

**Knowledge representation** is “a science of translating actual knowledge into a format that can be used by the computer”.

## Outline of this lecture

- Definitions of Knowledge
- Knowledge Pyramid
- Knowledge Representation based on Logic

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## Definitions of Knowledge

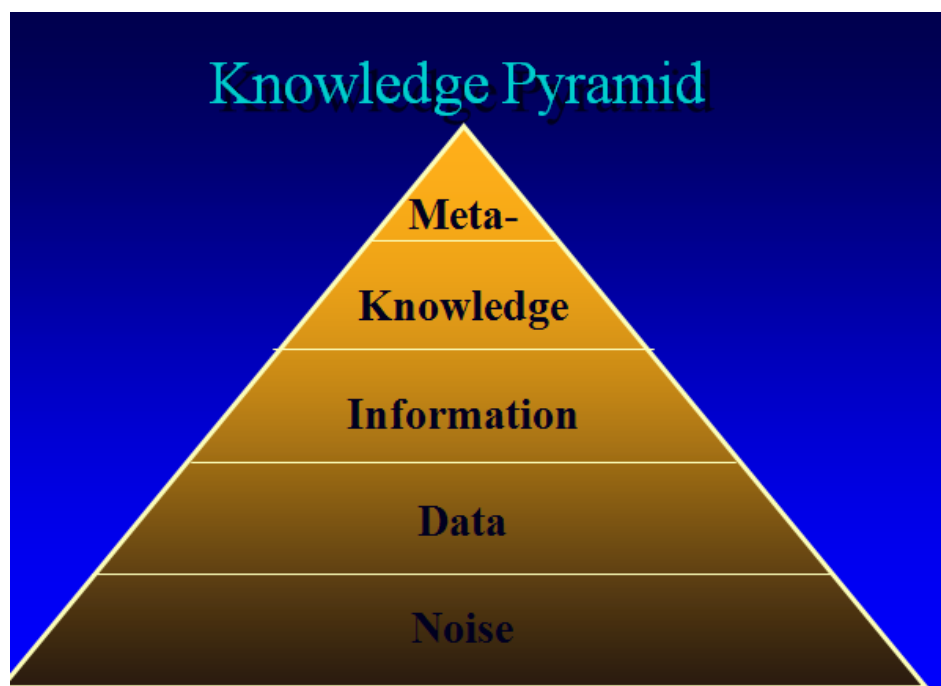
**Knowledge** is an awareness or understanding of someone or something, such as facts, data, information, descriptions, or skills, which is acquired through experience or education by perceiving, discovering, or learning.

Now, what are differences between Data, Information, and Knowledge?

- Data:
  - Unorganized and unprocessed facts;
  - Accurate and timely,
  - Static;
  - A set of discrete facts about events.
  - Can lead to an increase in understanding and decrease in uncertainty

- **Information:**
  - Aggregation of data that makes decision making easier
  - Valuable because it can affect behavior, a decision, or an outcome. For example, if a manager is told his/her company's net profit decreased in the past month, he/she may use this information as a reason to cut financial spending for the next month.
- **Knowledge**
  - Derived from information in the same way information is derived from data.
  - Knowledge is not something just to be transmitted and stored, it has to be constructed.

## Knowledge Pyramid



## Knowledge Representation based on Logic

Oldest form of KR in computer, concerned with the truthfulness of a chain of statements. Two kinds of logic:

- **Propositional Logic**
- **Predicate Calculus**

Implemented in PROLOG (Programming in Logic) language.

**Do not forget: Logical operators**

Formal Name	Symbols
Negation (Not)	$\neg$
Conjunction(And)	$\wedge$
Disjunction (Or)	$\vee$
Conditional(Implies)	$\rightarrow$
Biconditional(Equivalent)	$\leftrightarrow$

### Propositional Logic

Is based on statements, which have truth values (True or False). The statements in Propositional Logic are formed from "**Atomic**" symbols.

- **Propositional Logic Symbols**

P,R,Q,T,...

English alphabets

True, False

Truth alphabets

$\vee, \wedge, \sim, \dots$

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## • Propositional Logic Sentences

1. Every **Propositional symbols and Truth symbols** are Sentences,  
Ex: Q, P, True.
2. The **Negation** of a sentence is a sentence. Ex:  $\sim P$ ,  $\sim \text{False}$ .
3. The **Conjunction**(AND) of two sentences is a sentence,  
Ex:  $P \wedge Q$ ,  $P \wedge \sim R$
4. The **Disjunction**(OR) of two sentences is a sentence,  
Ex:  $P \vee Q$ ,  $P \vee \sim R$
5. The **Implication** of one sentence from another is a sentence,  
Ex:  $P \rightarrow Q$ ,  $R \rightarrow \sim T$
6. The **Equivalence** of two sentences is a sentence, Ex:  $P \vee Q \leftrightarrow R$

**Definition:** Let R be Propositional Logic constructed by connecting atomic propositions P, Q, ... by operators, The truth value assignment to proposition sentence that keep R true is called " **Interpretation**".

**Ex:**  $P \wedge Q$ , the possible interpretation is ( P true, Q true).

$P \vee Q$ , they may be more than one interpretation.

**Exercise: 1:** Try  $(P \wedge Q) \wedge R \equiv P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$

**2:** Write Propositional Logic for the English sentence:

- Freed is a rich.
- Ali is a teacher.
- The sky is cloudy, it will rain.

## • Rules in Propositional Logic

1.  $\sim(\sim P) \equiv P$

2. Commutative Rules:

$$P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$$

$$P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P$$

3. Associative Rules:

$$(P \wedge Q) \wedge R \equiv P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$$

$$(P \vee Q) \vee R \equiv P \vee (Q \vee R)$$

4. Distributive Rules:

$$P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$$

$$P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$$

5. Morgan's Rules:

$$\sim(P \wedge Q) \equiv \sim P \vee \sim Q$$

$$\sim(P \vee Q) \equiv \sim P \wedge \sim Q$$

6.  $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \sim P \vee Q$

7.  $\sim P \rightarrow Q \equiv P \vee Q$

8. Contra Positive Rule:

$$P \rightarrow Q \equiv \sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$$

**Predicate Logic (Predicate Calculus)** called **First Order Logic FOL**

It is similar formalism like Propositional logic, but the capability of reasoning and knowledge representation using Predicate Logic is higher than Propositional Logic. It include two more quantifiers, namely, the **Universal  $\forall$**  (that a sentence is true for all values of variable X) , and the **Existential  $\exists$**  (that a sentence is true for at least one value of a variable X).

Ex: Ali is a man.     **man**(ali).     or   **is\_a**(ali , man). or **ali\_is\_man**.

Ex: Boys like football.     **like**(Boys , football).

Ex: All boys like football.      $\forall_x ( \text{boy}(x) \rightarrow \text{like}(x, \text{football}) )$ .

Ex: Some boys like basketball.      $\exists_x ( \text{boy}(x) \rightarrow \text{like}(x, \text{basketball}) )$ .

Ex: All basketball players are tall.

$\forall_x ( \text{basketball\_player}(x) \rightarrow \text{tall}(x) )$ .

Ex: Nobody like taxes.      $\sim \exists_x ( \text{like}(x, \text{taxes}) )$ .

## • Alphabets of FOL

1. Constants a,b,c,...
2. Variables A,B,C,...
3. Functions f,g,h,...
4. Operators  $\vee, \wedge, \sim, \dots$
5. Quantifiers  $\forall, \exists$
6. Predicates P,Q,R,...

**Definition:** These sentences of **FOL** are Well Form Formulas **WFF** defined as follow:

1. If  $P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  is any predicate, then P is a WFF.
2. If P and Q are WFF, then  $P \vee Q, (P \wedge Q), \sim P, P \rightarrow Q, \dots$  are WFF.

**Exercise:** Rewrite the following English sentences in FOL:

1. John loves children who take biscuits.
2. John and Bin are friends.

**Note:** The previous rules in PL can be also applied in Predicate Calculus.

- **Rules of Quantifiers**

$$\neg \exists x P(X) \equiv \forall x \neg P(X)$$

$$\neg \forall x P(X) \equiv \exists x \neg P(X)$$

$$\exists x P(X) \equiv \neg \forall x \neg P(X)$$

$$\forall x P(X) \equiv \neg \exists x \neg P(X)$$

$$\forall x (P(X) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall x P(X) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$$

$$\exists x (P(X) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \exists x P(X) \vee \exists x Q(x)$$

Then, the **Representing knowledge in FOL:**

- **Objects:** people

*John , Mary , Jane , ...*

- **Properties:** gender

*Male (x), Female (x)*

- **Relations:** parenthood, brotherhood, marriage

*Parent (x, y), Brother (x, y), Spouse (x, y)*

- **Functions:** mother-of (one for each person x)

*MotherOf (x)*

## Relations between predicates and functions

How relate to each other:

- Male and female are disjoint categories

$$\forall x \text{ Male } (x) \Leftrightarrow \neg \text{Female } (x)$$

- Parent and child relations are inverse

$$\forall x, y \text{ Parent } (x, y) \Leftrightarrow \text{Child } (y, x)$$

- A grandparent is a parent of parent

$$\forall g, c \text{ Grandparent}(g, c) \Leftrightarrow \exists p \text{ Parent}(g, p) \wedge \text{Parent}(p, c)$$

- A sibling is another child of one's parents

$$\forall x, y \text{ Sibling } (x, y) \Leftrightarrow (x \neq y) \wedge \exists p \text{ Parent } (p, x) \wedge \text{Parent } (p, y)$$

- And so on ....

## Next Lecture

## Continue Predicate logic