Probabilistic reasoning with complex heterogeneous observations

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- How can we add extra arguments (e.g., presenters, chair)?

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Subject-verb-object
 Individual-property-value
 triples can be depicted as edges in graphs



• A modeller or learner needs to invent (reified) objects.

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prop(*Individual*, *Property*, *Value*) is the only relation needed: *(Individual*, *Property*, *Value*) triples, Semantic network, entity relationship model, knowledge graphs, ...

What is now required is to give the greatest possible development to mathematical logic, to allow to the full the importance of relations, and then to found upon this secure basis a new philosophical logic, which may hope to borrow some of the exactitude and certainty of its mathematical foundation. If this can be successfully accomplished, there is every reason to hope that the near future will be as great an epoch in pure philosophy as the immediate past has been in the principles of mathematics. Great triumphs inspire great hopes; and pure thought may achieve, within our generation, such results as will place our time, in this respect, on a level with the greatest age of Greece.

- Bertrand Russell 1917