

Intelligent Retrieval from a Database, Part 1

We would like to create a knowledge-based system that will answer queries about a group of family members.

The first step is to design the knowledge base. We will try to represent knowledge by first-order sentences of the signature that consists of

- object constants S, W, A, M ,
- unary predicate constants $Male, Female$, and
- binary predicate constants $Parent, Brother$.

We expect that our knowledge base KB will consist of two parts: *general*, describing the relationships between the predicates $Male, Female, Parent, Brother$, and *specific*—facts about the individuals S, W, A, M .

The intended interpretation I of this signature is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |I| &= \{S, W, A, M\}, \\
 S^I &= S, \quad W^I = W, \quad A^I = A, \quad M^I = M, \\
 Male^I &= \{A, M\}, \\
 Female^I &= \{S, W\}, \\
 Parent^I &= \{\langle S, W \rangle, \langle S, A \rangle, \langle W, M \rangle\}, \\
 Brother^I &= \{\langle A, W \rangle\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We would like KB to be *correct* in the sense that I should be a model of KB .

We would like KB to be *complete on the level of ground atoms*: for every ground atom (that is, atomic formula without variables) F , KB should entail either F or $\neg F$.