

UIT2504 Artificial Intelligence

Propositional Logic

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Knowledge-Based Agents

- Knowledge base = set of **sentences** in a **formal language**
- Knowledge-based agent comprises of domain specific knowledge base and domain independent **inference mechanism** to process knowledge
- Knowledge is in **declarative form**
- Suitable for partially observable environments where hidden information can be **inferred**

Interpretations, Models, and Entailment

- Sentences written in logic must be **well-formed formula** and follow a grammar
- There are several possible **interpretations** for a set of sentences KB
- Interpretations in which KB evaluates to true are called as **models** of KB
- Given a new sentence α , KB **logically entails** α (written as $KB \models \alpha$) iff every model of KB is also a model of α
- We write $KB \vdash \alpha$ if α can be **derived** from KB using syntactic **derivation rules**
- Sentences in logic are usually written in a **normal form**
- There may be several **strategies** for effective application of the derivation rules

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- Sometimes, we write $\neg p_2$ as $\overline{p_2}$

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Well-Formed Formula

- An atom by itself is a **well-formed formula** (WFF)
- If F is a WFF, then $\neg F$ is a WFF
- If F is a WFF, then (F) is a WFF
- If F_1 and F_2 are WFF, then
 - $F_1 \vee F_2$ is a WFF
 - $F_1 \wedge F_2$ is a WFF
 - $F_1 \Rightarrow F_2$ is a WFF
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- Nothing else if a WFF

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- The above sentence is same as

$$(((\neg P) \vee (Q \wedge R)) \Rightarrow S)$$

Grammar of sentences in propositional logic

$Sentence \rightarrow AtomicSentence \mid ComplexSentence$

$AtomicSentence \rightarrow True \mid False \mid P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots$

$ComplexSentence \rightarrow (Sentence)$

$\mid \neg Sentence$

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- Example: Is I_1 a model of S ?

Semantics and Truth Tables

- Each row in the truth table corresponds to an interpretation (the first two columns)
- Rows in which the formula S evaluates to “True” (last column is “True”) corresponds to a model
- In this example, all the four interpretations are models!

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- Given KB and α , we need to answer the question: Does KB entail α ? ($KB \models^? \alpha$)

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α is a logical consequence of KB if and only if $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$ is unsatisfiable

The Satisfiability Problem

SAT

Given a well formed formula S over a set of propositions $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, decide whether S is satisfiable (that is, decide if there exists an assignment of truth values to the propositions such that S evaluates to true)

- SAT is a *NP*-Complete problem and algorithms based on model checking do not scale up
- Alternatively, we can check if α can be **derived** from KB , using some syntactic **inference rules**
- Inference procedure is **sound** if every α derivable is entailed by KB
- Inference procedure is **complete** if every α that is entailed by KB can be derived from KB
- When we have a sound and complete inference procedure, $KB \models^? \alpha$ can be reduced to $KB \vdash^? \alpha$

Questions?