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Logic, calculus and reasoning (notion)

Notion 1 (Logic) A **logic** L is a triple $\mathcal{L} = \langle L, I, \models \rangle$, where L is a formal language, $I : L \rightarrow D$ is an interpretation function, and \models is an entailment relation $\models_L \subseteq M \times T$, where $T \subseteq L$ is a theory and $M \subseteq D^L$ is a model of T , with D^L being generated starting from I)

Notion 2 (Logical calculus) A **logical calculus** $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{L}}$ is a pair $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{L}} = \langle \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P} \rangle$, where \mathcal{L} is a logic and \mathcal{P} is a set of **(reasoning) problems** to be solved in \mathcal{L} , defined as $\mathcal{P} = \{ \langle \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{Q}) \rangle \}$, where $\mathcal{Q} = \{ Q_i \}$ is a set of questions Q_i and, for each Q_i , $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{Q}) = \{ A(Q_i) \}$ is a set of possible answers for Q_i .

Notion 3 (Logical reasoning) Given a logical calculus $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{L}}$, by **(logical) reasoning**, also called **(logical) inference** we mean the process by which a problem is solved via the application of a possibly not terminating **decision algorithm**.

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