

# Logic

CPSC 447 - Artificial Intelligence I

# General AI Process

- data  $\rightarrow$  learning  $\rightarrow$  model  $\rightarrow$  inference
- question  $\rightarrow$  inference  $\rightarrow$  answer
- Examples: search problems, games, constraint satisfaction problems (CSP), Markov decision processes (MDP), Bayesian networks

# Modeling Paradigms

- State-based models: search problems, games, MDPs
  - Applications: route finding, game playing, etc.
  - Think in terms of states, actions, and costs
- Variable-based models: CSPs, Bayesian networks
  - Applications: scheduling, tracking, medical diagnosis, etc.
  - Think in terms of variables and factors
- Logic-based models: propositional logic, first-order logic
  - Applications: theorem proving, verification, reasoning
  - Think in terms of logical formulas and inference rules

# Goals of a Logic Language

- Represent knowledge about the world
- Reason with that knowledge

# Ingredients of a Logic

- Syntax: defines a set of valid formulas
  - Example:  $Rain \wedge Wet$
- Semantics: for each formula  $f$ , specify a set of models  $M(f)$ 
  - Example:

Rain	Wet
T	T
T	F
F	T
F	F

- Inference rules: given  $KB$ , what new formulas  $f$  can be derived?
  - Example: from  $Rain \wedge Wet$ , derive  $Rain$

# Inference Algorithm

- Inference algorithm: repeatedly apply inference rules to derive new formulas.
- Desiderata: soundness and completeness
  - entailment ( $KB \models f$ )
  - derivation ( $KB \vdash f$ )

# Formulas

- Propositional logic: any legal combination of symbols

$$(Rain \wedge Snow) \rightarrow (Traffic \vee Peaceful) \wedge Wet$$

- Propositional logic with only Horn clauses (restricted)

$$(Rain \wedge Snow) \rightarrow Traffic$$

# Tradeoffs

Formulas allowed	Inference rule	Complete?
Propositional logic	modus ponens	no
Horn clauses	modus ponens	yes
Propositional logic	resolution	yes



# Resolution Algorithm

- Relationship between entailment and contradiction
- Algorithm: resolution-based inference
  - 1 Add  $\neg f$  to  $KB$
  - 2 Convert all formulas to conjunctive normal form (CNF)
  - 3 Repeatedly apply resolution rule
  - 4 Return entailment iff derive false

# Modus Ponens versus Resolution

	Horn clauses	Any clauses
Inference rule	modus ponens	resolution
Complexity	linear time	exponential time
Expressiveness	less expressive	more expressive

# Syntax of First-Order Logic (FOL)

- Terms (refer to objects):
  - Constant symbol
  - Variable
  - Function of terms
- Formulas (refer to truth values)
  - Atomic formulas (atoms)
  - Connectives applied to formulas
  - Quantifiers applied to formulas

# Models in First-Order Logic

- A model represents a possible situation in the world.
- A model  $w$  in propositional logic maps propositional symbols to truth values
- A model  $w$  in first-order logic maps to:
  - constant symbols to objects
  - predicate symbols to tuples of objects

# A Restriction on Models

- Unique names assumption: each object has at most one constant symbol.
- Domain closure: each object has at least one constant symbol
- That is, constant symbol  $\leftrightarrow$  object

# Propositionalization

- If one-to-one mapping between constant symbols and objects (unique names and domain closure), then FOL is syntactic sugar for propositional logic
- Example FOL knowledge base
  - $Student(alice) \wedge Student(bob)$
  - $\forall x Student(x) \rightarrow Person(x)$
  - $\exists x Student(x) \wedge Creative(x)$
- Example propositional logic knowledge base:
  - $StudentAlice \wedge StudentBob$
  - $(StudentAlice \rightarrow PersonAlice) \wedge (StudentBob \rightarrow PersonBob)$
  - $(StudentAlice \wedge CreativeAlice) \vee (StudentBob \wedge CreativeBob)$
- Point: use any inference algorithm for propositional logic

# Modus Ponens

- Given  $P(\textit{alice})$  and  $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$
- Problem: cannot infer  $Q(\textit{alice})$  because  $P(x)$  and  $P(\textit{alice})$  do not match
- Solution: substitution and unification

# Substitution

- Definition: A substitution  $\theta$  is a mapping from variables to terms.  $Subst[\theta, f]$  denotes the result of performing substitution  $\theta$  on  $f$
- Example:

$$Subst[\{x/alice\}, P(x)] = P(alice)$$



# Unification

- Definition: Unification takes two formulas  $f$  and  $g$  and returns a substitution  $\theta$  which is the most general unifier:

$Unify[f, g] = \theta$  such that  $Subst[\theta, f] = Subst[\theta, g]$  or “fail” if no such  $\theta$  exists.

- Example:

$Unify[Knows(alice, arithmetic), Knows(x, arithmetic)] = \{x/alice\}$

# Modus Ponens (FOL)

$$\frac{a'_1, \dots, a'_k, \forall x_1 \dots, \forall x_n (a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_k) \rightarrow b}{b'}$$

- Get the most general unifier  $\theta$  on premises:

$$\theta = \text{Unify}[a'_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a'_k, a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_k]$$

- Apply  $\theta$  to conclusion:

$$\text{Subst}[\theta, b] = b'$$