

CSE 473

Lecture 12

Chapter 8

## First-Order Logic

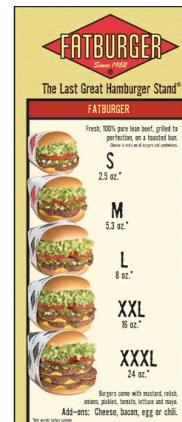


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## What's on our menu today?

### First-Order Logic

- Definitions
- Universal and Existential Quantifiers
- Skolemization
- Unification



## Propositional vs. First-Order

**Propositional logic:** Deals with facts and propositions (can be true or false):

$P_{1,1}$  "there is a pit in (1,1)"

George\_Monkey "George is a monkey"

George\_Curious "George is curious"

473student1\_Monkey

$(\text{George\_Monkey} \wedge \neg 473\text{student1\_Monkey}) \vee \dots$

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## Propositional vs. First-Order

**First-order logic:** Deals with objects and relations

Objects: George, 473Student1, Monkey2, Raj, ...

Relations: Monkey(George), Curious(George),

Smarter(473Student1, Monkey2)

Smarter(Monkey2, Raj)

Stooges(Larry, Moe, Curly)

PokesInTheEyes(Moe, Curly)

PokesInTheEyes(473Student1, Raj)

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## FOL Definitions

*Constants:* Name a specific object.

George, Monkey2, Larry, ...

*Variables:* Refer to an object without naming it.

X, Y, ...

*Relations (predicates):* Properties of or relationships between objects.

Curious, PokesInTheEyes, ...

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## FOL Definitions

*Functions:* Mapping from objects to objects.

banana-of, grade-of, binders-full-of

*Terms:* Logical expressions referring to objects

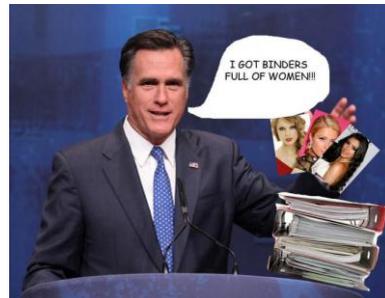
banana-of(George)

grade-of(stdnt1)

binders-full-of(women)

binders-full-of(men)

binders-full-of(monkeys)



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## More Definitions

Logical connectives: and, or, not,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$

Quantifiers:

- $\forall$  For all (Universal quantifier)
- $\exists$  There exists (Existential quantifier)

Examples

- George is a monkey and he is curious  
 $\text{Monkey}(\text{George}) \wedge \text{Curious}(\text{George})$
- All monkeys are curious  
 $\forall m: \text{Monkey}(m) \Rightarrow \text{Curious}(m)$
- There is a curious monkey  
 $\exists m: \text{Monkey}(m) \wedge \text{Curious}(m)$

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## Quantifier / Connective Interaction

$M(x) ::=$  "x is a monkey"  
 $C(x) ::=$  "x is curious"

$\forall x: M(x) \wedge C(x)$

"Everything is a curious monkey"

$\forall x: M(x) \Rightarrow C(x)$

"All monkeys are curious"

$\exists x: M(x) \wedge C(x)$

"There exists a curious monkey"

$\exists x: M(x) \Rightarrow C(x)$

"There exists an object that is *either* a curious monkey, *or* not a monkey at all"

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## Nested Quantifiers: Order matters!

$$\forall x \exists y P(x,y) \neq \exists y \forall x P(x,y)$$

### Example

Every monkey has a tail

$$\forall m \exists t \text{ has}(m,t)$$

Every monkey *shares* a tail!

$$\exists t \forall m \text{ has}(m,t)$$

### Try:

Everybody loves somebody vs. Someone is loved by everyone

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

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## Semantics

*Semantics* = what the arrangement of symbols  
*means* in the world

### Propositional logic

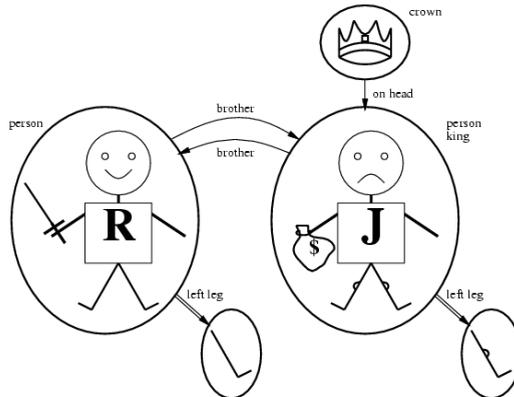
- Basic elements are *propositional variables* e.g.,  $P_{1,1}$   
(refer to facts about the world)
- Possible worlds: mappings from variables to T/F

### First-order logic

- Basic elements are *terms*, e.g., *George*, *banana-of(George)*, *binders-full-of(banana-of(George))*  
(logical expressions that refer to objects)
- **Interpretations:** mappings from terms to real-world elements.

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## Example: A World of Kings and Legs



Syntactic elements:

Constants:

Richard John

Functions:

LeftLeg(p)

Relations:

On(x,y) King(p)

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## Interpretation I

Interpretations map syntactic tokens to model elements

Constants:

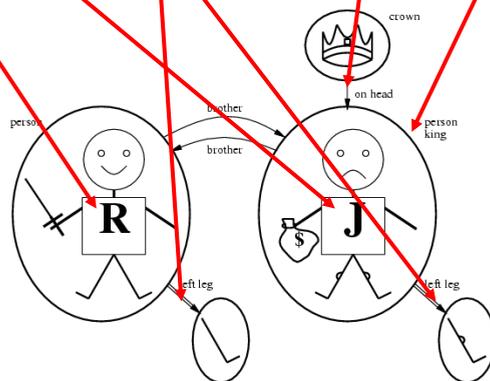
Richard John

Functions:

LeftLeg(p)

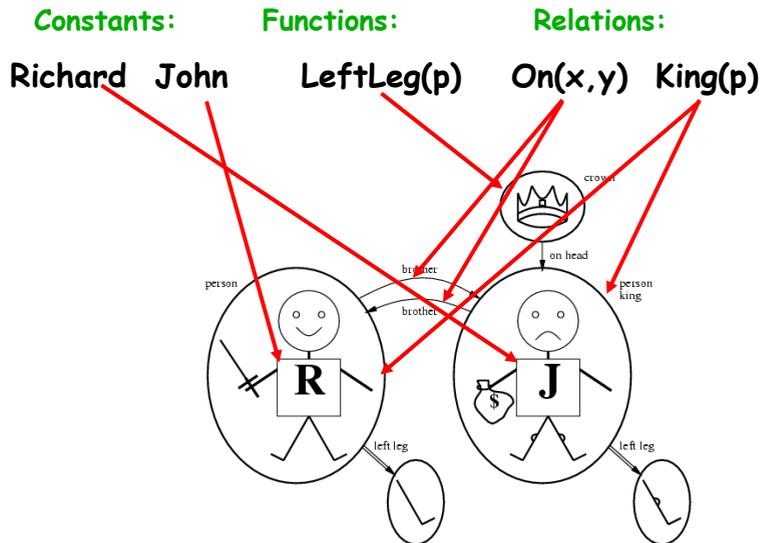
Relations:

On(x,y) King(p)



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## Interpretation II



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## How Many Interpretations?

**Two constants** (and 5 objects in world)

• Richard, John (R, J, crown, RL, JL)

$5^2 = 25$  object mappings

**One unary relation**

King(x)

*Infinite* number of values for x → infinite mappings

Even if we restricted x to: R, J, crown, RL, JL:

$2^5 = 32$  unary truth mappings

**Two binary relations**

Leg(x, y); On(x, y)

Infinite. But even restricting x, y to five objects still yields  $2^{25}$  mappings *for each* binary relation

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## Satisfiability, Validity, & Entailment

**S** is valid if it is true in all interpretations

**S** is satisfiable if it is true in some interp

**S** is unsatisfiable if it is false in all interps

**S1**  $\models$  **S2** (**S1** entails **S2**) if  
 for all interps where **S1** is true,  
**S2** is also true

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## Propositional. Logic vs. First Order

<i>Ontology</i>	Facts (P, Q,...)	Objects, Properties, Relations
<i>Syntax</i>	Atomic sentences Connectives	Variables & quantification Sentences have structure: terms father-of(mother-of(X))
<i>Semantics</i>	Truth Tables	Interpretations (Much more complicated)
<i>Inference Algorithm</i>	DPLL, WalkSAT Fast in practice	Unification Forward, Backward chaining Prolog, theorem proving
<i>Complexity</i>	NP-Complete	Semi-decidable May run forever if KB $\not\models \alpha$

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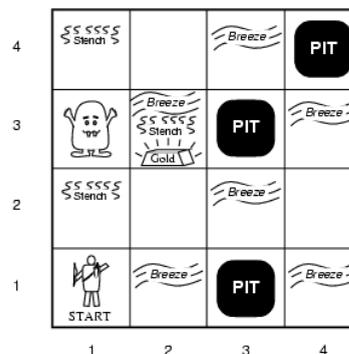
## First-Order Wumpus World

### Objects

- Squares, wumpuses, agents,
- gold, pits, stinkiness, breezes

### Relations

- Square topology (adjacency),
- Pits/breezes,
- Wumpus/stinkiness



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## Wumpus World: Squares

- Each square as an object:

Square<sub>1,1</sub>, Square<sub>1,2</sub>, ...,

Square<sub>3,4</sub>, Square<sub>4,4</sub>

- Square topology relations?

Adjacent(Square<sub>1,1</sub>, Square<sub>2,1</sub>)

...

Adjacent(Square<sub>3,4</sub>, Square<sub>4,4</sub>)

Better: Squares as lists:

[1, 1], [1,2], ..., [4, 4]

Square topology relations:

$\forall x, y, a, b: \text{Adjacent}([x, y], [a, b]) \Leftrightarrow$

$[a, b] \in \{[x+1, y], [x-1, y], [x, y+1], [x, y-1]\}$

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## Wumpus World: Pits

- Each pit as an object:

$\text{Pit}_{1,1}, \text{Pit}_{1,2}, \dots,$

$\text{Pit}_{3,4}, \text{Pit}_{4,4}$

- Problem?

Not all squares have pits

- List only the pits we have?

$\text{Pit}_{3,1}, \text{Pit}_{3,3}, \text{Pit}_{4,4}$

- Problem?

No reason to distinguish pits (same properties)

- Better: pit as unary predicate

$\text{Pit}(x)$

$\text{Pit}([3,1]), \text{Pit}([3,3]), \text{Pit}([4,4])$  will be true

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## Wumpus World: Breezes

- Represent breezes like pits, as unary predicates:

$\text{Breezy}(x)$

- “Squares next to pits are breezy”:

$\forall c, d, a, b:$

$\text{Pit}([c, d]) \wedge \text{Adjacent}([c, d], [a, b]) \Rightarrow \text{Breezy}([a, b])$

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## Wumpus World: Wumpuses

- Wumpus as object:  
Wumpus
- Wumpus home as unary predicate:  
WumpusIn(x)

Better: **Wumpus's home as a function:**  
Home(Wumpus) references the wumpus's home square.

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## FOL Reasoning: Outline

- Basics of FOL reasoning
- Classes of FOL reasoning methods
  - Forward & Backward Chaining
  - Resolution
  - Compilation to SAT

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## Basics: Universal Instantiation

Universally quantified sentence:

- $\forall x: \text{Monkey}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Curious}(x)$

Intuitively,  $x$  can be anything:

- $\text{Monkey}(\text{George}) \Rightarrow \text{Curious}(\text{George})$
- $\text{Monkey}(\text{473Student1}) \Rightarrow \text{Curious}(\text{473Student1})$
- $\text{Monkey}(\text{DadOf}(\text{George})) \Rightarrow \text{Curious}(\text{DadOf}(\text{George}))$

Formally:

$$\frac{\forall x \ S}{\text{Subst}(\{x/p\}, S)}$$

Example:

$$\frac{\forall x \ \text{Monkey}(x) \rightarrow \text{Curious}(x)}{\text{Monkey}(\text{George}) \rightarrow \text{Curious}(\text{George})}$$

$x$  is replaced with  $p$  in  $S$ ,  
and the quantifier removed

$x$  is replaced with  $\text{George}$  in  $S$ ,  
and the quantifier removed

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## Basics: Existential Instantiation

Existentially quantified sentence:

$$\exists x: \text{Monkey}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Curious}(x)$$

Intuitively,  $x$  must name something. But what?

Can we conclude:

$$\text{Monkey}(\text{George}) \wedge \neg \text{Curious}(\text{George}) \quad ???$$

**No!  $S$  might not be true for  $\text{George}$ !**

Use a *Skolem Constant* and draw the conclusion:

$$\text{Monkey}(K) \wedge \neg \text{Curious}(K)$$

where  $K$  is a **completely new symbol** (stands for the monkey for which the statement is true)

Formally:

$$\frac{\exists x \ S}{\text{Subst}(\{x/K\}, S)}$$

$K$  is called a Skolem constant

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## Basics: Generalized Skolemization

What if our existential variable is nested?

$\forall x \exists y: \text{Monkey}(x) \Rightarrow \text{HasTail}(x, y)$

Can we conclude:

$\forall x: \text{Monkey}(x) \Rightarrow \text{HasTail}(x, K\_Tail) ???$

Nested existential variables can be replaced by  
**Skolem functions**

• Args to function are all surrounding  $\forall$  vars

$\forall x: \text{Monkey}(x) \Rightarrow \text{HasTail}(x, f(x))$

“tail-of” function

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## Motivation for Unification

What if we want to use modus ponens?

Propositional Logic:

$$\frac{a \wedge b, \quad a \wedge b \Rightarrow c}{c}$$

In First-Order Logic?

$\forall x \text{ Monkey}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Curious}(x)$

$\text{Monkey}(\text{George})$

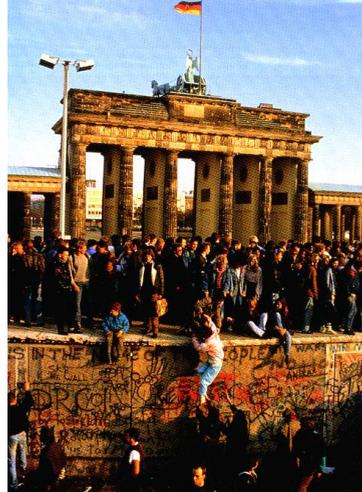
????

Must “unify”  $x$  with  $\text{George}$ :

Need to substitute  $\{x/\text{George}\}$  in  $\text{Monkey}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Curious}(x)$  to  
infer  $\text{Curious}(\text{George})$

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## What is Unification?



Not this kind of unification...

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## What is Unification?

Match up expressions by *finding variable values that make the expressions identical*

**Unify**( $x, y$ ) returns most general unifier (MGU).

MGU places fewest restrictions on values of variables

Examples:

- $\text{Unify}(\text{city}(x), \text{city}(\text{seattle}))$  returns  $\{x/\text{seattle}\}$
- $\text{Unify}(\text{PokesInTheEyes}(\text{Moe}, x), \text{PokesInTheEyes}(y, z))$   
returns  $\{y/\text{Moe}, z/x\}$ 
  - $\{y/\text{Moe}, x/\text{Moe}, z/\text{Moe}\}$  possible but not MGU

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## Unification and Substitution

**Unification** produces a mapping from variables to values (e.g.,  $\{x/\text{seattle}, y/\text{tacoma}\}$ )

**Substitution:**  $\text{Subst}(\text{mapping}, \text{sentence})$  returns new sentence with variables replaced by values

- $\text{Subst}(\{x/\text{seattle}, y/\text{tacoma}\}, \text{connected}(x, y))$ , returns  $\text{connected}(\text{seattle}, \text{tacoma})$

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## Next Time

Reasoning with FOL

Chaining

Resolution

Compilation to SAT

To Do:

Project #2

Read Chapters 8-9

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