



CPSC 481 Artificial Intelligence

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What we will cover this week

- Predicate logic

Predicate Logic or First Order Logic

- In addition to propositions, Predicate Logic provides:
 - Variables
 - Represent objects in the world
 - x, y
 - Predicates
 - Represent relationships between objects
 - father-of (Mary, John)
 - father-of (x, y) child(y, x)
 - Predicate is either True or False
 - Functions
 - father-of(Mary) = John
 - Function input and output are objects

Building a FOL sentence

- *Constant symbols* correspond to objects (“individuals”) in the Universe
 - E.g., Today, Mary
 - Convention: begin with a Capital letter
- *Variable symbols* represent one of the objects
 - E.g., x , y , z
 - Convention: use small letters
- *Function symbols*
 - E.g., mother-of (Bill); maximum-of (x,y)
- A *term* is either a constant or variable

Building a FOL sentence

- *Predicates*
 - Represents a specific relationship between objects
 - father-of (Mary, John)
 - “John is the father of Mary”
- An *atomic sentence* is a predicate (with n terms)
- The truth values, True and False, are also atomic sentences.

Building a FOL sentence

- Every atomic sentence is a *sentence*.
- 1. If s is a sentence, then so is its negation, $\neg s$
- If s_1 and s_2 are sentences, then so is their
 - 2. Conjunction, $s_1 \wedge s_2$
 - 3. Disjunction, $s_1 \vee s_2$
 - 4. Implication, $s_1 \rightarrow s_2$
 - 5. Equivalence, $s_1 \leftrightarrow s_2$
- If x is a variable and s is a sentence, then so are
 - 6. Universal quantification, $\forall x s$
 - 7. Existential quantification, $\exists x s$

Quantifiers

- **Universal quantification**

- $\forall x P(x)$ means that P holds for **all** values of x in the domain associated with that variable
- E.g., $\forall x \text{dolphin}(x) \rightarrow \text{mammal}(x)$

- **Existential quantification**

- $\exists x P(x)$ means that P holds for **some** value of x in the domain associated with that variable
- E.g., $\exists x \text{mammal}(x) \wedge \text{lays-eggs}(x)$
- Permits one to make a statement about some object without naming it

Universal quantifiers

- “All students are smart”
- Define predicates: $\text{student}(x)$, $\text{smart}(x)$

$\forall x \text{ student}(x) \wedge \text{smart}(x)$

or

$\forall x \text{ student}(x) \rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$

- Universal quantifiers are often used with \rightarrow (implies) to form “rules”:
 $\forall x \text{ student}(x) \rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$ means “All students are smart”
- Universal quantification is *rarely* used to make statements about *every* individual in the world:
 $\forall x \text{ student}(x) \wedge \text{smart}(x)$ means “Everyone in the world is a student and is smart”

Existential quantifiers

- “There is a student who is smart”
- Predicates: $\text{student}(x)$, $\text{smart}(x)$

$\exists x \text{ student}(x) \wedge \text{smart}(x)$

or

$\exists x \text{ student}(x) \rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$

- Existential quantifiers are usually used with \wedge (and) to specify a list of properties about an individual:
 $\exists x \text{ student}(x) \wedge \text{smart}(x)$ means “There is a student who is smart”
- A common mistake:
 $\exists x \text{ student}(x) \rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$ to represent “There is a student who is smart”
– Why? (what happens when there is a person who is *not* a student?)

Quantifier Scope

- Switching the order of universal quantifiers *does not* change the meaning:
 - $\forall x \forall y P(x,y) \leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x P(x,y)$
- Can switch the order of existential quantifiers:
 - $\exists x \exists y P(x,y) \leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x P(x,y)$
- Switching the order of universals and existentials *does* change meaning:
 - $\forall x \exists f \text{ food}(f) \wedge \text{likes}(x,f)$ “Everybody likes some food”
 - $\exists f \forall x \text{ food}(f) \wedge \text{likes}(x,f)$ “There is a (one specific) food that everyone likes”

Connections between All and Exists

Can rewrite sentences involving \forall and \exists using De Morgan's laws:

$$\forall x P(x) \leftrightarrow \neg \exists x \neg P(x)$$

$$\exists x P(x) \leftrightarrow \neg \forall x \neg P(x)$$

Translating English to FOL

Predicates

tall(x)

gardener(x)

likes(x, y) – x likes y

mushroom(x)

purple(x)

poisonous(x)

teacher(x)

wears-shorts(x)

wears-tshirt(x)

loves(x, y) – x loves y

Translating English to FOL

Clinton is not tall.

$\neg \text{tall}(\text{Clinton})$

Every gardener likes the sun.

$\forall x \text{ gardener}(x) \rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{Sun})$

All purple mushrooms are poisonous.

$\forall x (\text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{purple}(x)) \rightarrow \text{poisonous}(x)$

No purple mushroom is poisonous.

$\neg \exists x \text{ purple}(x) \wedge \text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{poisonous}(x)$

$\forall x (\text{mushroom}(x) \wedge \text{purple}(x)) \rightarrow \neg \text{poisonous}(x)$

There is somebody whom everybody loves

$\exists y \forall x \text{ loves}(x, y)$

In-Class Exercise

Write FOL sentences representing:

1. There are poisonous mushrooms.
2. No teacher wears shorts and t-shirt.
3. There is someone who Jake does not love

What about Time?

- Is Time represented? **No!**
- Can include time in propositions:

Explicit time: $L(i,j,t)$ means agent at (i,j) at time t

Also: $P(i,j,t)$ $B(i,j,t)$

Many more sentences: $O(TN^2)$

What about Actions?

- $\text{move}(i, j, k, l, t)$
 - Represents move from (i, j) to (k, l) at time t
 - E.g. $\text{Move}(1, 1, 2, 1, 0)$: move from $(1, 1)$ to $(2, 1)$ at time 0
- What knowledge axioms capture the effect of an Agent's move?
 - $\text{move}(i, j, k, l, t) \wedge L(i, j, t) \Rightarrow \sim L(i, j, t+1) \wedge L(k, l, t+1)$
 - For all tuples (i, j, k, l) that represent legitimate possible moves
 - E.g. $(1, 1, 2, 1)$ or $(1, 1, 1, 2)$
- Some subtleties when representing time and actions
 - What happens to propositions at time $t+1$ compared to at time t , that are *not* involved in any action?

The frame problem

- How to specify that all conditions ***not*** affected by an action are ***not changed*** while executing that action?
- In predicate logic, all such static properties need to be explicitly specified for every possible action
- **Frame axioms**
- Example:
 - If robot moves to (x,y) and is *not holding* a ball, then the location of the ball does *not* change
- What is the problem?
 - A very large number of frame axioms is often necessary

Qualification problem

- How to define every possible precondition of an action
- Including exceptions that might occur
- Example
 - When robot picks up the ball, it will hold the ball unless
 - The robot battery runs out, or
 - The gripper slips, or
 - The ball rolls away, or
 - Another robot picks the ball first, or ...

Ramification problem

- How to define every possible effect of an action
- Example
 - When robot picks up the ball, all of these are possible
 - The battery drains a little bit, and
 - The gripper is closed, and
 - The ball does not roll, and
 - No other robot holds the ball, and ...

Knowledge engineering

- Modeling the “right” conditions and the “right” effects at the “right” level of abstraction is difficult
- Automated knowledge acquisition and machine learning
 - Intelligent systems should be able to **learn** about the conditions and effects
 - Learn from?
 - Data: sensor measurements (of both causes and effects)