

COMP3211 Tutorial 8: Propositional Logic

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Declarative Problem Solving

1. Represent the problem in a formal language, e.g., Propositional Logic, First-Order Logic, PDDL, ASP, etc..
2. Give it to a solver, e.g., Z3¹, FF-planer, clingo, etc., to get a model.
3. Convert the model back to a solution to the original problem.

¹<https://ericpony.github.io/z3py-tutorial/guide-examples.htm>

Which One Contains Salt



On April Fool's Day, your kid replaces the salt in three out of your four salt shakers with sugar. But he also left messages on each. Only one of these notes is true, which one contains salt. ²

²Question 9 from <https://www.rd.com/article/logic-puzzles/>

When is The Birthday

George, William, John, Abe, and Millard have their birthdays on consecutive days, all between Monday and Friday.

- George's birthday is as many days before Millard's and William's is after Abe's.
- John is two days older than Abe.
- Millard's birthday is on Thursday.

Figure out whose birthday is on which day. ³

³Question 3 from <https://www.rd.com/article/logic-puzzles/>

Who Took Drugs

Determine who out of the following is guilty of doping. ⁴ The suspects are: Sam, Michael, Bill, Richard, Matt.

- 1) Sam said: Michael or Bill took drugs, but not both.
- 2) Michael said: Richard or Sam took drugs, but not both.
- 3) Bill said: Matt or Michael took drugs, but not both.
- 4) Richard said: Bill or Matt took drugs, but not both.
- 5) Matt said: Bill or Richard took drugs, but not both.

Of the above 5 statements, 4 are true, one is false.

6) Tom said: If Richard took drugs, then Bill took drugs.

⁴<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/396264/propositional-logic-riddle-puzzle>

Thanks!