Artificial Intelligence

Propositional Logic

Playing with it in Python

Model

- Model?
  - Set of Boolean propositions
  - Set of assignments
- Common representations
  - { x, y }
    - Meaning a model where x is True and y is also True
    - Any other proposition not represented is assumed False
  - x/True y/True
    - Meaning a model where x is True, y is also True
    - No other propositions exist
- So:
  - { x, y } is set of assignments for the propositions { x, y, z }
    - Because, in this notation, omitted propositions are assumed False
  - X/True y/True is NOT a set of assignments for { x, y, z }
    - Because is makes not assignment to z

Is an expression/formula satisfiable?

- Yes, if there is a model that makes it True
- Finding if there is a model that makes an expression SATisfiable is the "SAT problem"

Model |= Satisfaction (SAT)

- Left side
  - Model / assignments
- Right side
  - Boolean expression
  - Logical formula
- Satisfaction?
  - If the assignments make the expression True
    - "the assignments satisfy the expression"
- Exercises with M = {x/True, y/False} - signal the satisfaction case(s)
  - M|=(x=>y)
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CNF = Conjunctive Normal Form

- Any propositional formula can be represented in CNF
- What is CNF?
  - ANDs of ORs, of literals
  - Literal? A variable or its negation
  - A formula in CNF is a conjunction of 1+ clause(s), each a disjunction of literals
  - Example:
    - (A OR B) AND (NOT A OR C) AND B
    - In John McCarthy's LISP notation:
      - (and (or A B) (or (not A) C) B)
- Why is CNF important?
  - Any propositional formula can be in CNF
  - The DPLL algorithm for the SAT problem operates on CNF

DPLL = Davis–Putnam–Logemann–Loveland

- What is the DPPL algorithm?
  - a complete, backtracking-based search algorithm for deciding the satisfiability of propositional logic formulas in CNF
- Recursive
  - Splits the problems into smaller sub-problems
  - Searches for the assignments that would make a formula satisfiable
- Some related concepts
  - "pure literal" - a Boolean var that appears with only one polarity (never negated or always negated)
  - "pure literal elimination" - pure literals can be assigned in a way that makes all clauses containing them true, so they do not constraint the search and can be eliminated
    - A form of simplification

Logical consequence (or "entailment")

- AKA Logical Implication
- Lexp 1, ... , Lexp n |= Rexp 1 , ... , Rexp n
  - L for "left"
  - R for "right"
  - Assume the , reads AND
- All the models that satisfy the left-side, must also satisfy the right-side
  - But the right-side might satisfy more models
- Exercise: which are logical consequences?
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Logical equivalence

- L /// R
- L |= R
- R |= L
- Both must happen
- Exercise - signal the logical equivalence case(s)
- ((not u) or v) /// (not(u and (not v)))
- (a and (b or c)) /// ((a and b) or (a and c))
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Redo the exercises, using Python

- How would you programmatically solve the questions using the LogicalHelper class?, available at
  - https://github.com/amsm/amlogic/blob/master/am_logical_helper.py
- See examples at:
  - https://github.com/amsm/amlogic/blob/master/esgts_questions_and_answers.py

References

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