

## First-order multi-agent epistemic logic:

- $\mathbf{K}_A \alpha$  =  $A$  knows  $\alpha$
- $\mathbf{O}_A \alpha$  =  $A$  knows  $\alpha$  and nothing else

### Example:

- $A$  knows  $A$
- $A$  knows that  $B$  knows  $B$

$A$  knows that she does not know  $B$  and that  $B$  does know  $B$ .

### Formalisation:

$$\mathbf{O}_A (A = 7 \wedge \forall x (B = x \rightarrow \mathbf{O}_B B = x))$$

entails

$$\mathbf{K}_A \exists z (\neg \mathbf{K}_A B = z \wedge \mathbf{K}_B B = z)$$

### Reduction using classical FOL validity oracle:

- Replace each  $\mathbf{O}_A \alpha(\vec{x})$  with a fresh atom  $P_\alpha(\vec{x})$

- Replace each  $\mathbf{K}_A \gamma(\vec{z})$  with a disjunction of

$$\exists \vec{x} (P_\alpha(\vec{x}) \wedge \text{Valid}[\alpha(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \gamma(\vec{z})])$$

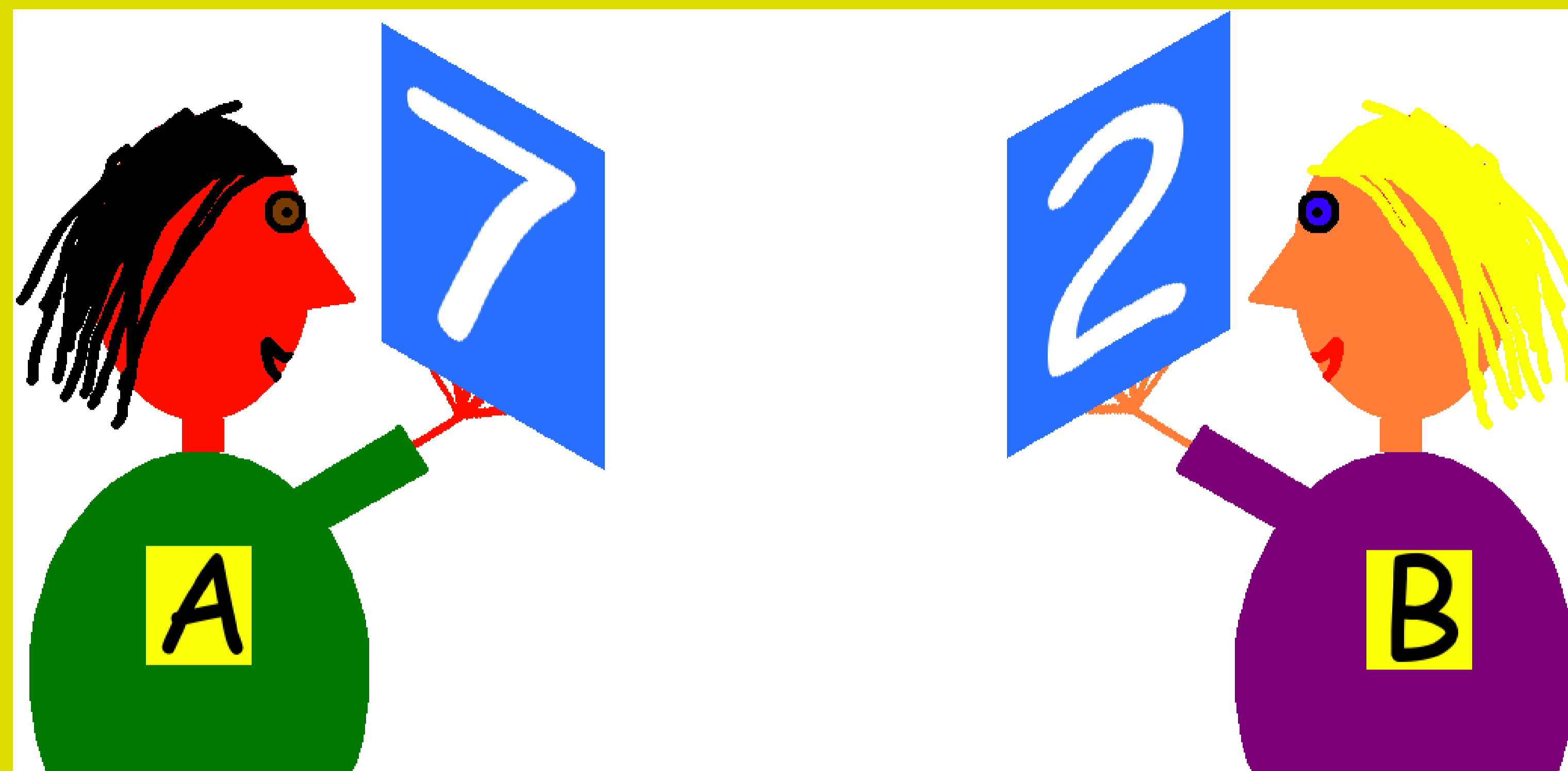
over all  $\mathbf{O}_A \alpha(\vec{x})$

- Add axioms for  $P_\alpha(\vec{x}), P_\beta(\vec{y})$

$$P_\alpha(\vec{x}) \rightarrow (P_\beta(\vec{y}) \leftrightarrow \text{Valid}[\alpha(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \beta(\vec{y})])$$

to mimic properties of  $\mathbf{O}_A$

$\text{Valid}[\phi(\vec{x})]$  represents the  $\vec{x}$  for which  $\phi$  is valid



# Reasoning in multi-agent epistemic KBs reduces to classical reasoning

$\mathbf{O}_A \alpha$  is a multi-agent knowledge base  
 $\iff$  every model of  $\alpha$  satisfies some  $\mathbf{O}_B \beta$

- $\times \mathbf{O}_A (p \rightarrow \mathbf{O}_B q)$
- $\checkmark \mathbf{O}_A ((p \rightarrow \mathbf{O}_B q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{O}_B r))$
- $\checkmark \mathbf{O}_A \forall x (p(x) \rightarrow \mathbf{O}_B q(x))$

Allows for incomplete knowledge about other agent's knowledge!

For objective  $\phi, \psi$ :

$$\mathbf{O}_A \phi \text{ entails } \mathbf{K}_A \psi \iff \phi \rightarrow \psi \text{ is valid}$$

$$\mathbf{O}_A \alpha \text{ implies } \mathbf{O}_A \beta \iff \alpha, \beta \text{ equivalent}$$

### Reduction using classical FOL validity oracle:

$$1. \mathbf{O}_A (A = 7 \wedge \forall x (B = x \rightarrow \mathbf{O}_B B = x))$$

$$\mathbf{K}_A \exists z (\neg \mathbf{K}_A B = z \wedge \mathbf{K}_B B = z)$$

$$2. \mathbf{O}_A (A = 7 \wedge \forall x (B = x \rightarrow P(x)) \wedge \Omega)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_A \exists z (\neg \mathbf{K}_A B = z \wedge \exists x (P(x) \wedge x = z))$$

When is  $B = x \rightarrow B = z$  valid?  
 Use FOL validity oracle!

$$\Omega = \forall x \forall y (P(x) \rightarrow (P(y) \leftrightarrow x = y))$$

Oracle calls: [Levesque '84]

- if  $\phi$  has no free variables:

$$\text{Valid}[\phi] = \text{TRUE if } \phi \text{ valid}$$

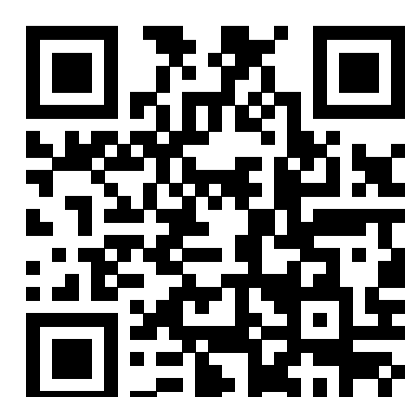
$$\text{Valid}[\phi] = \text{FALSE otherwise}$$

- if  $\phi$  has free variable  $x$ , names  $n_1, \dots, n_k$ :

$$\text{Valid}[\phi] = (\text{Valid}[\phi_{n_1}^x] \wedge x = n_1) \vee \dots \vee$$

$$(\text{Valid}[\phi_{n_k}^x] \wedge x = n_k) \vee$$

$$(\text{Valid}[\phi_{n'}^x] \wedge x \neq n_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x \neq n_k)$$



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