

RESOLUTION AND FIRST ORDER LOGIC

Introduction

- Last week we talked about logic.
- In particular we talked about why logic would be useful.
- We covered propositional logic — the simplest kind of logic.
- We talked about proof using the rules of natural deduction.
- This week we will look at some other aspects of proof.
 - Different proof methods.
- We will also look at a more expressive kind of logic.

More on proof

- One of the good things about natural deduction is that it is easy to understand.
 - Proofs are often intuitive
- However, there is lots to decide:
 - Which sentence to use
 - Which rule to apply
- Can be hard to program a system to use it.
- Q: How to make it easier?

Horn clauses

- A: Restrict the language
 - *Horn clauses*
- A Horn clause is:
 - An atomic proposition; or
 - A conjunction of atomic propositions \Rightarrow atomic proposition
- For example:
$$C \wedge D \Rightarrow B$$
- Given a set of propositions, the associated set of Horn clauses is a subset of the sentences that can be written in standard propositional logic.

- KB = *conjunction* of *Horn clauses*

- For example:

$$C \wedge (B \Rightarrow A) \wedge (C \wedge D \Rightarrow B)$$

- Same as saying:

$$\begin{array}{l} C \\ B \Rightarrow A \\ C \wedge D \Rightarrow B \end{array}$$

are all true.

- Modus ponens is then:

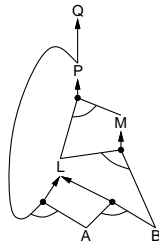
$$\frac{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \quad \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n \Rightarrow \beta}{\beta}$$

- For Horn clauses, modus ponens is all you need
 - Complete
- Can be used with *forward chaining* or *backward chaining*.
 - Two proofs mechanisms for Horn clause logic.
- These algorithms are very natural and run in *linear* time

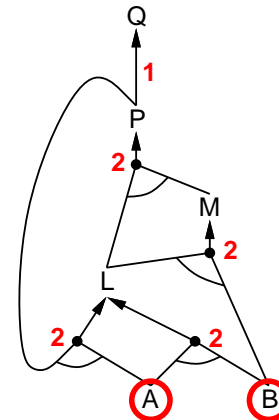
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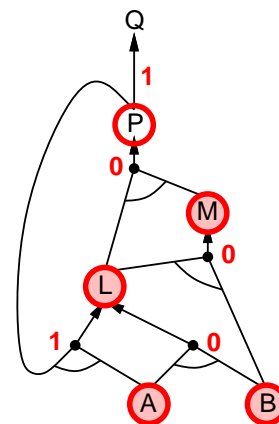
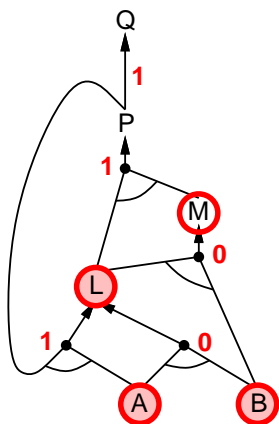
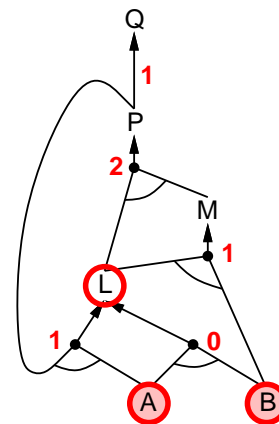
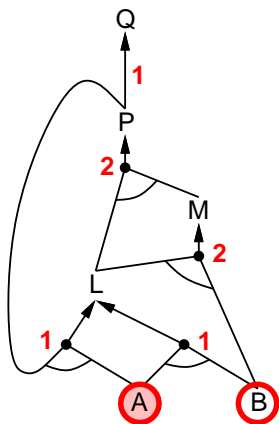
- Idea: fire any rule whose premises are satisfied in the KB, add its conclusion to the KB, until query is found

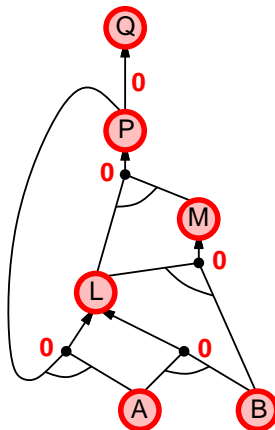
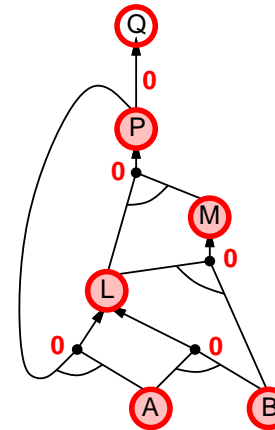
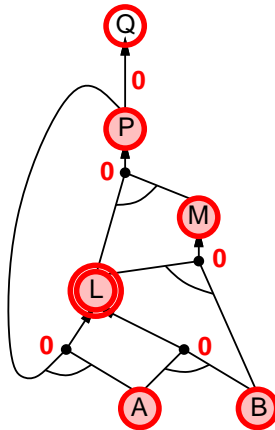
$$\begin{array}{l} P \Rightarrow Q \\ L \wedge M \Rightarrow P \\ B \wedge L \Rightarrow M \\ A \wedge P \Rightarrow L \\ A \wedge B \Rightarrow L \\ A \\ B \end{array}$$



- How does this work?







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function PL-FC-ENTAILS?(KB,q) returns true or false
inputs: KB, the knowledge base, q the query
local variables: count, a table with no. of premises of each clause
                  inferred, table of symbols, initially all false
                  agenda, list of symbols, initially whole KB

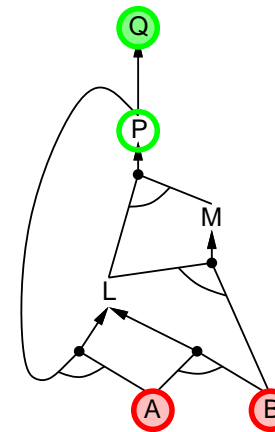
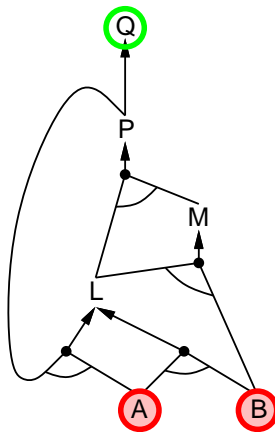
while agenda is not empty do
  p ← POP(agenda)
  unless inferred[p] do
    inferred[p] ← true
    for each Horn clause c in whose premise p appears do
      decrement count[c]
      if count[c] = 0 then do
        if HEAD[c] = q then return true
        PUSH(HEAD[c],agenda)
return false
  
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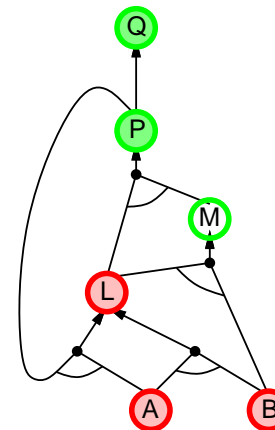
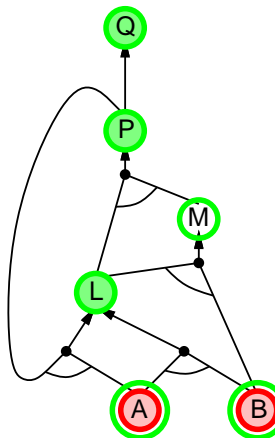
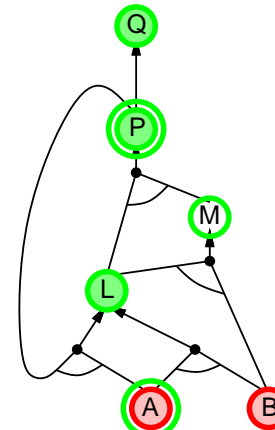
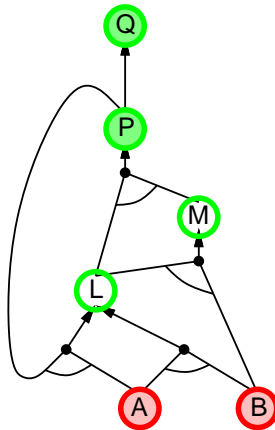
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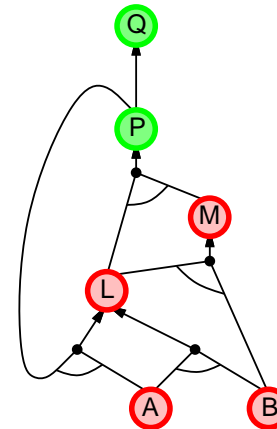
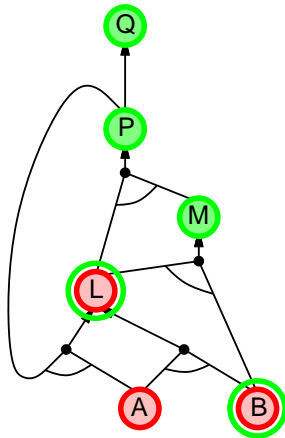
- FC derives every atomic sentence that is entailed by KB
 1. FC reaches a *fixed point* where no new atomic sentences are derived
 2. Consider the final state as a model m , assigning true/false to symbols
 3. Every clause in the original KB is true in m
Proof: Suppose a clause $a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_k \Rightarrow b$ is false in m
 Then $a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_k$ is true in m and b is false in m
 Therefore the algorithm has not reached a fixed point!
 4. Hence m is a model of KB
 5. If $KB \models q$, q is true in *every* model of KB , including m
- *General idea:* construct any model of KB by sound inference, check α

Backward chaining

- Idea: work backwards from the query q
 - to prove q by BC,
 - check if q is known already, or
 - prove by BC all premises of some rule concluding q
- Avoid loops: check if new subgoal is already on the goal stack
- Avoid repeated work: check if new subgoal
 1. has already been proved true, or
 2. has already failed







Forward v. backward chaining

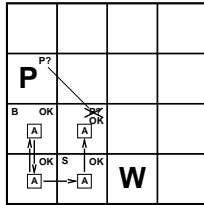
- FC is *data-driven*, cf. automatic, unconscious processing
 - e.g., object recognition, routine decisions
- May do lots of work that is irrelevant to the goal
- BC is *goal-driven*, appropriate for problem-solving,
 - e.g., Where are my keys? How do I get into a PhD program?
- Complexity of BC can be *much less* than linear in size of KB

Resolution

- Resolution is another proof system.
 - Sound and complete for propositional logic.
- Just one inference rule:

$$\frac{\ell_1 \vee \dots \vee \ell_k, \quad m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_n}{\ell_1 \vee \dots \vee \ell_{i-1} \vee \ell_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee \ell_k \vee m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n}$$
 where ℓ_i and m_j are complementary literals.
- Eh?

- As an example, here:



- We might resolve:

$$\frac{P_{1,3} \vee P_{2,2}, \quad \neg P_{2,2}}{P_{1,3}}$$

- So, if we know $P_{1,3} \vee P_{2,2}$ and $\neg P_{2,2}$ then we can conclude $P_{1,3}$

- Only issue:
 - Resolution only works for KB in *conjunctive normal form*
- *conjunction* of *disjunctions* of *literals*
clauses

- Such as:

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

- Have to convert sentences to CNF.
- See next slide for details.

Example: $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$

1. Eliminate \Leftrightarrow , replacing $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$ with $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$.

$$(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$$

2. Eliminate \Rightarrow , replacing $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$ with $\neg\alpha \vee \beta$.

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})$$

3. Move \neg inwards using de Morgan's rules and double-negation:

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge ((\neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})$$

4. Apply distributivity law (\vee over \wedge) and flatten:

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1})$$

Resolution example

- $KB = (B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge \neg B_{1,1}$
 $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$
- First we have to convert the KB into conjunctive normal form.
- That is what we just did (here's one I made earlier):

$$\begin{aligned} &\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1} \\ &\neg B_{1,1} \vee B_{P_{1,2}} \vee P_{2,1} \\ &\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1} \\ &\neg B_{1,1} \end{aligned}$$

- To this we add the negation of the thing we want to prove.

$$P_{1,2}$$

- Resolution works by repeatedly combining these formulae together until we get nothing (or the empty set).
- This represents the contradiction.
- When we find this we can conclude the negation of the thing we added to the *KB*.
 - This is just the thing we want to prove.
- Let's see how this might work.

- So we might combine:

$$\frac{\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1}, \quad \neg B_{1,1}}{\neg P_{2,1}}$$

- Similarly we might infer:

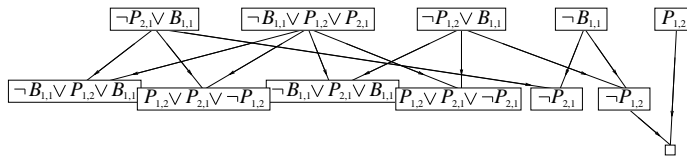
$$\frac{\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}, \quad \neg B_{1,1}}{P_{1,2}}$$

- We can then combine:

$$\frac{P_{1,2} \quad \neg P_{1,2}}{\perp}$$

thus finding the contradiction and concluding the proof.

- Many of the possible inferences in this example are summarised by:



function **PL-RESOLUTION**(*KB*, α) **returns** *true* or *false*
inputs: *KB*, the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic
 α , the query, a sentence in propositional logic
clauses \leftarrow the set of clauses in the CNF representation of $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$
new $\leftarrow \{\}$
loop do
 for each C_i, C_j **in** *clauses* **do**
 resolvents \leftarrow PL-RESOLVE(C_i, C_j)
 if *resolvents* contains the empty clause **then return** *true*
 new \leftarrow *new* \cup *resolvents*
if *new* \subseteq *clauses* **then return** *false*
clauses \leftarrow *clauses* \cup *new*

In favor of propositional logic

- Propositional logic is *declarative*
 - Pieces of syntax correspond to facts
- Propositional logic allows partial/disjunctive/negated information
 - Unlike most data structures and databases
- Propositional logic is *compositional*
 - Meaning of $B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ is derived from meaning of $B_{1,1}$ and of $P_{1,2}$
- Meaning in propositional logic is *context-independent*
 - Unlike natural language, where meaning depends on context

Against propositional logic

- Propositional logic has very limited expressive power
 - Unlike natural language
- For example, cannot say:
 - “pits cause breezes in adjacent squares”except by writing one sentence for each square.

First order logic

- Whereas propositional logic assumes world contains *facts*, *first-order logic* (like natural language) assumes the world contains:
 - *Objects*: people, houses, numbers, theories, Ronald McDonald, colors, baseball games, wars, centuries . . .
 - *Relations*: red, round, bogus, prime, multistoried . . ., *brother of*, bigger than, inside, part of, has color, occurred after, owns, comes between, . . .
Relations are statements that are true or false.
 - *Functions*: father of, best friend, third inning of, one more than, end of . . .
Functions return values.

- On the subject of brothers



Logics in general

| Language | Ontological Commitment | Epistemological Commitment |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Propositional logic | facts | true/false/unknown |
| First-order logic | facts, objects, relations | true/false/unknown |
| Temporal logic | facts, objects, relations, times | true/false/unknown |
| Probability theory | facts | degree of belief |
| Fuzzy logic | facts + degree of truth | known interval value |

Syntax of FOL: Basic elements

Constants *KingJohn*, 2, *UCB*, ...
 Predicates *Brother*, >, ...
 Functions *Sqrt*, *LeftLegOf*, ...
 Variables *x*, *y*, *a*, *b*, ...
 Connectives $\wedge \vee \neg \Rightarrow \Leftrightarrow$
 Equality =
 Quantifiers $\forall \exists$

Atomic sentences

Atomic sentence = $predicate(term_1, \dots, term_n)$
 or $term_1 = term_2$

Term = $function(term_1, \dots, term_n)$
 or constant or variable

E.g., $Brother(KingJohn, RichardTheLionheart)$
 $> (Length(LeftLegOf(Richard)), Length(LeftLegOf(KingJohn)))$

• More brothers:



Complex sentences

- Complex sentences are made from atomic sentences using connectives

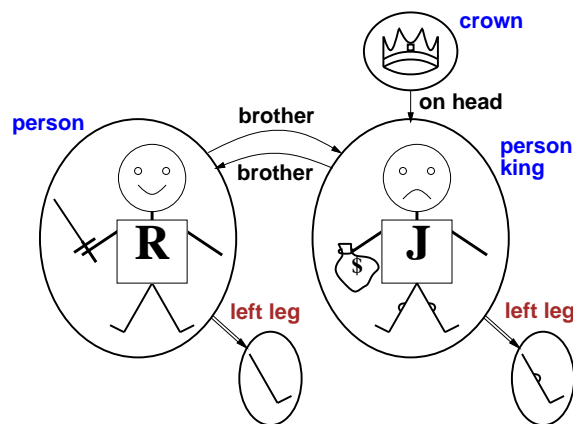
$$\neg S, \quad S_1 \wedge S_2, \quad S_1 \vee S_2, \quad S_1 \Rightarrow S_2, \quad S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$$

E.g. $Sibling(KingJohn, Richard) \Rightarrow Sibling(Richard, KingJohn)$
 $>(1, 2) \vee \leq(1, 2)$
 $>(1, 2) \wedge \neg >(1, 2)$

Truth in first-order logic

- Sentences are true with respect to a *model* and an *interpretation*
- Model contains ≥ 1 objects (*domain elements*) and relations among them
- Interpretation specifies referents for:
 - constant symbols \rightarrow *objects*
 - predicate symbols \rightarrow *relations*
 - function symbols \rightarrow *functional relations*
- An atomic sentence $predicate(term_1, \dots, term_n)$ is true iff the *objects* referred to by $term_1, \dots, term_n$ are in the *relation* referred to by *predicate*

Models for FOL: Example



Truth example

- Consider the interpretation in which
 - $Richard \rightarrow$ Richard the Lionheart
 - $John \rightarrow$ the evil King John
 - $Brother \rightarrow$ the brotherhood relation
- Under this interpretation, $Brother(Richard, John)$ is true just in case Richard the Lionheart and the evil King John are in the brotherhood relation in the model.

Models for FOL: Lots!

- Entailment in propositional logic can be computed by enumerating models
- We *can* enumerate the FOL models for a given KB vocabulary:
 - For each number of domain elements n from 1 to ∞
 - For each k -ary predicate P_k in the vocabulary
 - For each possible k -ary relation on n objects
 - For each constant symbol C in the vocabulary
 - For each choice of referent for C from n objects . . .
- Computing entailment by enumerating FOL models is not easy!

Decidability

- In fact, it is worse than “not easy”.
- Is there any procedure that we can use, that will be guaranteed to tell us, in a finite amount of time, whether a FOL formula is, or is not, valid?
- The answer is **no**.
- FOL is for this reason said to be *undecidable*.

Universal quantification

- \forall *(variables)* *(sentence)*
- Everyone at Brooklyn College is smart:
$$\forall x \text{ At}(x, BC) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(x)$$
- $\forall x$ P is true in a model m iff P is true with x being *each* possible object in the model
- *Roughly* speaking, equivalent to the **conjunction** of **instantiations** of P

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{At}(\text{KingJohn}, BC) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(\text{KingJohn})) \\ & \wedge (\text{At}(\text{Richard}, BC) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(\text{Richard})) \\ & \wedge (\text{At}(BC, BC) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(BC)) \\ & \wedge \dots \end{aligned}$$

A common mistake to avoid

- Typically, \Rightarrow is the main connective with \forall
- Common mistake: using \wedge as the main connective with \forall :

$$\forall x \text{ At}(x, BC) \wedge \text{Smart}(x)$$

means “Everyone is at Brooklyn College and everyone is smart”

Existential quantification

- \exists *variables* *sentence*
- Someone at City College is smart:
$$\exists x \text{ At}(x, \text{City}) \wedge \text{Smart}(x)$$
- $\exists x$ P is true in a model m iff P is true with x being *some* possible object in the model
- *Roughly* speaking, equivalent to the *disjunction* of *instantiations* of P :

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{At}(\text{KingJohn}, \text{City}) \wedge \text{Smart}(\text{KingJohn})) \\ \vee & (\text{At}(\text{Richard}, \text{City}) \wedge \text{Smart}(\text{Richard})) \\ \vee & (\text{At}(\text{Robin}, \text{City}) \wedge \text{Smart}(\text{Robin})) \\ \vee & \dots \end{aligned}$$

A common mistake to avoid (2)

- Typically, \wedge is the main connective with \exists
- Common mistake: using \Rightarrow as the main connective with \exists :

$$\exists x \text{ At}(x, \text{City}) \Rightarrow \text{Smart}(x)$$

is true if there is anyone who is not at City College!

Properties of quantifiers

- $\forall x \forall y$ is the same as $\forall y \forall x$ (*why?*)
- $\exists x \exists y$ is the same as $\exists y \exists x$ (*why?*)
- $\exists x \forall y$ is *not* the same as $\forall y \exists x$
- $\exists x \forall y \text{ Loves}(x, y)$
"There is a person (x) who loves everyone (y) in the world"
- $\forall y \exists x \text{ Loves}(x, y)$
"Everyone (y) in the world is loved by at least one person (x)"
Or, to say the same thing another way:
"For everyone (y), there exists a person (x) who loves them"
- Note that combining different quantifiers is tricky and the ordering is important.
- $\forall y \exists x \text{ Loves}(y, x)$
"There is some person (x) who is loved by everyone (y)"

- **Quantifier duality:** each can be expressed using the other

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \text{ Likes}(x, \text{IceCream}) & \quad \neg \exists x \neg \text{Likes}(x, \text{IceCream}) \\ \exists x \text{ Likes}(x, \text{Broccoli}) & \quad \neg \forall x \neg \text{Likes}(x, \text{Broccoli}) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\forall x, y \text{ FirstCousin}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\exists p, ps \text{ Parent}(p, x) \wedge \text{Sibling}(ps, p) \wedge \text{Parent}(ps, y)$$

Equality

- $term_1 = term_2$ is true under a given interpretation if and only if $term_1$ and $term_2$ refer to the same object
E.g., $1 = 2$ and $\forall x \times (Sqrt(x), Sqrt(x)) = x$ are satisfiable
 $2 = 2$ is valid
- E.g., definition of (full) *Sibling* in terms of *Parent*:
 $\forall x, y \text{ Sibling}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow [\neg(x=y) \wedge \exists m, f \neg(m=f) \wedge$
 $Parent(m, x) \wedge Parent(f, x) \wedge Parent(m, y) \wedge Parent(f, y)]$

Interacting with FOL KBs

- Suppose a wumpus-world agent is using an FOL KB and perceives a smell and a breeze (but no glitter) at $t = 5$:
- $Tell(KB, Percept([Smell, Breeze, None], 5))$
 $Ask(KB, \exists a \text{ Action}(a, 5))$
- Does KB entail any particular actions at $t = 5$?
- Answer: Yes, $\{a/Shoot\} \leftarrow \text{substitution}$ (binding list)
- Given a sentence S and a substitution σ , $S\sigma$ denotes the result of plugging σ into S

- For example:

$S = Smarter(x, y)$

$\sigma = \{x/Hillary, y/Bill\}$

$S\sigma = Smarter(Hillary, Bill)$

- $Ask(KB, S)$ returns some/all σ such that $KB \models S\sigma$

Knowledge base for the wumpus world

- “Perception”
 $\forall b, g, t \text{ Percept}([Smell, b, g], t) \Rightarrow Smelt(t)$
 $\forall s, b, t \text{ Percept}([s, b, Glitter], t) \Rightarrow AtGold(t)$
- Reflex
 $\forall t \text{ AtGold}(t) \Rightarrow \text{Action}(Grab, t)$
- Reflex with internal state: do we have the gold already?
 $\forall t \text{ AtGold}(t) \wedge \neg Holding(Gold, t) \Rightarrow \text{Action}(Grab, t)$
- $Holding(Gold, t)$ cannot be observed \Rightarrow keeping track of change is essential

function KB-AGENT(*percept*) **returns** an *action*
static: *KB*, a knowledge base
t, a counter, initially 0, indicating time
 TELL(*KB*, MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE(*percept*, *t*))
action ← ASK(*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-QUERY(*t*))
 TELL(*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-SENTENCE(*action*, *t*))
t ← *t* + 1
return *action*

Deducing hidden properties

- Properties of locations:
 $\forall x, t \text{ At}(\text{Agent}, x, t) \wedge \text{Smelt}(t) \Rightarrow \text{Smelly}(x)$
 $\forall x, t \text{ At}(\text{Agent}, x, t) \wedge \text{Breeze}(t) \Rightarrow \text{Breezy}(x)$
- Squares are breezy near a pit.
- *Diagnostic* rule—infer cause from effect
 $\forall y \text{ Breezy}(y) \Rightarrow \exists x \text{ Pit}(x) \wedge \text{Adjacent}(x, y)$
- *Causal* rule—infer effect from cause
 $\forall x, y \text{ Pit}(x) \wedge \text{Adjacent}(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{Breezy}(y)$
- Neither of these is complete—e.g., the causal rule doesn't say whether squares far away from pits can be breezy
- *Definition* for the *Breezy* predicate:
 $\forall y \text{ Breezy}(y) \Leftrightarrow [\exists x \text{ Pit}(x) \wedge \text{Adjacent}(x, y)]$

Proof in FOL

- Proof in FOL is similar to propositional logic; we just need an extra set of rules, to deal with the quantifiers.
- FOL *inherits* all the rules of PL.
- To understand FOL proof rules, need to understand *substitution*.
- The most obvious rule, for \forall -E.

Tells us that if everything in the domain has some property, then we can infer that any *particular* individual has the property.

$$\frac{\vdash \forall x \cdot P(x);}{\vdash P(a)} \quad \forall\text{-E} \quad \text{for any } a \text{ in the domain}$$

Going from *general* to *specific*.

- If all Brooklyn College students are smart, then anyone in the class is smart.

- Example 1.

Let's use \forall -E to get the Socrates example out of the way.

$$\text{Person}(s); \forall x \cdot \text{Person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Mortal}(x) \vdash \text{Mortal}(s)$$

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|--|------------------------|
| 1. <i>Person</i> (<i>s</i>) | Given |
| 2. $\forall x \cdot \text{Person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Mortal}(x)$ | Given |
| 3. <i>Person</i> (<i>s</i>) \Rightarrow <i>Mortal</i> (<i>s</i>) | 2, \forall -E |
| 4. <i>Mortal</i> (<i>s</i>) | 1, 3, \Rightarrow -E |

- We can also go from the general to the slightly less specific!

$$\frac{\vdash \forall x \cdot P(x)}{\vdash \exists x \cdot P(x)} \quad \exists\text{-I(1) if domain not empty}$$

Note the *side condition*.

The \exists quantifier *asserts the existence* of at least one object.

The \forall quantifier does not.

- So, while we can say “All unicorns have horns” irrespective of whether unicorns are real or not, we can only say “There’s a unicorn living on my street whose name is Fred and he has a horn” if there is at least one unicorn.

- We can also go from the very specific to less specific.

$$\frac{\vdash P(a)}{\vdash \exists x \cdot P(x)} \quad \exists\text{-I(2)}$$

- In other words once we have a concrete example, we can infer there exists something with the property of that example.
- If I find a student at City College who is smart, I can say “There is a smart student at City College”.

- We often informally make use of arguments along the lines...

1. We know somebody is the murderer.
2. Call this person a .
3. a must have been in the library with the lead pipe.
4. ...

(Here, a is called a *Skolem constant*.)



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- We have a rule which allows this, but we have to be careful how we use it!

$$\frac{\vdash \exists x \cdot P(x)}{\vdash P(a)} \quad \exists\text{-E } a \text{ doesn't occur elsewhere}$$

- Here is an *invalid* use of this rule:

- $\exists x \cdot \text{Boring}(x)$ Given
- $\text{Lecture}(\text{AI})$ Given
- $\text{Boring}(\text{AI})$ 1, $\exists\text{-E}$

- (The conclusion may be true, the argument isn't sound.)

- Another kind of reasoning:

- Let a be arbitrary object.
- ... (some reasoning) ...
- Therefore a has property P
- Since a was arbitrary, it must be that every object has property P .

- Common in mathematics:

Consider a positive integer n ... so n is either a prime number or divisible by a smaller prime number ... thus every positive integer is either a prime number or divisible by a smaller prime number.

- If we are careful, we can also use this kind of reasoning:

$$\frac{\vdash P(a);}{\vdash \forall x \cdot P(x)} \quad \forall\text{-I} \quad a \text{ is arbitrary}$$

- Here's an invalid use of this rule:

- $\text{Boring}(\text{AI})$ Given
- $\forall x \cdot \text{Boring}(x)$ 1, $\forall\text{-I}$

- An example:

- Everybody is either happy or rich.
- Simon is not rich.
- Therefore, Simon is happy.

Predicates:

- $H(x)$ means x is happy;
- $R(x)$ means x is rich.

- Formalisation:

$$\forall x. H(x) \vee R(x); \neg R(\text{Simon}) \vdash H(\text{Simon})$$

• Proof:

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. $\forall x.H(x) \vee R(x)$ | Given |
| 2. $\neg R(Simon)$ | Given |
| 3. $H(Simon) \vee R(Simon)$ | 1, \forall -E |
| 4. $\neg H(Simon) \Rightarrow R(Simon)$ | 3, defn \Rightarrow |
| 5. $\neg H(Simon)$ | As. |
| 6. $R(Simon)$ | 4, 5, \Rightarrow -E |
| 7. $R(Simon) \wedge \neg R(Simon)$ | 2, 6, \wedge -I |
| 8. $\neg \neg H(Simon)$ | 5, 7, \neg -I |
| 9. $H(Simon)$ | 8, \neg -E |

• Alternatively (a different ending with the same conclusions):

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. $\forall x.H(x) \vee R(x)$ | Given |
| 2. $\neg R(Simon)$ | Given |
| 3. $H(Simon) \vee R(Simon)$ | 1, \forall -E |
| 4. $\neg H(Simon) \Rightarrow R(Simon)$ | 3, defn \Rightarrow |
| 5. $\neg H(Simon)$ | As. |
| 6. $R(Simon)$ | 4, 5, \Rightarrow -E |
| 7. $R(Simon) \wedge \neg R(Simon)$ | 2, 6, \wedge -I |
| 8. $\neg \neg H(Simon)$ | 5, 7, \neg -I |
| 9. $H(Simon) \Leftrightarrow \neg \neg H(Simon)$ | PL axiom |
| 10. $(H(Simon) \Rightarrow \neg \neg H(Simon))$ $\wedge (\neg \neg H(Simon) \Rightarrow H(Simon))$ | 9, defn \Leftrightarrow |
| 11. $\neg \neg H(Simon) \Rightarrow H(Simon)$ | 10, \wedge -E |
| 12. $H(Simon)$ | 8, 11, \Rightarrow -E |

Summary

- This lecture completes our treatment of logic.
- We discussed a new proof techniques for propositional logic:
 - Resolution
- We introduced Horn clauses, showed that two proof techniques:
 - Forward chaining
 - Backward chaining
 could be very efficient; and
- Covered the basics of first order logic.
- There is plenty more to logic and we will look at some more next week.