

CS221 Problem Workout

Week 9

Agenda

- **Syntax and semantics**
- **Inference Rules**
- **First Order Logic**
- **Modus Ponens**
- **Additional Topics**

Ingredients of a Logic

Syntax: defines a set of valid **formulas** (Formulas)

Example: $\text{Rain} \wedge \text{Wet}$

Semantics: for each formula, specify a set of **models** (assignments / configurations of the world)

Example:

		Wet	
		0	1
Rain	0		
	1		

Inference rules: given f , what new formulas g can be added that are guaranteed to follow ($\frac{f}{g}$)?

Example: from $\text{Rain} \wedge \text{Wet}$, derive Rain

Syntax of Propositional Logic

Propositional symbols (atomic formulas): A, B, C

Logical connectives: $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$

Build up formulas recursively—if f and g are formulas, so are the following:

- Negation: $\neg f$
- Conjunction: $f \wedge g$
- Disjunction: $f \vee g$
- Implication: $f \rightarrow g$
- Biconditional: $f \leftrightarrow g$

Implication and Causality

Implication in propositional logic may express causality but not always:

Example 1: The Photosynthesis formula below expresses cause and effect.

Carbon dioxide + Water \rightarrow Glucose + Oxygen

Example 2: the following proposition does not express causality:

Raining \rightarrow Doing well on the AI final

Properties/laws of Propositional Logic

1. **Identity law:**

$$p \wedge \text{True} \equiv p$$

$$p \vee \text{False} \equiv p$$

2. **Domination law:**

$$p \vee \text{True} \equiv \text{True}$$

$$p \wedge \text{False} \equiv \text{False}$$

3. **Idempotence law:**

$$p \vee p \equiv p$$

$$p \wedge p \equiv p$$

4. **Negation law:**

$$p \wedge (\neg p) \equiv \text{False}$$

$$p \vee (\neg p) \equiv \text{True}$$

5. **Double negation law:**

$$\neg\neg p \equiv p$$

6. **Commutativity law:**

$$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$$

$$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$$

7. **Associativity law:**

$$(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$$

$$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$$

8. **Distributivity law:**

$$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

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9. **Absorption law:**

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10. **DeMorgan's law:**

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv (\neg p) \vee (\neg q)$$

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11. **Implication to disjunction law:**

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$$

12. **IFF to implication law:**

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

Conjunctive Normal Form

- **Clause:** disjunction of literals
 - ... OR ... OR ...
- **CNF formula:** a conjunction of clauses
 - (... OR ... OR ...) AND (...OR ...)...
- Every propositional formula can be converted to an equivalent CNF formula
- CNF is useful for resolution

Conversion rules:

- Eliminate \leftrightarrow : $\frac{f \leftrightarrow g}{(f \rightarrow g) \wedge (g \rightarrow f)}$
- Eliminate \rightarrow : $\frac{f \rightarrow g}{\neg f \vee g}$
- Move \neg inwards: $\frac{\neg(f \wedge g)}{\neg f \vee \neg g}$
- Move \neg inwards: $\frac{\neg(f \vee g)}{\neg f \wedge \neg g}$
- Eliminate double negation: $\frac{\neg \neg f}{f}$
- Distribute \vee over \wedge : $\frac{f \vee (g \wedge h)}{(f \vee g) \wedge (f \vee h)}$

Problem 1

1) [CA session] Problem 1

Compute the conjunctive normal form (CNF) of the following two formulas and write every step of your computation:

(a) $\neg P \rightarrow \neg\neg(Q \vee (R \wedge \neg S))$

(b) $(P \rightarrow (Q \vee (R \wedge S))) \wedge (R \vee (S \rightarrow Q))$

Logical Inference and Modus Ponens

An inference in Propositional Logic is a sequence of propositions denoted as:

$$\frac{p_1 p_2 \dots p_n}{q}$$



Definition: Modus ponens inference rule

For any propositional symbols p and q :

$$\frac{p, p \rightarrow q}{q}$$

Example:

It is raining. (Rain)

If it is raining, then it is wet. (Rain \rightarrow Wet)

Therefore, it is wet. (Wet)

$$\frac{\text{Rain, Rain} \rightarrow \text{Wet}}{\text{Wet}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(premises)} \\ \text{(conclusion)} \end{array}$$

Resolution



Definition: resolution inference rule

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

Example:

$$\frac{\text{Rain} \vee \text{Snow}, \quad \neg \text{Snow} \vee \text{Traffic}}{\text{Rain} \vee \text{Traffic}}$$

First-Order Logic

- The expressive power of Propositional Logic is limited. For example, it cannot express expressions such as “for all” or “for some”. It is also difficult to express relationships.
- First-order logic, also known as predicate logic, combines quantifiers and predicates for a more powerful and compact formalism.

Terms (refer to objects):

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

Formulas (refer to truth values):

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

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Universal quantification (\forall):

Every student knows arithmetic.

$\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \rightarrow \text{Knows}(x, \text{arithmetic})$

Existential quantification (\exists):

Some student knows arithmetic.

$\exists x \text{ Student}(x) \wedge \text{Knows}(x, \text{arithmetic})$

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This is one way of saying “If everyone cheats, then everyone suffers.”

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3. Every startup that has a good product will have customers

$$\forall x ((\text{startup}(x) \wedge \text{good_product}(x)) \rightarrow \text{has_customers}(x))$$

Problem 3

3) [CA Session] Problem 3

Translate the following English sentences into first-order logic formulas:

- (a) Every student takes at least one course.
- (b) Every student who takes Analysis also takes Geometry.
- (c) No student failed Chemistry but at least one student failed History.

Quick Recap

- Knowledge base: set of formulae
- Model: an assignment to the world
- $M(f)$: set of all satisfying models
- $M(KB)$: models satisfy each formula in KB

		$\mathcal{M}(\text{Rain})$		$\mathcal{M}(\text{Rain} \rightarrow \text{Wet})$	
		0	1	0	1
Rain	0				
	1				

Intersection:

$\mathcal{M}(\{\text{Rain}, \text{Rain} \rightarrow \text{Wet}\})$

		Wet	
		0	1
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Office office - Problem Sheet P5



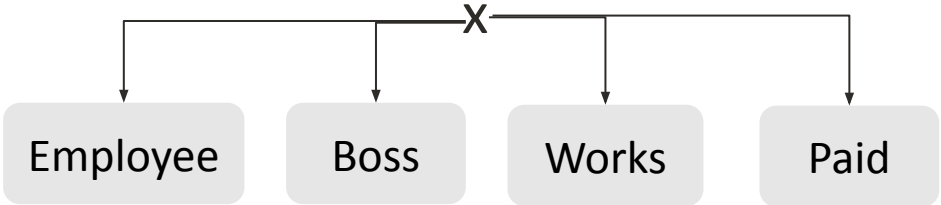
Alice



Bob



Carol



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KB

$\text{Boss}(\text{Carol})$

$\text{Employee}(\text{Bob})$

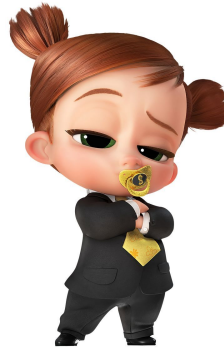
$\text{Paid}(\text{Carol}) \wedge \text{Works}(\text{Carol})$

$\text{Paid}(\text{Alice})$

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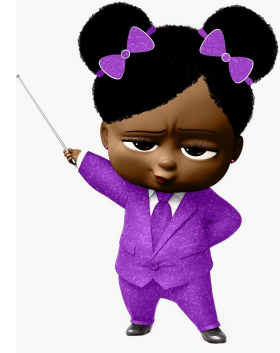
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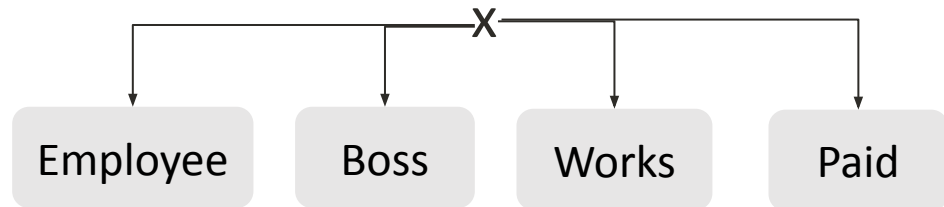
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First Order to Propositional logic

$$\forall x (\text{Employee}(x) \rightarrow \text{Works}(x))$$

$$x \in \{ \text{Alice}, \text{Bob}, \text{Carol} \}$$
$$(\text{Employee}(\text{Alice}) \rightarrow \text{Works}(\text{Alice})) \wedge$$
$$(\text{Employee}(\text{Bob}) \rightarrow \text{Works}(\text{Bob})) \wedge$$
$$(\text{Employee}(\text{Carol}) \rightarrow \text{Works}(\text{Carol}))$$

Adding a new fact to KB

KB

Boss(Carol)

Employee(Bob)

Paid(Carol) \wedge Works(Carol)

Paid(Alice)

$\forall x$ Employee(x) \leftrightarrow \neg Boss(x)

$\forall x$ Employee(x) \rightarrow Works(x)

$\forall x$ Paid(x) \wedge \neg Works(x) \rightarrow
Boss(x)

S = Anyone who is not a boss either works or does not get paid

Is M(KB) different from M(KB U S)?

$$F = \forall x \neg \text{Boss}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Works}(x) \vee \neg \text{Paid}(x))$$

$$\forall x \text{Boss}(x) \vee \text{Works}(x) \vee \neg \text{Paid}(x)$$

$$\forall x (\text{Boss}(x) \vee \text{Employee}(x)) \wedge (\neg \text{Employee}(x) \vee \neg \text{Boss}(x))$$

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$$\forall x \text{ Boss}(x) \vee \text{Works}(x) \vee \neg \text{Paid}(x)$$

$$\forall x \left(\text{Boss}(x) \vee \text{Employee}(x) \right) \wedge \left(\neg \text{Employee}(x) \vee \neg \text{Boss}(x) \right)$$

Case 1. If $\text{Boss}(x) == \text{T}$, S is satisfied for x

Thus,

$$\mathbf{M(\text{KB})} \subseteq \mathbf{M(\text{KB} \cup \text{S})}$$

Case 2. If $\text{Boss}(x) == \text{F}$, $\text{Employee}(x)$ must be T

By defn,

Since $\text{Employee}(x) \rightarrow \text{Works}(x)$

$$\mathbf{M(\text{KB})} \supseteq \mathbf{M(\text{KB} \cup \text{S})}$$

S is again satisfied

Thus,

$$\mathbf{M(\text{KB})} = \mathbf{M(\text{KB} \cup \text{S})}$$

Fact checking

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Entailment, Contingency and Contradiction

- We can examine a new formula f against KB by looking at $M(f) \cap M(KB)$

$M(f) \cap M(KB) = M(KB)$	Intersection is $M(KB)$	f is entailed by KB	Already knew the info
$\emptyset \subsetneq M(f) \cap M(KB) \subsetneq M(KB)$	Intersection is smaller than $M(KB)$, but nonempty	f is contingent to KB	Learned new info
$M(f) \cap M(KB) = \emptyset$	Intersection is empty	f contradicts KB	Info contradicts what we know

Problem 2

2) [CA session] Problem 2: Proof by Resolution

In this question we practice proving by resolution on the following knowledge base: Either Heather attended the meeting or Heather was not invited. If the boss wanted Heather at the meeting, then she was invited. Heather did not attend the meeting. If the boss did not want Heather there, and the boss did not invite her there, then she is going to be fired. Prove Heather is going to be fired.



Proposition: contradiction and entailment

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



Thank You