

Week 2-3: Propositional Logic

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Propositional logic is about, well, logics about propositions. A proposition is basically a statement that can be evaluated to true or false. For example "1+1=2" and "1+1=3" are both propositions.

1 Syntax

Definition 1.1. *Syntax decides what are allowed to be written*

1.1 Well-formed Formula (WFF)

A formula ψ is obtained by composing $p \in P$ with $c \in C$, where P is the set of propositions and C is the set of connectors. here we use any set of complete logic, like $C = \{\neg, \vee\}$. This is not a percise definition as counter examples that do not form a valid formula can be formulated based on this, for example $\neg \vee p$ means nothing. To formalize the definition we may attempt to define a language with the following grammar:

$$\Sigma = P \cup C \cup \{(,)\}$$

$$FORM : \{\psi = p \in P | \neg\psi | \psi \vee \psi | (\psi)\}$$

However this is a recursive definition as the definition of the a formula ψ involves itself. We need to find a declarative way to define this recursive/inductive construction.

Definition 1.2. *FORM is the smallest set of strings over Σ where*

1. $P \subseteq FORM$
2. $\forall \psi \in FORM, \neg\psi \in FORM$
3. $\forall \psi_1, \psi_2 \in FORM, \psi_1 \vee \psi_2 \in FORM$

We can see as a construction rule, we are admitting strings into the set of formula, but we need to somewhat impose restriction on what is not acceptable.

1.2 Closed Set

Let's remove the attributive **the smallest** first and define another set that contains all the set that satisfy these rules listed above:

Definition 1.3. *Closed is a set of strings over Σ where*

1. $P \subseteq Closed$
2. $\forall \psi \in Closed, \neg\psi \in Closed$
3. $\forall \psi_1, \psi_2 \in Closed, \psi_1 \vee \psi_2 \in Closed$

1.2.1 All Closed Set

And we define a set ACS (All-closed sets). We can define FORM via the following constriction:

$$FORM = \bigcap ACS$$

Suppose $BCS = \emptyset$ and from definition

$$U_0 = \bigcap BCS = \{w \in \Sigma^* | \forall S \in BCS, w \in S\}$$

However, $BCS = \emptyset$, The statement $\forall S \in BCS, w \in S$ is vacuously true $\forall w \in \Sigma^*$, which means that

$$U_0 = \Sigma^* = \bigcap BCS$$

A contradiction. Therefore we have proved that ACS cannot be empty, thus $\forall P, \exists S$ such that S is a closed set.

1.3 FORM is the minimum of the set of Closed

First let's prove that FORM is closed. It seems to be trivial that the intersection of closed sets is closed but formal proof is still needed. We denote a set from the intersection construction as T_0 .

Lemma 1.4. *T_0 is closed*

We are proving that the set T_0 we get from the intersection construction still satisfy the rules that define what is closed.

Proof. From rule 1,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall S \in ACS, P \subseteq S \\ \implies \forall p \in P, \forall S \in ACS, p \in S \\ \implies \forall p \in P, p \in \bigcap ACS \\ \implies P \in T_0 \end{aligned}$$

From rule 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall S \in ACS, T_0 \subseteq S \\ \text{let } w \in T_0, \forall S \in ACS, w \in S, \neg w \in S \\ \implies \forall w \in T_0, \neg w \in \bigcap ACS \\ \implies \forall w \in T_0, \neg w \in T_0 \end{aligned}$$

From rule 3,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall S \in ACS, T_0 \subseteq S \\ \text{let } w_1, w_2 \in T_0, \forall S \in ACS, w_1 \vee w_2 \in S \\ \implies \forall w_1, w_2 \in T_0, w_1 \vee w_2 \in \bigcap ACS \\ \implies \forall w_1, w_2 \in T_0, w_1 \vee w_2 \in T_0 \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 1.5. *T_0 is a smallest Closed set*

Proof. The proof of minimality is trivial. $T_0 = \bigcap ACS \implies \forall S \in ACS, T_0 \subseteq S$ \square

Lemma 1.6. T_0 is the smallest Closed set (unique). In other word,

$$\forall T'_0 \in \{T \mid \forall S \in ACS, T \subseteq S\}, T'_0 = T_0$$

Proof. Suppose otherwise, $\exists T'_0 \in ACS \neq T_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} T_0, T'_0 \in ACS &\implies \forall S \in ACS, T_0 \subseteq S, T'_0 \subseteq S \\ &\implies T_0 \subseteq T'_0 \wedge T'_0 \subseteq T_0 \\ &\implies T_0 = T'_0 \end{aligned}$$

A contradiction. \square

Now we can use the generative rule to define formula, which is called **Backus-Naur form**. Note that a context-free grammar is a type of formal language. Backus Naur form is a specification language for this type of grammar. It is used to describe language syntax.

1.4 Subformula

Definition 1.7. ϕ_1 is a subformula of ϕ_2 , denoted by

$$\phi_1 \preccurlyeq \phi_2$$

as a relation is

- reflexive: $\forall \phi \in FORM, \phi \preccurlyeq \phi$
- transitive: $\forall \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3 \in FORM, (\phi_1 \preccurlyeq \phi_2) \wedge (\phi_2 \preccurlyeq \phi_3) \implies \phi_1 \preccurlyeq \phi_3$

Inductive definition:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \phi \in FORM, \phi \preccurlyeq (\neg \phi) \\ \forall \phi_1, \phi_2 \in FORM, \phi_1 \preccurlyeq (\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) \\ \phi_2 \preccurlyeq (\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) \end{aligned}$$

We might intuitively think that subformula can be defined using the notion of substring, since we have been considering formula as concatenation of proposition and connector symbols. However based on our inductive definition, we can come up with the following counter example to a definition using substring: A formula ϕ_1 is a subformula of ϕ_2 if and only if ϕ_1 is a well-formed formula, and is a substring to ϕ_2

$$p \vee q \not\preccurlyeq \neg p \vee q$$

What if we tighten the syntax by strictly enforce the use of parenthesis whenever we can

2 Semantics

Definition 2.1. Semantics describe meanings.

2.1 Truth Assignment/Proposition evaluation

A truth assignment or a valuation of propositions is a function that maps from the set of propositions to true and false.

$$v : P \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

$$v \in [P \rightarrow \{T, F\}]$$

Example 2.2. Consider $v = \{p_1 \mapsto T, p_2 \mapsto F\}$, we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} v(p_1) &= T \\ v(p_2) &= F \\ v(\neg p_2) &= T \\ v(p_1 \vee p_2) &= T \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Entail/Model

We denote entailment of an evaluation function to formula as

$$v \models \psi$$

We also inductively define the following rule

$$\begin{aligned} \forall p \in P, v \models p &\iff v(p) \\ v \models \psi &\iff v \not\models \neg \psi \\ v \models \psi_1 \vee \psi_2 &\iff (v \models \psi_1) \vee (v \models \psi_2) \end{aligned}$$

2.3 Logical Equivalence

Definition 2.3. Syntax definition of logical equivalence is as follows:

$$\phi_1 \equiv \phi_2 \iff \forall v : P \mapsto \{T, F\} (v \models \phi_1), v \models \phi_2$$

Example 2.4.

$$p \vee (\neg p) \equiv q \vee (\neg q)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall v \models (p \vee (\neg p)), \\ v \models p \text{ or } v \models (\neg p) \\ v \models p \text{ or } v \not\models p \\ \forall v : P \mapsto \{T, F\}, \end{aligned}$$

TODO

2.4 Satisfiability of Formula

Definition 2.5. Let $\phi \in FORM$, ϕ is satisfiable

$$\iff \exists v : P \mapsto \{T, F\}, v \models \phi$$

Definition 2.6. Tautology: ϕ is a tautology $\iff \forall v, v \models \phi$

Example 2.7.

$$\phi = \neg(p \vee (\neg p))$$

From example 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall v, v \models (p \vee (\neg p)) \\ \implies \forall v, v \not\models \neg(p \vee (\neg p)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus ϕ is NOT satisfiable.

2.5 Satisfiability of a set of formula

Set Satisfaction

Definition 2.8. Let $\Gamma \subseteq FORM$,

$$v \models \Gamma \iff \forall \phi \in \Gamma, v \models \phi$$

Set Satisfiability

Definition 2.9. Let $\Gamma \subseteq FORM$, Γ is satisfiable

$$\iff \exists v, \forall \phi \in \Gamma, v \models \phi$$

Example 2.10. $\Gamma = \emptyset$, Γ is satisfiable.

Proof. Consider $v : P \mapsto \{T, F\}, v(p) = T \forall p \in P, \forall \phi \in \Gamma, v \models \phi$ is vacuously true. \square

Example 2.11. $\Gamma = FORM$, Γ is NOT satisfiable.

Proof. Suppose otherwise,

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists v, \forall \phi \in \Gamma, v \models \phi \\ & \forall \phi \in \Gamma, (\neg \phi) \in \Gamma \\ & v \models (\neg \phi) \end{aligned}$$

A contradiction. \square

2.5.1 Relevance

Definition 2.12. Define set $OCCUR(\phi) \subseteq P$, which contains propositions appear in ϕ . Inductively defined as

$$\begin{aligned} OCCUR(\phi) &= \{p\} \iff \phi \equiv p, p \in P \\ OCCUR(\neg \phi) &= OCCUR(\phi) \\ OCCUR(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) &= OCCUR(\phi_1) \cup OCCUR(\phi_2) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.13. Let $\phi \in FORM$, let v_1, v_2 be valuations over P .

$$\forall p \in OCCUR(\phi), v_1(p) = v_2(p) \implies (v_1 \models \phi \implies v_2 \models \phi)$$

v_1, v_2 can be different valuations over $p' \notin OCCUR(\phi)$

2.6 Modelling Computations as Propositional Logic

Tutorial

2.7 Generic closure

* Define $\mathcal{P}(U)$ as a collection of all ordering of all elements in the power set $\mathcal{P}(U)$

Definition 2.14. Given a universe set U and an operator set \mathcal{O} , where $\forall f : U \times r \text{ times } \times U \mapsto \mathcal{P}(U) \in \mathcal{O}$. f has arity $r = \text{arity}(f)$. We define a set $S \subseteq U$ to be (I, O) -closed if the following hold:

1. $I \subseteq S$
2. $\forall f \in O, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r \in I, f(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r) \in S$

Lemma 2.15. There exists a smallest (I, O) -closed set.

Q1

Claim: The smallest (I, O)-closed set can be constructed by taking the intersection of all (I,O)-closed set, ie.

$$AIOCS = \{S \subseteq U | S \text{ is (I,O)-closed}\}$$

$$T_0 = \bigcap AIOCS$$

Existence

First we prove the existence of such a set.

Proof. Suppose otherwise,

$$\begin{aligned} T_0 &= \bigcap AIOCS = \emptyset \\ T_0 &= \{x \in \mathcal{P}(U) | \forall S \in AIOCS, x \in S\} \\ T_0 = \emptyset &\implies x \in S \text{ is vacuously true } \forall x \in \mathcal{P}(U) \implies T_0 = \mathcal{P}(U) \end{aligned}$$

contradiction. \square

Closed

Now we prove that T_0 is (I,O)-closed.

Proof. Property 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall S \in AIOCS, I \subseteq S \\ \implies \forall i \in I, \forall S \in AIOCS, i \in S \\ \implies \forall i \in I, i \in \bigcap AIOCS \\ \implies \forall i \in I, i \in T_0 \end{aligned}$$

Property 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall S \in AIOCS, T_0 \subseteq S \\ \text{Let } e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r \in T_0, \forall S \in AIOCS, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r \in S \\ \implies \exists f \in \mathcal{O}, f(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r) \in S \\ \implies \forall e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r \in T_0, \exists f \in \mathcal{O}, f(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r) \in \bigcap AIOCS \\ \implies f(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r) \in T_0 \end{aligned}$$

\square

Uniqueness

Claim:

$$\forall T'_0 \in \{T \in \mathcal{P}(U) | \forall S \in AIOCS, T \subseteq S\}, T'_0 = T_0$$

Proof. Suppose otherwise, $\exists T'_0 \in AIOCS, T'_0 \neq T_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} T_0, T'_0 \in AIOCS &\implies \forall S \in AIOCS, T_0 \subseteq S, T'_0 \subseteq S \\ &\implies T_0 \subseteq T'_0, T'_0 \subseteq T_0 \\ &\implies T_0 = T'_0 \end{aligned}$$

\square

Q2

2.1

$$w_1 = \epsilon \notin FORM$$

Claim: $\forall w \in FORM, |w| > 0$

Proof. Base case:

$$\forall p \in P, |p| = 1$$

Inductive Hypothesis:

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Q3

1. $\mathbb{N} : I = \{0\}, O = \{f(x) = x + 1\}$
2. $Odd : I = \{1\}, O = \{f(x) = x + 2\}$
3. $\mathbb{Q} : I = \{0\}, O = \{f(x) = -x, f(x) = x + 1, f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y}\}$
4. $\{\frac{x}{3} | x \in \mathbb{N}\} \setminus \mathbb{N} : I = \{\frac{1}{3}\}, O = \{f(x) = 3x + 1 | 3? \frac{1}{3} : x + \frac{1}{3}\}$

Q4

4.1

$$I = \{t\}, O = \{f(v) = succ(v)\}$$

4.2

$$I = \{s\} \cup \{v \in V | v \in succ^r(s)\}, O = \{f(v) = succ^d(v)\}$$

Q5

5.1

$$I = \{(v, v) | v \in V\}, O = \{f(u, u') = \{(u', v) | v \in V, succ(u') = v\}\}$$

Q6

6.1

Base case: $FORM_0 \subseteq FORM_1$ as

$$FORM_1 = FORM_0 \cup \{(\neg w) | w \in FORM_0\} \cup \{(w_1 \vee w_2) | w_1, w_2 \in FORM_0\}$$

Wait this is just trivial

6.2

Claim:

$$\exists i \geq 0, FORM_i = FORM_{i+1}$$

It is obvious that $\forall i \geq 0, FORM_i$ is finite. Suppose

6.3

6.4

Q7

Claim: *INDFORM* is (P, C)-closed

Q8

Q9