

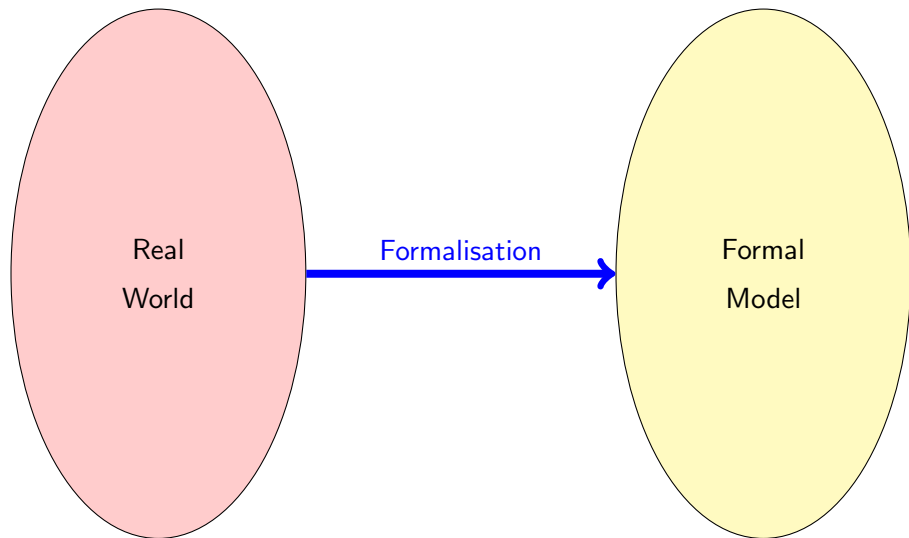
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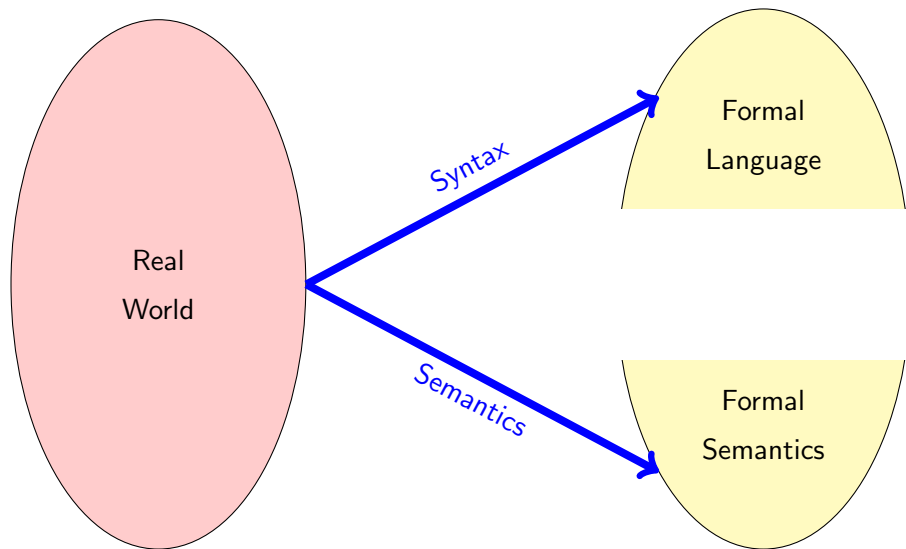
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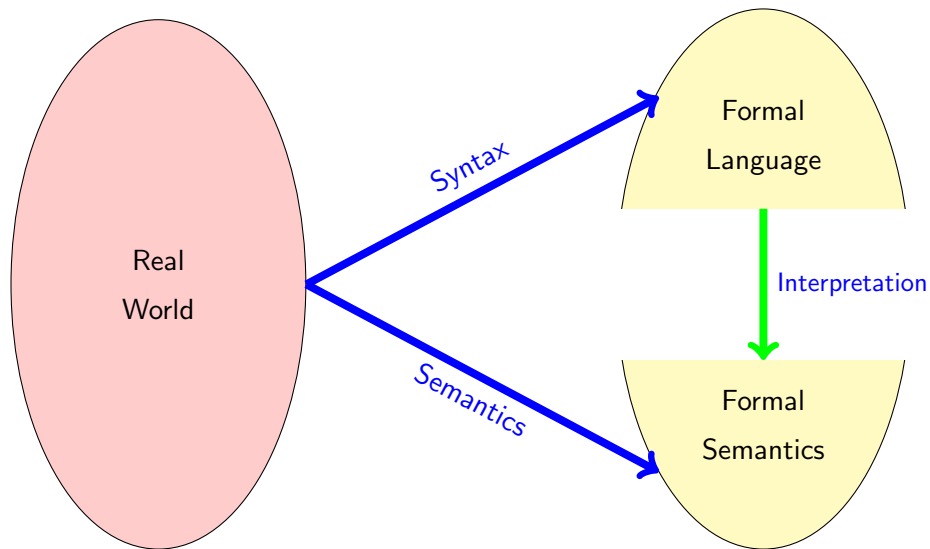
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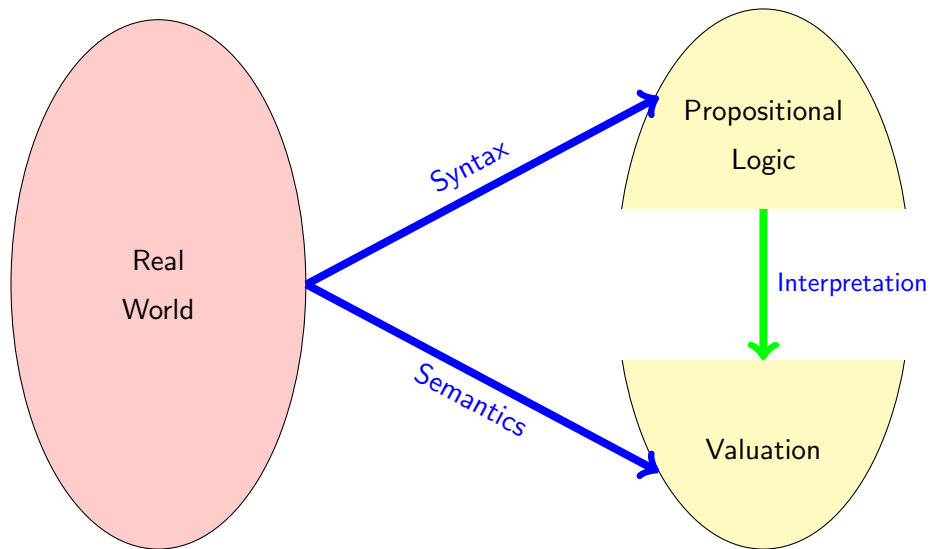
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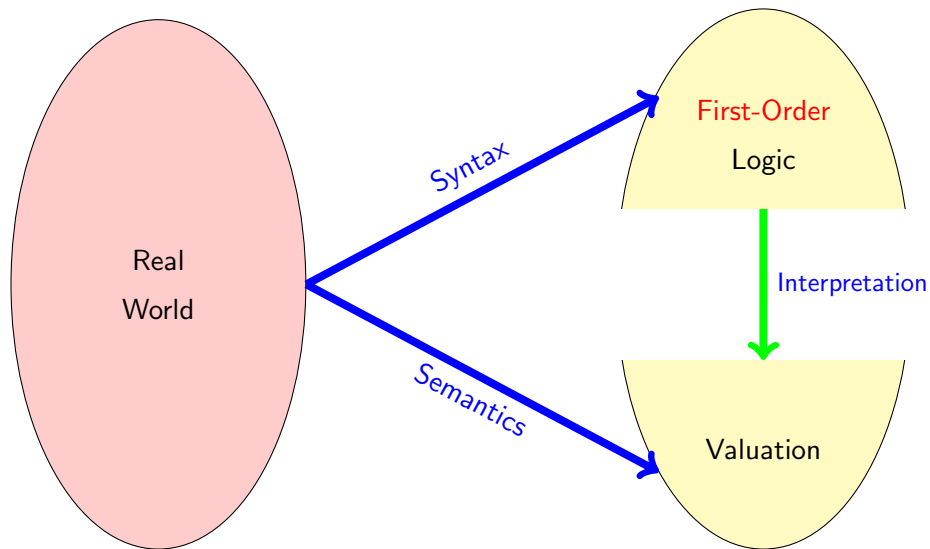
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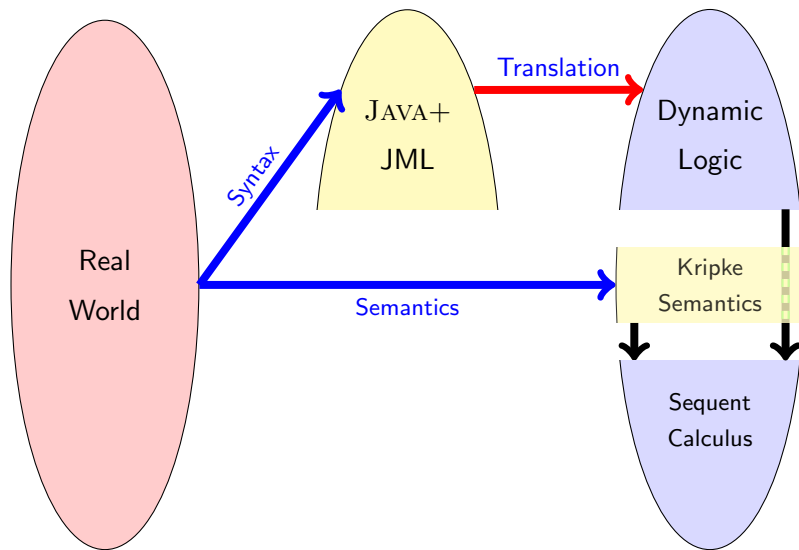
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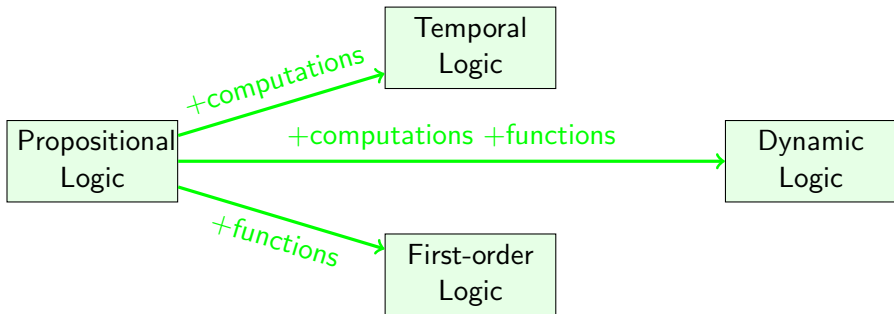
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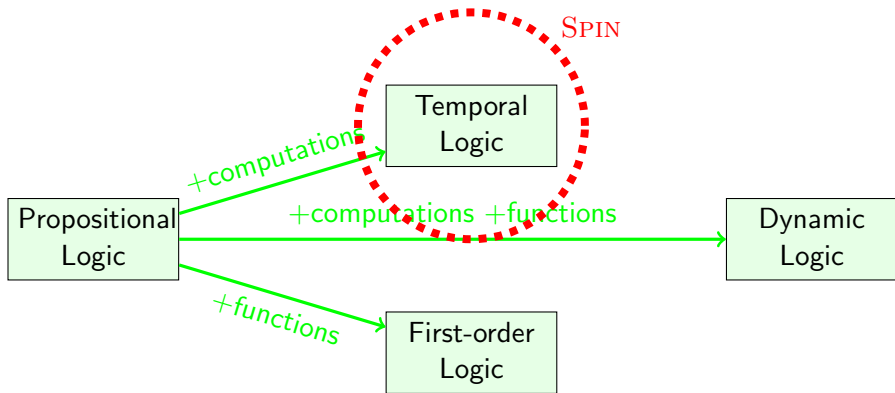
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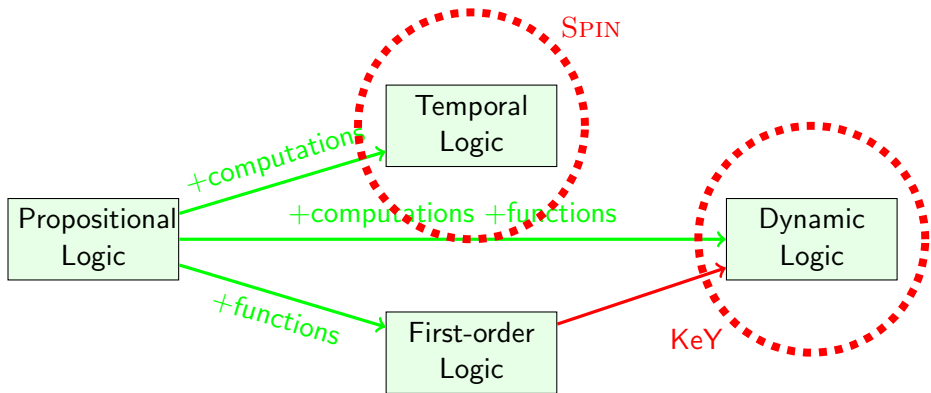
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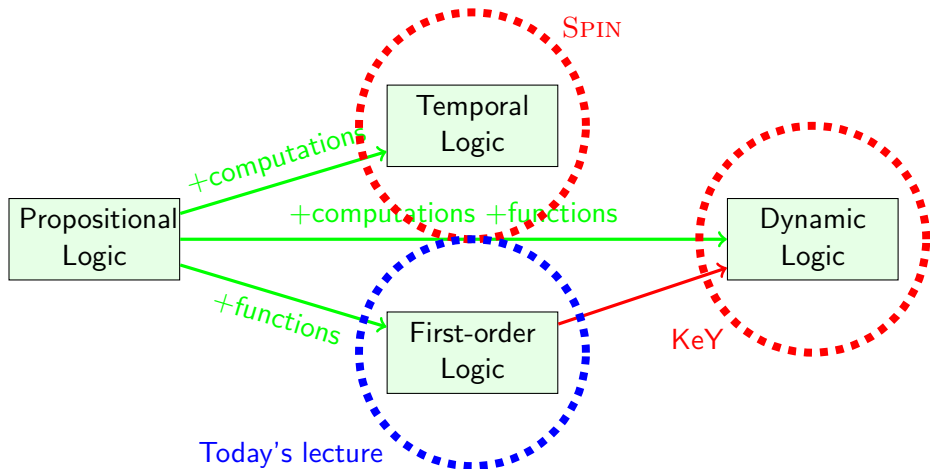
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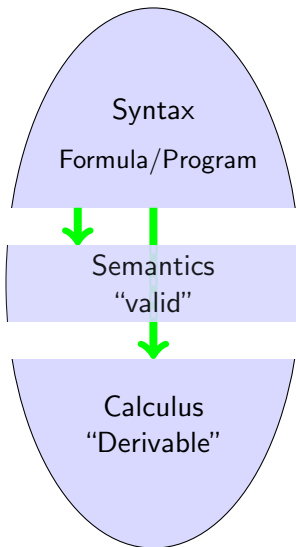
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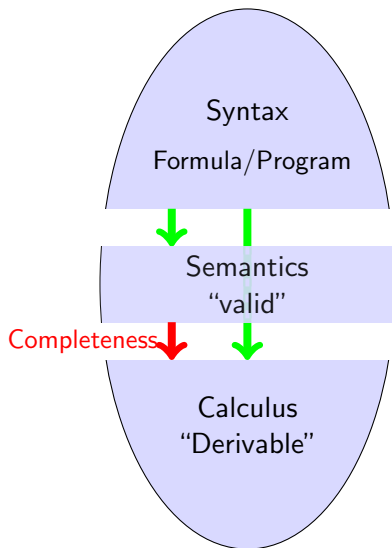
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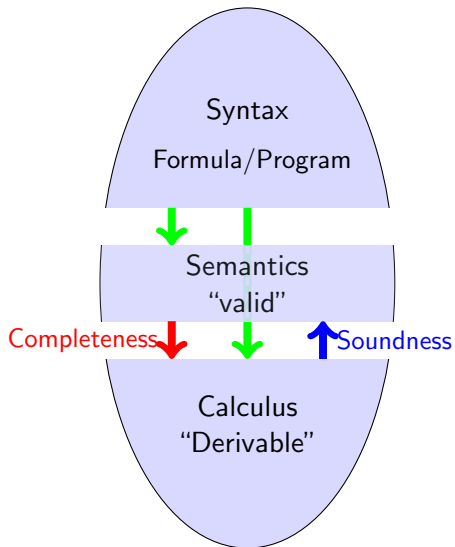
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Limitations of Propositional Logic

Fixed, finite number of objects

Cannot express: let g be group with **arbitrary** number of elements

No functions or relations with arguments

Can express: finite function/relation table with indexed variables p_{ij}

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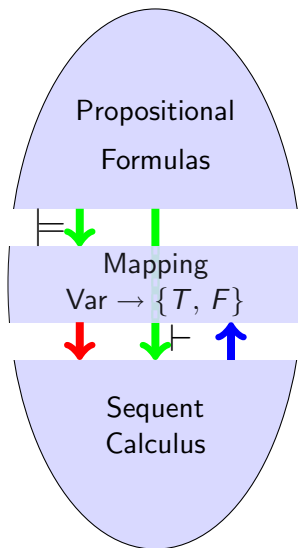
properties of function/relation on **all** arguments, e.g., “+” is associative

Static interpretation

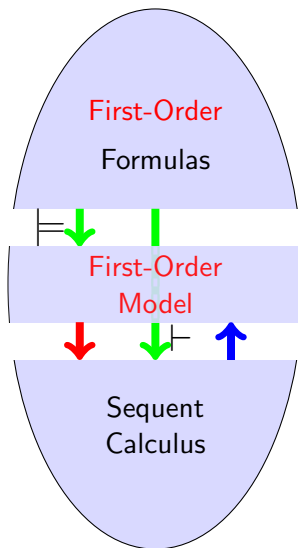
Programs change value of their variables, e.g., via assignment, call, etc.

Propositional formulas look at one **single** interpretation at a time

Propositional Logic



First-Order Logic



Syntax of First-Order Logic: Signature

Definition (First-Order Signature)

First-order signature $\Sigma = (\text{PSym}, \text{FSym}, \alpha)$

Predicate or Relation Symbols $\text{PSym} = \{p_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Function Symbols $\text{FSym} = \{f_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Typing function α , set of **types** \mathcal{T}

- ▶ $\alpha(p) \in \mathcal{T}^*$ for all $p \in \text{PSym}$
- ▶ $\alpha(f) \in \mathcal{T}^* \times \mathcal{T}$ for all $f \in \text{FSym}$

Definition (Variables)

$\text{VSym} = \{x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ set of **typed variables**

- ▶ In contrast to “standard” FOL, our symbols are typed
Necessary to model a typed programming language such as JAVA!
- ▶ Allow any non-reserved name for symbols, not merely p_3, f_{17}, \dots

Syntax of First-Order Logic: Signature Cont'd

Declaration of signature symbols

- ▶ Write $T x$; to declare variable x of type T
- ▶ Write $p(T_1, \dots, T_r)$; for $\alpha(p) = (T_1, \dots, T_r)$
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Example

Variables `integerArray a; int i;`

Predicates `isEmpty(List); alertOn;`

Functions `int arrayLookup(int); java.lang.Object o;`

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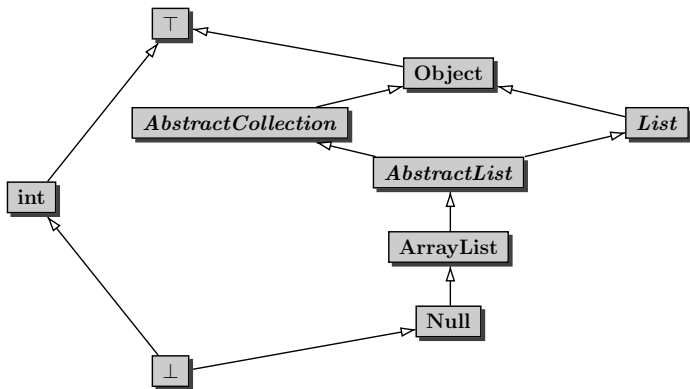
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Definition (OO Type Hierarchy)

- ▶ \mathcal{T} is finite set of **types** (not parameterized)
- ▶ Given **subtype** relation \sqsubseteq , assume \mathcal{T} \sqcap -closed
- ▶ **Dynamic types** $\mathcal{T}_d \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, where $\top \in \mathcal{T}_d$
- ▶ **Abstract types** $\mathcal{T}_a \subseteq \mathcal{T}$, where $\perp \in \mathcal{T}_a$
- ▶ $\mathcal{T}_d \cap \mathcal{T}_a = \emptyset$
- ▶ $\mathcal{T}_d \cup \mathcal{T}_a = \mathcal{T}$
- ▶ $\perp \sqsubseteq T \sqsubseteq \top$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}$

Example

Using UML notation



OO Type Hierarchy Cont'd

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Example (The Minimal Type Hierarchy)

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\perp, \top\}$$

All signature symbols have same type \top : drop type, **untyped logic**

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So far, we have a type system and a signature — where is the logic?

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Definition (First-Order Terms $\{\text{Term}_T\}_{T \in \mathcal{T}}$ with **type** $T \in \mathcal{T}$)

- ▶ x is term of type T for variable declared as $T \ x$;
- ▶ $f(t_1, \dots, t_r)$ is term of type T for
 - ▶ function symbol declared as $T \ f(T_1, \dots, T_r)$; and
 - ▶ terms t_i of type $T'_i \sqsubseteq T_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$
- ▶ There are no other terms (inductive definition)

Terms, Cont'd

Example

Signature: `int i; short j; List l; int f(int);`

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- ▶ If f is **constant** ($r = 0$) write f instead of $f()$
 - ▶ Use infix notation liberally, where appropriate:
declare `int +(int, int)`; then write `i+j`, etc.
 - ▶ Use brackets to disambiguate parsing:
`(i+j)*i`

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Signature: `int i; short j; List l; <(int, int);`

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- ▶ `i < l` is ill-typed (when `int`, `List` incomparable)
- ▶ `i \doteq j` and even `i \doteq l` are atomic first-order formulas
- ▶ `i \in short` is an atomic first-order formula

First-Order Formulas

Definition (Set of First-Order Formulas *For*)

- ▶ Truth constants true, false and all first-order atomic formulas are first-order formulas

- ▶ If ϕ and ψ are first-order formulas then

$$! \phi, (\phi \& \psi), (\phi \mid \psi), (\phi \rightarrow \psi), (\phi \leftrightarrow \psi)$$

are also first-order formulas

- ▶ If $T x$ is a variable declaration, ϕ a first-order formula, then $\forall T x; \phi$ and $\exists T x; \phi$ are first-order formulas

Any occurrence of x in ϕ must be well-typed

- ▶ $\forall T x; \phi$ called **universally quantified formula**
- ▶ $\exists T x; \phi$ called **existentially quantified formula**

First-Order Formulas Cont'd

- ▶ In $\forall T x; \phi$ and $\exists T x; \phi$ call ϕ the **scope** of x **bound** by \forall/\exists
- ▶ Analogy between variables bound in quantified formulas and program locations declared as local variables/formal parameters

We require that all variables occur bound
 \Rightarrow All variable declarations are quantifier-local

Example

- ▶ $\forall \text{int } i; \exists \text{int } j; i < j$ is a first-order formula
- ▶ $\forall \text{int } i; \exists \text{List } l; i < l$ is ill-typed
- ▶ $\forall \text{int } i; i < j$ is a first-order formula
if j is a constant compatible with int
- ▶ $(\forall \text{int } i; \forall \text{int } j; i < j) \mid (\forall \text{int } i; \forall \text{int } j; i > j)$
is a first-order formula

Remark on Concrete Syntax

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Disjunction	\vee			
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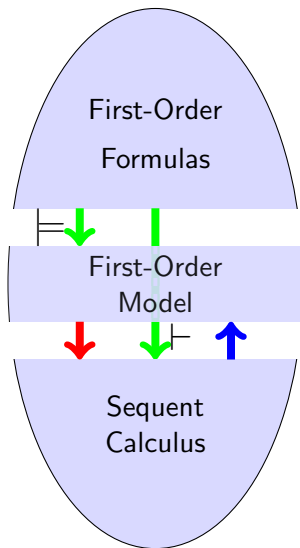
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For quantifiers we normally use textbook syntax and suppress type information to ease readability

For propositional connectives we use KeY syntax

First-Order Semantics



First-Order Semantics

From propositional to first-order semantics

- ▶ In prop. logic, an interpretation of variables with $\{T, F\}$ sufficed
- ▶ In first-order logic we must assign meaning to:
 - ▶ variables bound in quantifiers
 - ▶ constant and function symbols
 - ▶ predicate symbols
- ▶ Each variable or function value may denote a different object
- ▶ Respect typing: `int i`, `List l` **must** denote different objects

What we need (to interpret a first-order formula)

1. A collection of **typed universes** of objects (akin to **heap** objects)
2. A mapping from **variables** to objects
3. A mapping from **function** arguments to function values
4. The set of argument tuples where a **predicate** is true

First-Order Domains/Universes

1. A collection of **typed universes** of objects

Definition (Universe/Domain)

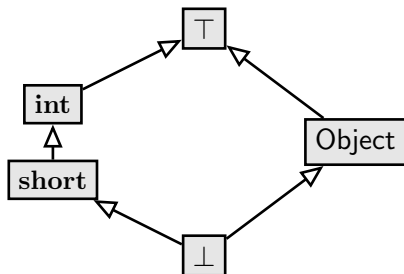
A non-empty set \mathcal{D} of objects is a **universe** or **domain**

Each element of \mathcal{D} has a fixed type given by $\delta : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_d$

- ▶ Like heap objects and values in JAVA
- ▶ Notation for the domain elements type-compatible with $T \in \mathcal{T}$:
 $\mathcal{D}^T = \{d \in \mathcal{D} \mid \delta(d) \sqsubseteq T\}$
- ▶ For each dynamic type $T \in \mathcal{T}_d$ there must be at least one domain element type-compatible with it: $\mathcal{D}^T \neq \emptyset$

First-Order Universes Cont'd

Example



- ▶ $\mathcal{D} = \{17, o\}$
- ▶ $\delta(17) = \text{short}, \delta(o) = \text{Object}$
- ▶ Then $\mathcal{D}^{\text{short}} = \mathcal{D}^{\text{int}} = \{17\}, \mathcal{D}^{\text{Object}} = \{o\},$
 $\mathcal{D}^{\top} = \mathcal{D} = \{17, o\},$ and $\mathcal{D}^{\perp} = \{\}$

First-Order Models

3. A mapping from function arguments to function values
4. The set of argument tuples where a predicate is true

Definition (First-Order Model)

Let \mathcal{D} be a domain with typing function δ

Let f be declared as $T f(T_1, \dots, T_r)$;

Let p be declared as $p(T_1, \dots, T_r)$;

Let $\mathcal{I}(f) : \mathcal{D}^{T_1} \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}^{T_r} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^T$

Let $\mathcal{I}(p) \subseteq \mathcal{D}^{T_1} \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}^{T_r}$

Then $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{D}, \delta, \mathcal{I})$ is a **first-order model**

First-Order Models Cont'd

Example

Signature: `int i; short j; int f(int); Object obj; <(int,int);`
 $\mathcal{D} = \{17, 2, o\}$ where all numbers are short

$$\mathcal{I}(i) = 17$$

$$\mathcal{I}(j) = 17$$

$$\mathcal{I}(obj) = o$$

\mathcal{D}^{int}	$\mathcal{I}(f)$
2	2
17	2

$\mathcal{D}^{\text{int}} \times \mathcal{D}^{\text{int}}$	in $\mathcal{I}(<)$?
(2, 2)	<i>F</i>
(2, 17)	<i>T</i>
(17, 2)	<i>F</i>
(17, 17)	<i>F</i>

One of uncountably many possible first-order models!

Semantics of Reserved Signature Symbols

Definition

- ▶ **Equality** symbol \doteq declared as $\doteq (T, T)$

Model is fixed as $\mathcal{I}(\doteq) = \{(d, d) \mid d \in \mathcal{D}\}$

“Referential Equality” (holds if arguments refer to identical object)

Exercise: write down the predicate table for example domain

- ▶ **Type predicate** symbol $\sqsubseteq T$ for any T , declared as $\sqsubseteq T (T)$

$$\mathcal{I}(\sqsubseteq T) = \mathcal{D}^T$$

Exercise: what is $\mathcal{I}(\sqsubseteq \text{Object})$?

- ▶ **Type cast** symbol (T) for each T , declared as $T (T)(T)$

Casts that succeed ($\delta(x) \sqsubseteq T$): $\mathcal{I}((T))(x) = x$ identity

Casts that do not succeed: $\mathcal{I}((T))(x) = d$ arb. fixed $d \in \mathcal{D}^T$

Exercise: what is $\mathcal{I}((\text{int}))(17)$?

Signature Symbols vs. Domain Elements

- ▶ Domain elements different from the terms representing them
- ▶ First-order formulas and terms have **no access** to domain
- ▶ As in `JAVA`: identity and memory layout of values/objects hidden
- ▶ Think of a first-order model as a “heap” of first-order logic

Example

Signature: `Object obj1, obj2;`

Domain: $\mathcal{D} = \{o\}$

In this model, necessarily $\mathcal{I}(\text{obj1}) = \mathcal{I}(\text{obj2}) = o$

Effect similar to aliasing in `JAVA` with reference types

Variable Assignments

2. A mapping from variables to objects

Think of variable assignment as environment for storage of local variables

Definition (Variable Assignment)

A **variable assignment** β maps variables to domain elements

It respects the variable type, i.e., if x has type T then $\beta(x) \in \mathcal{D}^T$

Definition (Modified Variable Assignment)

Let y be variable of type T , β variable assignment, $d \in \mathcal{D}^T$:

$$\beta_y^d(x) := \begin{cases} \beta(x) & x \neq y \\ d & x = y \end{cases}$$

Semantic Evaluation of Terms

Given a first-order model \mathcal{M} and a variable assignment β it is possible to evaluate first-order terms under \mathcal{M} and β

Analogy

Evaluating an expression in a programming language with respect to a given heap (\mathcal{M}) and binding of local variables (β)

Definition (Valuation of Terms)

$val_{\mathcal{M},\beta} : \text{Term} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ such that $val_{\mathcal{M},\beta}(t) \in \mathcal{D}^T$ for $t \in \text{Term}_{\mathcal{T}}$:

- ▶ $val_{\mathcal{M},\beta}(x) = \beta(x)$ (recall that β respects typing)
- ▶ $val_{\mathcal{M},\beta}(f(t_1, \dots, t_r)) = \mathcal{I}(f)(val_{\mathcal{M},\beta}(t_1), \dots, val_{\mathcal{M},\beta}(t_r))$

Semantic Evaluation of Terms Cont'd

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x	17

- ▶ $val_{\mathcal{M},\beta}(f(f(i)))$?
- ▶ $val_{\mathcal{M},\beta}(x)$?
- ▶ $val_{\mathcal{M},\beta}((\text{int})obj)$?

Semantic Evaluation of Formulas

Formulas are true or false

A validity **relation** is more convenient than a function

Definition (Validity Relation for Formulas)

$\mathcal{M}, \beta \models \phi$ for $\phi \in \text{For}$ “ **\mathcal{M}, β models ϕ** ”

- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, \beta \models p(t_1, \dots, t_r)$ iff $(\text{val}_{\mathcal{M}, \beta}(t_1), \dots, \text{val}_{\mathcal{M}, \beta}(t_r)) \in \mathcal{I}(p)$
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, \beta \models \phi \ \& \ \psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, \beta \models \phi$ and $\mathcal{M}, \beta \models \psi$
- ▶ ... as in propositional logic
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, \beta \models \forall T x; \phi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, \beta_x^d \models \phi$ **for all** $d \in \mathcal{D}^T$
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, \beta \models \exists T x; \phi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, \beta_x^d \models \phi$ **for at least one** $d \in \mathcal{D}^T$

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- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, \beta \models \forall \text{Object } o1; \forall \text{Object } o2; o1 \doteq o2$?

Semantic Notions

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- ▶ $f(j) < j$ is true in \mathcal{M}
- ▶ $\exists \text{int } x; i \doteq x$ is valid
- ▶ $\exists \text{int } x; !(x \doteq x)$ is not satisfiable

Untyped First-Order Logic

Most logic textbooks introduce untyped logic

How to obtain untyped logic as a special case

- ▶ Minimal Type Hierarchy: $\mathcal{T} = \{\perp, \top\}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}^\top \neq \emptyset$: only one populated type \top , drop all typing info
- ▶ Signature merely specifies **arity** of functions and predicates:
Write $f/1$, $</2$, $i/0$, etc.
- ▶ Untyped logic is suitable whenever we model a **uniform domain**
- ▶ Typical applications: pure mathematics such as algebra

Untyped First-Order Logic Cont'd

Example (Axiomatization of a group in first-order logic)

Signature Σ_G : FSym = $\{\circ/2, \mathbf{e}/0\}$, PSym = $\{\doteq/2\}$

Let G be the following formulas:

Left identity $\forall x; \mathbf{e} \circ x \doteq x$

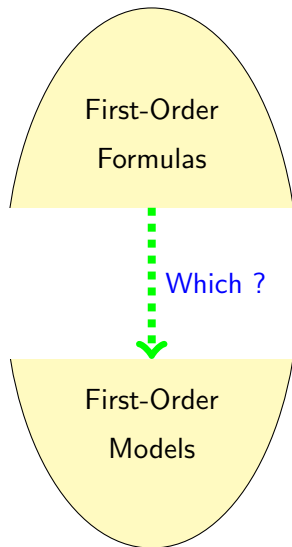
Left inverse $\forall x; \exists y; y \circ x \doteq \mathbf{e}$

Associativity $\forall x; \forall y; \forall z; (x \circ y) \circ z \doteq x \circ (y \circ z)$

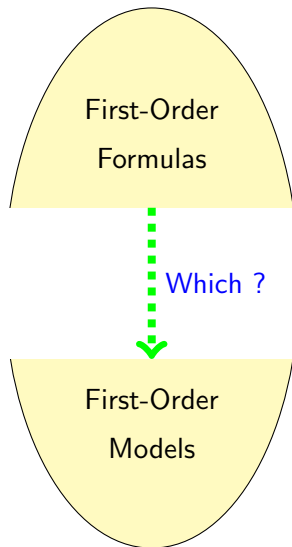
Let ϕ be Σ_G -formula.

Whenever $\models G \rightarrow \phi$, then ϕ is a theorem of group theory

Modeling with First-Order Logic



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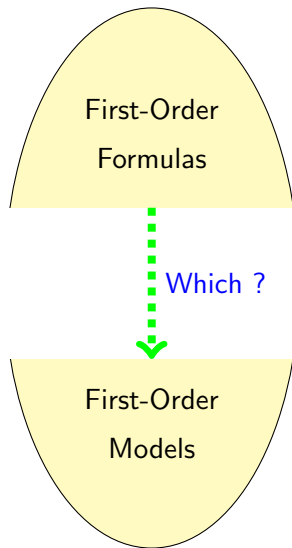


Example (At least two elements)

$$\exists x; \exists y; !(x \doteq y)$$

How to do this without built-in equality?

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Example (Strict partial order)

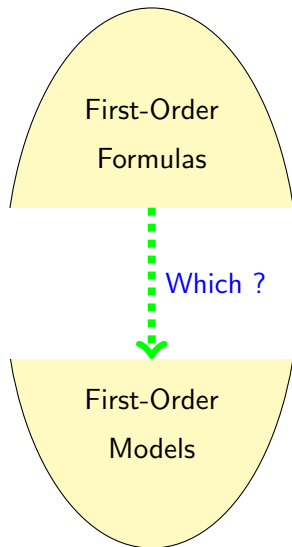
PSym = {< /2}

Irreflexivity $\forall x; !(x < x)$

Asymmetry $\forall x; \forall y; (x < y \rightarrow !(y < x))$

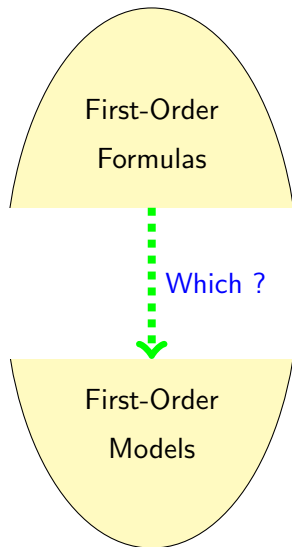
Transitivity $\forall x; \forall y; \forall z;$
 $(x < y \ \& \ y < z \rightarrow x < z)$

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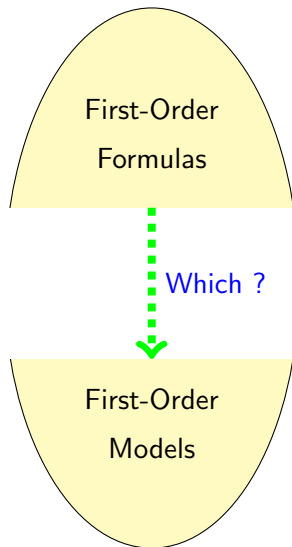


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Signature and axioms of irreflexive order **plus**

Existence Successor $\forall x; \exists y; x < y$

Modeling with First-Order Logic



Example (Abstract data types)

```
FSym = { Stack push(int, Stack);  
        int pop(Stack);  
        Stack nil; }
```

```
 $\forall \text{int } i; \forall \text{Stack } s; \text{pop}(\text{push}(i, s)) \doteq s$   
...
```

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Semantic evaluation is not feasible in practice

- ▶ There is an ∞ (even: uncountable) number of first-order models
- ▶ Evaluation of quantified formula may involve ∞ number of cases
- ▶ **Next goal:** a syntactic calculus allowing mechanical validity checking

Literature for this Lecture

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