

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION

The object of a knowledge representation is to express knowledge in a computer tractable form, so that it can be used to enable our Al agents to perform well.

- A knowledge representation language is defined by two aspects:
- 1. Syntax The syntax of a language defines which configurations of the components of the language constitute valid sentences.
- 2. Semantics The semantics defines which facts in the world the sentences refer to, and hence the statement about the world that each sentence makes.
- This is a very general idea, and not restricted to natural language.





GOOD Knowledge Representation Scheme

A good knowledge representation system for any particular domain should possess the following properties:

- 1. Representational Adequacy the ability to represent all the different kinds of knowledge that might be needed in that domain.
- 2. Inferential Adequacy the ability to manipulate the representational structures to derive new structures (corresponding to new knowledge) from existing structures.
- 3. Inferential Efficiency the ability to incorporate additional information into the knowledge structure which can be used to focus the attention of the inference mechanisms in the most promising directions.
- 4. Acquisitional Efficiency the ability to acquire new information easily. Ideally the agent should be able to control its own knowledge acquisition, but direct insertion of information by a 'knowledge engineer' would be acceptable.



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Approaches to knowledge representation

Simple Relational Knowledge

• This is a relational method of storing facts which is among the simplest of the method. This method helps in storing facts where each fact regarding an object is providing in columns. This approach prevalent in **DBMS** (database management systems).

Inheritable Knowledge

 Knowledge here is stored hierarchically. A wellstructured hierarchy of classes is formed where data is stored, which provides the opportunity for inference. Here we can inheritance apply property, allowing us to have inheritable knowledge. This way, the relations between instance and class (aka instance relation) can be identified. Unlike Simple Relations. here, the objects are represented as nodes.

Inferential Knowledge

 In this method, logics are used. Being a very formal approach, facts can be retrieved with a high level of accuracy.

Procedural Knowledge

method This uses programs and codes that use simple if-then rules. This is the way many programming languages such as LIST, Prolog save information. We may not this method use represent all forms of knowledge, but domainspecific knowledge can very efficiently be stored in this manner.





LOGIC

A logic language consists of semantics and syntax

Semantics: What the sentences mean.

Syntax: How sentences can be assembled.





Propositional Logic: Syntax I

Vocabulary

A set of *propositional* symbols

P, Q, R,

A set of logical connectives

$$\wedge, \vee, \neg, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$$
 $\wedge \text{ (and) } \vee \text{ (ar) } \neg \text{(not) } \Rightarrow \text{ (in)}$

 \land (and) \lor (or) \neg (not) \Rightarrow (implication) \Leftrightarrow (equivalence)

Parenthesis (for grouping) ()

Logical constants

True, False





Propositional Logic: Syntax II

Each symbol P, Q, R etc is a (atomic) sentence Both **True** and **False** are (atomic) sentences A sentence wrapped in parentheses is a sentence

If α and β are sentences, then so are

- $\alpha \wedge \beta$ conjunction
- $\alpha \vee \beta$ disjunction
- $\neg \alpha$ negation
- $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$ implication
- $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$ equivalence

The above are complex sentences



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Truth Tables

Conjunction (^)

α	β	αΛβ	
false	false	false	
false	true	false	
true	false	false	
true	true	true	

Implication (→)

α	β	$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$	
false	false	true	
false	true	true	
true	false	false	
true	true	true	

Disjunction (v)

α	β	$\alpha \vee \beta$	
false	false	false	
false	true	true	
true	rue false		
true	true	true	

Negation (¬)

α	$\neg \alpha$	
false	true	
true	false	





Conversion to Clause Form

1. Eliminate \rightarrow .

$$P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \lor Q$$

2. Reduce the scope of each ¬ to a single term.

$$\neg(P \lor Q) \equiv \neg P \land \neg Q$$

$$\neg(P \land Q) \equiv \neg P \lor \neg Q$$

$$\neg \forall x: P \equiv \exists x: \neg P$$

$$\neg \exists x: p \equiv \forall x: \neg P$$

$$\neg P \equiv P$$

3. Standardize variables so that each quantifier binds a unique variable.

$$(\forall x: P(x)) \lor (\exists x: Q(x)) \equiv (\forall x: P(x)) \lor (\exists y: Q(y))$$





Conversion to Clause Form

4. Move all quantifiers to the left without changing their relative order.

$$(\forall x: P(x)) \lor (\exists y: Q(y)) \equiv \forall x: \exists y: (P(x) \lor (Q(y)))$$

5. Eliminate \exists (Skolemization).

$$\exists x: P(x) \equiv P(c)$$
 Skolem constant $\forall x: \exists y P(x, y) \equiv \forall x: P(x, f(x))$ Skolem function

6. Drop \forall .

$$\forall x: P(x) \equiv P(x)$$

7. Convert the formula into a conjunction of disjuncts.

$$(P \land Q) \lor R \equiv (P \lor R) \land (Q \lor R)$$

- 8. Create a separate clause corresponding to each conjunct.
- 9. Standardize apart the variables in the set of obtained clauses.





Conversion to Clause Form

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- 5. Eliminate \exists (Skolemization).
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Conversion to Clause Form: Example

- Marcus was a man.
- 2. Marcus was a Pompeian.
- 3. All Pompeians were Romans.
- 4. Caesar was a ruler.
- 5. All Pompeians were either loyal to Caesar or hated him.
- 6. Every one is loyal to someone.
- 7. People only try to assassinate rulers they are not loyal to.
- 8. Marcus tried to assassinate Caesar.

- 1. Man(Marcus).
- 2. Pompeian(Marcus).
- 3. \forall x: Pompeian(x) \rightarrow Roman(x).
- 4. ruler(Caesar).
- 5. \forall x: Roman(x) \rightarrow loyalto(x, Caesar) \lor hate(x, Caesar).
- 6. \forall x: \exists y: loyalto(x, y).
- 7. \forall x: \forall y: person(x) \wedge ruler(y) \wedge tryassassinate(x, y)
 - \rightarrow ¬loyalto(x, y).
- 8. tryassassinate(Marcus, Caesar).





RESOLUTION

- Resolution is such a procedure, which gains its efficiency from the fact that it operates on statements that have been converted to a very convenient standard form, which is described below.
- Resolution produces proofs by *refutation*. In other words, to prove a statement (i.e., show that it is valid), resolution attempts to show that the negation of the statement produces a contradiction with the known statements (i.e., that it is unsatisfiable).





The Basis of Resolution

- The resolution procedure is a simple iterative process: at each step, two clauses, called the parent clauses, are compared (resolved), yielding a new clause that has been inferred from them.
- The new clause represents ways that the two parent clauses interact with each other. Suppose that there are two clauses in the system:

winter V summer

winter V cold

Now we observe that precisely one of winter and ¬ winter will be true at any point. If winter is true, then cold must be true to guarantee the truth of the second clause.





Algorithm: Propositional Resolution

- Convert all the propositions of *F* to clause form.
- Negate P and convert the result to clause form. Add it to the set of clauses obtained in step 1.
- Repeat until either a contradiction is found or no progress can be made:
 - a) Select two clauses. Call these the parent clauses.
 - b) Resolve them together. The *resolvent* will be the disjunction of all of the literals of both of the parent clauses with the following exception: If there are any pairs of literals L and $\neg L$ such that one of the parent clauses contains L and the other contains L, then select one such pair and eliminate both L and L from the resolvent.
 - c) If the resolvent is the empty clause, then a contradiction has been found. If it is not, then add it to the set of clauses available to the procedure.





A Few Facts in Propositional Logic

Given Axioms

Р

$$(P \land Q) \rightarrow R$$

$$(S \vee T) \rightarrow Q$$

Clause Form

Р

$$\neg P \lor \neg Q \lor R$$

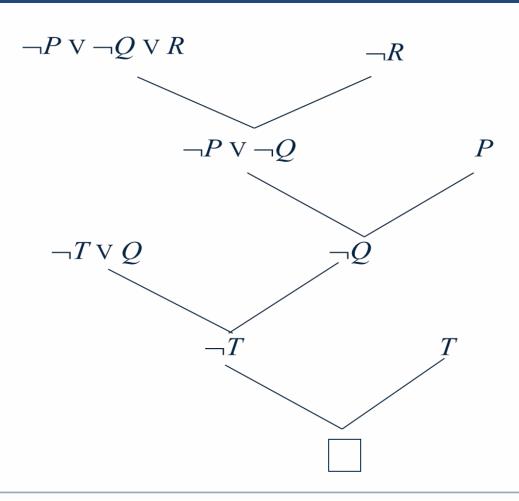
$$\neg S \lor Q$$

$$\neg T \lor Q$$





Resolution in Propositional Logic







Resolution in Predicate Logic

- Convert all the propositions of *F* to clause form.
- Negate P and convert the result to clause form. Add it to the set of clauses obtained in step 1.
- Repeat until either a contradiction is found or no progress can be made:
 - a) Select two clauses. Call these the parent clauses.
 - b) Resolve them together. The *resolvent* will be the disjunction of all of the literals of both of the parent clauses with the following exception: If there are any pairs of literals L and $\neg L$ such that one of the parent clauses contains L and the other contains $\neg L$ and they unify with each other, then select one such pair and eliminate both L and $\neg L$ from the resolvent.
 - c) If the resolvent is the empty clause, then a contradiction has been found. If it is not, then add it to the set of clauses available to the procedure.





Algorithm: Unify(L1,L2)

- 1. If L1 or L2 is a variable or constant, then:
 - a) If L1 and L2 are identical, then return NIL.
 - b) Else if L1 is a variable, then if L1 occurs in L2 then return FAIL, else return $\{(L2/L1)\}$.
 - c) Else if L2 is a variable, then if L2 occurs in L1 then return FAIL, else return $\{(L1/L2)\}$.
 - d) Else return FAIL.
- 2. If the initial predicate symbols in *L*1 and *L*2 are not identical, then return FAIL.
- 3. If *L*1 and *L*2 have a different number of arguments, then return FAIL

- 4. Set *SUBST* to NIL.
- 5. For $i \square 1$ to number of arguments in L1:
 - a) Call Unify with the *i*th argument of *L*1 and the *i*th argument of *L*2, putting result in *S*.
 - b) If S = FAIL then return FAIL.
 - c) If S is not equal to NIL then:
 - i. Apply S to the remainder of both L1 and L2
 - ii. SUBST := APPEND(S, SUBST).
- 6. Return *SUBST*.





Unification

Q(x)

P(y)

☐ FAIL

P(x)

P(y)

 $\Box x/y$

P(Marcus) P(y)

☐ Marcus/y

P(Marcus)

P(Julius)

☐ FAIL

 \Box (y/x)

P(x,x)

P(y,y)

 \Box (z/y , y/x) P(y,z)





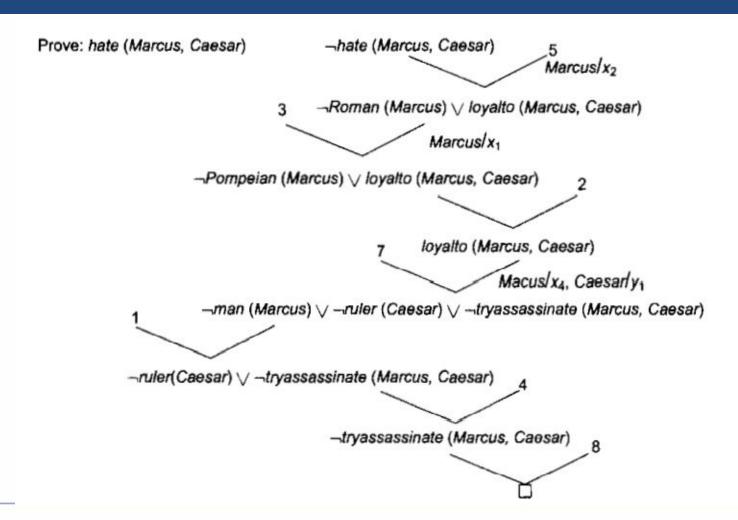
A Resolution Proof in Predicate Logic

- Axioms in clause form:
 - 1. man(Marcus)
 - 2. Pompeian(Marcus)
 - 3. $\neg Pompeian(x_1) \vee Roman(x_1)$
 - 4. Ruler(Caesar)
 - 5. \neg Roman(x_2) v loyalto(x_2 , Caesar) v hate(x_2 , Caesar)
 - 6. $loyalto(x_3, f1(x_3))$
 - 7. $\neg man(x_4) \lor \neg ruler(y_1) \lor \neg tryassassinate(x_4, y_1) \lor loyalto (x_4, y_1)$
 - 8. tryassassinate(Marcus, Caesar)





RESOLUTION IN PREDICATE LOGIC



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