

# Knowledge Representation and Reasoning

## Exercise Sheet 9

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# Exercise 9.1

## Extensions in Default Logic

### Exercise 9.1 (EXTENSIONS IN DEFAULT LOGIC, 2)

Consider the propositional default theory  $\Delta = \langle D, W \rangle$  with

$$D = \left\{ \frac{\top : m}{m}, \frac{\top : i}{i}, \frac{m : \neg s}{\neg s}, \frac{m : b}{b}, \frac{i : s \wedge \neg b}{s \wedge \neg b} \right\}, W = \{\neg(m \wedge i)\}$$

Determine all extensions of  $\Delta$ . Which of the propositions  $s$ ,  $b$ ,  $s \vee b$ ,  $s \wedge b$  are entailed by  $\Delta$  using credulous reasoning? Which of them are entailed using skeptical reasoning?

**Observation:** Since  $\neg(m \wedge i) \in E$  for any extension  $E$ , only one of the defaults  $\frac{\top : m}{m}$  and  $\frac{\top : i}{i}$  can be applied (with the other being inconsistent to  $E$ ). Also, one of these defaults must be applied since no extension can be constructed (using only the consequences of the defaults) where both are inconsistent.

$$E = Th(\{\neg(m \wedge i), m, \dots\})$$

$$E_0 = \{\neg(m \wedge i)\}$$

$$E_1 = Th(E_0) \cup \{m\}$$

...

$$E' = Th(\{\neg(m \wedge i), i, \dots\})$$

$$E'_0 = \{\neg(m \wedge i)\}$$

$$E'_1 = Th(E'_0) \cup \{i\}$$

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# Exercise 9.1

## Extensions in Default Logic



Given:  $\Delta = \langle D, W \rangle$  with  $D = \{ \frac{\top : m}{m}, \frac{\top : i}{i}, \frac{m : \neg s}{\neg s}, \frac{m : b}{b}, \frac{i : s \wedge \neg b}{s \wedge \neg b} \}$ ,  $W = \{ \neg(m \wedge i) \}$

Since  $m \in E$ , we can neither have  $s \in E$  nor  $\neg b \in E$  (bc. this could only come from  $\frac{i : s \wedge \neg b}{s \wedge \neg b}$ ). Thus, both defaults  $\frac{m : \neg s}{\neg s}$  and  $\frac{m : b}{b}$  must be applied.

Similarly, since  $i \in E'$ , we can neither have  $\neg s \in E'$  nor  $b \in E'$  (bc. this could only come from  $\frac{m : \neg s}{\neg s}$  and  $\frac{m : b}{b}$ ). Thus the default  $\frac{i : s \wedge \neg b}{s \wedge \neg b}$  must be applied.

Since no defaults will be applicable afterwards, we now know the only  $E$ s we could have started out with to obtain successful proofs.

$$E = Th(\{\neg(m \wedge i), m, \neg s, b\})$$

$$E_0 = \{\neg(m \wedge i)\}$$

$$E_1 = Th(E_0) \cup \{m\}$$

$$E_2 = Th(E_1) \cup \{\neg s, b\}$$

$$E_3 = Th(E_2) \cup \emptyset = E$$

$$E' = Th(\{\neg(m \wedge i), i, s \wedge \neg b\})$$

$$E'_0 = \{\neg(m \wedge i)\}$$

$$E'_1 = Th(E'_0) \cup \{i\}$$

$$E'_2 = Th(E'_1) \cup \{s \wedge \neg b\}$$

$$E'_3 = Th(E'_2) \cup \emptyset = E'$$

# Exercise 9.1

## Extensions in Default Logic

We have obtained the following two extensions:

$$E = Th(\{\neg(m \wedge i), m, \neg s, b\})$$

$$E' = Th(\{\neg(m \wedge i), i, s \wedge \neg b\})$$

Which of  $s$ ,  $b$ ,  $s \vee b$ ,  $s \wedge b$  are entailed skeptically/credulously?

- $s$  follows credulously, as it is only contained in  $E'$
- $b$  follows credulously, as it is only contained in  $E$
- $s \vee b$  follows skeptically (and credulously), as it is contained in  $E$  and  $E'$
- $s \wedge b$  follows neither skeptically nor credulously, as it is neither contained in  $E$  nor in  $E'$

# Exercise 9.2

## Exercise 9.2 (KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION AND REASONING IN DEFAULT LOGIC, 2+2)

Translate into first-order default logic and check whether the given conclusions follow credulously and/or skeptically.

- (a) *Typically, computer science students like computers. Female students who like computers are typically interested in cognitive science. Computer science students are typically female, as for example Anne; but Bob is an exception to this rule. Conclusions: Anne is interested in cognitive science. Bob is not interested in cognitive science.*
- (b) *By default, students are not lazy. But computer science students are typically intelligent, and intelligent students are usually lazy. Jim and Mary study the humanities, Anne and Bob study computer science. Conclusions: Anne and Bob are lazy; Mary and Jim are not.*

## Exercise 9.2 (a)



*Typically, computer science students like computers. Female students who like computers are typically interested in cognitive science. Computer science students are typically female, as for example Anne; but Bob is an exception to this rule.*

$$D = \left\{ \frac{cs(x) : lc(x)}{lc(x)}, \frac{lc(x) \wedge fem(x) : intcog(x)}{intcog(x)}, \frac{cs(x) : fem(x)}{fem(x)} \right\}$$

$$W = \{cs(Anne), fem(Anne), cs(Bob), \neg fem(Bob)\}$$

## Exercise 9.2 (a)



$$D = \left\{ \frac{cs(x) : lc(x)}{lc(x)}, \frac{lc(x) \wedge fem(x) : intcog(x)}{intcog(x)}, \frac{cs(x) : fem(x)}{fem(x)} \right\}$$

$$W = \{cs(Anne), fem(Anne), cs(Bob), \neg fem(Bob)\}$$

**Conclusions:** *Anne is interested in cognitive science. Bob is not interested in cognitive science.*

We first show that *intcog(Anne)* follows credulously:

$$E = Th(W \cup \{lc(Anne), lc(Bob), intcog(Anne)\})$$

$$E_0 = W$$

$$E_1 = Th(W) \cup \{lc(Anne), lc(Bob)\}$$

$$E_2 = Th(E_1) \cup \{intcog(Anne)\}$$

$$E_3 = Th(E_2) \cup \emptyset = E$$

## Exercise 9.2 (a)

$$D = \left\{ \frac{cs(x) : lc(x)}{lc(x)}, \frac{lc(x) \wedge fem(x) : intcog(x)}{intcog(x)}, \frac{cs(x) : fem(x)}{fem(x)} \right\}$$

$$W = \{cs(Anne), fem(Anne), cs(Bob), \neg fem(Bob)\}$$

We now explain why *intcog*(Anne) also follows skeptically:

- *cs*(Anne) is contained in each extension because it is contained in *W*.
- There is no rule that derives  $\neg lc(Anne)$  and it cannot result from *W* together with any derivable atoms. It thus cannot be in any extension. Hence the first default rule is always applied, introducing *lc*(Anne).
- In conclusion, *lc*(Anne)  $\wedge$  *fem*(Anne) is true in each extension.
- As  $\neg intcog(Anne)$  cannot be added to an extension by building the deductive closure of *W* and any derivable atoms, the second default rule adds *intcog*(Anne) to each extension.



## Exercise 9.2 (a)



$$D = \left\{ \frac{cs(x) : lc(x)}{lc(x)}, \frac{lc(x) \wedge fem(x) : intcog(x)}{intcog(x)}, \frac{cs(x) : fem(x)}{fem(x)} \right\}$$

$$W = \{cs(Anne), fem(Anne), cs(Bob), \neg fem(Bob)\}$$

What about Bob?

- The second conclusion *Bob is not interested in cognitive science* ( $\neg intcog(Bob)$ ) is not derivable from any extension. Hence, it neither follows credulously nor skeptically.

## Exercise 9.2 (b)



*By default, students are not lazy. But computer science students are typically intelligent, and intelligent students are usually lazy. Jim and Mary study the humanities, Anne and Bob study computer science.*

$$D = \left\{ \frac{stud(x) : \neg lazy(x)}{\neg lazy(x)}, \frac{cs(x) : int(x)}{int(x)}, \frac{int(x) \wedge stud(x) : lazy(x)}{lazy(x)} \right\}$$

$$W = \{stud(Anne), stud(Bob), stud(Jim), stud(Mary), cs(Anne), cs(Bob)\}$$

## Exercise 9.2 (b)

$$D = \left\{ \frac{stud(x) : \neg lazy(x)}{\neg lazy(x)}, \frac{cs(x) : int(x)}{int(x)}, \frac{int(x) \wedge stud(x) : lazy(x)}{lazy(x)} \right\}$$

$$W = \{stud(Anne), stud(Bob), stud(Jim), stud(Mary), cs(Anne), cs(Bob)\}$$

**Conclusions:** *Anne and Bob are lazy; Mary and Jim are not.*

**We can construct the following extensions:**

- $Th(W \cup \{int(Anne), int(Bob), \neg lazy(Anne), \neg lazy(Bob), \neg lazy(Jim), \neg lazy(Mary)\})$
- $Th(W \cup \{int(Anne), int(Bob), lazy(Anne), \neg lazy(Bob), \neg lazy(Jim), \neg lazy(Mary)\})$
- $Th(W \cup \{int(Anne), int(Bob), \neg lazy(Anne), lazy(Bob), \neg lazy(Jim), \neg lazy(Mary)\})$
- $Th(W \cup \{int(Anne), int(Bob), lazy(Anne), lazy(Bob), \neg lazy(Jim), \neg lazy(Mary)\})$

$\Rightarrow lazy(Anne) \wedge lazy(Bob)$  follows credulously.

$\Rightarrow \neg lazy(Jim) \wedge \neg lazy(Mary)$  follows skeptically.

## Exercise 9.3

### Exercise 9.3 (PROPERTIES OF DEFAULT LOGIC, 2+2+2)

Prove or disprove the following statements:

- (a) Let  $\langle D, W \rangle$  be a propositional default theory and let  $D'$  be a set of normal defaults with  $D \subseteq D'$ . If  $E$  is an extension of  $\langle D, W \rangle$ , then there exists an extension  $E'$  of  $\langle D', W \rangle$  such that  $E \subseteq E'$ .
- (b) Let  $\langle D, W \rangle$  be a propositional default theory and  $\phi$  be a formula that follows skeptically from  $\langle D, W \rangle$ . Then, each formula  $\psi$  follows skeptically from  $\langle D, W \cup \{\phi\} \rangle$  if and only if  $\psi$  follows skeptically from  $\langle D, W \rangle$ .
- (c) Let  $\langle D, W \rangle$  be a propositional, semi-normal default theory that has a consistent extension  $E$  such that the justification (consistency condition) of each default rule in  $D$  is consistent with  $E$  (and thus with  $W$ ). Then  $W$  must be consistent with the set of all justifications of the default rules in  $D$ .

# Exercise 9.3 (a)



## Theorem?

Let  $\langle D, W \rangle$  be a propositional default theory and let  $D'$  be a set of normal defaults with  $D \subseteq D'$ .

If  $E$  is an extension of  $\langle D, W \rangle$ , then there exists an extension  $E'$  of  $\langle D', W \rangle$  such that  $E \subseteq E'$ .

## Proof

- $\langle D, W \rangle$  is a default theory,  $D \subseteq D'$ , with  $D'$  being normal defaults.
- Thus  $\langle D, W \rangle$  is a normal default theory.
- Let  $E$  be an extension of  $\langle D, W \rangle$ .
- Consider then  $\langle D', E \rangle$  which is also a normal default theory.
- Thus, there exists an extension  $E'$  of  $\langle D', E \rangle$  and obviously  $E = E'_0 \subseteq E'$ .
- This extension  $E'$  is also an extension for  $\langle D', W \rangle$ .

## Exercise 9.3 (b)



### Theorem?

Let  $\langle D, W \rangle$  be a propositional default theory and  $\phi$  be a formula that follows skeptically from  $\langle D, W \rangle$ . Then, each formula  $\psi$  follows skeptically from  $\langle D, W \cup \{\phi\} \rangle$  if and only if  $\psi$  follows skeptically from  $\langle D, W \rangle$ .

### Counter-Example

- Let  $D = \left\{ \frac{a}{a}, \frac{a \vee b : \neg a}{\neg a} \right\}$ ,  $W = \emptyset$
- $\langle D, W \rangle$  has exactly one extension:  $Th(\{a\})$ .
- Thus  $\phi = a \vee b$  follows skeptically from  $\langle D, W \rangle$ .
- $\langle D, \{a \vee b\} \rangle$  has two extensions :  $Th(\{a\})$  and  $Th(\{\neg a, b\})$ .
- $\psi = a$  follows skeptically from  $\langle D, W \rangle$ , but not from  $\langle D, W \cup \{\phi\} \rangle$ .

## Exercise 9.3 (c)



### Theorem?

Let  $\langle D, W \rangle$  be a propositional, semi-normal default theory that has a consistent extension  $E$  such that the justification (consistency condition) of each default rule in  $D$  is consistent with  $E$  (and thus with  $W$ ). Then  $W$  must be consistent with the set of all justifications of the default rules in  $D$ .

### Counter-Example

- Let  $D = \left\{ \frac{a:b \wedge c}{c}, \frac{a:\neg b \wedge d}{d} \right\}$  and  $W = \{a\}$
- We have  $E = Th(\{a, c, d\})$  as a consistent extension.
- Obviously,  $E \cup \{b \wedge c\}$  is consistent and  $E \cup \{\neg b \wedge d\}$  is consistent.
- But  $W \cup \{b \wedge c, \neg b \wedge d\}$  is inconsistent.