Frege in Context

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Schedule, syllabus, and links to readings at: https://spaceofreasons.netlify.app/courses/frege2025/ Also available at Bob's website (under "Courses"): https://sites.pitt.edu/~rbrandom/

Week 1: Introduction to Frege in Context

Part I: Context and Content

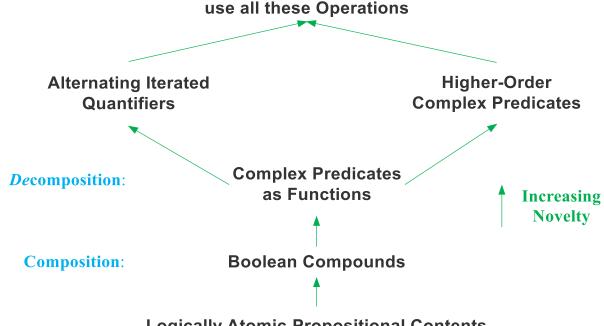
- 1. Frege between Kant and Wittgenstein:
 - a) Context: Danielle Macbeth: Frege's Logic (HUP: 2009), Realizing Reason (OUP: 2014).
 - b) Context: Bernard Bolzano: Wissenschaftslehre (1781-1848).
- 2. Some Biographical and Bibliographical Details about Frege Frege (1848-1925) wrote three books:
 - Begriffsschrift (1879),
 - Grundlagen der Arithmetik (1884),
 - *Grundgesetze der Arithmetik* (1891-93).
- 3. Force/Content:
 - a) The Frege-Geach point, and "Ascriptivism."
 - b) Kimhi-Rödl objections.
- 4. Concept/Object
 - a) A critical development of Kant's concept/intuition distinction
 - b) Model: Functions vs. Arguments/Values.
 - c) The invention of truth-values.

Part II: Conceptual Novelty and Abstraction

- 5. Logical Ampliativity
- 6. Kite of Logical Conceptual Novelty
- 7. Abstraction

Kite of Kinds of Logical **Conceptual Novelty**

Reasoning from *Definitions* that use all these Operations



Logically Atomic Propositional Contents