RESOLUTION AND FIRST ORDER LOGIC

Introduction

• Last week we talked about logic.

- In particular we talked about why logic would be useful.
- We covered propositional logic the simplest kind of logic.
- We talked about proof using the rules of natural deduction.
- This week we will look at some other aspects of proof.
- We will also look at a more expressive kind of logic.

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Horn clauses

- A: Restrict the language
 - Horn clauses
- A Horn clause is:
 - An atomic proposition; or
 - A conjunction of atomic propositions \Rightarrow atomic proposition
- For example:

$$C \wedge D \Rightarrow B$$

- KB = *conjunction* of *Horn clauses*
- For example:

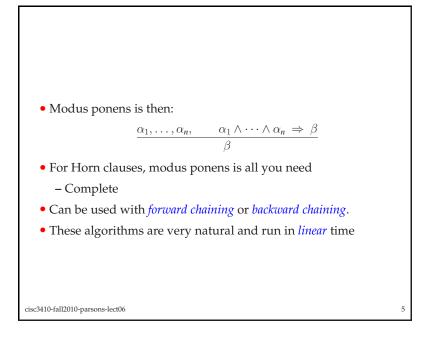
$$C \wedge (B \Rightarrow A) \wedge (C \wedge D \Rightarrow B)$$

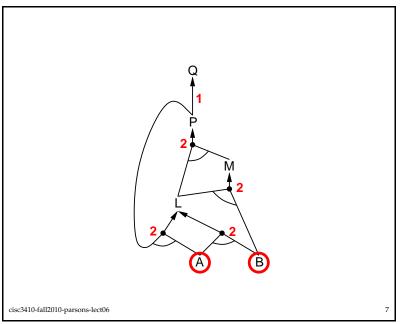
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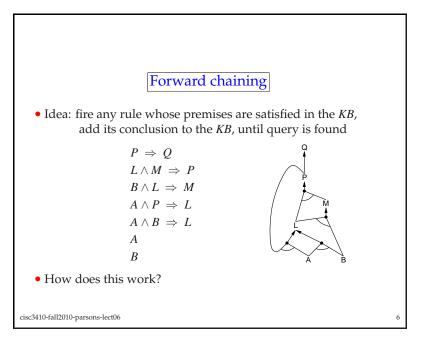
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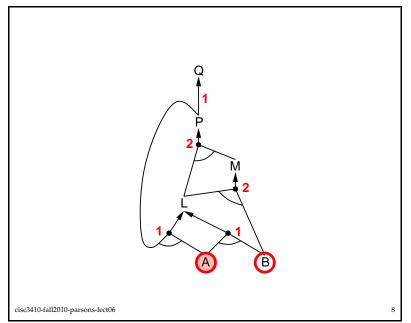
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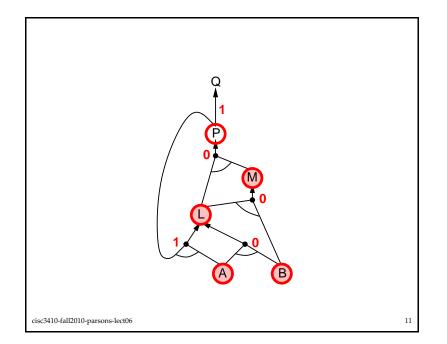
- One of the good things about natural deduction is that it is easy to understand.
 - Proofs are often intuitive
- However, there is lots to decide:
 - Which sentence to use
 - Which rule to apply
- Can be hard to program a system to use it.
- Q: How to make it easier?

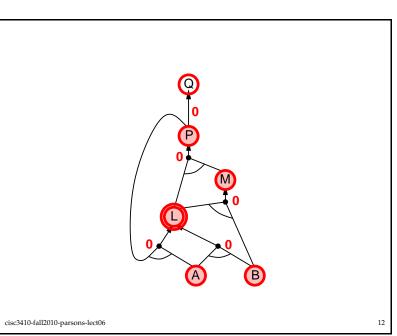


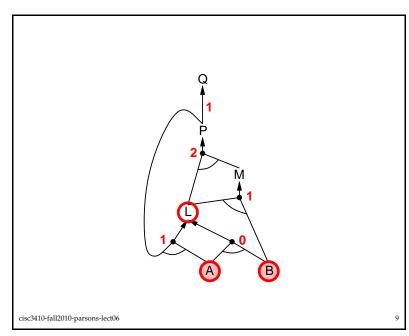


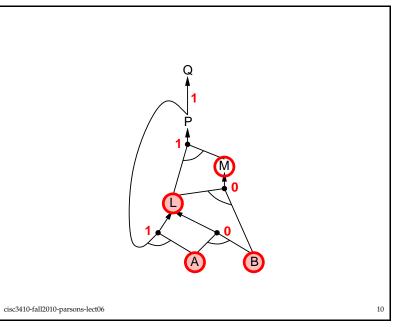


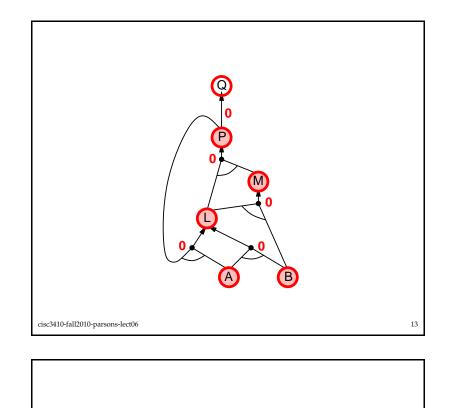


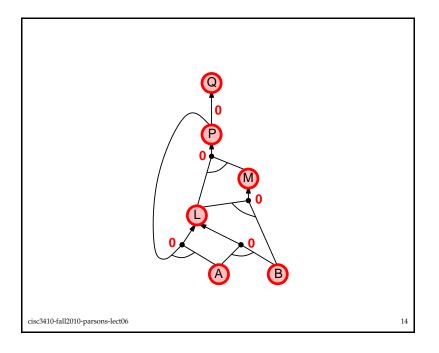


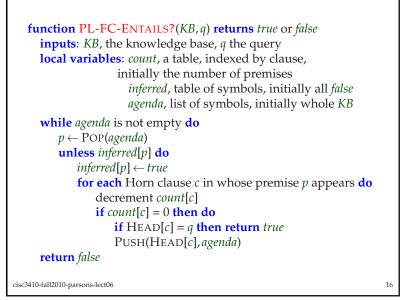












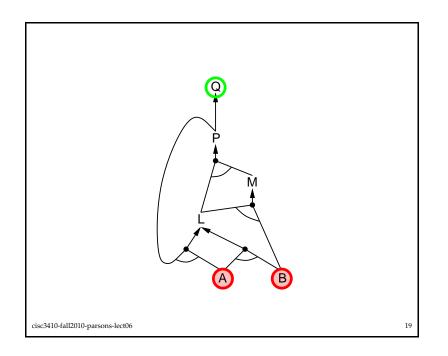


• FC derives every atomic sentence that is entailed by *KB*

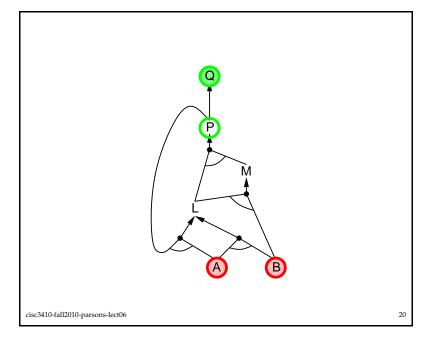
- 1. FC reaches a *fixed point* where no new atomic sentences are derived
- 2. Consider the final state as a model *m*, assigning true/false to symbols
- 3. Every clause in the original *KB* is true in *m Proof*: Suppose a clause $a_1 \land \ldots \land a_k \Rightarrow b$ is false in *m* Then $a_1 \land \ldots \land a_k$ is true in *m* and *b* is false in *m* Therefore the algorithm has not reached a fixed point!
- 4. Hence *m* is a model of *KB*
- 5. If $KB \models q$, q is true in *every* model of KB, including m
- *General idea*: construct any model of *KB* by sound inference, check α

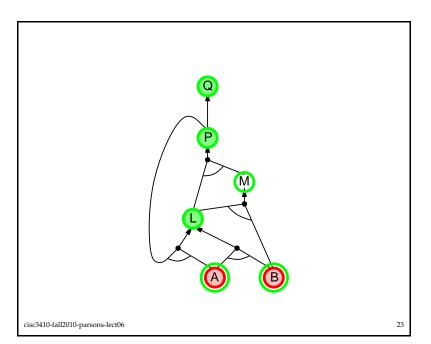
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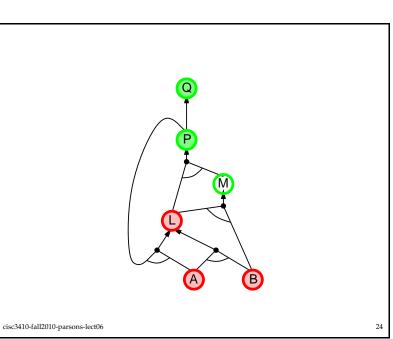
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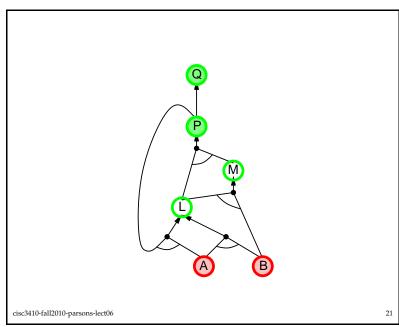


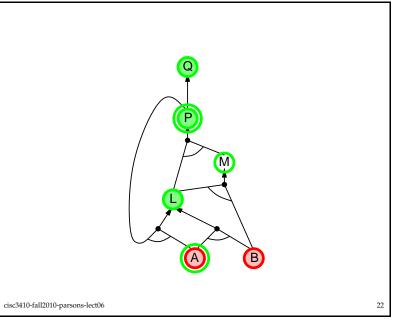
Backward chaining Idea: work backwards from the query q to prove q by BC, check if q is known already, or prove by BC all premises of some rule concluding q Avoid loops: check if new subgoal is already on the goal stack Avoid repeated work: check if new subgoal has already been proved true, or has already failed

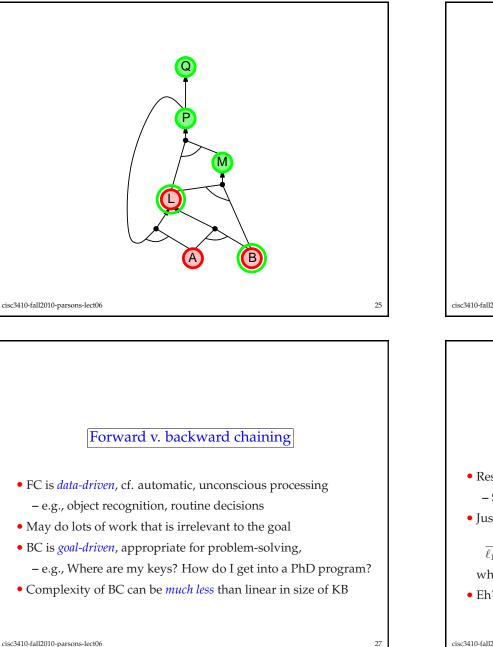


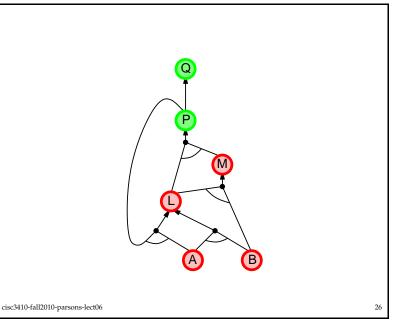














- Resolution is another proof system.
 - Sound and complete for propositional logic.
- Just one inference rule:

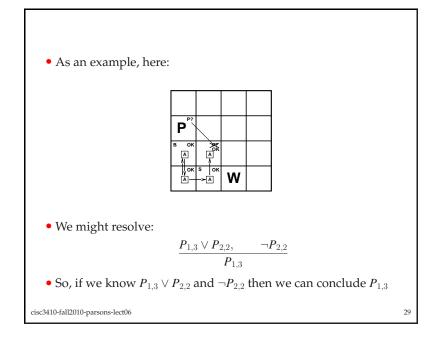
$$\ell_1 \vee \cdots \vee \ell_k, \qquad m_1 \vee \cdots \vee m_n$$

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 $\frac{1}{\ell_1 \vee \cdots \vee \ell_{i-1} \vee \ell_{i+1} \vee \cdots \vee \ell_k \vee m_1 \vee \cdots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \cdots \vee m_n}$

where ℓ_i and m_j are complementary literals.

• Eh?





$$(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})) \land ((P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$$

2. Eliminate \Rightarrow , replacing $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$ with $\neg \alpha \lor \beta$.

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land (\neg (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \lor B_{1,1})$$

3. Move \neg inwards using de Morgan's rules and double-negation:

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land ((\neg P_{1,2} \land \neg P_{2,1}) \lor B_{1,1})$$

4. Apply distributivity law (\lor over \land) and flatten:

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land (\neg P_{1,2} \lor B_{1,1}) \land (\neg P_{2,1} \lor B_{1,1})$$

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Resolution example

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$$KB = (B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})) \land \neg B_{1,1}$$

 $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$

- First we have to convert the *KB* into conjunctive normal form.
- That is what we just did (here's one I made earlier):

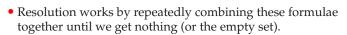
$$\begin{array}{l} \neg P_{2,1} \lor B_{1,1} \\ \neg B_{1,1} \lor B_{P_{1,2}} \lor P_{2,1} \\ \neg P_{1,2} \lor B_{1,1} \\ \neg B_{1,1} \end{array}$$

• To this we add the negation of the thing we want to prove.

 $P_{1,2}$

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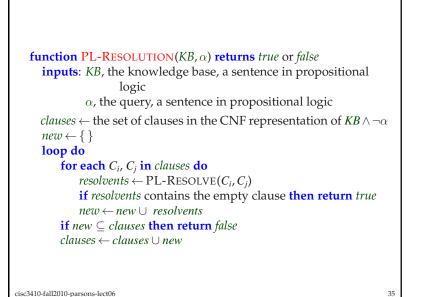
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- This represents the contradiction.
- When we find this we can conclude the negation of the thing we added to the *KB*.
 - This is just the thing we want to prove.
- So we might combine:

$$\frac{\neg P_{2,1} \lor B_{1,1}, \qquad \neg B_{1,1}}{\neg P_{2,1}}$$

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• Similarly we might infer:

$$\frac{\neg P_{1,2} \lor B_{1,1}, \qquad \neg B_{1,1}}{P_{1,2}}$$

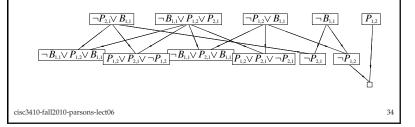
 $P_{1,2} - P_{1,2}$

and

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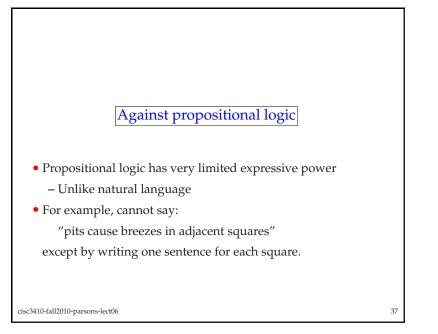
thus finding the contradiction and concluding the proof.

• Many of the possible inferences are summarised by:





- Propositional logic is *declarative*
 - Pieces of syntax correspond to facts
- Propositional logic allows partial/disjunctive/negated information
 - Unlike most data structures and databases
- Propositional logic is *compositional*
 - Meaning of $B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ is derived from meaning of $B_{1,1}$ and of $P_{1,2}$
- Meaning in propositional logic is *context-independent*
 - Unlike natural language, where meaning depends on context



First order logic

- Whereas propositional logic assumes world contains *facts*, *first-order logic* (like natural language) assumes the world contains:
 - *Objects*: people, houses, numbers, theories, Ronald McDonald, colors, baseball games, wars, centuries ...
 - *Relations*: red, round, bogus, prime, multistoried ..., brother of, bigger than, inside, part of, has color, occurred after, owns, comes between, ...

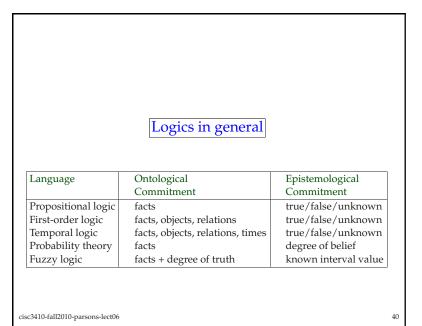
Relations are statements that are true or false.

Functions: father of, best friend, third inning of, one more than, end of . . .
 Functions return values.

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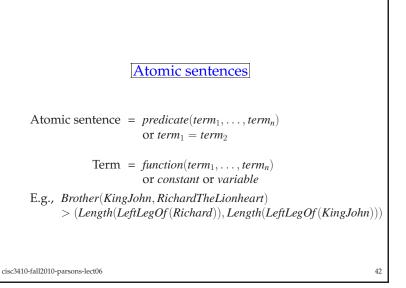
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• On the subject of brothers



Constants Predicates Functions Variables	Brother, >, Sqrt, LeftLegOf, x, y, a, b, $\land \lor \neg \Rightarrow \Leftrightarrow$ =	
Quantifiers	Α∃	
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Complex sentences

• Complex sentences are made from atomic sentences using connectives

 $\neg S, \quad S_1 \wedge S_2, \quad S_1 \vee S_2, \quad S_1 \Rightarrow S_2, \quad S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$

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E.g. $Sibling(KingJohn, Richard) \Rightarrow Sibling(Richard, KingJohn)$ > $(1, 2) \lor \le (1, 2)$ > $(1, 2) \land \neg > (1, 2)$

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• More brothers:



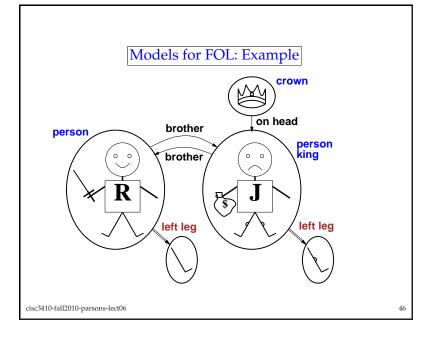


- Sentences are true with respect to a *model* and an *interpretation*
- Model contains ≥ 1 objects (*domain elements*) and relations among them
- Interpretation specifies referents for:
 - constant symbols \rightarrow objects
 - predicate symbols \rightarrow relations
 - function symbols \rightarrow functional relations
- An atomic sentence *predicate*(*term*₁,...,*term*_n) is true iff the objects referred to by *term*₁,...,*term*_n are in the relation referred to by *predicate*

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Truth example

- Consider the interpretation in which
 - *Richard* \rightarrow Richard the Lionheart
 - John \rightarrow the evil King John
 - *Brother* \rightarrow the brotherhood relation
- Under this interpretation, *Brother*(*Richard*, *John*) is true just in case Richard the Lionheart and the evil King John are in the brotherhood relation in the model.



Models for FOL: Lots!

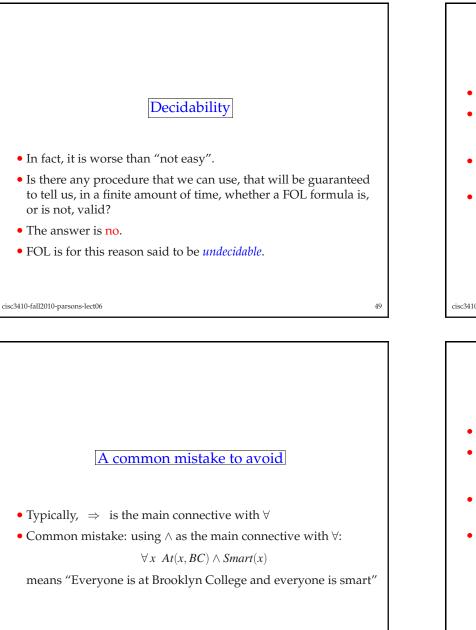
- Entailment in propositional logic can be computed by enumerating models
- We *can* enumerate the FOL models for a given KB vocabulary:
 - For each number of domain elements *n* from 1 to ∞
 - For each *k*-ary predicate P_k in the vocabulary
 - For each possible *k*-ary relation on *n* objects
 - For each constant symbol *C* in the vocabulary
 - For each choice of referent for *C* from *n* objects
- Computing entailment by enumerating FOL models is not easy!

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Universal quantification

- $\forall \langle variables \rangle \langle sentence \rangle$
- Everyone at Brooklyn College is smart:

$$\forall x \ At(x, BC) \Rightarrow Smart(x)$$

- $\forall x \ P$ is true in a model *m* iff *P* is true with *x* being *each* possible object in the model
- *Roughly* speaking, equivalent to the conjunction of instantiations of *P*

$$(At(KingJohn, BC) \Rightarrow Smart(KingJohn)) \land (At(Richard, BC) \Rightarrow Smart(Richard)) \land (At(BC, BC) \Rightarrow Smart(BC)) \land \dots$$

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Existential quantification

- $\exists \langle variables \rangle \langle sentence \rangle$
- Someone at City College is smart:

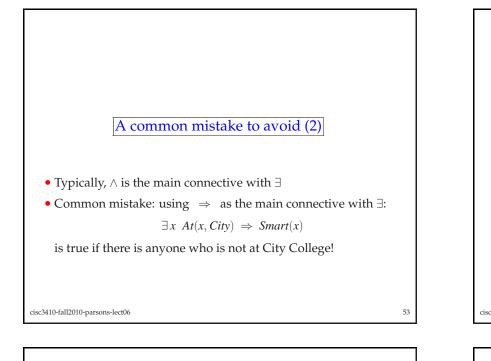
 $\exists x \ At(x, City) \land Smart(x)$

- $\exists x \ P$ is true in a model *m* iff *P* is true with *x* being *some* possible object in the model
- *Roughly* speaking, equivalent to the disjunction of instantiations of *P*:

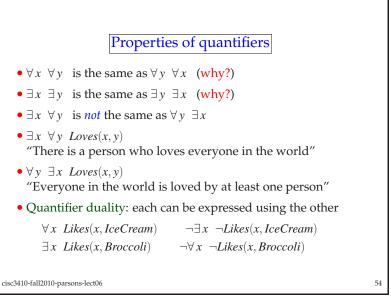
 $(At(KingJohn, City) \land Smart(KingJohn))$ $\lor (At(Richard, City) \land Smart(Richard))$ $\lor (At(Stanford, City) \land Smart(Stanford))$ $\lor \dots$

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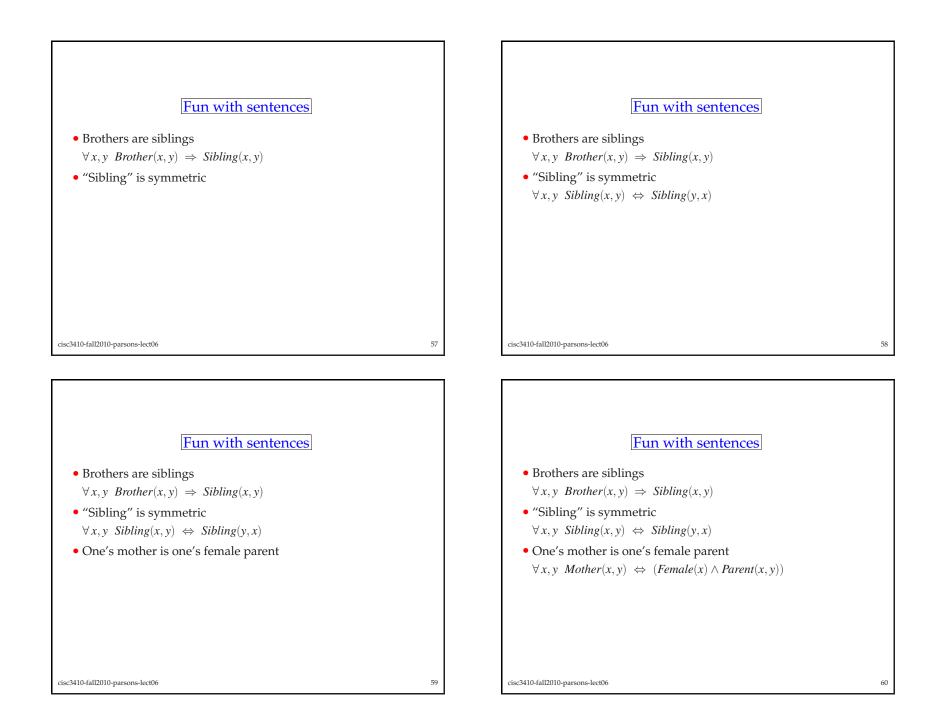
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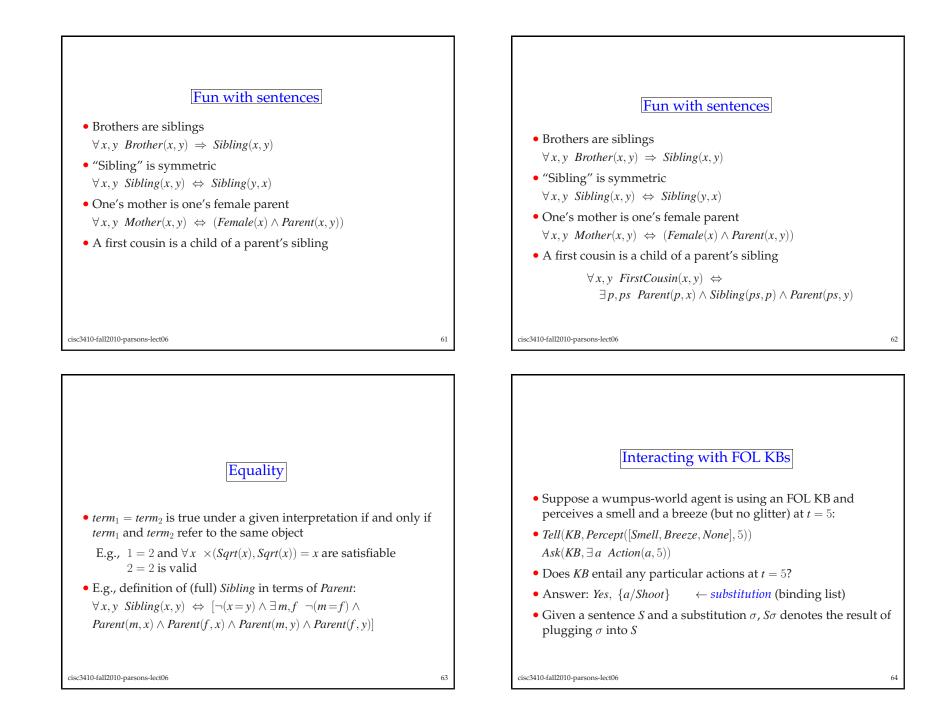


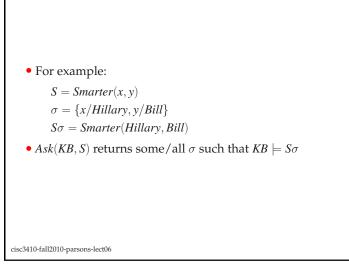
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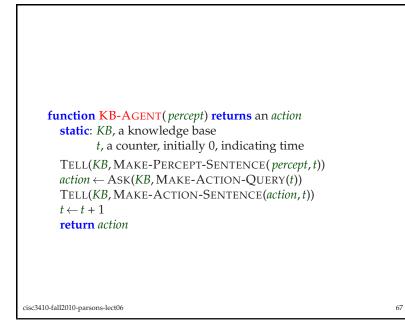


Fun with sentences	
• Brothers are siblings	
$\forall x, y \; Brother(x, y) \Rightarrow Sibling(x, y)$	
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• "Perception"
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 $\forall b, g, t \ Percept([Smell, b, g], t) \Rightarrow Smelt(t)$ $\forall s, b, t \ Percept([s, b, Glitter], t) \Rightarrow AtGold(t)$

• Reflex

 $\forall t \ AtGold(t) \Rightarrow Action(Grab, t)$

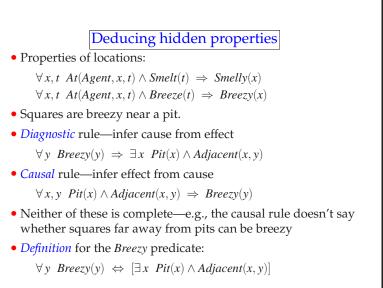
• Reflex with internal state: do we have the gold already?

 $\forall t \ AtGold(t) \land \neg Holding(Gold, t) \Rightarrow Action(Grab, t)$

• *Holding*(*Gold*, *t*) cannot be observed ⇒ keeping track of change is essential

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Proof in FOL

- Proof in FOL is similar to propositional logic; we just need an extra set of rules, to deal with the quantifiers.
- FOL *inherits* all the rules of PL.
- To understand FOL proof rules, need to understand *substitution*.
- The most obvious rule, for \forall -E.

Tells us that if everything in the domain has some property, then we can infer that any *particular* individual has the property.

$$\frac{\vdash \forall x \cdot P(x);}{\vdash P(a)} \forall E \text{ for any } a \text{ in the domain}$$

Going from general to specific.

• If all Brooklyn College students are smart, then anyone in the class is smart.

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Let's use \forall -E to get the Socrates example out of the way.

 $Person(s); \forall x \cdot Person(x) \Rightarrow Mortal(x) \vdash Mortal(s)$

1. Person(s)Given2. $\forall x \cdot Person(x) \Rightarrow Mortal(x)$ Given3. $Person(s) \Rightarrow Mortal(s)$ 2, \forall -E4. Mortal(s)1, 3, \Rightarrow -E

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• We can also go from the general to the slightly less specific!

$$\frac{\vdash \forall x \cdot P(x);}{\vdash \exists x \cdot P(x)} \exists -I(1) \text{ if domain not empty}$$

Note the *side condition*.

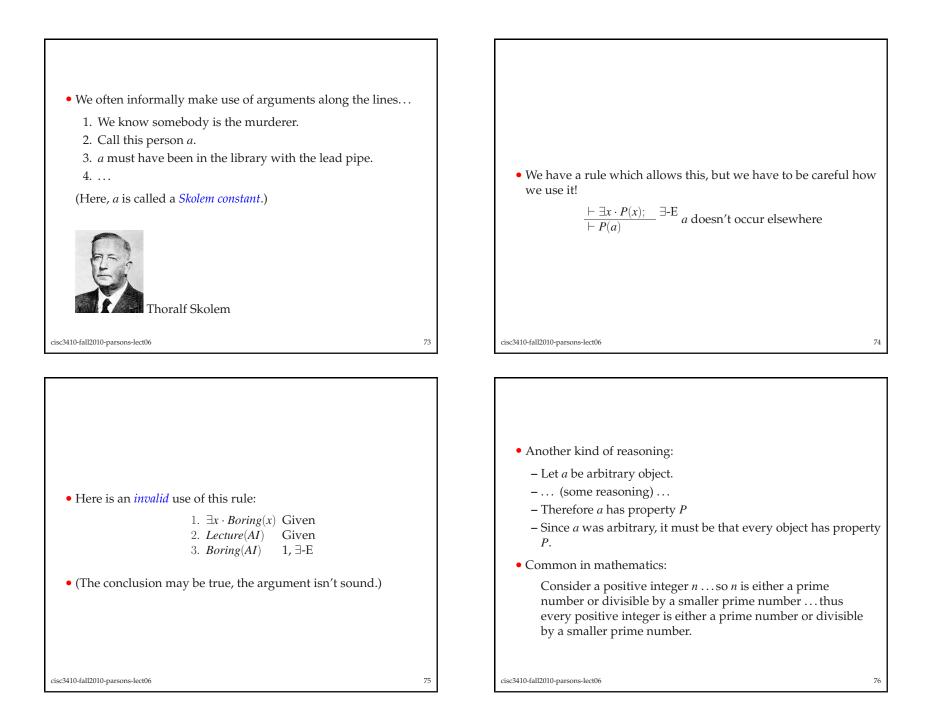
The \exists quantifier *asserts the existence* of at least one object. The \forall quantifier does not.

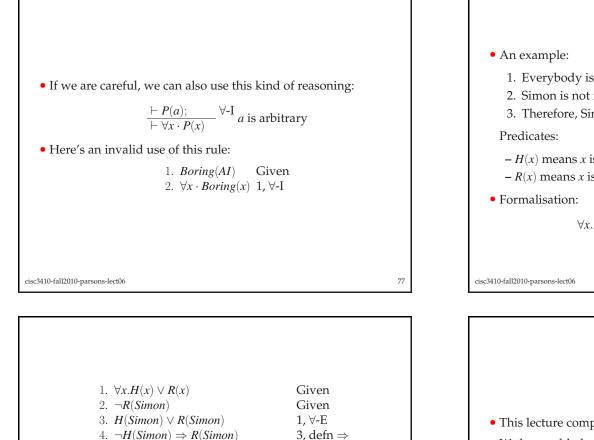
• So, while we can say "All unicorns have horns" irrespective of whether unicorns are real or not, we can only say "There's a unicorn living on my street whose name is Fred and he has a horn" if there is at least one unicorn.

$$\frac{\vdash P(a);}{\vdash \exists x \cdot P(x)} \exists -I(2)$$

- In other words once we have a concrete example, we can infer there exists something with the property of that example.
- If I find a student at City College who is smart, I can say "There is a smart student at City College".

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As.

 $4, 5, \Rightarrow$ -E

2, 6, ∧-I

5, 7, ¬-I

10,∧-E

8, 11, \Rightarrow -E

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PL axiom

4. $\neg H(Simon) \Rightarrow R(Simon)$

7. $R(Simon) \land \neg R(Simon)$

9. $H(Simon) \Leftrightarrow \neg \neg H(Simon)$

11. $\neg \neg H(Simon) \Rightarrow H(Simon)$

10. $(H(Simon) \Rightarrow \neg \neg H(Simon))$

 $\wedge (\neg \neg H(Simon) \Rightarrow H(Simon))$ 9, defn \Leftrightarrow

5. $\neg H(Simon)$

8. $\neg \neg H(Simon)$

6. R(Simon)

12. *H*(*Simon*)

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1. Everybody is either happy or rich. 2. Simon is not rich. 3. Therefore, Simon is happy. -H(x) means *x* is happy; -R(x) means x is rich. $\forall x.H(x) \lor R(x); \neg R(Simon) \vdash H(Simon)$

Summary

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- This lecture completes our treatment of logic.
- We have added some new proof techniques:
 - Forward chaining
 - Backward chaining
 - Resolution

to our treatment of propositional logic; and

- Covered the basics of first order logic.
- There is plenty more to logic (a whole other chapter in the texbook) but we will look at other things next week.