

# Mathematical Logic

Part One

## **An Important Question**

How do we formalize the logic we've been using in our proofs?

# Where We're Going

- **Propositional Logic** (Today)
  - Basic logical connectives.
  - Truth tables.
  - Logical equivalences.
- **First-Order Logic** (Today/Friday)
  - Reasoning about properties of multiple objects.

# Propositional Logic

A **proposition** is a statement that is,  
by itself, either true or false.

# Some Sample Propositions

- Puppies are cuter than kittens.
- Kittens are cuter than puppies.
- Usain Bolt can outrun everyone in this room.
- CS103 is useful for cocktail parties.
- This is the last entry on this list.

# More Propositions

- I came in like a wrecking ball.
- I am a champion.
- You're going to hear me roar.
- We all just entertainers.

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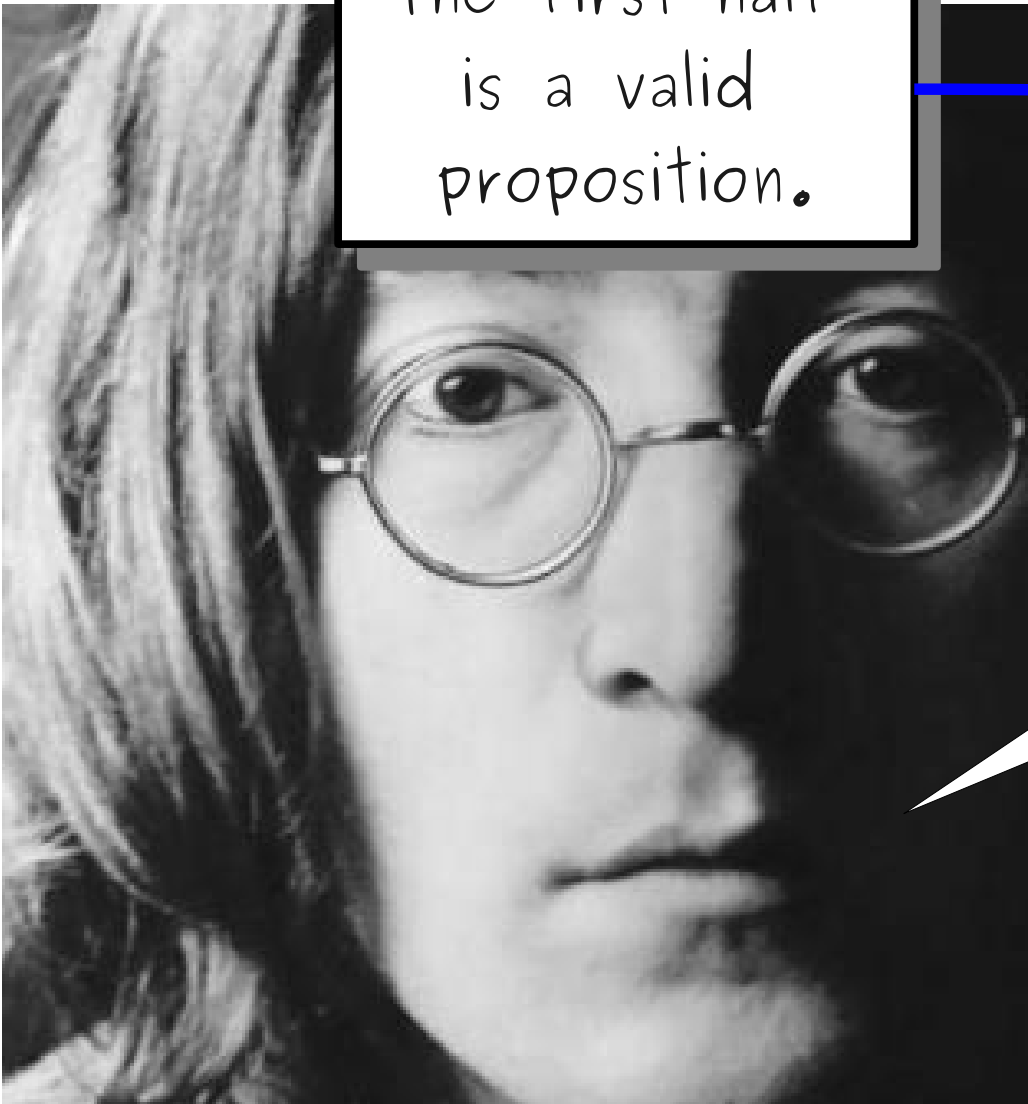




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The first half  
is a valid  
proposition.

I am the walrus,  
goo goo g'joob

Jibberish cannot  
be true or  
false.

# Propositional Logic

- **Propositional logic** is a mathematical system for reasoning about propositions and how they relate to one another.
- Every statement in propositional logic consists of **propositional variables** combined via **logical connectives**.
  - Each variable represents some proposition, such as “You liked it” or “You should have put a ring on it.”
  - Connectives encode how propositions are related, such as “If you liked it, then you should have put a ring on it.”

# Propositional Variables

- Each proposition will be represented by a **propositional variable**.
- Propositional variables are usually represented as lower-case letters, such as  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$ ,  $s$ , etc.
- Each variable can take one of two values: true or false.

# Logical Connectives

- **Logical NOT:  $\neg p$** 
  - Read “**not**  $p$ ”
  - $\neg p$  is true if and only if  $p$  is false.
  - Also called **logical negation**.
- **Logical AND:  $p \wedge q$** 
  - Read “ $p$  **and**  $q$ .”
  - $p \wedge q$  is true if both  $p$  and  $q$  are true.
  - Also called **logical conjunction**.
- **Logical OR:  $p \vee q$** 
  - Read “ $p$  **or**  $q$ .”
  - $p \vee q$  is true if at least one of  $p$  or  $q$  are true (inclusive OR)
  - Also called **logical disjunction**.

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This "or" is an  
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The only way for  $p \rightarrow q$  to be false is for  $p$  to be true and  $q$  to be false.

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One interpretation of  $\leftrightarrow$  is to think of it as equality: the two propositions must have equal truth values.

# True and False

- There are two more “connectives” to speak of: true and false.
  - The symbol  $\top$  is a value that is always true.
  - The symbol  $\perp$  is value that is always false.
- These are often called connectives, though they don't connect anything.
  - (Or rather, they connect zero things.)

# 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:

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# Recap So Far

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

Translating into Propositional Logic

# Some Sample Propositions

*a*: There is a velociraptor outside my apartment.

*b*: Velociraptors can open windows.

*c*: I am in my apartment right now.

*d*: My apartment has windows.

*e*: I am going to be eaten by a velociraptor

"I won't be eaten by a velociraptor if there isn't a velociraptor outside my apartment."

$$\neg a \rightarrow \neg e$$

“ $p$  if  $q$ ”

translates to

$$q \rightarrow p$$

It does *not* translate to

$$p \rightarrow q$$

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"If there is a velociraptor outside my apartment, but velociraptors can't open windows, I am not going to be eaten by a velociraptor."

$$a \wedge \neg b \rightarrow \neg e$$

“ $p$ , but  $q$ ”

translates to

$$p \wedge q$$

# The Takeaway Point

- When translating into or out of propositional logic, be very careful not to get tripped up by nuances of the English language.
  - In fact, this is one of the reasons we have a symbolic notation in the first place!
- Many prepositional phrases lead to counterintuitive translations; make sure to double-check yourself!

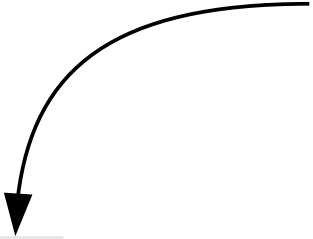


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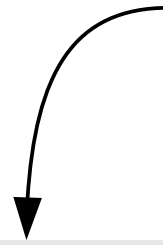
We can't evaluate this until  
we have a value for  $p \rightarrow q$ .



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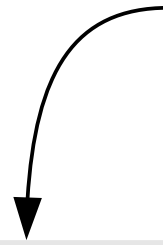
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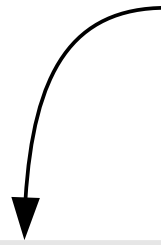
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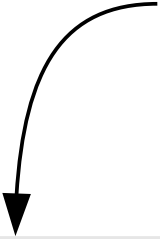
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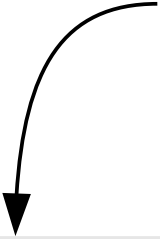
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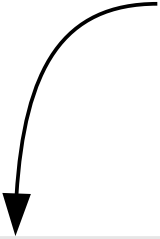
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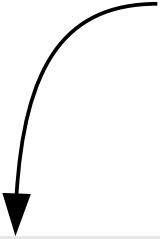


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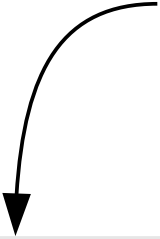
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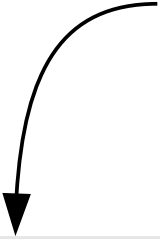
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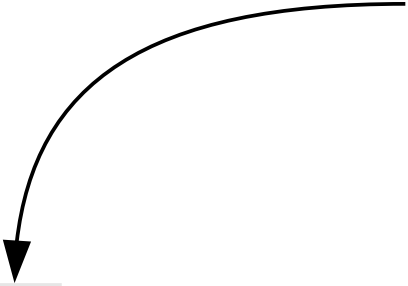
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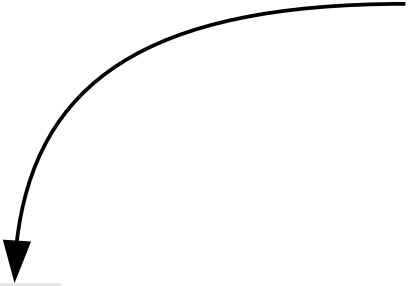
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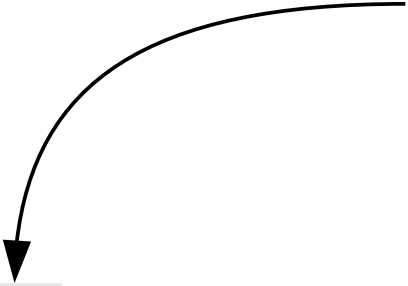


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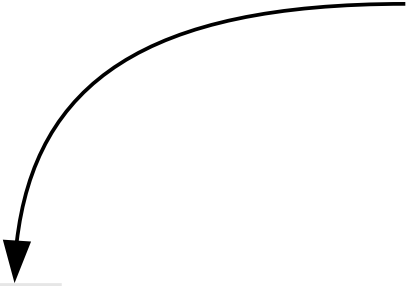
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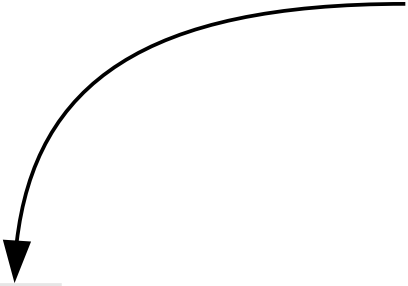
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$p$	$q$	$p$	$\lambda$	$(p \rightarrow q)$
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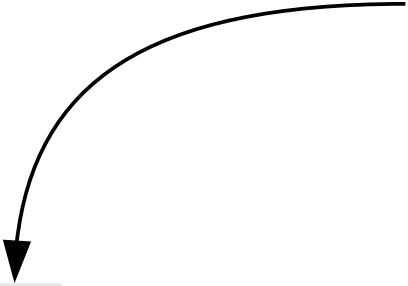
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This gives the final truth value for the expression.

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	
F	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
T	F	F	F
T	T	T	T

# Logical Equivalence



# Negations

- $p \wedge q$  is false if and only if  $\neg(p \wedge q)$  is true.
- Intuitively, this is only possible if either  $p$  is false or  $q$  is false (or both!)
- In propositional logic, we can write this as  $\neg p \vee \neg q$ .
- How would we prove that  $\neg(p \wedge q)$  and  $\neg p \vee \neg q$  are equivalent?
- **Idea**: Build truth tables for both expressions and confirm that they always agree.

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These two statements  
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# Logical Equivalence

- If two propositional logic statements  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  always have the same truth values as one another, they are called **logically equivalent**.
- We denote this by  $\varphi \equiv \psi$ .
- $\equiv$  is not a connective. It is a statement used to describe propositional formulas.
  - $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$  is a propositional statement that can take on different truth values based on how  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  evaluate. Think of it as a function of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ .
  - $\varphi \equiv \psi$  is an assertion that the formulas always take on the same values. It is either true or it isn't.

# De Morgan's Laws

- Using truth tables, we concluded that

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$$

- We can also use truth tables to show that

$$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

- These two equivalences are called **De Morgan's Laws**.

# Another Important Equivalence

- When is  $p \rightarrow q$  false?
- **Answer:**  $p$  must be true and  $q$  must be false.
- In propositional logic:

$$p \wedge \neg q$$

- Is the following true?

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If  $p$  is false, the whole thing is true and we gain no information. If  $p$  is true, then  $q$  has to be true for the whole expression to be true.

# Why This Matters

- Understanding these equivalences helps justify how proofs work and what to prove.
- Unsure what to prove? Try translating it into logic first and see what happens.

Announcements!

# Problem Set Three Checkpoint

- Problem Set Three checkpoints graded and solutions are released.
- ***Please review the feedback and solution set.***  
Parts (ii) and (iv) are trickier than they might seem.
- On-time Problem Set Two's should be graded and returned by tomorrow at noon in the homework return bin.
  - Please keep everything sorted!
  - Please don't leave papers sitting out!

# A Note on Induction

- In an inductive proof,  $P(n)$  must be a statement that is either true or false for a particular choice of  $n$ .
- Examples:
  - $P(n) = "a_n = 2^n."$
  - $P(n) = "any tournament with  $n$  players has a winner."$
- Non-examples:
  - $P(n) = "a game of Nim with  $n$  stones in each pile"$
  - $P(n) = "for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n = 2^n."$$

Your Questions



What are some practical applications of cardinality? Why is it useful?

# 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, and
  - **functions** that map objects to one another,
  - **quantifiers** that allow us to reason about multiple objects simultaneously.

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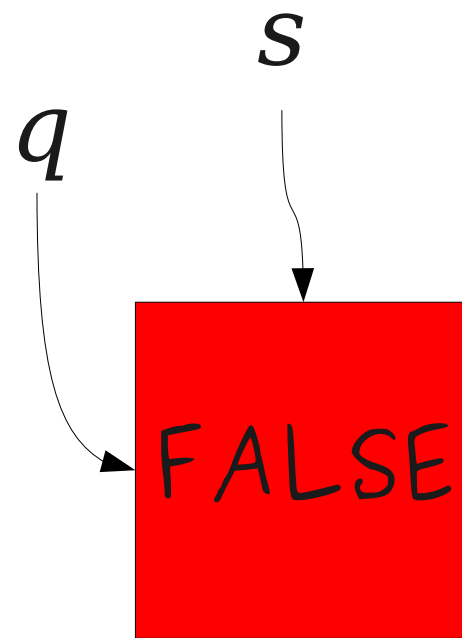
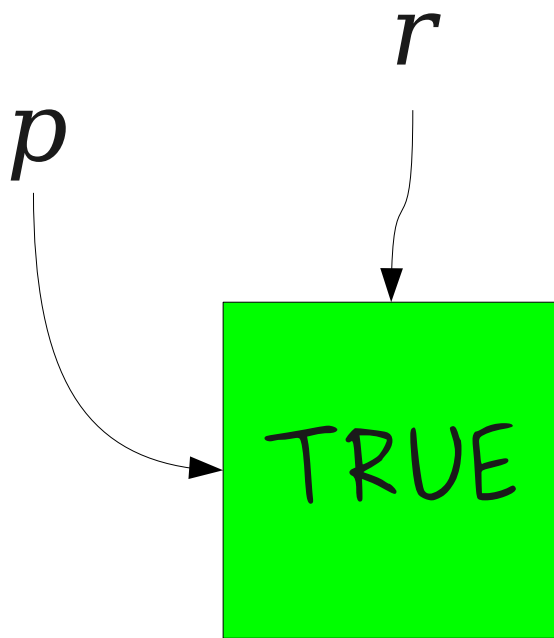
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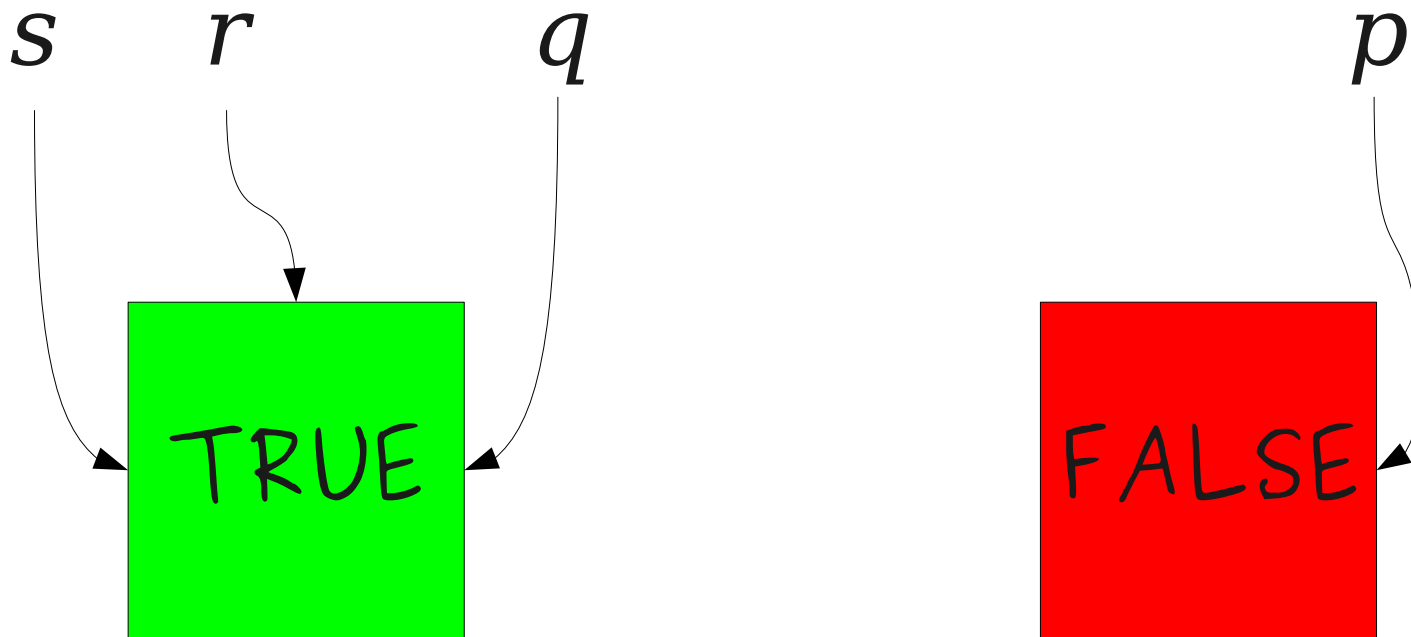
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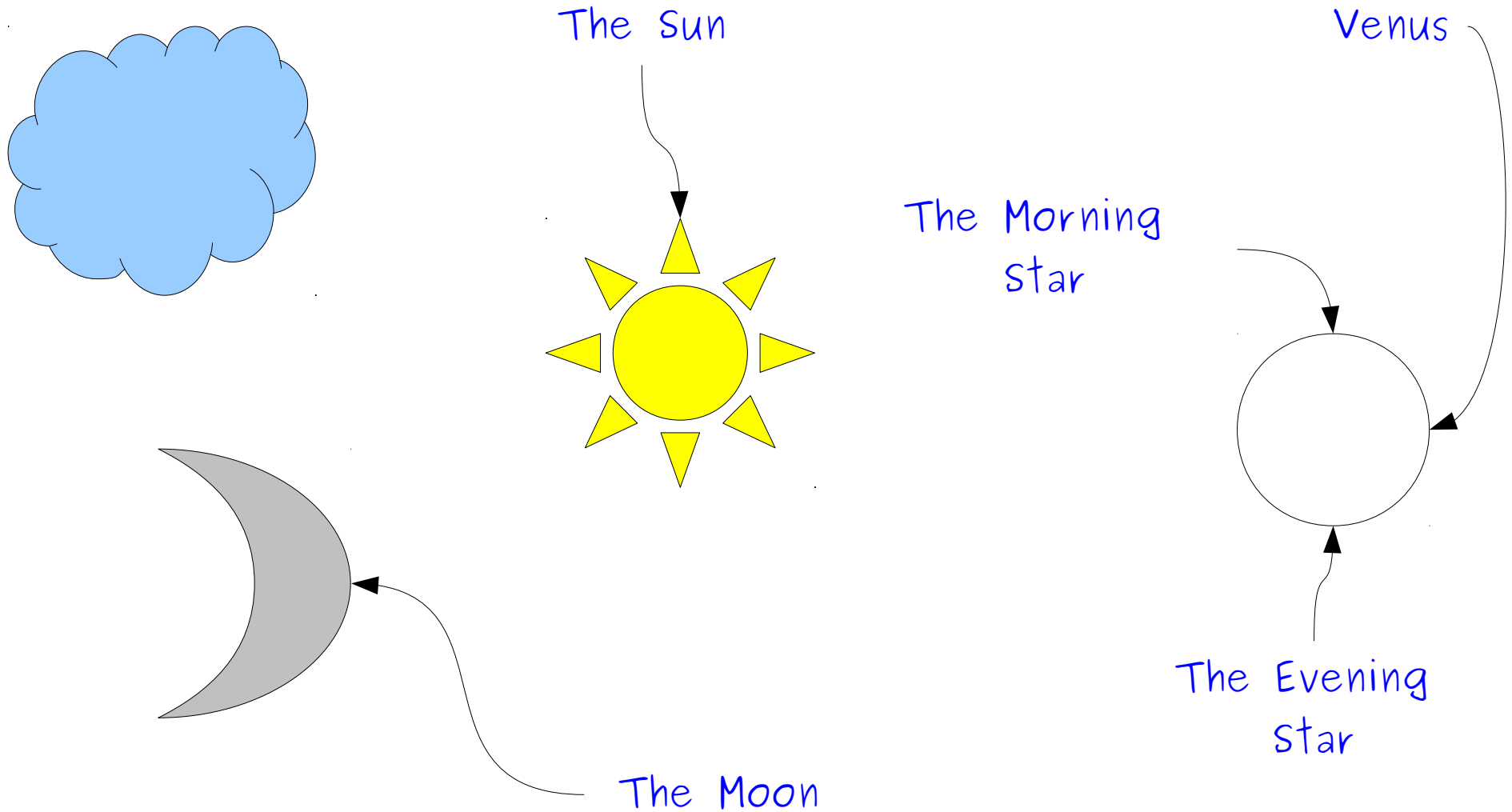




# Propositional Logic

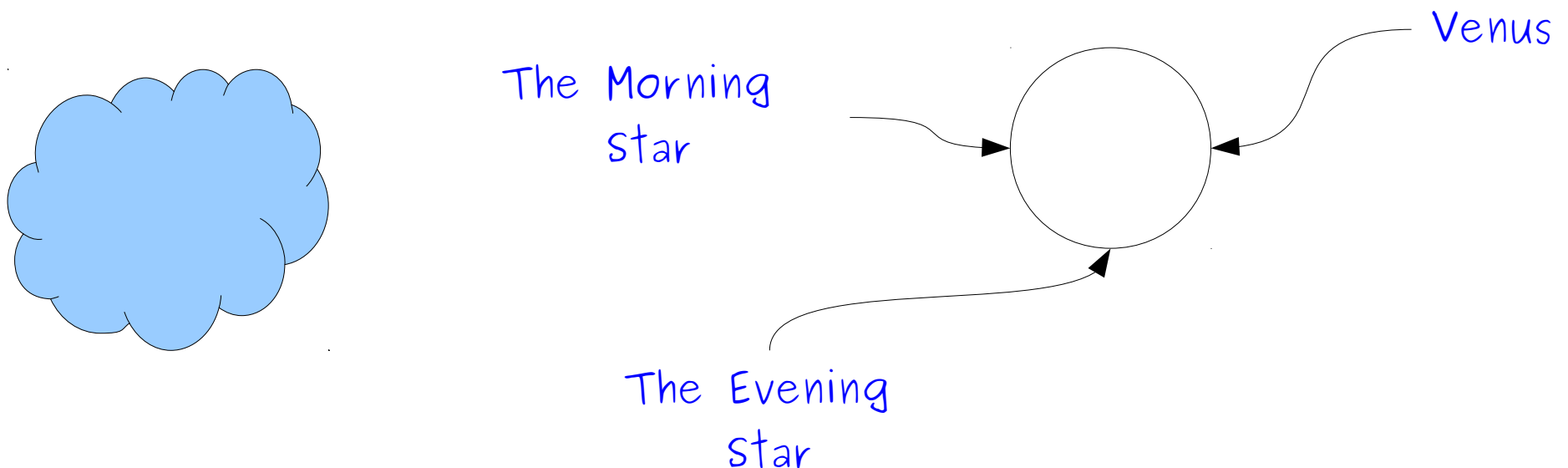
- In propositional logic, each variable represents a **proposition**, which is either true or false.
- We can directly apply connectives to propositions:
  - $p \rightarrow q$
  - $\neg p \wedge q$
- The truth of a statement can be determined by plugging in the truth values for the input propositions and computing the result.
- We can see all possible truth values for a statement by checking all possible truth assignments to its variables.

# The Universe of First-Order Logic



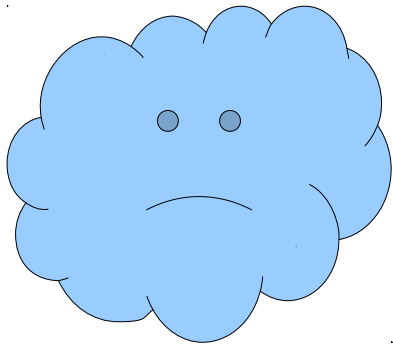
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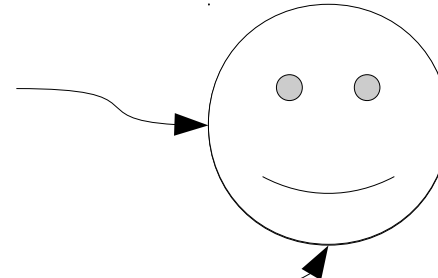
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The Morning  
Star

The Evening  
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Venus



# Propositional vs. First-Order Logic

- Because propositional variables are either true or false, we can directly apply connectives to them.

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$$\neg p \leftrightarrow q \wedge r$$

- Because first-order variables refer to arbitrary objects, it does not make sense to apply connectives to them.

$$\textit{Venus} \rightarrow \textit{Sun}$$

$$137 \leftrightarrow \neg 42$$

- *This is not C!*

# Reasoning about Objects

- To reason about objects, first-order logic uses **predicates**.
- Examples:
  - *ExtremelyCute(Quokka)*
  - *DeadlockEachOther(House, Senate)*
- Predicates can take any number of arguments, but each predicate has a fixed number of arguments (called its **arity**)
- Applying a predicate to arguments produces a proposition, which is either true or false.

# First-Order Sentences

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

$\text{LikesToEat}(V, M) \wedge \text{Near}(V, M) \rightarrow \text{WillEat}(V, M)$

$\text{Cute}(t) \rightarrow \text{Dikdik}(t) \vee \text{Kitty}(t) \vee \text{Puppy}(t)$

$x < 8 \rightarrow x < 137$

The notation  $x < 8$  is just a shorthand for something like **LessThan(x, 8)**.

Binary predicates in math are often written like this, but symbols like  $<$  are not a part of first-order logic.

# 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:

*MorningStar = EveningStar*

*Glinda = GoodWitchOfTheNorth*

- Equality can only be applied to **objects**; to see if **propositions** are equal, use  $\leftrightarrow$ .



For notational simplicity, define  $\neq$  as

$$x \neq y \equiv \neg(x = y)$$

# Next Time

- **First-Order Logic II**
  - Functions and quantifiers.
  - How do we translate statements into first-order logic?
  - Why does any of this matter?