

# Reasoning with Embedded Formulas and Modalities in SUMO

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— SUMO and Sigma —

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(=>
  (attribute ?X Celebrity)
  (greaterThan
    (CardinalityFn
      (KappaFn ?A
        (knows ?A (exists (?P) (equal ?P ?X))))))
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## Higher-Order Automated Theorem Proving in Ontology Reasoning

## Example (A: Embedded Formulas)

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## Example (B: Embedded Formulas)

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 (not (or (not (likes Mary Bill))  
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## Example (C: Embedded Formulas)

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## Example (E: Embedded Formulas)

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Problem for SUO-KIF Semantics:  
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