

Chapter 2

GÖDEL: WHAT IS DECIDABLE?

- **PHILOSOPHICAL AND MATHEMATICAL LOGIC**

- If all humans (B's) are mortal (A), and all Greeks (C's) are humans (B's), then all Greeks (C's) are mortal (A).
- Leibniz: Logic and reasoning as a series of mechanical and symbolic tasks.

- **Deductive and Inductive Reasoning**

- Deductive: Specific conclusion from a generalization.
- Inductive: Broad generalization from specific observation.

- **Paradox**

- Contradictions
- Led to significant advances in science, philosophy and mathematics

- **Formal and Informal Logic**

- Formal: Set of discrete symbols, syntax and semantics.
- Hoare triple: $\{P\} C \{Q\}$
 - “Whenever P holds for the state before the execution of C, then Q will hold afterward.”
- Informal: Natural language arguments.
 - Complicated

- **Mathematical Logic**

- Apply logic to mathematics: reduce mathematics to tautologies.
 - Russell’s paradox: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpVRePLMLbU>
- Logic programming: Set of axioms and rules.
 - Proofs by humans can be computer assisted if too lengthy for humans.

- **Decidability**

- Kurt Gödel incompleteness theorem: In certain mathematical domains, there are problems that can not be solved or propositions that can not be proven.

• Propositional Logic (or calculus)

Symbols	Statement	Connectives
$p \vee q$	“either p is true, or q is true, or both”	Disjunction
$p \cdot q$	“both p and q are true”	Conjunction
$p \supset q$	“if p is true, then q is true”	Implication
$p \equiv q$	“p and q are either both true or both false”	Equivalence

• First-Order Logic

- “there exists an x such that . . .”
- “for any x, it is the case that . . .”
- “x” is values not properties
- Can formulize all of set theory and most of mathematics.
- Model Theory: connections between FO-properties and FO-structures
 - Restrictive thus questions cannot be discussed, but FOL have precise grammer

- **Automated Inference for FOL**

- Gödel's Completeness Theorem says that FOL is only semidecidable.
- If sentence is true given a set of axioms, there is a procedure that will determine this. But if it is false, there is no guarantee that a procedure will determine this.
 - Thus the Truth Table is not complete for FOL, as the size may be infinite.
- Natural deduction is complete in FOL, but not practical.
 - "Branching factor"
- Modus Ponens: Given the statements p and *if p then q* , infer q .
 - Generalized MP is not complete for FOL
 - GMP is complete for Knowledge Bases containing Horn clauses (chapter 8)
 - $(\forall x)(P_1(x) \wedge P_2(x) \wedge \dots \wedge P_n(x)) \Rightarrow Q(x)$

Example from page 30

- KB = All cats like fish, cats eat everything they like, and Molly is a cat.
In FOL then,
 - $\text{KB} = (\forall x) \text{cat}(x) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{Fish})$ (1)
 - $(\forall x)(\forall y) (\text{cat}(x) \wedge \text{likes}(x, y)) \Rightarrow \text{eats}(x, y)$ (2)
 - $\text{cat}(\text{Molly})$ (3)
- Query: Does Molly eat fish?
- Proof:
 - Use GMP with (1) and (3) to derive: (4) $\text{likes}(\text{Molly}, \text{Fish})$
 - Use GMP with (3), (4) and (2) to derive: $\text{eats}(\text{Molly}, \text{Fish})$
- Conclusion: Yes, Molly eats fish.

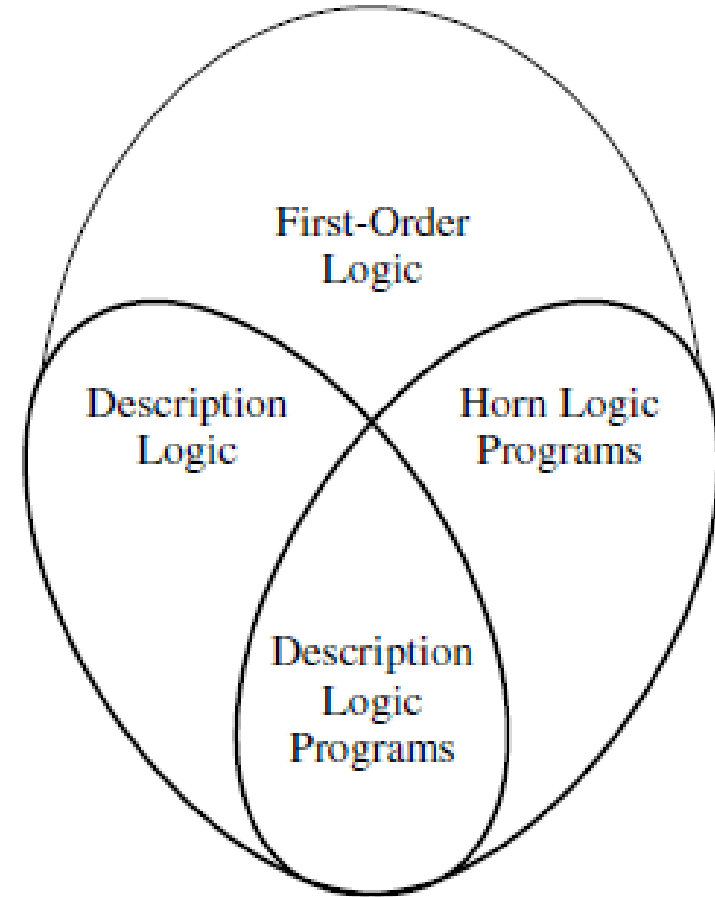
- **Description Logic**

- allow specifying a terminological hierarchy using a restricted set of first-order formulas.

- **Relating Logic Fragments ->**

- **Higher Order Logic**

- Variables can appear in places where predicate or functions symbols appear.
- N order cant take (N-1) order predicates as arguments.



- **Recursion Theory**

- The Fibonacci numbers
 - 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, . . .

- **KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION**

- “Data,” “information,” “knowledge,” and “understanding.”
- Logic-based approaches
 - Complex relationships, well defined syntax, semantics and proof theory.
- Rule-based systems
 - IF-THEN
- Frames and semantic networks.
 - Network capturing related object, creating a class hierarchy.
 - Matching and property inheritance

- **COMPUTATIONAL LOGIC**

- Logic + Control = Algorithms

- **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

- Strong and weak AI

- **WEB ARCHITECTURE AND BUSINESS LOGIC**

- Front-end is stupid HTML, simple ascii text.
- Business logic is deligated to backend scripts.
- Calculations on server is efficient and fast, but must communicate through inefficient XML in ascii.

- **THE SEMANTIC WEB**

- HTML and XML made for humans to read.
- New markup schemas for automatic agents.

- **Inference Engines for the Semantic Web**

- Process the knowledge available in the Semantic Web by deducing new knowledge from already specified knowledge.

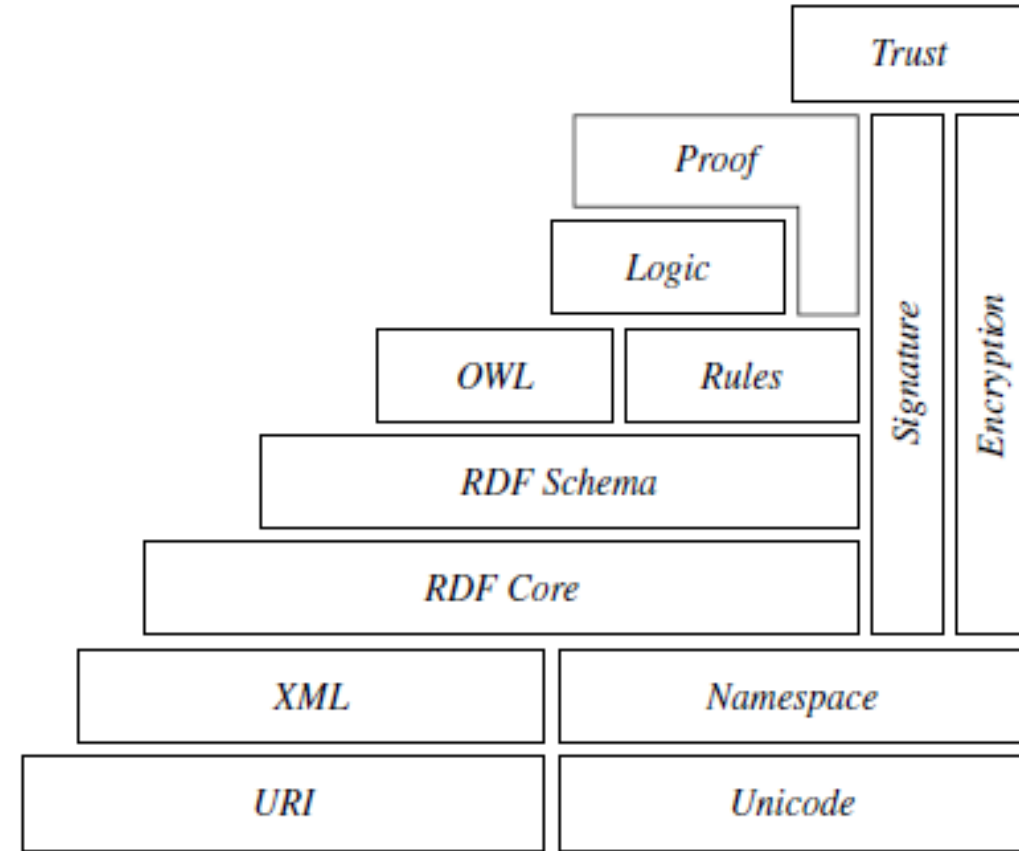


Figure 2-3. Markup language pyramid.