

First-Order Logic

Part One

Recap from Last Time

Recap So Far

- A ***propositional variable*** is a variable that is either true or false.
- The ***propositional connectives*** are as follows:
 - Negation: $\neg p$
 - Conjunction: $p \wedge q$
 - Disjunction: $p \vee q$
 - Truth: $\top$
 - Falsity: $\perp$
 - Implication: $p \rightarrow q$
 - Biconditional: $p \leftrightarrow q$

Take out a sheet of paper!

What's the truth table for the $\rightarrow$ connective?

What's the negation of $p \rightarrow q$?

Operator Precedence

- How do we parse this statement?

$$\neg x \rightarrow y \vee z \rightarrow x \vee y \wedge z$$

- Operator precedence for propositional logic:

$\neg$

$\wedge$

$\vee$

$\rightarrow$

$\leftrightarrow$

- All operators are right-associative.
- We can use parentheses to disambiguate.

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$$(\neg x) \rightarrow ((y \vee z) \rightarrow (x \vee (y \wedge z)))$$

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Operator Precedence

- The main points to remember:
 - $\neg$ binds to whatever immediately follows it.
 - $\wedge$ and $\vee$ bind more tightly than $\rightarrow$.
- We will commonly write expressions like $p \wedge q \rightarrow r$ without adding parentheses.
- For more complex expressions, we'll try to add parentheses.
- Confused? ***Please ask!***

New Stuff!

First-Order Logic

What is First-Order Logic?

- ***First-order logic*** is a logical system for reasoning about properties of objects.
- Augments the logical connectives from propositional logic with
 - ***predicates*** that describe properties of objects,
 - ***functions*** that map objects to one another, and
 - ***quantifiers*** that allow us to reason about multiple objects.

Some Examples

Likes(You, Eggs) $\wedge$ Likes(You, Tomato) $\rightarrow$ Likes(You, Shakshuka)



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Learns(You, History) $\vee$ ForeverRepeats(You, History)

In(MyHeart, Havana) $\wedge$ TookBackTo(Him, Me, EastAtlanta)

$\text{Likes}(\text{You}, \text{Eggs}) \wedge \text{Likes}(\text{You}, \text{Tomato}) \rightarrow \text{Likes}(\text{You}, \text{Shakshuka})$

$\text{Learns}(\text{You}, \text{History}) \vee \text{ForeverRepeats}(\text{You}, \text{History})$

$\text{In}(\text{MyHeart}, \text{Havana}) \wedge \text{TookBackTo}(\text{Him}, \text{Me}, \text{EastAtlanta})$

These blue terms are called *constant symbols*. Unlike propositional variables, they refer to *objects*, not *propositions*.

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The red things that look like function calls are called *predicates*. Predicates take objects as arguments and evaluate to true or false.

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$\text{Learns}(\text{You}, \text{History}) \vee \text{ForeverRepeats}(\text{You}, \text{History})$

$\text{In}(\text{MyHeart}, \text{Havana}) \wedge \text{TookBackTo}(\text{Him}, \text{Me}, \text{EastAtlanta})$

What remains are traditional propositional connectives. Because each predicate evaluates to true or false, we can connect the truth values of predicates using normal propositional connectives.

Reasoning about Objects

- To reason about objects, first-order logic uses ***predicates***.
- Examples:

Cute(Quokka)

ArgueIncessantly(Democrats, Republicans)

- Applying a predicate to arguments produces a proposition, which is either true or false.
- Typically, when you're working in FOL, you'll have a list of predicates, what they stand for, and how many arguments they take. It'll be given separately than the formulas you write.

First-Order Sentences

- Sentences in first-order logic can be constructed from predicates applied to objects:

$Cute(a) \rightarrow Dikdik(a) \vee Kitty(a) \vee Puppy(a)$

$Succeeds(You) \leftrightarrow Practices(You)$

$x < 8 \rightarrow x < 137$

The less-than sign is just another predicate. Binary predicates are sometimes written in *infix notation* this way.

Numbers are not “built in” to first-order logic. They’re constant symbols just like “You” and “a” above.

Equality

- First-order logic is equipped with a special predicate **=** that says whether two objects are equal to one another.
- Equality is a part of first-order logic, just as $\rightarrow$ and $\neg$ are.
- Examples:

TomMarvoloRiddle = LordVoldemort

MorningStar = EveningStar

- Equality can only be applied to **objects**; to state that two **propositions** are equal, use $\leftrightarrow$.

Let's see some more examples.

*FavoriteMovieOf(You) $\neq$ FavoriteMovieOf(Date) $\wedge$
StarOf(FavoriteMovieOf(You)) = StarOf(FavoriteMovieOf(Date))*

$\text{FavoriteMovieOf}(\text{You}) \neq \text{FavoriteMovieOf}(\text{Date}) \wedge$
 $\text{StarOf}(\text{FavoriteMovieOf}(\text{You})) = \text{StarOf}(\text{FavoriteMovieOf}(\text{Date}))$

These purple terms are *functions*. Functions take objects as input and produce objects as output.

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StarOf(FavoriteMovieOf(You)) = StarOf(FavoriteMovieOf(Date))*

Functions

- First-order logic allows **functions** that return objects associated with other objects.
- Examples:

ColorOf(Money)

MedianOf(x, y, z)

$x + y$

- As with predicates, functions can take in any number of arguments, but always return a single value.
- Functions evaluate to **objects**, not **propositions**.

Objects and Propositions

- When working in first-order logic, be careful to keep objects (actual things) and propositions (true or false) separate.
- You cannot apply connectives to objects:

Venus $\rightarrow$ *TheSun*

- You cannot apply functions to propositions:

StarOf(IsRed(Sun) $\wedge$ IsGreen(Mars))

- Ever get confused? *Just ask!*

The Type-Checking Table

	... operate on ...	... and produce
Connectives ($\leftrightarrow$, $\wedge$, etc.) ...	propositions	a proposition
Predicates ($=$, etc.) ...	objects	a proposition
Functions ...	objects	an object

One last (and major) change

Some muggle is intelligent.

$\exists m. (Muggle(m) \wedge Intelligent(m))$

$\exists$ is the **existential quantifier**
and says "for some choice of
m, the following is true."

The Existential Quantifier

- A statement of the form

$\exists x.$ *some-formula*

is true if there exists a choice of x where ***some-formula*** is true when that x is plugged into it.

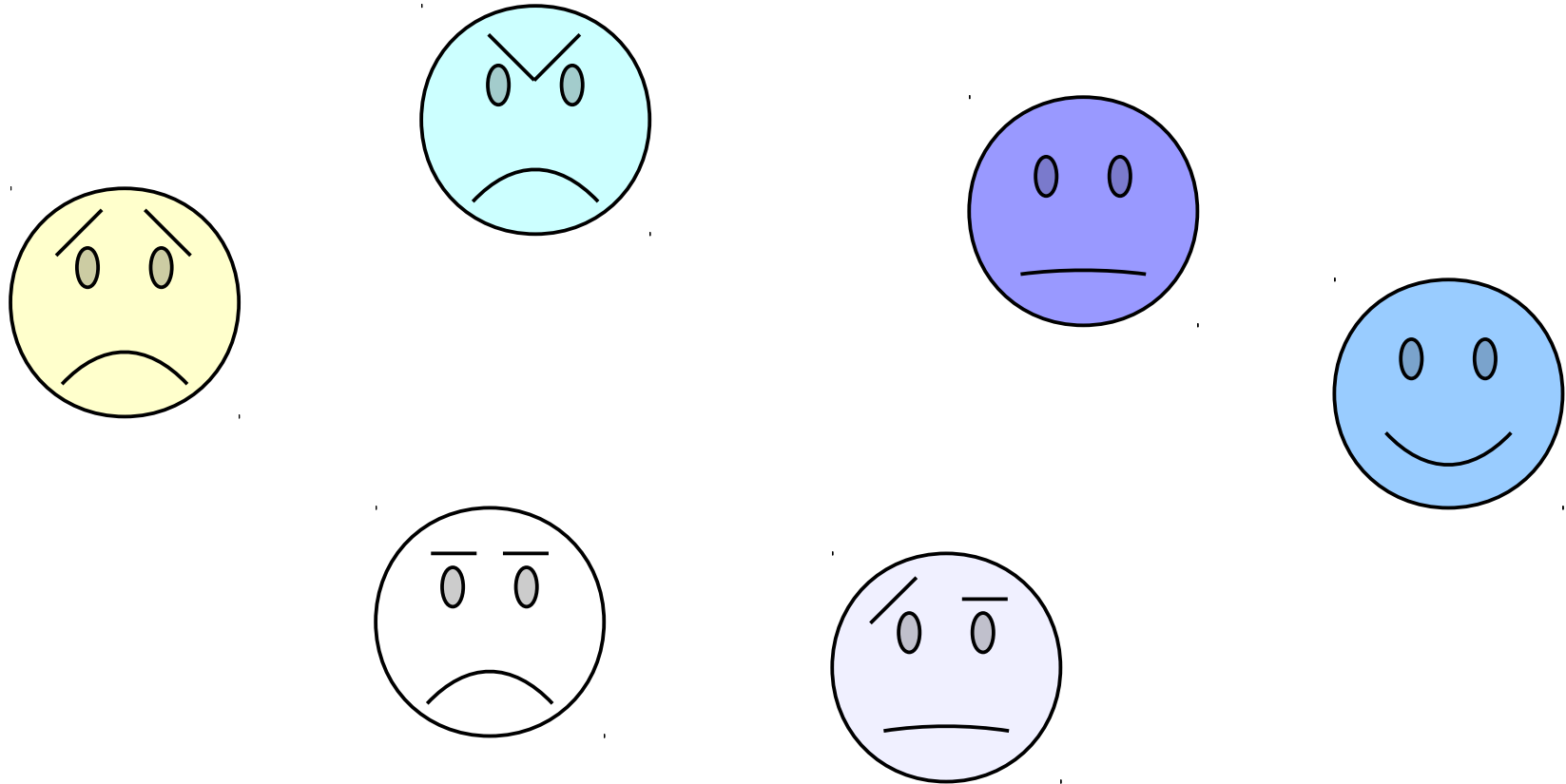
- Examples:

$\exists x. (Even(x) \wedge Prime(x))$

$\exists x. (TallerThan(x, me) \wedge WeighsLessThan(x, me))$

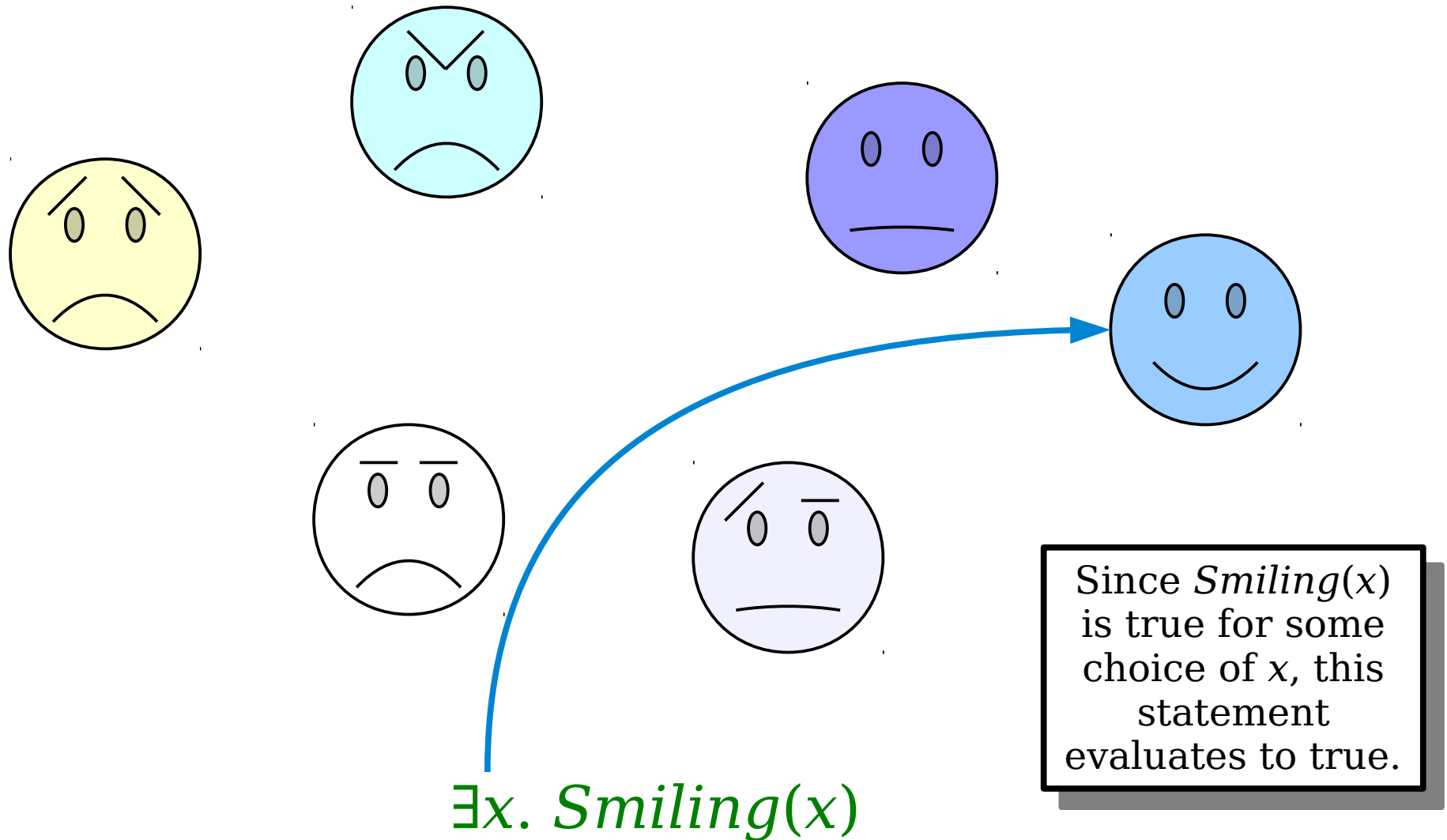
$(\exists w. Will(w)) \rightarrow (\exists x. Way(x))$

The Existential Quantifier

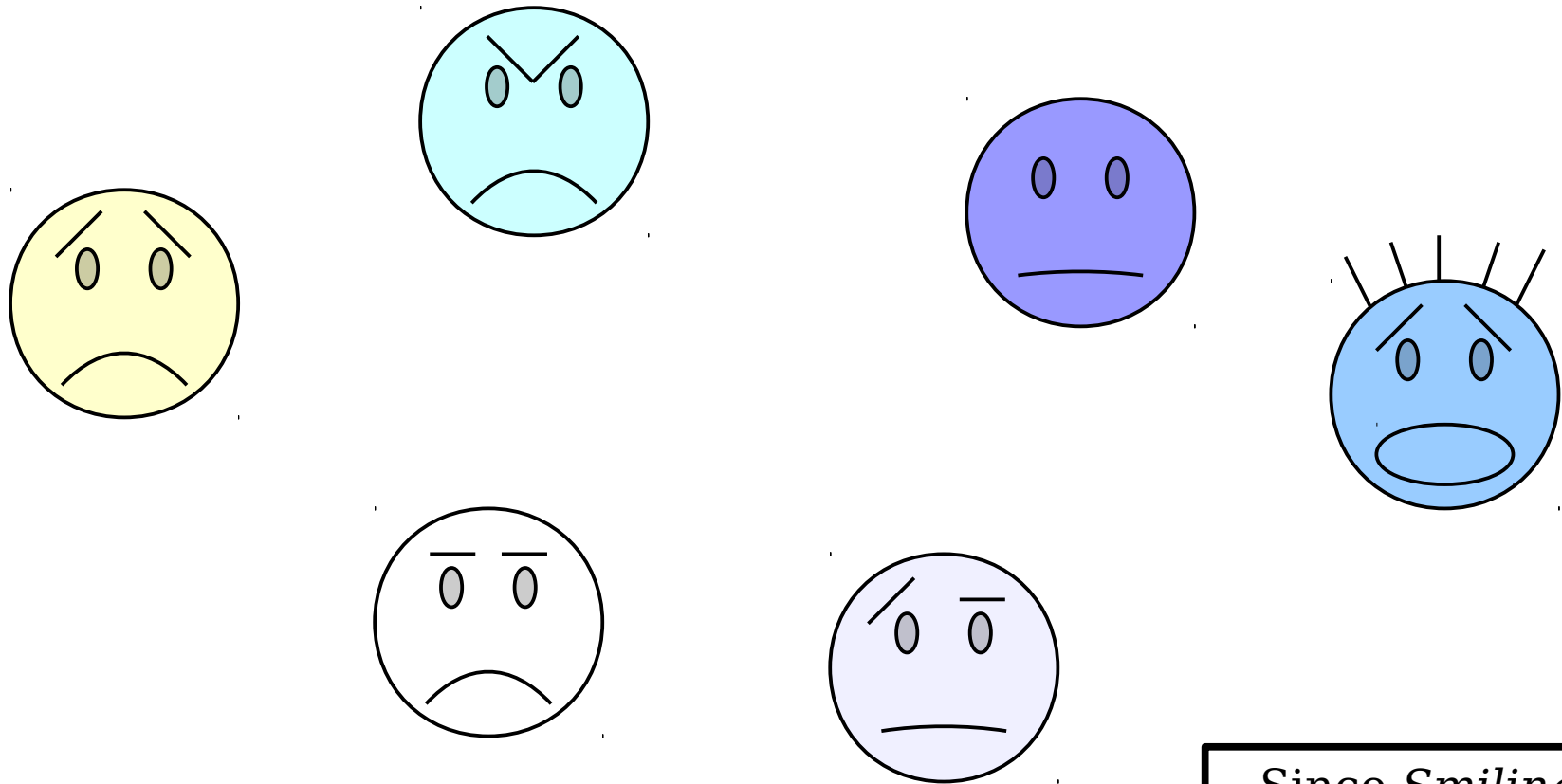


$\exists x. \textit{Smiling}(x)$

The Existential Quantifier



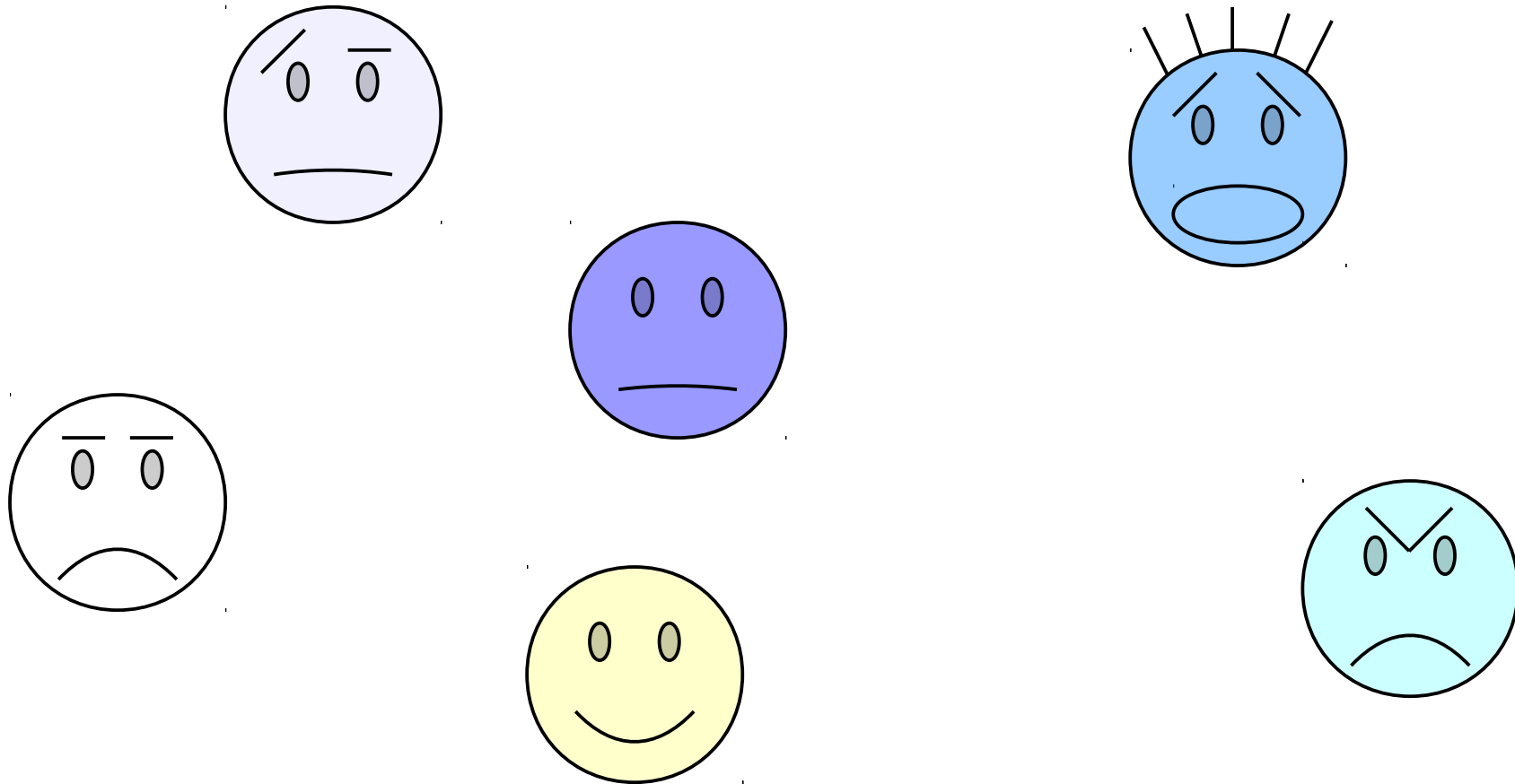
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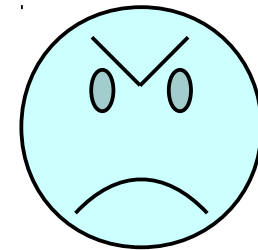
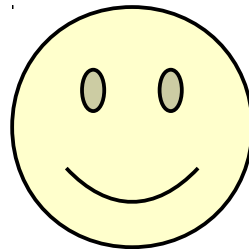
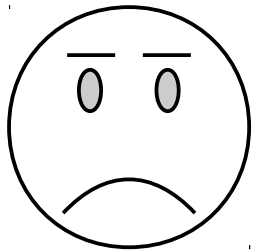
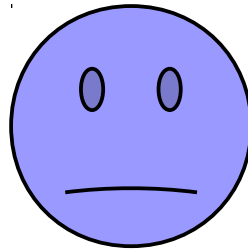
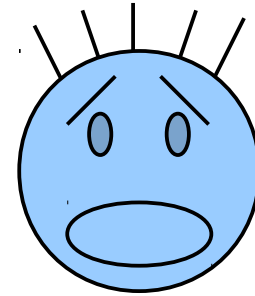
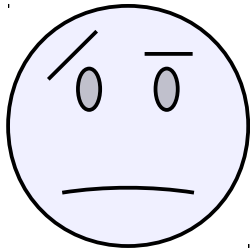
Since $Smiling(x)$ is not true for any choice of x , this statement evaluates to false.

The Existential Quantifier



$$(\exists x. \textit{Smiling}(x)) \rightarrow (\exists y. \textit{WearingHat}(y))$$

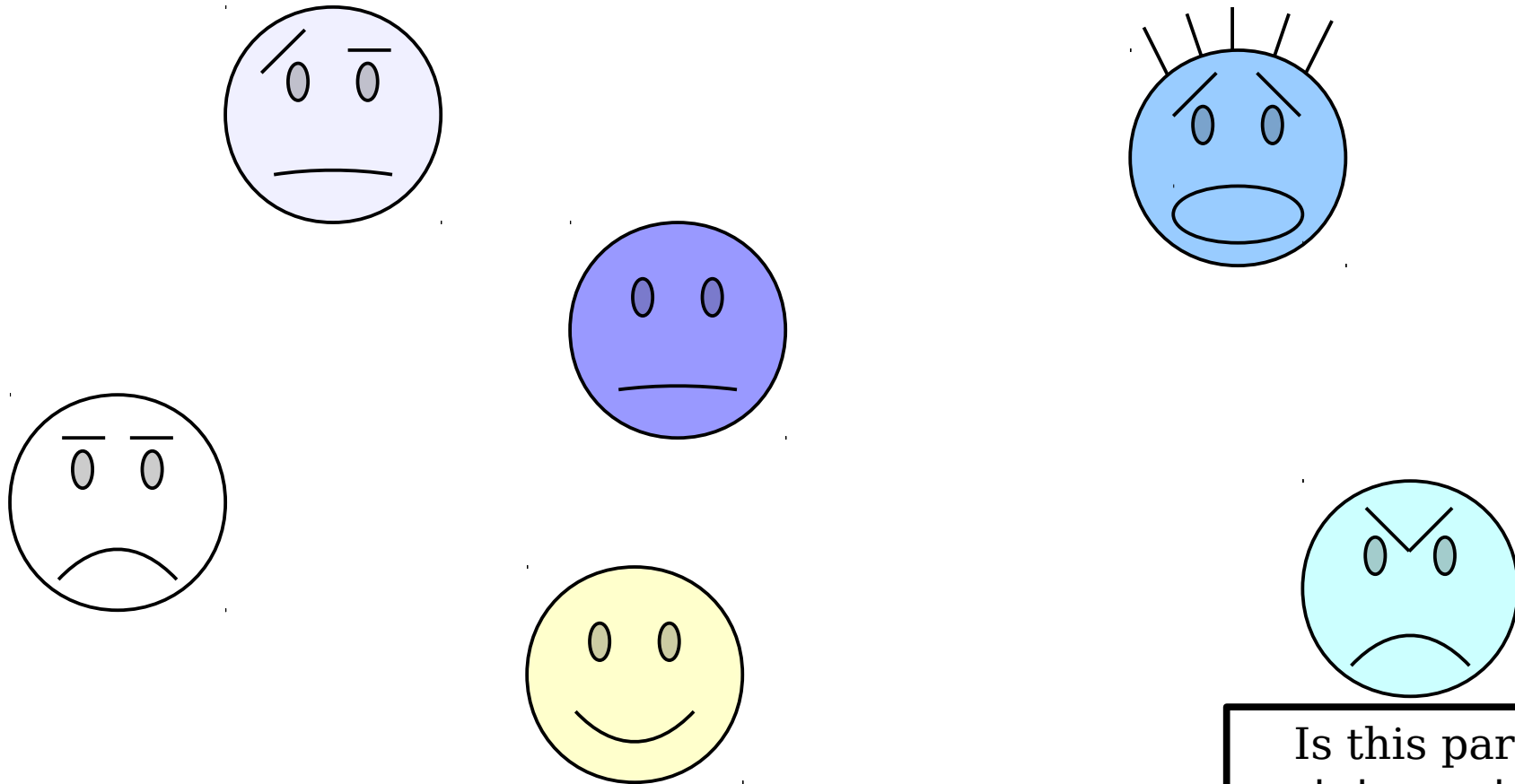
The Existential Quantifier



Is this part of the
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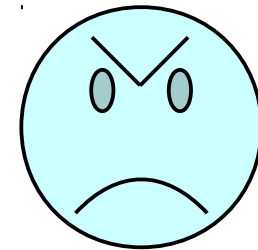
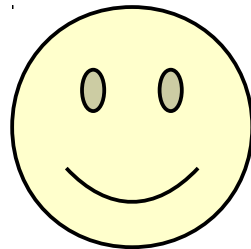
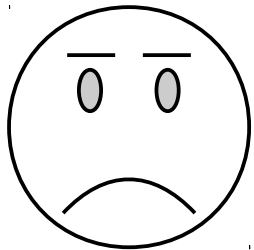
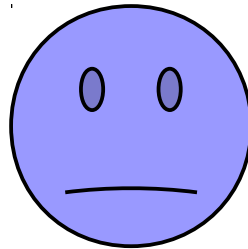
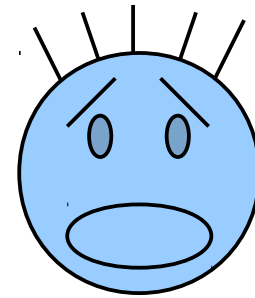
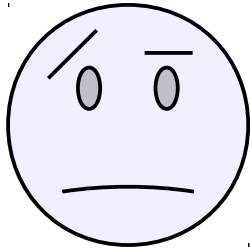
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The Existential Quantifier



Is this overall
statement true or
false?

~~$(\exists x. \textit{Smiling}(x)) \rightarrow (\exists y. \textit{WearingHat}(y))$~~

Fun with Edge Cases

Existentially-quantified statements are false in an empty world, since nothing exists, period!

~~$\exists x. \textit{Smiling}(x)$~~

Some Technical Details

Variables and Quantifiers

- Each quantifier has two parts:
 - the variable that is introduced, and
 - the statement that's being quantified.
- The variable introduced is scoped just to the statement being quantified.

$(\exists x. \text{Loves}(\text{You}, x)) \wedge (\exists y. \text{Loves}(y, \text{You}))$

The variable x
just lives here.

The variable y
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A different variable,
also named x , just
lives here.

Operator Precedence (Again)

- When writing out a formula in first-order logic, quantifiers have precedence just below $\neg$.
- The statement

$$\exists x. P(x) \wedge R(x) \wedge Q(x)$$

is parsed like this:

$$(\exists x. P(x)) \wedge (R(x) \wedge Q(x))$$

- This is syntactically invalid because the variable x is out of scope in the back half of the formula.
- To ensure that x is properly quantified, explicitly put parentheses around the region you want to quantify:

$$\exists x. (P(x) \wedge R(x) \wedge Q(x))$$

“For any natural number n ,
 n is even if and only if n^2 is even”

$\forall n. (n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (Even(n) \leftrightarrow Even(n^2)))$



$\forall$ is the **universal quantifier**
and says “for any choice of n ,
the following is true.”

The Universal Quantifier

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- Examples:

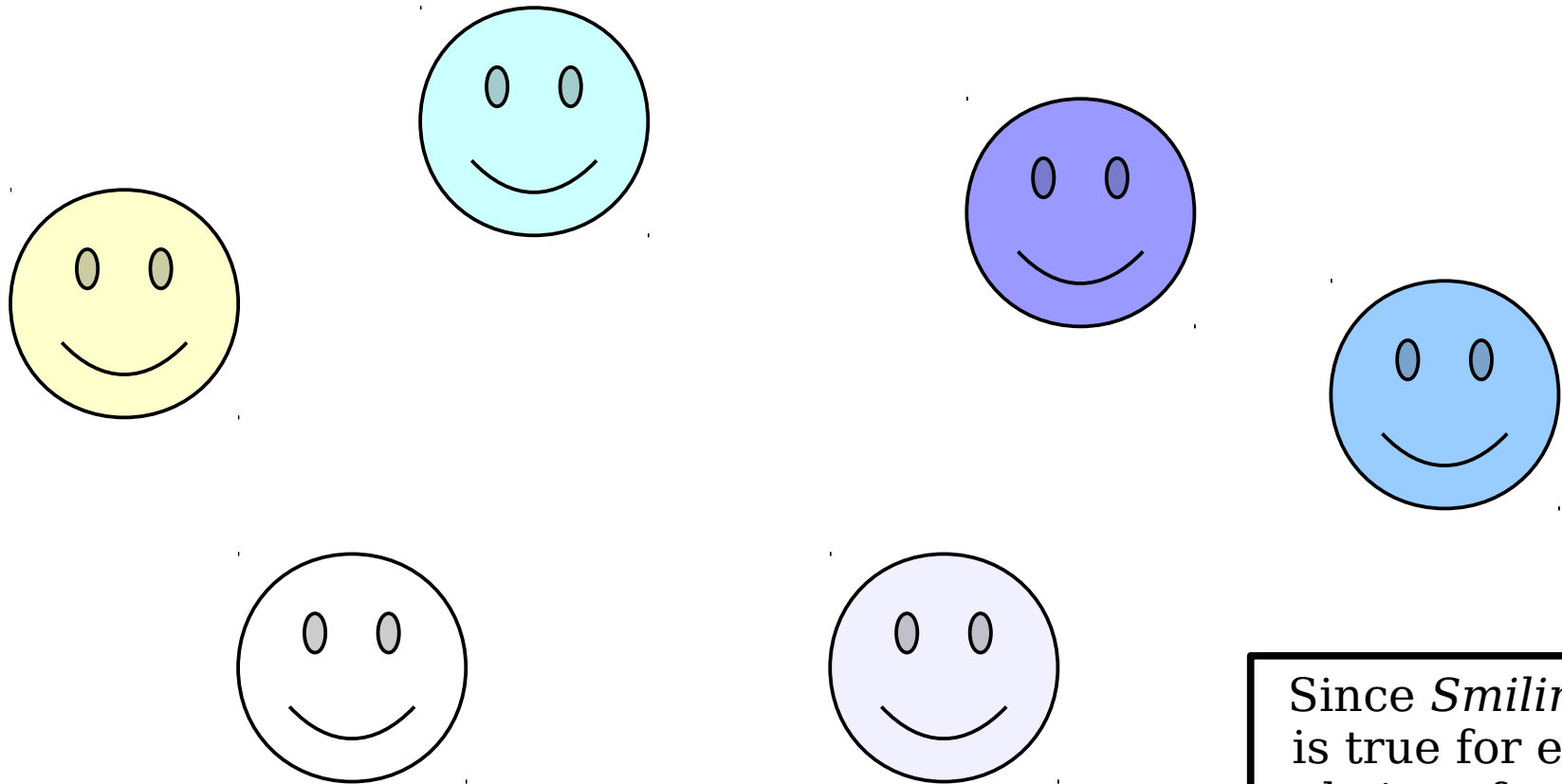
$\forall p. (Puppy(p) \rightarrow Cute(p))$

$\forall a. (EatsPlants(a) \vee EatsAnimals(a))$

$Tallest(SultanKösen) \rightarrow$

$\forall x. (SultanKösen \neq x \rightarrow ShorterThan(x, SultanKösen))$

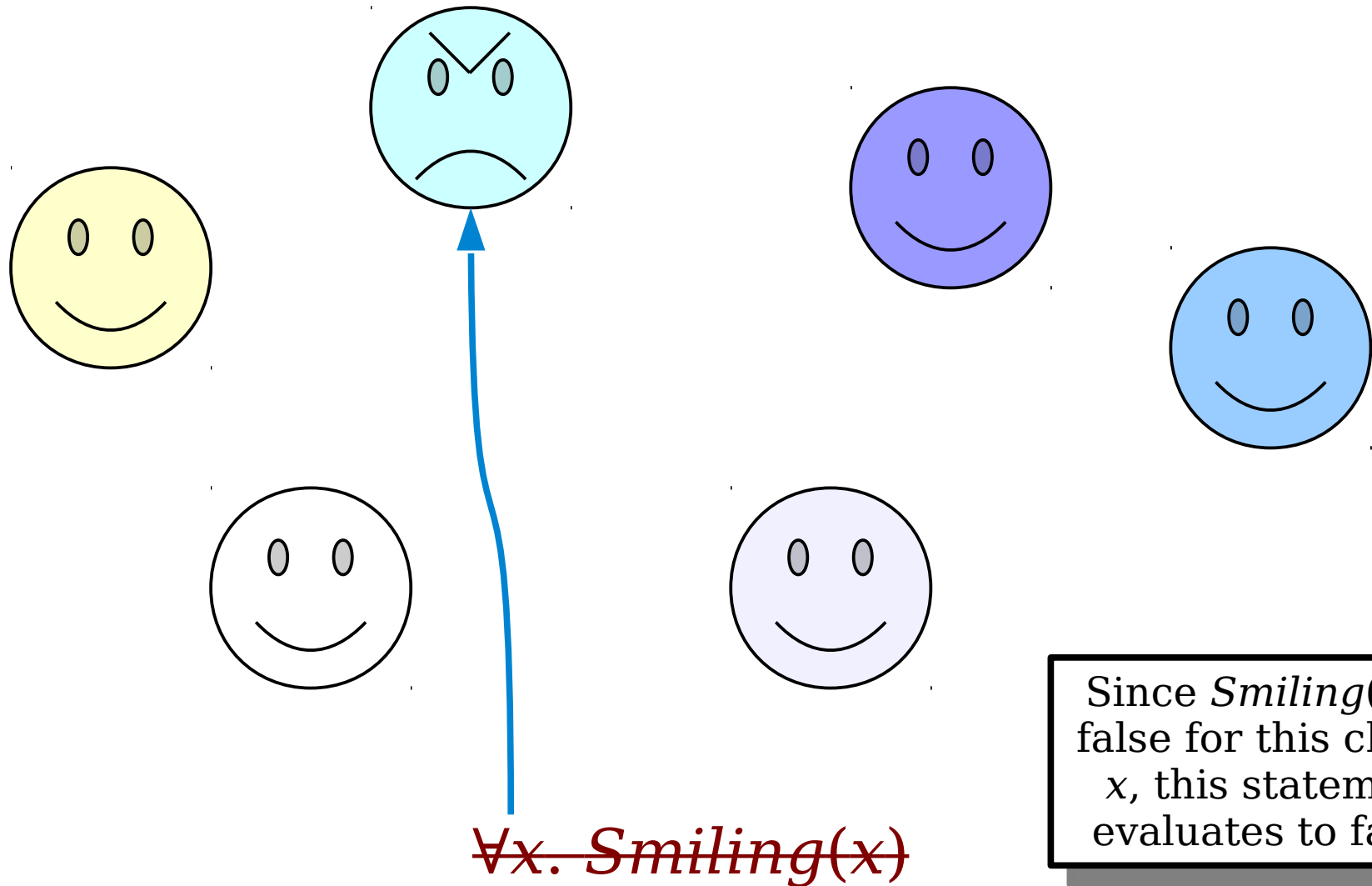
The Universal Quantifier



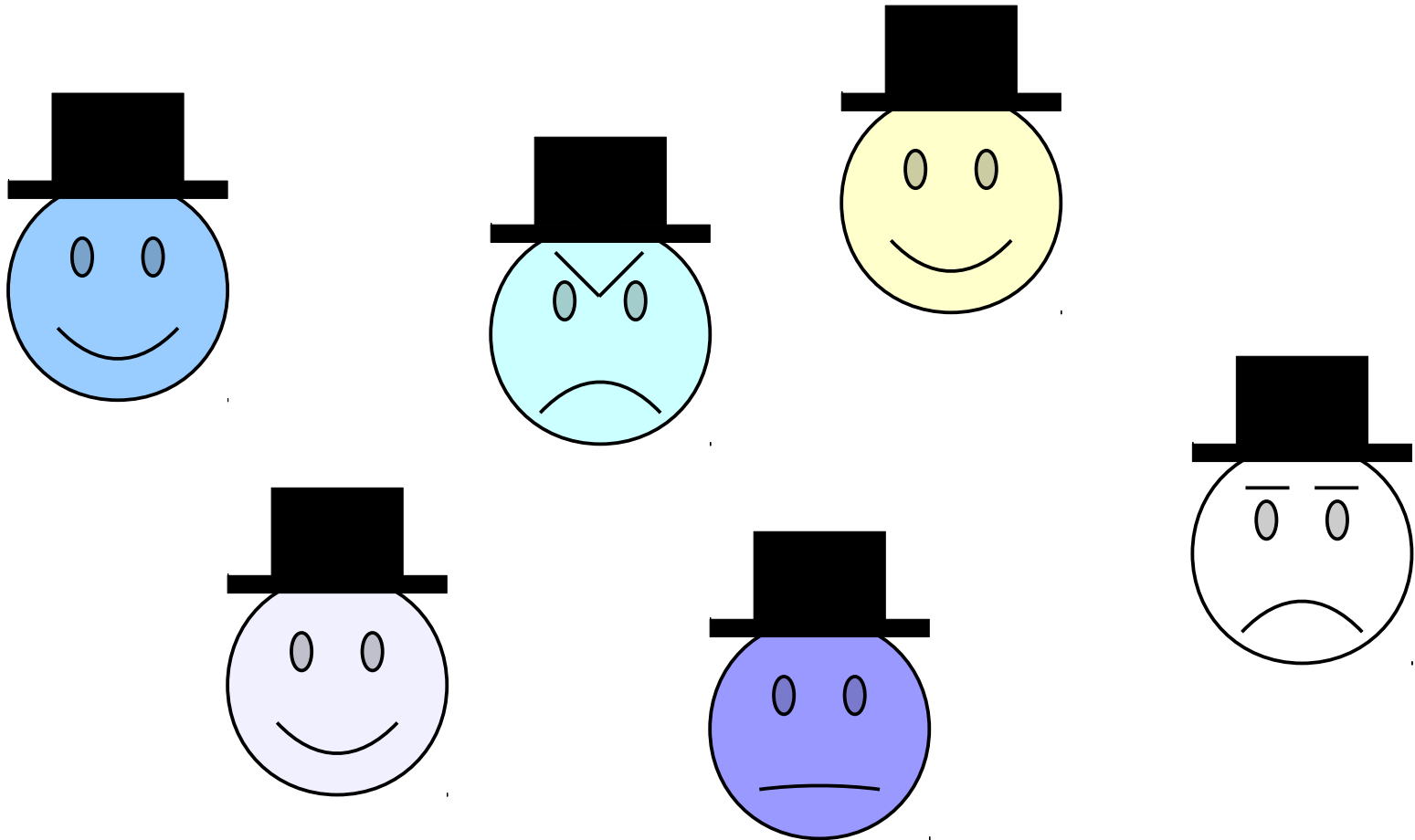
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choice of *x*, this
statement
evaluates to true.

The Universal Quantifier

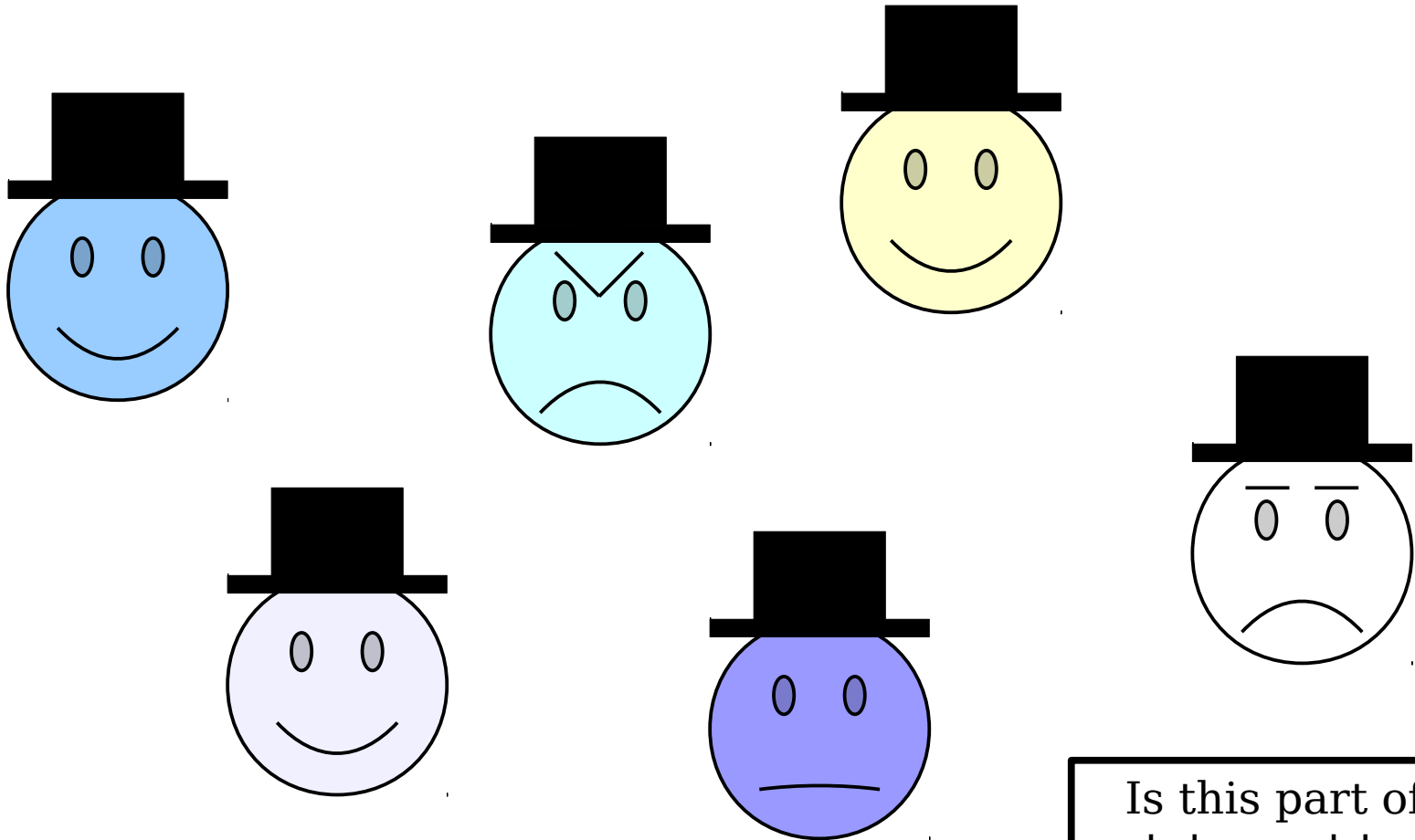


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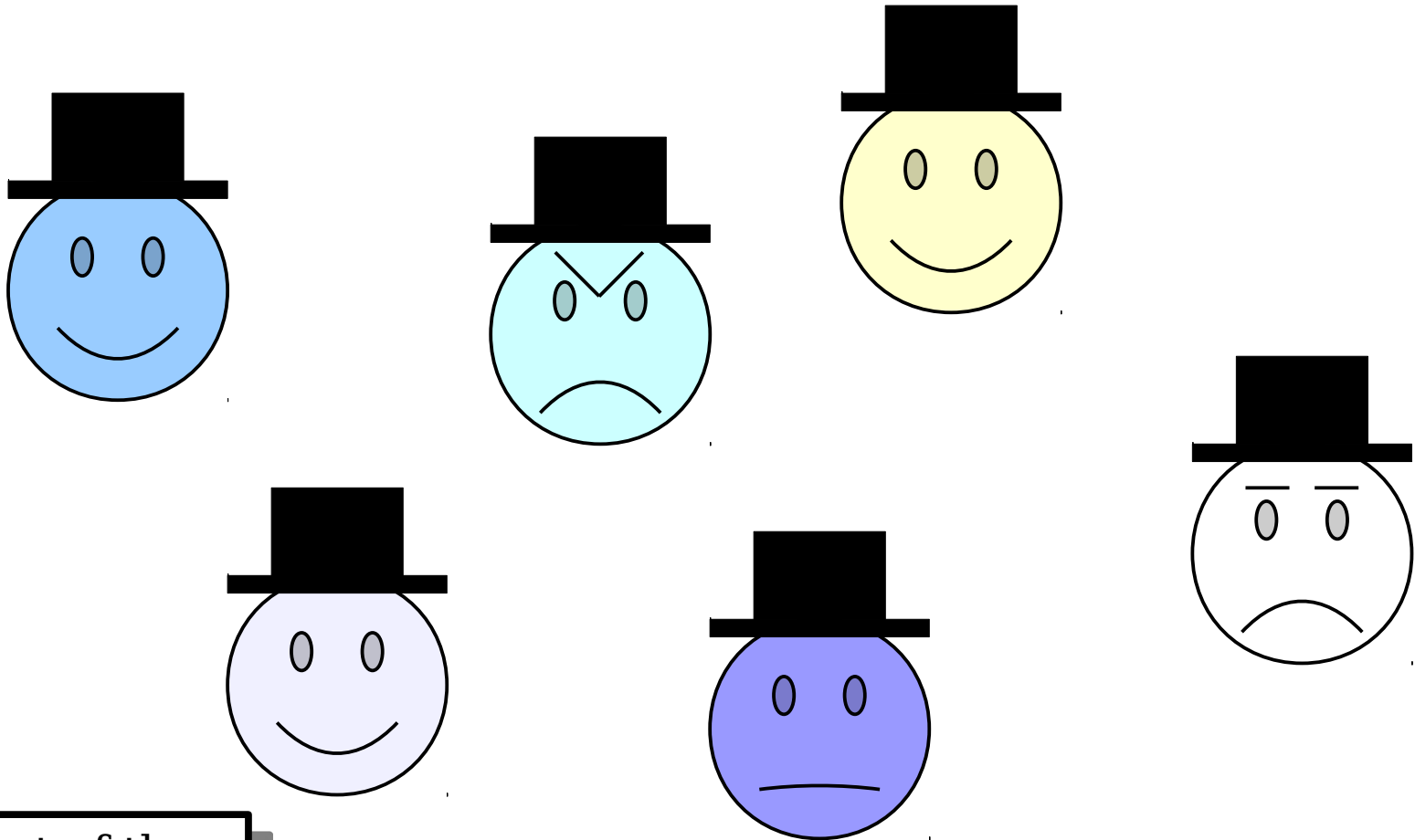
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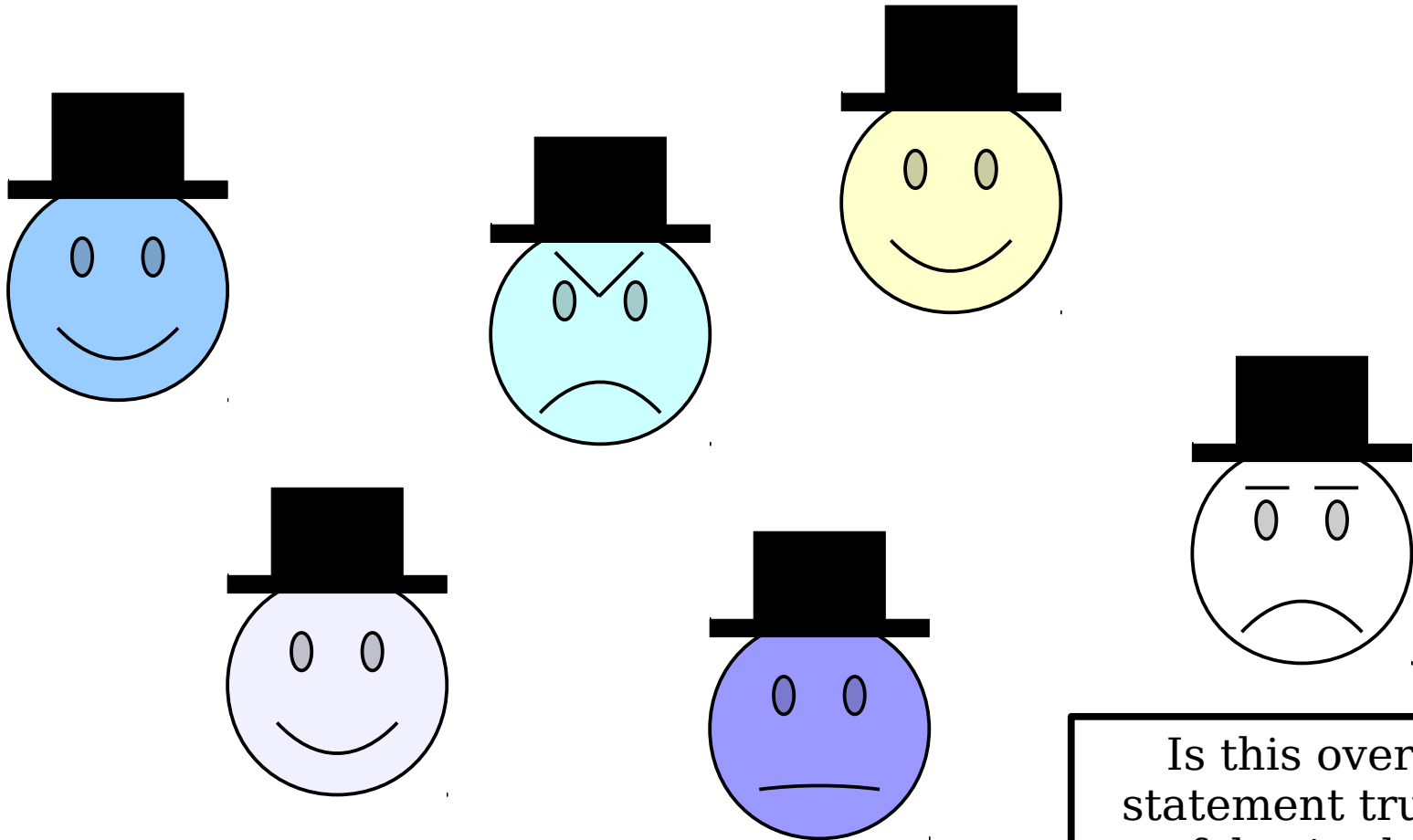
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false?

$$(\forall x. \text{Smiling}(x)) \rightarrow (\forall y. \text{WearingHat}(y))$$

The Universal Quantifier



Is this overall
statement true or
false in this
scenario?

$$(\forall x. \textit{Smiling}(x)) \rightarrow (\forall y. \textit{WearingHat}(y))$$

Fun with Edge Cases

Universally-quantified statements are said to be ***vacuously true*** in empty worlds.

$\forall x. \text{Smiling}(x)$

Time-Out for Announcements!

Matchmaker, Round II

- We'll be running a second round of problem set matchmaking this week.
- Use this link to sign up:
<https://forms.gle/wR6wjXbtkCtMehT87>
- Signups close at 2:30PM this Friday.

Your Questions

“What makes a student successful in CS103? We haven't even submitted the first assignment and I'm worried.”

For starters, it's okay to feel a bit nervous! This is your first time seeing any of this material, and it can take some time to adjust to new concepts and a new way of thinking.

We've just posted a “How to Succeed in CS103” guide to the course website. Give it a read! It's a mix of my own advice and advice from past CS103 students.

A quick summary of advice from the TAs: take charge of your learning and foster conscientiousness. Attend lecture and take notes so you can identify questions to ask. Start the problem sets early. Calibrate when to ask for help.

And hang in there! You've got this!

“How do you deal with impostor syndrome?”

Some pieces of advice:

1. Never confuse talent for experience.
2. Never confuse unions for intersections.
3. Remember what everyone else is feeling.
4. Acknowledge difficulty dispassionately.

Back to CS103!

Translating into First-Order Logic

Translating Into Logic

- First-order logic is an excellent tool for manipulating definitions and theorems to learn more about them.
- Need to take a negation? Translate your statement into FOL, negate it, then translate it back.
- Want to prove something by contrapositive? Translate your implication into FOL, take the contrapositive, then translate it back.

Translating Into Logic

- When translating from English into first-order logic, we recommend that you

think of first-order logic as a mathematical programming language.

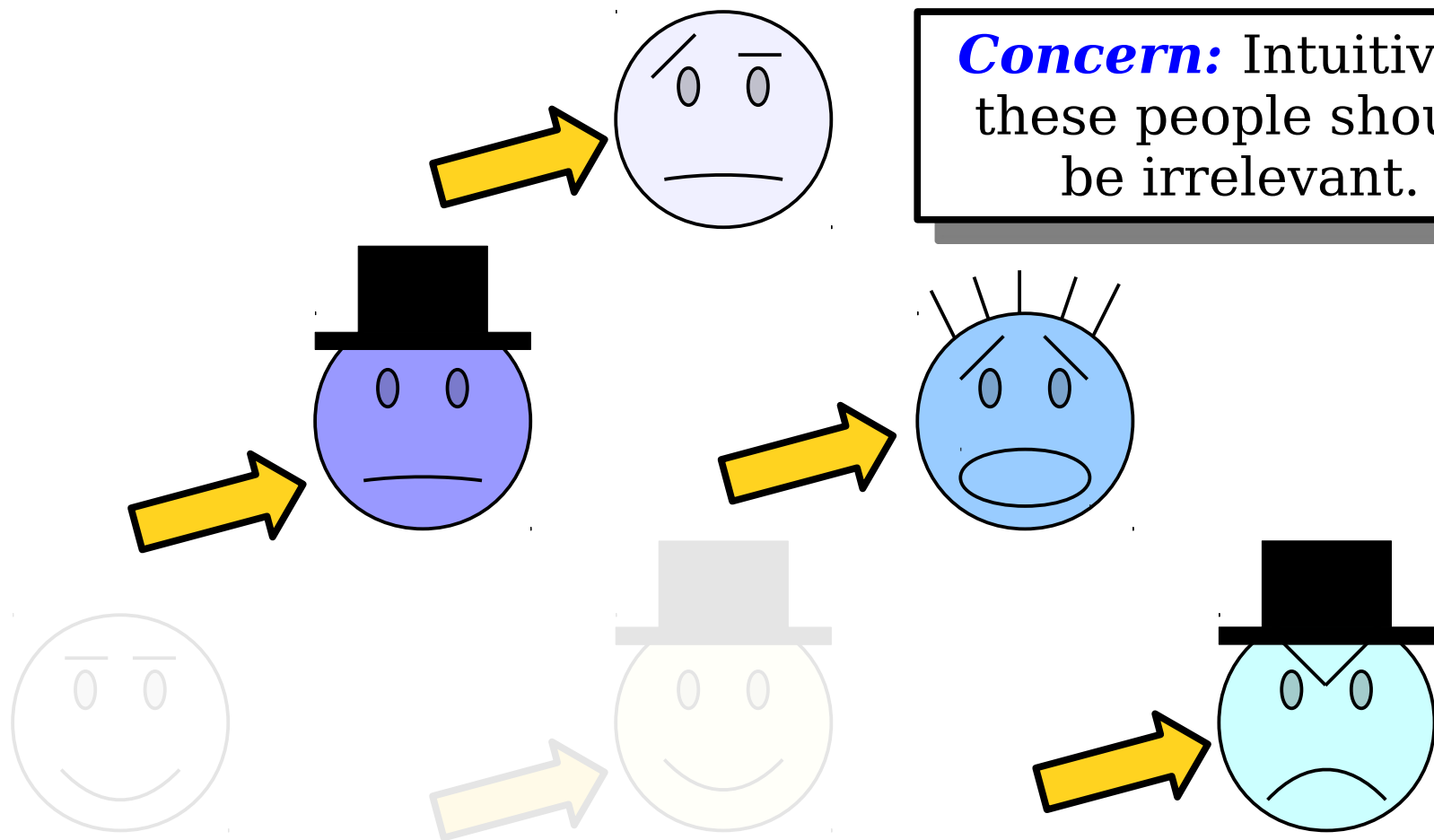
- Your goal is to learn how to combine basic concepts (quantifiers, connectives, etc.) together in ways that say what you mean.

Using the predicates

- *Smiling*(x), which states that x is smiling, and
- *WearingHat*(x), which states that x is wearing a hat,

write a sentence in first-order logic that says

some smiling person wears a hat.

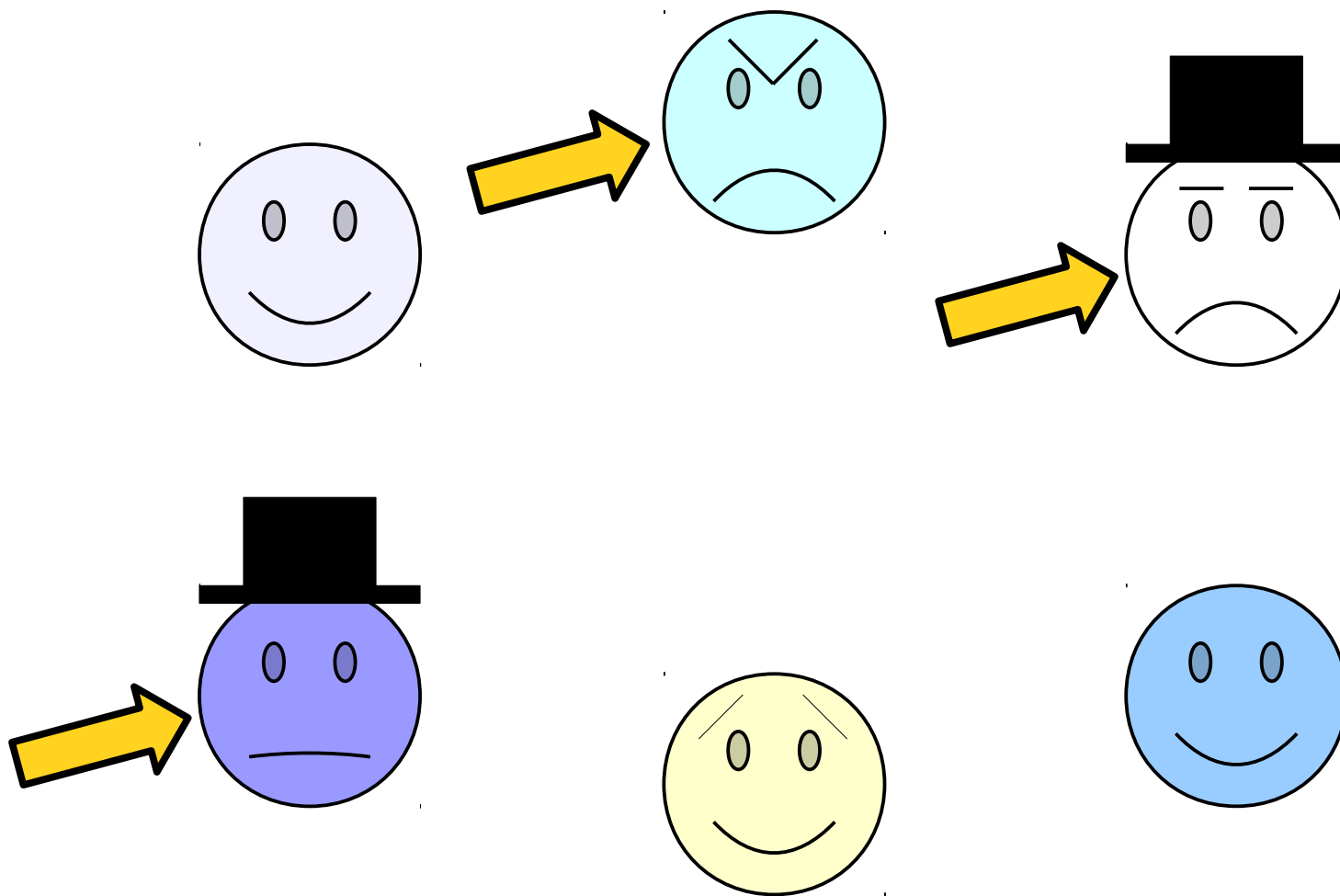


Concern: Intuitively, these people should be irrelevant.

“Some smiling person wears a hat.” **True**

$\exists x. (Smiling(x) \wedge WearingHat(x))$ **True**

$\exists x. (Smiling(x) \rightarrow WearingHat(x))$ **True**



“Some smiling person wears a hat.” *False*

$\exists x. (Smiling(x) \wedge WearingHat(x))$ *False*

$\exists x. (Smiling(x) \rightarrow WearingHat(x))$ *True*

“Some P is a Q ”

translates as

$\exists x. (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$

Useful Intuition:

Existentially-quantified statements are false unless there's a positive example.

$$\exists x. (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$$

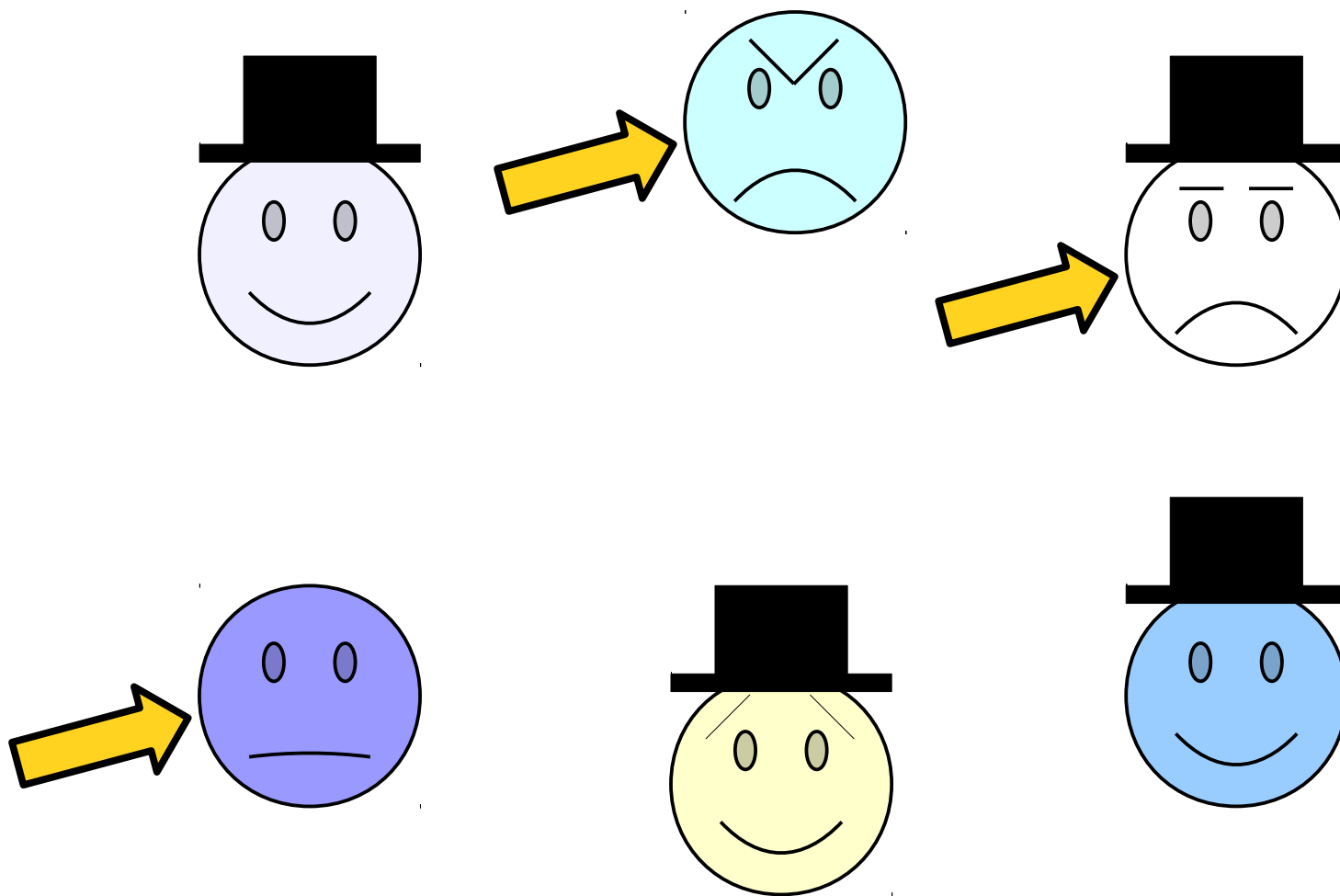
If x is an example, it must have property P on top of property Q .

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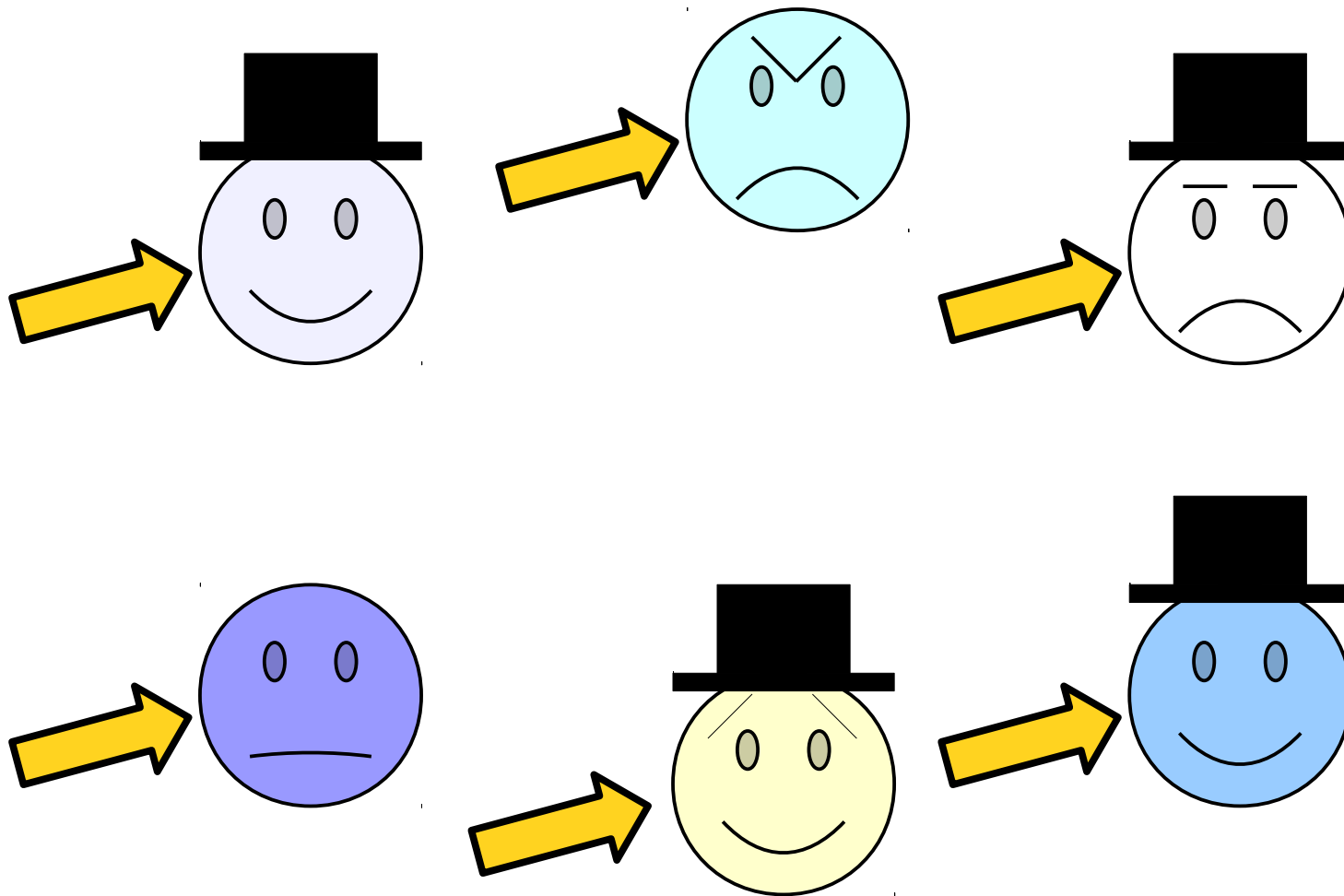
every smiling person wears a hat.



“Every smiling person wears a hat.” *True*

$\forall x. (Smiling(x) \wedge WearingHat(x))$ *False*

$\forall x. (Smiling(x) \rightarrow WearingHat(x))$



“Every smiling person wears a hat.” **True**

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“All P 's are Q 's”

translates as

$\forall x. (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$

Useful Intuition:

Universally-quantified statements are true unless there's a counterexample.

$$\forall x. (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

If x is a counterexample, it must have property P but not have property Q .

Good Pairings

- The $\forall$ quantifier *usually* is paired with $\rightarrow$.

$$\forall x. (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

- The $\exists$ quantifier *usually* is paired with $\wedge$.

$$\exists x. (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$$

- In the case of $\forall$, the $\rightarrow$ connective prevents the statement from being *false* when speaking about some object you don't care about.
- In the case of $\exists$, the $\wedge$ connective prevents the statement from being *true* when speaking about some object you don't care about.

Next Time

- ***First-Order Translations***
 - How do we translate from English into first-order logic?
- ***Quantifier Orderings***
 - How do you select the order of quantifiers in first-order logic formulas?
- ***Negating Formulas***
 - How do you mechanically determine the negation of a first-order formula?
- ***Expressing Uniqueness***
 - How do we say there's just one object of a certain type?