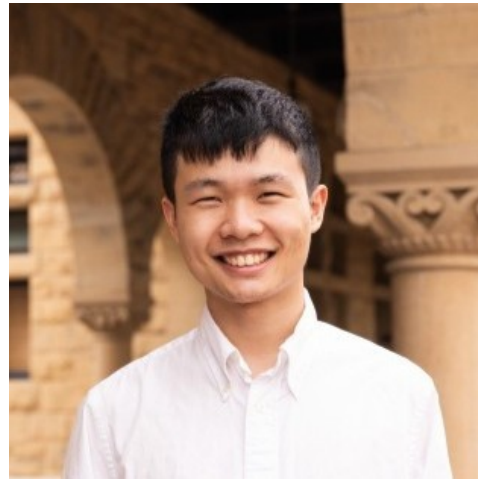


# First-Order Logic

## Part Two

# The (Bonus) Teaching Team



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Recap from Last Time

# 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 many objects at once.

Some spider is radioactive.

$\exists s. (Spider(s) \wedge Radioactive(s))$

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

**“Some  $A$  is a  $B$ ”**

translates as

**$\exists x. (A(x) \wedge B(x))$**

## ***Useful Intuition:***

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

$$\exists x. (A(x) \wedge B(x))$$

If  $x$  is an example, it must have property  $A$  on top of property  $B$ .

“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.”

**“All A's are B's”**

translates as

**$\forall x. (A(x) \rightarrow B(x))$**

## ***Useful Intuition:***

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

$$\forall x. (A(x) \rightarrow B(x))$$

If  $x$  is a counterexample, it must have property  $A$  but not have property  $B$ .

New Stuff!

# The Aristotelian Forms

“All *As* are *Bs*”

$$\forall x. (A(x) \rightarrow B(x))$$

“Some *As* are *Bs*”

$$\exists x. (A(x) \wedge B(x))$$

“No *As* are *Bs*”

$$\forall x. (A(x) \rightarrow \neg B(x))$$

“Some *As* aren't *Bs*”

$$\exists x. (A(x) \wedge \neg B(x))$$

It is worth committing these patterns to memory. We'll be using them throughout the day and they form the backbone of many first-order logic translations.

# The Art of Translation

Using the predicates

- $Person(p)$ , which states that  $p$  is a person, and
- $Loves(x, y)$ , which states that  $x$  loves  $y$ ,

write a sentence in first-order logic that means “every person loves someone else.”

**Question:** How many of the following first-order logic statements are correct translations of “**everyone loves someone else**”?

**Respond at [pollev.com/cs103](http://pollev.com/cs103)**

$$\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow$$
$$\quad \exists q. (Person(q) \wedge$$
$$\quad \quad Loves(p, q)$$
$$\quad )$$
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$$\quad \exists q. (Person(q) \wedge p \neq q \wedge$$
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*Every person loves someone else*

*Every person loves some other person*

*Every person  $p$  loves some other person*

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“All As are Bs”

$\forall x. (A(x) \rightarrow B(x))$

$\forall p. (\text{Person}(p) \rightarrow$   
*p loves some other person*

)

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$\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow$   
*p loves some other person*

)

$\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow$   
*there is some other person that p loves*

)

$\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow$

*there is a person other than p that p loves*

)

$\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow$   
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“Some  $A$ s are  $B$ s”

$\exists x. (A(x) \wedge B(x))$

$\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow$   
 $\exists q. (Person(q) \wedge, \text{ other than } p, \text{ where}$   
 $\quad p \text{ loves } q$   
 $)$   
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    )  
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        *p loves q*  
    )  
)

$$\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow$$
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$$\quad \quad Loves(p, q)$$
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Using the predicates

- *Person*( $p$ ), which states that  $p$  is a person, and
- *Loves*( $x, y$ ), which states that  $x$  loves  $y$ ,

write a sentence in first-order logic that means “there is a person that everyone else loves.”

*There is a person that everyone else loves*

*There is a person  $p$  where everyone else loves  $p$*

*There is a person  $p$  where everyone else loves  $p$*

“Some  $A$ s are  $B$ s”

**$\exists x. (A(x) \wedge B(x))$**

$\exists p. (\textit{Person}(p) \wedge$   
*everyone else loves p*

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“Some As are Bs”

$\exists x. (A(x) \wedge B(x))$

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$\exists p. (Person(p) \wedge$   
*every other person q loves p*

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$\exists p. (Person(p) \wedge$   
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Everyone loves someone else

$$\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow \exists q. (Person(q) \wedge Loves(p, q)))$$
$$\forall p. (Person(p) \wedge \exists q. (Person(q) \wedge p \neq q \wedge Loves(p, q)))$$
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# Combining Quantifiers

- Most interesting statements in first-order logic require a combination of quantifiers.
- Example: “Every person loves someone else”

For every person...  $\forall p. (Person(p) \rightarrow$   
... there is another person  $\exists q. (Person(q) \wedge p \neq q \wedge$   
... they love  $Loves(p, q)$   
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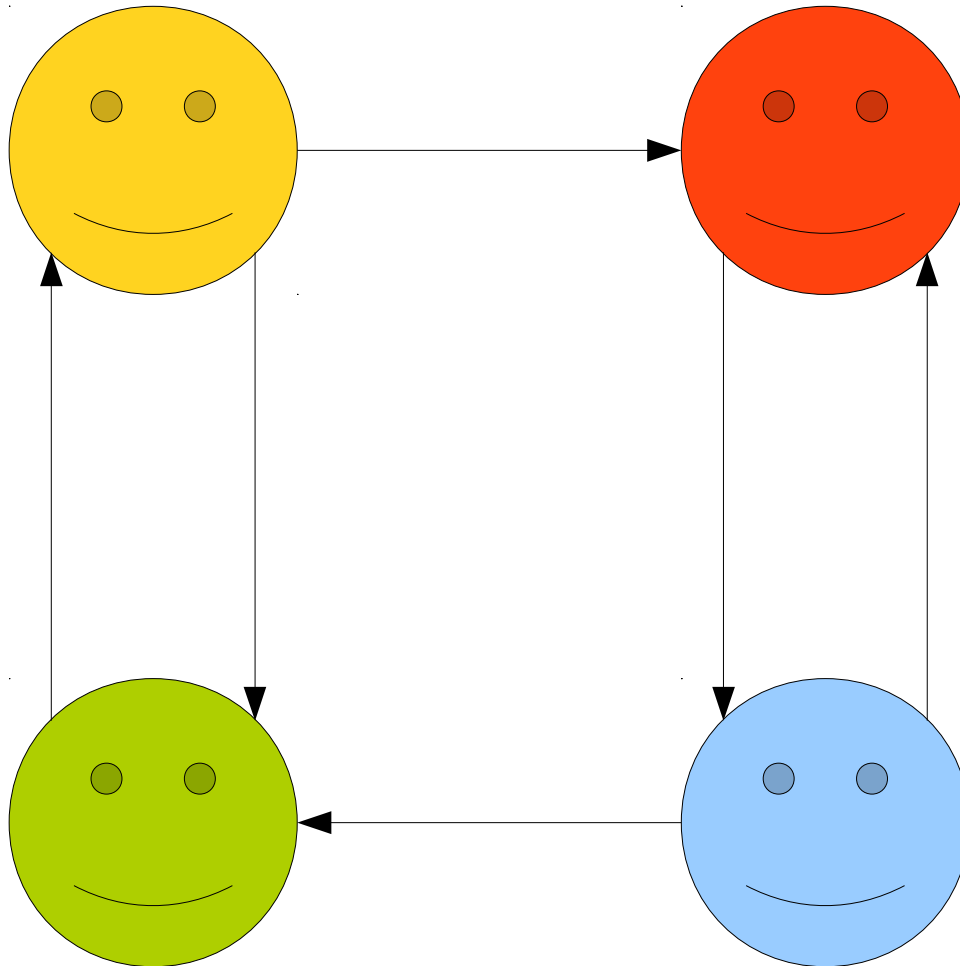
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# For Comparison

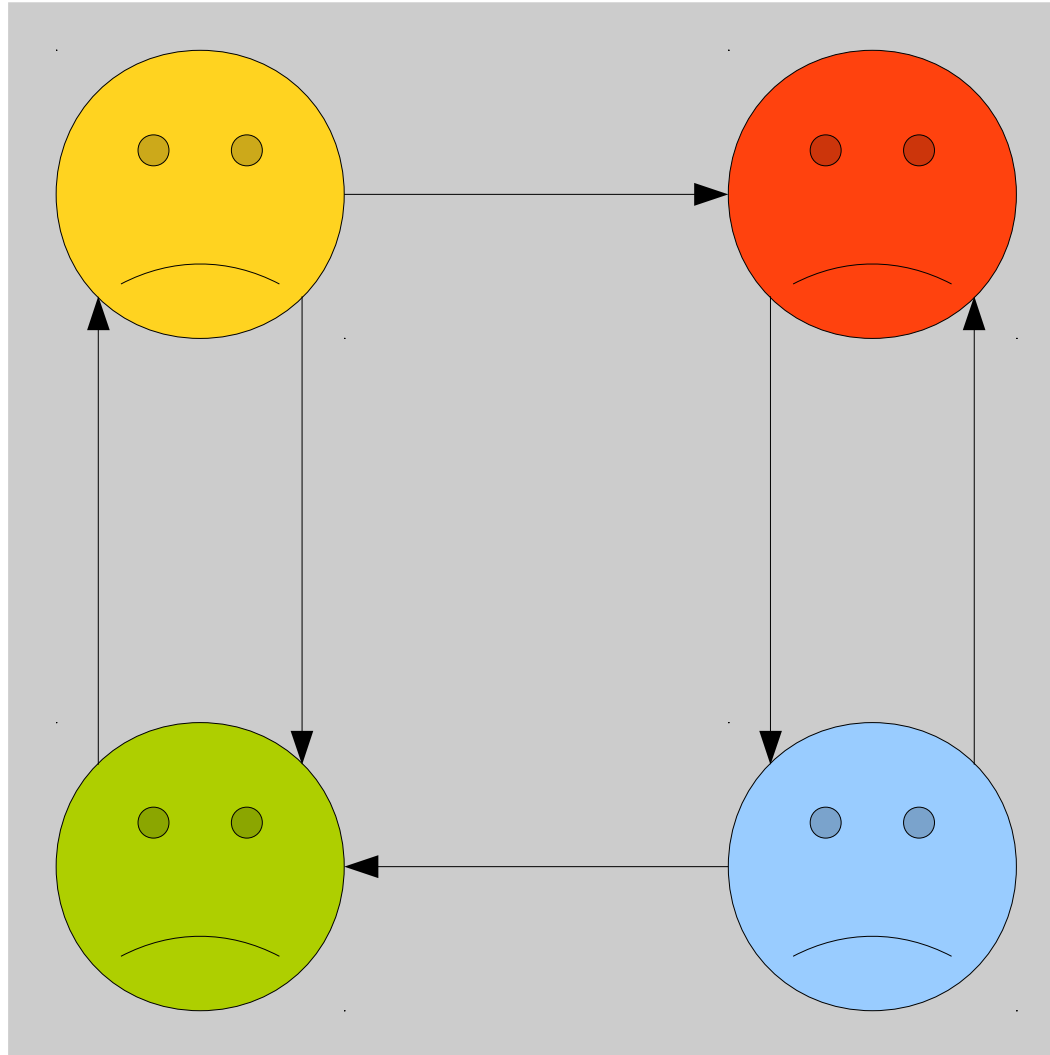
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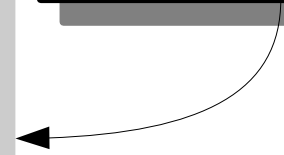
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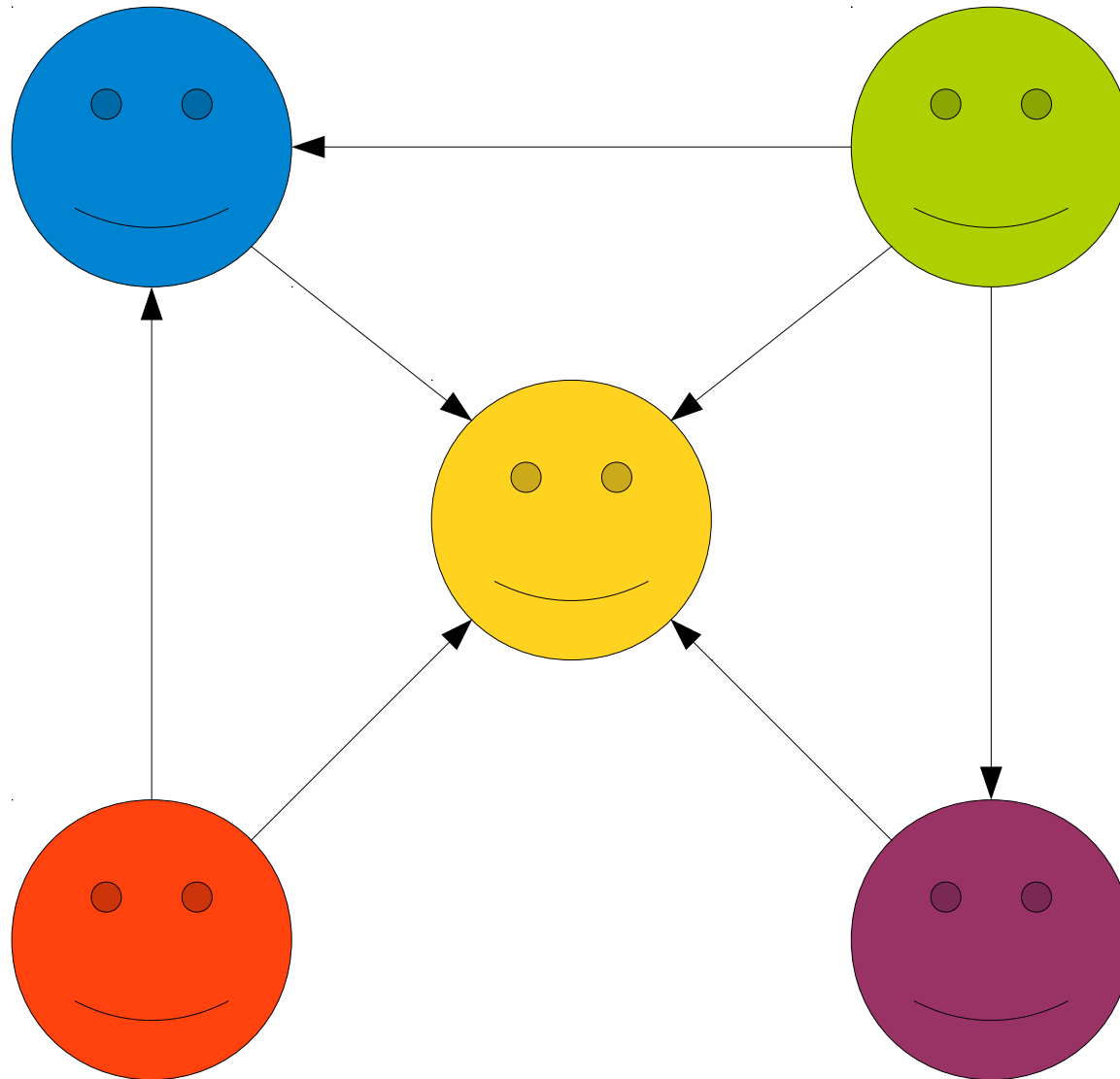
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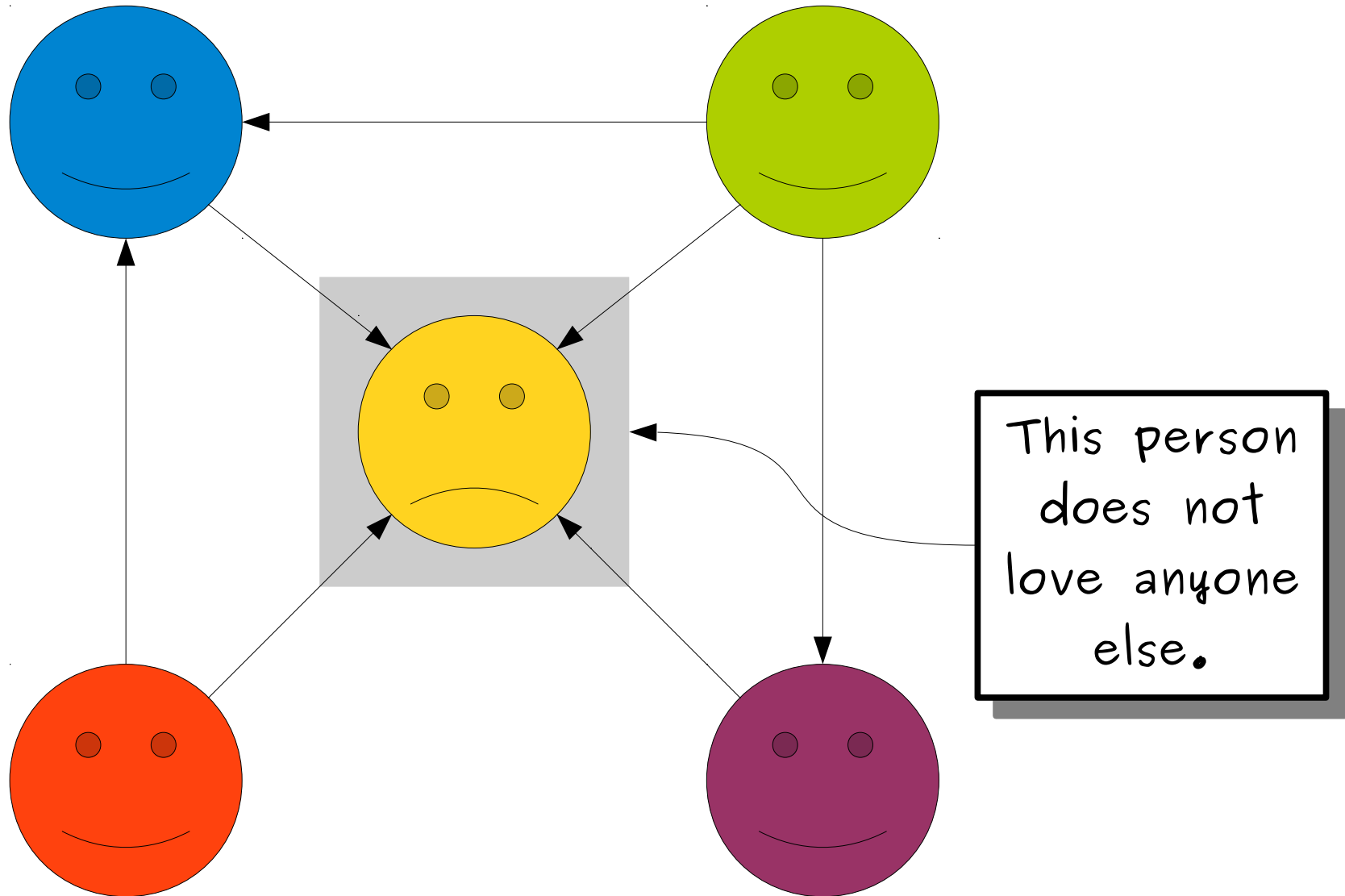
No one here is universally loved.



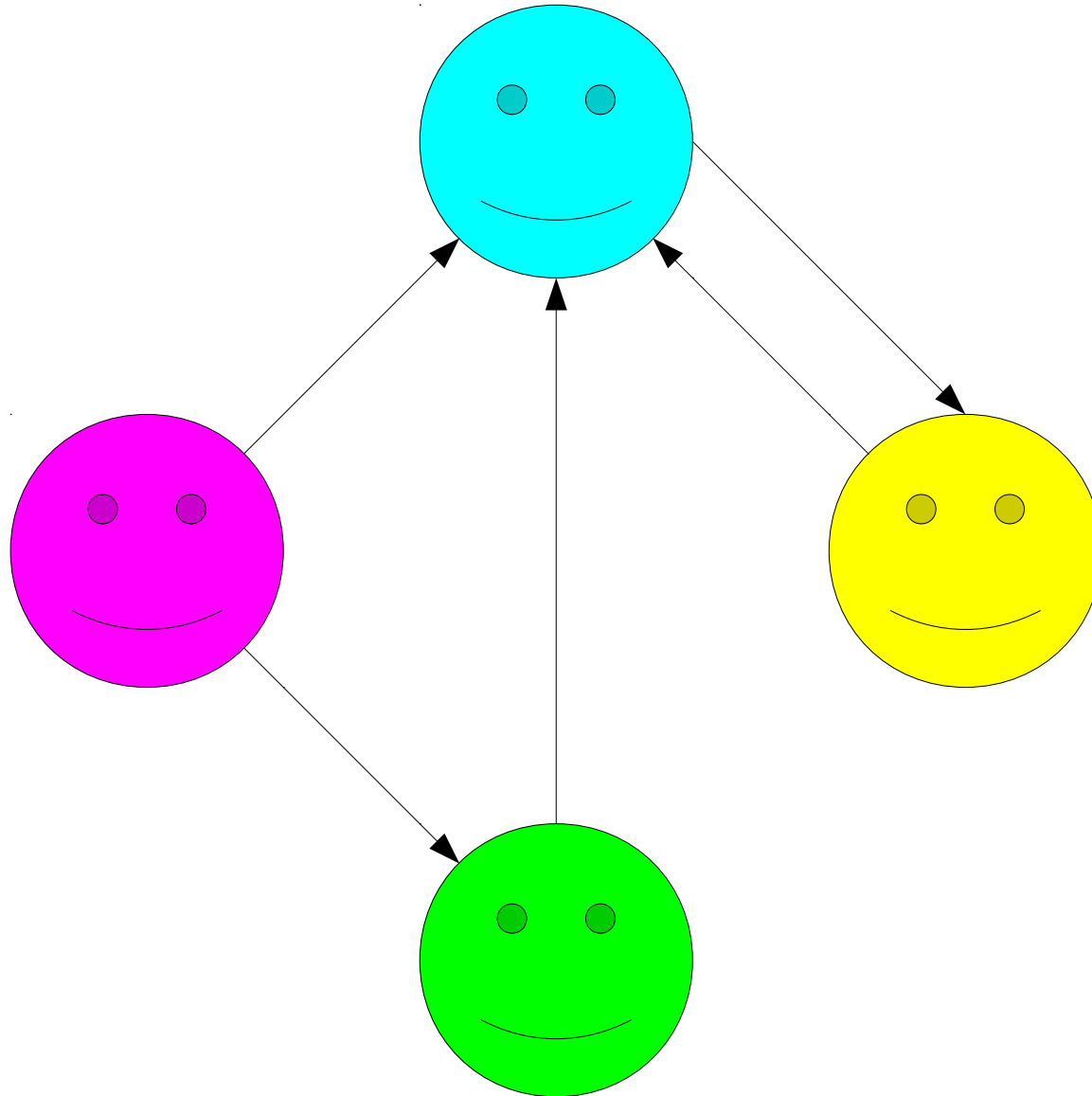
# There is Someone Everyone Else Loves



# There is Someone Everyone Else Loves



Every Person Loves Someone Else ***and***  
There is Someone Everyone Else Loves



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 )  
 )

and  $\wedge$

There is a person...  $\exists p. (Person(p) \wedge$   
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 ... loves.  $Loves(q, p)$   
 )  
 )

# Quantifier Ordering

- The statement

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

means “for any choice of  $x$ , there's some choice of  $y$  where  $P(x, y)$  is true.”

- The choice of  $y$  can be different every time and can depend on  $x$ .

# Quantifier Ordering

- The statement

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

means “there is some  $x$  where for any choice of  $y$ , we get that  $P(x, y)$  is true.”

- Since the inner part has to work for any choice of  $y$ , this places a lot of constraints on what  $x$  can be.

***Order matters*** when mixing existential  
and universal quantifiers!

**Time-Out for Announcements!**

# Problem Set One

- Problem Set One was due today at 4:00PM.
  - Didn't submit by then? Ping us ASAP.
- Reminder: partners should make a *single* Gradescope submission and make sure to add both partners to the submission group.
- Reminder: tag your pages on Gradescope!
  - (Can do either of these things after the deadline if you forgot.)

# Problem Set Two

- Problem Set Two goes out today. It's due next Friday at 4:00PM.
  - Explore first-order logic, and expand your proofwriting repertoire.
- We have some online readings for this problem set.
  - Check out the ***Guide to Logic Translations*** for more on how to convert from English to FOL.
  - Check out the ***Guide to Negations*** for information about how to negate formulas.
  - Check out the ***First-Order Translation Checklist*** for details on how to check your work.

Back to CS103!

# Set Translations

Using the predicates

- $Set(S)$ , which states that  $S$  is a set, and
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write a sentence in first-order logic that means “the empty set exists.”

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First-order logic doesn't have set operators or symbols “built in.” If we only have the predicates given above, how might we describe this?

**Question:** How many of the following first-order logic statements are correct translations of “the empty set exists”?

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$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
 $\neg \exists x. x \in S$

)

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
 $\neg \exists x. x \notin S$

)

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
 $\neg \forall x. x \in S$

)

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
 $\neg \forall x. x \notin S$

)

*The empty set exists.*

*There is some set  $S$  that is empty.*

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
    *S is empty.*  
)

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
*there are no elements in S*  
)

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
     $\neg$  *there is an element in S*  
)

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
     $\neg$  *there is an element x in S*  
)

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$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge \neg \exists x. x \in S)$

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$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
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)

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge \neg \exists x. x \in S)$

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge$   
*every object does not belong to S*  
)

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Both of these translations are correct. Just like in propositional logic, there are many different equivalent ways of expressing the same statement in first-order logic.

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge \neg \exists x. x \in S)$

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Why can we switch which  
quantifier we're using  
here?

# Mechanics: Negating Statements

# An Extremely Important Table

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$\forall x. P(x)$	<b>For all choices of <math>x</math>, <math>P(x)</math></b>	$\exists x. \neg P(x)$
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$\forall x. \neg P(x)$	For all choices of $x$ , $\neg P(x)$	$\exists x. P(x)$
$\exists x. \neg P(x)$	For some choice of $x$ , $\neg P(x)$	$\forall x. P(x)$

# An Extremely Important Table

	When is this true?	When is this false?
$\forall x. P(x)$	For all choices of $x$ , $P(x)$	$\exists x. \neg P(x)$
$\exists x. P(x)$	For some choice of $x$ , $P(x)$	$\forall x. \neg P(x)$
$\forall x. \neg P(x)$	For all choices of $x$ , $\neg P(x)$	$\exists x. P(x)$
$\exists x. \neg P(x)$	For some choice of $x$ , $\neg P(x)$	$\forall x. P(x)$

# Negating First-Order Statements

- Use the equivalences

$\neg \forall x. A$  is equivalent to  $\exists x. \neg A$

$\neg \exists x. A$  is equivalent to  $\forall x. \neg A$

to negate quantifiers.

- Mechanically:
  - Push the negation across the quantifier.
  - Change the quantifier from  $\forall$  to  $\exists$  or vice-versa.
- Use techniques from propositional logic to negate connectives.

# Taking a Negation

$\forall x. \exists y. \text{Loves}(x, y)$   
*(“Everyone loves someone.”)*

$\neg \forall x. \exists y. \text{Loves}(x, y)$

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

$\exists x. \forall y. \neg \text{Loves}(x, y)$

*(“There's someone who doesn't love anyone.”)*

# Two Useful Equivalences

- The following equivalences are useful when negating statements in first-order logic:

**$\neg(p \wedge q)$  is equivalent to  $p \rightarrow \neg q$**

**$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$  is equivalent to  $p \wedge \neg q$**

- These identities are useful when negating statements involving quantifiers.
  - $\wedge$  is used in existentially-quantified statements.
  - $\rightarrow$  is used in universally-quantified statements.
- When pushing negations across quantifiers, we *strongly recommend* using the above equivalences to keep  $\rightarrow$  with  $\forall$  and  $\wedge$  with  $\exists$ .

# Negating Quantifiers

- What is the negation of the following statement, which says “there is a cute puppy”?

$$\exists x. (\mathit{Puppy}(x) \wedge \mathit{Cute}(x))$$

- We can obtain it as follows:

$$\neg \exists x. (\mathit{Puppy}(x) \wedge \mathit{Cute}(x))$$

$$\forall x. \neg (\mathit{Puppy}(x) \wedge \mathit{Cute}(x))$$

$$\forall x. (\mathit{Puppy}(x) \rightarrow \neg \mathit{Cute}(x))$$

- This says “no puppy is cute.”
- Do you see why this is the negation of the original statement from both an intuitive and formal perspective?

$\exists S. (Set(S) \wedge \forall x. \neg(x \in S))$   
*(“There is a set with no elements.”)*

$\neg \exists S. (Set(S) \wedge \forall x. \neg(x \in S))$

$\forall S. \neg(Set(S) \wedge \forall x. \neg(x \in S))$

$\forall S. (Set(S) \rightarrow \neg \forall x. \neg(x \in S))$

$\forall S. (Set(S) \rightarrow \exists x. \neg \neg(x \in S))$

$\forall S. (Set(S) \rightarrow \exists x. x \in S)$

*(“Every set contains at least one element.”)*

# Restricted Quantifiers

# Quantifying Over Sets

- The notation

$$\forall x \in S. P(x)$$

means “for any element  $x$  of set  $S$ ,  $P(x)$  holds.” (It’s vacuously true if  $S$  is empty.)

- The notation

$$\exists x \in S. P(x)$$

means “there is an element  $x$  of set  $S$  where  $P(x)$  holds.” (It’s false if  $S$  is empty.)

# Quantifying Over Sets

- The syntax

$$\forall x \in S. P(x)$$

$$\exists x \in S. P(x)$$

is allowed for quantifying over sets.

- In CS103, feel free to use these restricted quantifiers, but please do not use variants of this syntax.
- For example, don't do things like this:

$$\triangle! \quad \forall x \text{ with } P(x). Q(x) \quad \triangle!$$

$$\triangle! \quad \forall y \text{ such that } P(y) \wedge Q(y). R(y). \quad \triangle!$$

$$\triangle! \quad \exists P(x). Q(x) \quad \triangle!$$

# Expressing Uniqueness

Using the predicate

- *WayToFindOut*( $w$ ), which states that  $w$  is a way to find out,

write a sentence in first-order logic that means “there is only one way to find out.”

*There is only one way to find out.*

*Something is a way to find out, and nothing else is.*

*Some thing w is a way to find out, and nothing else is.*

*Some thing w is a way to find out, and nothing besides w  
is a way to find out*

$\exists w. (WayToFindOut(w) \wedge$   
*nothing besides w is way to find out*  
)

$\exists w. (WayToFindOut(w) \wedge$   
*anything that isn't w isn't a way to find out*  
)

$\exists w. (\text{WayToFindOut}(w) \wedge$   
*any thing x that isn't w isn't a way to find out*  
)

$\exists w. (\text{WayToFindOut}(w) \wedge$   
     $\forall x. (x \neq w \rightarrow x \text{ isn't a way to find out})$   
)

$\exists w. (WayToFindOut(w) \wedge$   
     $\forall x. (x \neq w \rightarrow \neg WayToFindOut(x))$   
)

$\exists w. (WayToFindOut(w) \wedge$   
     $\forall x. (x \neq w \rightarrow \neg WayToFindOut(x))$   
)

$\exists w. (WayToFindOut(w) \wedge$   
     $\forall x. (WayToFindOut(x) \rightarrow x = w)$   
)

$$\exists w. (WayToFindOut(w) \wedge$$
$$\quad \forall x. (WayToFindOut(x) \rightarrow x = w)$$
$$)$$

# Expressing Uniqueness

- To express the idea that there is exactly one object with some property, we write that
  - there exists at least one object with that property, and that
  - there are no other objects with that property.
- You sometimes see a special “uniqueness quantifier” used to express this:

$$\exists!x. P(x)$$

- For the purposes of CS103, please do not use this quantifier. We want to give you more practice using the regular  $\forall$  and  $\exists$  quantifiers.

# Next Time

- ***Functions***
  - How do we model transformations and pairings?
- ***First-Order Definitions***
  - Where does first-order logic come into all of this?
- ***Proofs with Definitions***
  - How does first-order logic interact with proofs?