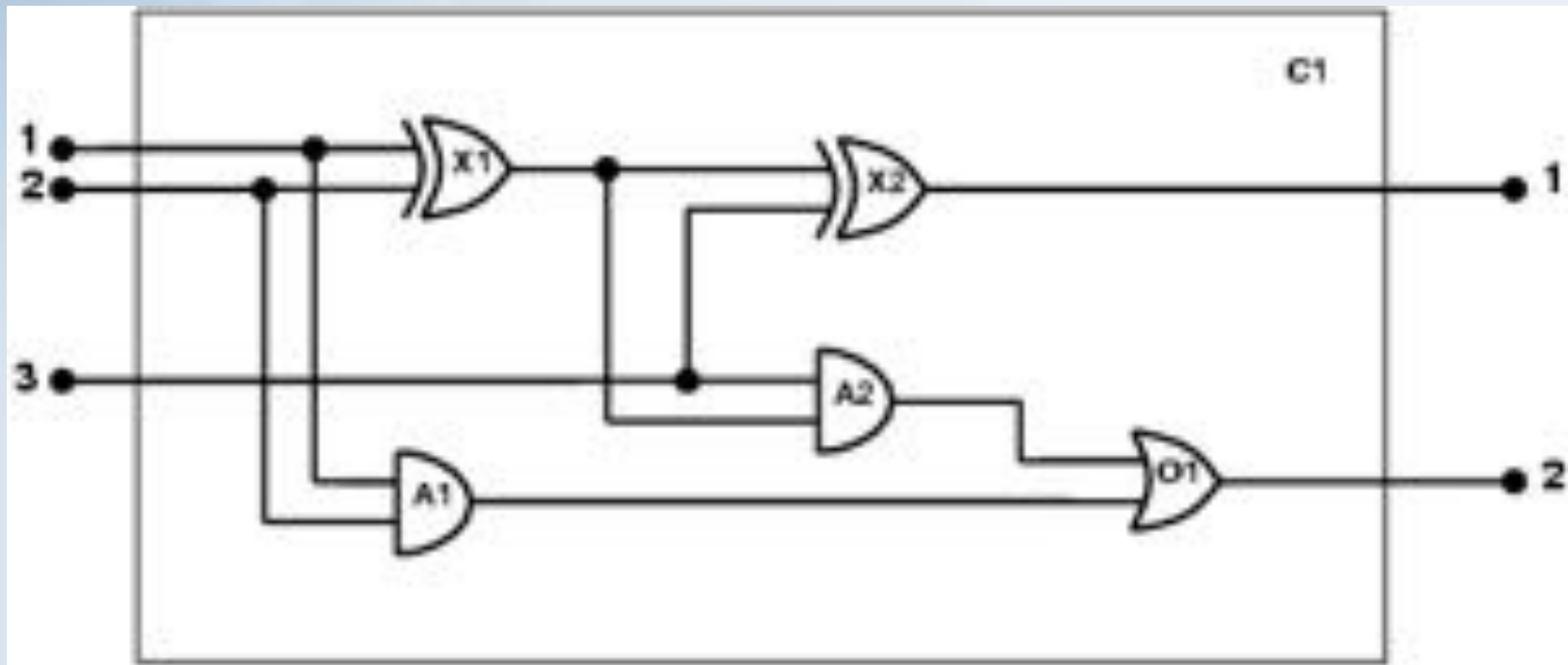
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{parent}(x, y) \iff \text{child}(y, x)$
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{father}(x, y) \iff \text{parent}(x, y) \wedge \text{male}(x)$  (similarly for  $\text{mother}(x, y)$ )
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{daughter}(x, y) \iff \text{child}(x, y) \wedge \text{female}(x)$  (similarly for  $\text{son}(x, y)$ )
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{husband}(x, y) \iff \text{spouse}(x, y) \wedge \text{male}(x)$  (similarly for  $\text{wife}(x, y)$ )
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{spouse}(x, y) \iff \text{spouse}(y, x)$  (**spouse relation is symmetric**)
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{parent}(x, y) \implies \text{ancestor}(x, y)$
- $(\forall x,y)(\exists z)$   $\text{parent}(x, z) \wedge \text{ancestor}(z, y) \implies \text{ancestor}(x, y)$
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{descendent}(x, y) \iff \text{ancestor}(y, x)$
- $(\forall x,y)(\exists z)$   $\text{ancestor}(z, x) \wedge \text{ancestor}(z, y) \implies \text{relative}(x, y)$   
(related by common ancestry)
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{spouse}(x, y) \implies \text{relative}(x, y)$  (related by marriage)
- $(\forall x,y)(\exists z)$   $\text{relative}(z, x) \wedge \text{relative}(z, y) \implies \text{relative}(x, y)$  (**transitive**)
- $(\forall x,y)$   $\text{relative}(x, y) \implies \text{relative}(y, x)$  (**symmetric**)

- **Queries**

- $\text{ancestor}(\text{Jack}, \text{Fred})$  /\* the answer is yes \*/
- $\text{relative}(\text{Liz}, \text{Joe})$  /\* the answer is yes \*/
- $\text{relative}(\text{Nancy}, \text{Mathews})$   
/\* no answer in general, no if under closed world assumption \*/

# The electronic circuits domain

## One-bit full adder



# The electronic circuits domain

1. Identify the task
  - Does the circuit actually add properly? (circuit verification)
2. Assemble the relevant knowledge
  - Composed of wires and gates; Types of gates (AND, OR, XOR, NOT)
  - Irrelevant: size, shape, color, cost of gates
3. Decide on a vocabulary
  - Alternatives:
    - Type( $X_1$ ) = XOR
    - Type( $X_1$ , XOR)
    - XOR( $X_1$ )

# The electronic circuits domain

4. Encode general knowledge of the domain

5.

5.  $\forall t_1, t_2 \text{ Connected}(t_1, t_2) \Rightarrow \text{Signal}(t_1) = \text{Signal}(t_2)$

–  $\forall t \text{ Signal}(t) = 1 \vee \text{Signal}(t) = 0$

–  $1 \neq 0$

–  $\forall t_1, t_2 \text{ Connected}(t_1, t_2) \Rightarrow \text{Connected}(t_2, t_1)$

–  $\forall g \text{ Type}(g) = \text{OR} \Rightarrow \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, g)) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \exists n \text{ Signal}(\text{In}(n, g)) = 1$

–  $\forall g \text{ Type}(g) = \text{AND} \Rightarrow \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, g)) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists n \text{ Signal}(\text{In}(n, g)) = 0$

–  $\forall g \text{ Type}(g) = \text{XOR} \Rightarrow \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, g)) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{Signal}(\text{In}(1, g)) \neq \text{Signal}(\text{In}(2, g))$

–  $\forall g \text{ Type}(g) = \text{NOT} \Rightarrow \text{Signal}(\text{Out}(1, g)) \neq \text{Signal}(\text{In}(1, g))$

# The electronic circuits domain

## 5. Encode the specific problem instance

Type( $X_1$ ) = XOR

Type( $A_1$ ) = AND

Type( $O_1$ ) = OR

Type( $X_2$ ) = XOR

Type( $A_2$ ) = AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Connected(In(2, $C_1$ ),In(2, $X_1$ ))

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

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

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

# The electronic circuits domain

6. Pose queries to the inference procedure

7.

7. What are the possible sets of values of all the terminals for the adder circuit?

8.

8.  $\exists i_1, i_2, i_3, o_1, o_2 \text{ Signal(In}(1, C_1)) = i_1 \wedge \text{Signal(In}(2, C_1)) = i_2 \wedge \text{Signal(In}(3, C_1)) = i_3 \wedge \text{Signal(Out}(1, C_1)) = o_1 \wedge \text{Signal(Out}(2, C_1)) = o_2$

7. Debug the knowledge base

May have omitted assertions like  $1 \neq 0$