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## Week 9b – Propositional Logic

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# Recap

**Sentence**

→ AtomicSentence | ComplexSentence

**AtomicSentence**

→ LogicalConstant | PropositionalSymbol

**ComplexSentence**

→ (Sentence)  
| Sentence LogicalConnective Sentence  
| ¬Sentence

**LogicalConstant**

→ TRUE | FALSE

**PropositionalSymbol**

→ P | Q | R | ...

**LogicalConnective**

→  $\wedge$  |  $\vee$  |  $\Leftrightarrow$  |  $\Rightarrow$  |  $\neg$

Precedence (from highest to lowest):  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$

e.g.:  $\neg P \wedge Q \vee R \Rightarrow S$  (not ambiguous), equal to:  $((\neg P) \wedge Q) \vee R \Rightarrow S$

# Recap

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A	B	C	$A \wedge B$	$B \Rightarrow C$	$(A \wedge B) \Rightarrow C$	$A \wedge (B \Rightarrow C)$
T	T	T				
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F	T	F	F	F	T	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	F	F	T	T	F

# Literal and Clause

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- **Literal:** A single proposition or its negation:
  - Example:  $P$ ,  $\neg P$
- A **clause:** A propositional formula formed from a finite collection of **literals** and **logical connectives**:
  - Example:  $P \vee Q \vee \neg R$

# Rules of Inference

- **Sound inference rules**
    - Pattern of inference, that occur again and again
    - Soundness proven once and for all (truth-table)
  - **Classic rules of inference**
    - Implication-Elimination, or *Modus Ponens (MP)*
      - $$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \quad \alpha}{\beta}$$
- e.g., Cloudy  $\wedge$  Humid  $\Rightarrow$  Rain  
Cloudy  $\wedge$  Humid      |= Rain

# Rules of Inference

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- **Classic rules of inference**

- And-Elimination

- $$\frac{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}{\alpha_i}$$

e.g. Cloudy  $\wedge$  Humid  $\models$  Cloudy  
Cloudy  $\Rightarrow$  NoSunTan

- And-Introduction

- $$\frac{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n}{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}$$

e.g. Cloudy, Humid  
Cloudy  $\wedge$  Humid  $\Rightarrow$  Rain

- Or-Introduction

- $$\frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2 \vee \dots \vee \alpha_n}$$

- Double-Negation-Elimination

- $$\frac{\neg \neg \alpha}{\alpha}$$

# Rules of Inference

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- **Resolution**
  - A technique of inference
  - Suppose  $x$  is a **literal** and  $S1$  and  $S2$  are two propositional sentences represented in the **clausal form**
- If  $(x \vee S1) \wedge (\neg x \vee S2)$ . Then, we get  $(S1 \vee S2)$ 
  - Here,  $(S1 \vee S2)$  is the **resolvent**,
  - $x$  is **resolved upon**



# Rules of Inference

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- **The resolution rule of inference**

- Unit Resolution

- The **resolvent** is one in which at least one of the parent clauses is a **unit clause** (i.e., a single literal)

- $$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta, \neg\beta}{\alpha}$$

e.g., Monday  $\vee$  Tuesday,  $\neg$  Monday  $\models$  Tuesday

same as MP: 
$$\frac{P \Rightarrow Q, P}{Q} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\neg\beta \Rightarrow \alpha, \neg\beta}{\alpha}$$

# Rules of Inference

- **The resolution rule of inference**

- Full Resolution

- $$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta, \neg\beta \vee \gamma}{\alpha \vee \gamma}$$

Truth-table  
for the  
resolution

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\alpha \vee \beta$	$\neg\beta \vee \gamma$	$\alpha \vee \gamma$
False	False	False	False	True	False
False	False	True	False	True	True
False	True	False	True	False	False
False	True	True	<u>True</u>	<u>True</u>	<u>True</u>
True	False	False	<u>True</u>	<u>True</u>	<u>True</u>
True	False	True	<u>True</u>	<u>True</u>	<u>True</u>
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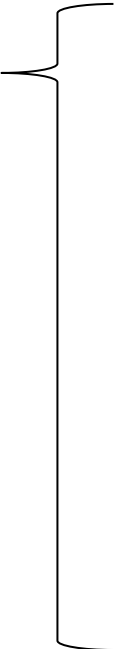
# Equivalence Rules

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- **Equivalent notations**

- e.g., MP:

$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \alpha}{\beta}$$

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- 1)  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \alpha \mid - \beta$
  - 2)  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \alpha \mid = \beta$
  - 3) 
$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta}{\alpha} \quad \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$
  - 4)  $((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge \alpha) \Rightarrow \beta$

# Equivalence Rules

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- **Equivalence rules**

- Associativity:

$$\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma) \Leftrightarrow (\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma$$

$$\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma) \Leftrightarrow (\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma$$

- Distributivity:

$$\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma) \Leftrightarrow (\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)$$

$$\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma) \Leftrightarrow (\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)$$

- De Morgan's Law:

$$\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) \Leftrightarrow \neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta$$

$$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \Leftrightarrow \neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta$$

# Complexity of Inference

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- **Proof by truth-table**

- Complete

- The truth-table can always be written.

- Exponential time complexity

- A proof involving  **$N$**  proposition symbols requires  **$2^N$**  rows.
    - In practice, a proof may refer only to a small subset of the KB.

- **Monotonicity**

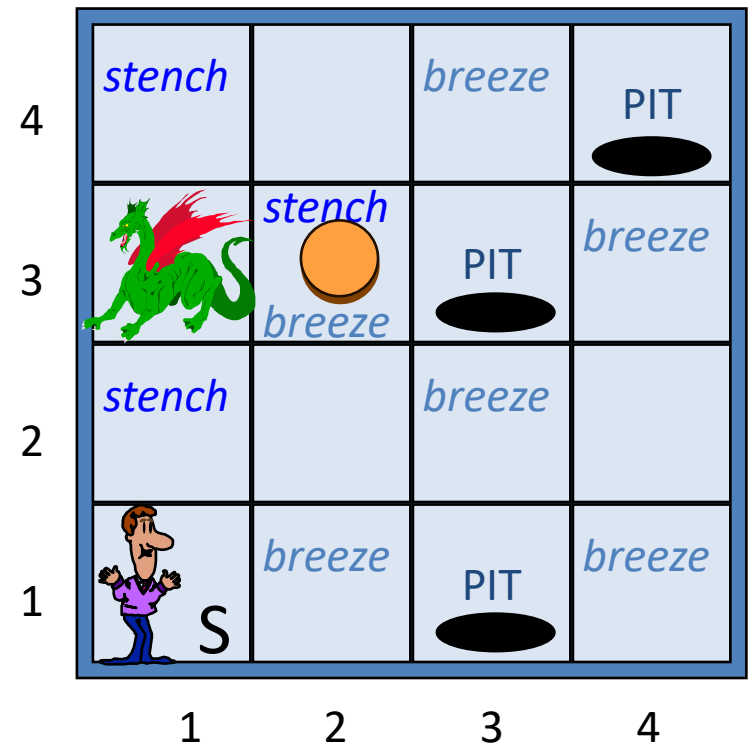
- Knowledge always increases

**if**  $KB_1 \models \alpha$  **then**  $(KB_1 \cup KB_2) \models \alpha$

- Allows for local rules,  
e.g., Modus Ponens  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \alpha \vdash \beta$

# Relooking at the Wumpus World

- **A reasoning agent**
  - Propositional logic as the “programming language”
  - Knowledge base (KB) as problem representation
    - Percepts
    - Knowledge — sentences
    - Actions
  - Rule of inference (e.g., Modus Ponens) as the algorithm that will find a solution



# The Knowledge Base

- **TELLing the KB: percepts**

- Syntax and semantics

- Symbol **S11**, meaning “there is stench at [1,1]”
- Symbol **B12**, meaning “there is breeze at [1,2]”

...

- **Percept sentences**

- Partial list:

- $\neg S11, \neg B11, \neg G11, \dots$   
 $\neg S21, B21, \neg G21, \dots$   
 $S12, \neg B12, \neg G12, \dots$

...

[Stench , nil, nil, nil, nil]

4				
3	W!			
2	A S OK	OK		
1	V OK	B V OK	P!	
	1	2	3	4

# The Knowledge Base

- **TELLing the KB: knowledge**

- Rules about the environment

- “All squares adjacent to the wumpus have stench.”

$$S12 \Rightarrow W11 \vee W12 \vee W22 \vee W13$$

- “A square with no stench has no wumpus and adjacent squares have no wumpus either.”

$$\neg S11 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21 \wedge \neg W12$$

$$\neg S21 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21 \wedge \neg W22 \wedge \neg W31$$

$$\neg S12 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W12 \wedge \neg W22 \wedge \neg W13$$

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# Finding the Wumpus

- **Checking the truth-table**

- Exhaustive check: every row for which KB is true also has W13 true

- 12 propositional symbols, i.e.

- $S_{11}, S_{21}, S_{12}, W_{11}, W_{21}, W_{12}, W_{22}, W_{13}, W_{31}, B_{11}, B_{21}, B_{12}$

- $2^{12} = 4,096$  rows

- *> possible, but lengthy*

**KB  $\Rightarrow$  W13**



- **Reasoning by inference**

- Application of a sequence of inference rules (proof)

- Modus Ponens, And-Elimination, and Unit-Resolution

# Proof for “KB $\Rightarrow$ W13”

Knowledge Base	Inferences
$\neg S11, \quad \neg B11, \quad \neg G11,$ $\neg S21, \quad B21, \quad \neg G21,$ $S12, \quad \neg B12, \quad \neg G12,$  <b>R1:</b> $\neg S11 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21$ $\qquad \qquad \qquad \wedge \neg W12$  <b>R2:</b> $\neg S21 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21$ $\qquad \qquad \qquad \wedge \neg W22 \wedge \neg W31$  <b>R3:</b> $\neg S12 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W12$ $\qquad \qquad \qquad \wedge \neg W22 \wedge \neg W13$  <b>R4:</b> $S12 \Rightarrow W11 \vee W12 \vee W22$ $\qquad \qquad \qquad \vee W13$	 1. Modus Ponens: $\neg S11, \mathbf{R1}$ $\quad \quad \quad \vdash \quad \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21 \wedge \neg W12$  2. And-Elimination: $\blacklozenge$ $\quad \quad \quad \vdash \quad \neg W11, \neg W21, \neg W12$  3. Modus Ponens: $\neg S21, \mathbf{R2}$ $\quad \quad \quad \vdash \quad \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21 \wedge \neg W22$ $\qquad \qquad \qquad \wedge \neg W31$  4. And-Elimination: $\blacklozenge$ $\quad \quad \quad \vdash \quad \neg W11, \neg W21, \neg W22, \neg W31$

# Proof for “KB $\Rightarrow$ W13”

Knowledge Base	Inferences
$\neg S11, \quad \neg B11, \quad \neg G11,$ $\neg S21, \quad B21, \quad \neg G21,$ $S12, \quad \neg B12, \quad \neg G11,$  <b>R1:</b> $\neg S11 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21$ $\quad \quad \quad \wedge \neg W12$ <b>R2:</b> $\neg S21 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21$ $\quad \quad \quad \wedge \neg W22 \wedge \neg W31$ <b>R3:</b> $\neg S12 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W12$ $\quad \quad \quad \wedge \neg W22 \wedge \neg W13$ <b>R4:</b> $S12 \Rightarrow W11 \vee W12 \vee W22$ $\quad \quad \quad \vee W13$	<p>KB += <math>\neg W11, \neg W21, \neg W12,</math>  <math>\quad \quad \quad \neg W22, \neg W31</math></p> <p>5. Modus Ponens: S12, <b>R4</b>  <math>\quad \quad \quad \vdash \quad (W13 \vee W12 \vee W22)</math>  <math>\quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \vee W11</math></p> <p>6. Unit-Resolution: <math>\blacklozenge, \neg W11</math>  <math>\quad \quad \quad \vdash \quad (W13 \vee W12) \vee W22</math></p>

# Proof for “KB $\Rightarrow$ W13”

## Knowledge Base

$\neg S11, \quad \neg B11, \quad \neg G11,$   
 $\neg S21, \quad B21, \quad \neg G21,$   
 $S12, \quad \neg B12, \quad \neg G12,$

**R1:**  $\neg S11 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \wedge \neg W12$

**R2:**  $\neg S21 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W21$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \wedge \neg W22 \wedge \neg W31$

**R3:**  $\neg S12 \Rightarrow \neg W11 \wedge \neg W12$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \wedge \neg W22 \wedge \neg W13$

**R4:**  $S12 \Rightarrow W11 \vee W12 \vee W22$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \vee W13$

## Inferences

KB +=  $\neg W11, \neg W21, \neg W12,$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \neg W22, \neg W31,$   
 $\quad \quad \quad (W13 \vee W12) \vee W22$

7. Unit-Resolution:  $\diamond, \neg W22$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \vdash \quad \quad W13 \vee W12$

8. Unit-Resolution:  $\diamond, \neg W12$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \vdash \quad \quad W13$

**KB  $\Rightarrow$  W13**



# From Knowledge to Actions

- **TELLing the KB: actions**

- Additional rules

- e.g. “if the wumpus is 1 square ahead then do not go forward”

$A12 \wedge \text{East} \wedge W22 \Rightarrow \neg \text{Forward}$

$A12 \wedge \text{North} \wedge W13 \Rightarrow \neg \text{Forward}$

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- **ASKing the KB**

- Cannot ask “which action?”  
but “should I go forward?”

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# A Knowledge-Based Agent Using Propositional Logic

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```
function Propositional-KB-Agent (percept) returns action
  static    KB,                // a knowledge base
            t                  // a time counter, initially 0

  Tell (KB, Make-Percept-Sentence (percept, t))
  foreach action in the list of possible actions
  do
    if Ask (KB, Make-Action-Query (t, action)) then
      Tell (KB, Make-Action-Sentence (action, t))
       $t \leftarrow t + 1$ 
      return action
  end
```

# Limits of Propositional Logic

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- **A weak logic**

- Too many propositions to TELL the KB

- e.g., the rule “if the wumpus is 1 square ahead then do not go forward” needs 64 sentences (16 squares x 4 orientations)!
    - Result in increased time complexity of inference

- Handling change is difficult

- Need time-dependent propositional symbols  
e.g., A11 means “the agent is in square [1,1]” - when?  
at t = 0: A11-0; at t = 1: A21-1;  
at t = 2: A11-2
    - Need to rewrite rules as time-dependent  
e.g.,  $A12-0 \wedge \text{East-0} \wedge W22-0 \Rightarrow \neg \text{Forward-0}$   
 $A12-2 \wedge \text{East-2} \wedge W22-2 \Rightarrow \neg \text{Forward-2}$

# Summary

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- **Propositional logic ...**
  - Commits only to the existence of facts.
  - Has simple syntax and semantics and is therefore limited.



# Thank you!

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