

# Problem Session Week 9

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Propositional Logic

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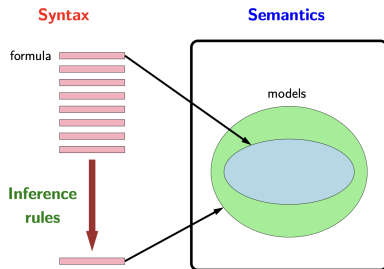
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# Logic

- Thinking in terms of **logical formulas and inference rules**, as opposed to **state** or **variable** based models.
- “**Logic language**” to represent and reason with knowledge.
  - Syntax**: defines valid formulas.
  - Semantics**: specify models (satisfying assignments) for each formula.
  - Inference rules**: what does a formula imply?



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## Propositional Logic



# Syntax and Semantics of Propositional Logic

## Syntax

- **Propositional symbols:**  $A, B, C, \text{Cat}, \dots$ 
  - Can be anything
- **Logical connectives:**  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$ 
  - Not, And, Or, Implies, Equals
- Build up formulas recursively, can operate on formulas with logical connectives

## Semantics

### Definition

A **model** in propositional logic is an **assignment** of truth values to propositional symbols.

**Interpretation function:** if model  $w$  satisfies formula  $f$ , then

$$\mathcal{I}(f, w) \in \{0, 1\}$$

# Models

- Let  $\mathcal{M}(f)$  be the set of **models**  $w$  for which  $\mathcal{I}(f, w) = 1$ .
  - Set of all possible valid assignments. A formula compactly represents a set of models.
- A **knowledge base** KB is a set of formulas representing their intersection:

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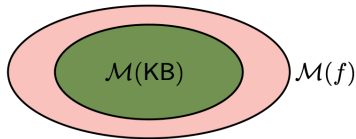
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- Adding more formulas to the knowledge base ... **shrinks the set of models**

# Adding Formulas

When we add  $f$  to KB:

1. **Entailment**: no information was added.

- $\text{KB} \models f$  iff  $\mathcal{M}(\text{KB}) \subseteq \mathcal{M}(f)$



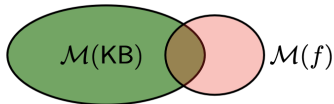
2. **Contradiction**:  $f$  contradicts what we know

- KB contradicts  $f$  iff  $\mathcal{M}(\text{KB}) \cap \mathcal{M}(f) = \emptyset$



3. **Contingency**:  $f$  adds non-trivial information to KB

- $\emptyset \subsetneq \mathcal{M}(\text{KB}) \cap \mathcal{M}(f) \subsetneq \mathcal{M}(\text{KB})$



KB contradicts  $f$  iff KB entails  $\neg f$ .



# Inference Rules

Inference rules allow us to reason with formulas without ever instantiating models.

**Modus Ponens:** for any propositional symbols  $p$  and  $q$ :

$$\frac{p, \quad p \rightarrow q}{q} \quad \text{which is } \frac{\text{(premises)}}{\text{(conclusion)}}$$

**Inference rule:** (syntax, not semantics!) if  $f_1, \dots, f_k, g$  are formulas then:

$$\frac{f_1, \dots, f_k}{g}$$

KB **derives/proves**  $f$  ( $\text{KB} \vdash f$ ) iff  $f$  eventually is added to KB through inference rules.



# Conjunctive Normal Form

A **CNF formula** is a conjunction (and) of clauses (or's):

$$(A \vee B \vee \neg C) \wedge (\neg B \vee D)$$

Can always convert:

- $f \leftrightarrow g$  is  $(f \rightarrow g) \wedge (g \rightarrow f)$
- $f \rightarrow g$  is  $\neg f \vee g$
- $\neg(f \wedge g)$  is  $\neg f \vee \neg g$
- $\neg(f \vee g)$  is  $\neg f \wedge \neg g$
- Double negatives cancel.
- Can distribute  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$ :  $f \vee (g \wedge h)$  is  $(f \vee g) \wedge (f \vee h)$



# Resolution

Remember that entailment  $KB \models f$  is the opposite of contradiction  $KB \cup \{\neg f\}$  is unsatisfiable.

## Resolution-based inference:

- Add  $\neg f$  into KB
- Convert all formulas into CNF
- Repeatedly apply **resolution** rule.
- Return entailment iff derive false.

## Resolution rule:

$$\frac{f_1 \vee \dots \vee f_n \vee p, \quad \neg p \vee g_1 \vee \dots \vee g_m}{f_1 \vee \dots \vee f_n \vee g_1 \vee \dots \vee g_m}$$



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## First Order Logic



# First Order Logic

## Syntax

Uses **terms** to refer to objects:

- Constant symbols (e.g. arithmetic)
- Variable (e.g.  $x$ )
- Functions of terms (e.g.  $\text{Sum}(3, x)$ )

**Formulas** refer to truth values:

- Atomic formulas (atoms), predicate applied to terms.
  - $\text{Knows}(x, \text{arithmetic})$
- Connectives applied to formulas:
  - $\text{Student}(x) \rightarrow \text{Knows}(x, \text{arithmetic})$
- Quantifiers applied to formulas:
  - $\forall x \text{Student}(x) \rightarrow \text{Knows}(x, \text{arithmetic})$



# Quantifiers

- Universal quantification ( $\forall$ ):
  - Like conjunction (and):  $\forall x P(x)$  is  $P(A) \wedge P(B) \wedge \dots$
- Existential quantification ( $\exists$ ):
  - Like disjunction (or):  $\exists x P(x)$  is like  $P(A) \vee P(B) \vee \dots$

Properties:

- $\neg \forall x P(x)$  is equivalently  $\exists x \neg P(x)$
- $\forall x \exists y \text{Knows}(x, y)$  is different from  $\exists y \forall x \text{Knows}(x, y)$ .

**Models** in first order logic map constant symbols to objects and predicate symbols to (satisfying) tuples of objects.



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# Things we Skipped Reviewing

- Soundness and completeness
- Propositional Horn clauses (definite + goal clause)
- First order modens ponens
- First order resolution



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# Definite Clauses (Propositional)

## Definition

A **definite clause** has the following form:

$$(p_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge p_k) \rightarrow q$$

$p_i$  and  $q$  are propositional symbols. Formula, not an inference rule.

A **Horn clause** is either:

- A definite clause  $(p_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge p_k) \rightarrow q$
- A goal clause  $(p_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge p_k) \rightarrow \text{false}$ , equivalently  $\neg(p_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge p_k)$ .