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- “Every mother loves her children”

$$\forall X (\forall Y ((mother(X) \wedge child\_of(Y, X)) \supset loves(X, Y)))$$

$$\neg loves(tom, mary) \qquad \exists X child\_of(X, mary)$$

ternary functor *family*, family/3      *family(bill, mary, child(tom, child(alice, none)))*

**Definition 1.2 (Formulas)** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of terms over the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$ . The set  $\mathcal{F}$  of *wff* (with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ ) is the smallest set such that:

- if  $p/n$  is a predicate symbol in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathcal{T}$  then  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
- if  $F$  and  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  then so are  $(\neg F)$ ,  $(F \wedge G)$ ,  $(F \vee G)$ ,  $(F \supset G)$  and  $(F \leftrightarrow G)$ ;
- if  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $X$  is a variable in  $\mathcal{A}$  then  $(\forall X F)$  and  $(\exists X F) \in \mathcal{F}$ .

# Model

**Definition 1.9 (Model)** An interpretation  $\mathfrak{S}$  is said to be a *model* of  $P$  iff every formula of  $P$  is true in  $\mathfrak{S}$ . ■

When using formulas for describing "worlds" it is necessary to make sure that every description produced is *satisfiable* (that is, has at least one model), and in particular that the world being described is a model of  $P$ .

Generally, a satisfiable set of formulas has (infinitely) many models. This means that the formulas which properly describe a particular "world" of interest at the same time describe many other worlds.

# Model

**Definition 1.11 (Logical consequence)** Let  $P$  be a set of closed formulas. A closed formula  $F$  is called a logical consequence of  $P$  (denoted  $P \models F$ ) iff  $F$  is true in every model of  $P$ . ■

**Proposition 1.13 (Unsatisfiability)** Let  $P$  be a set of closed formulas and  $F$  a closed formula. Then  $P \models F$  iff  $P \cup \{\neg F\}$  is unsatisfiable. ■

One possible way to prove  $P \not\models F$  is to show that  $\neg F$  is false in every model of  $P$ , or put alternatively, that the set of formulas  $P \cup \neg F$  is unsatisfiable (has no model).

**Example 1.14** Let  $P$  be the formulas:

$$\forall X(r(X) \supset (p(X) \vee q(X))) \quad (8)$$

$$r(a) \wedge r(b) \quad (9)$$

To prove that  $p(a)$  is not a logical consequence of  $P$  it suffices to consider an interpretation  $\mathfrak{I}$  where  $|\mathfrak{I}|$  is the set consisting of the two persons “Adam” and “Eve” and where:

$$a_{\mathfrak{I}} := \text{Adam}$$

$$b_{\mathfrak{I}} := \text{Eve}$$

$$p_{\mathfrak{I}} := \{\langle \text{Eve} \rangle\} \quad \% \text{ the property of being female}$$

$$q_{\mathfrak{I}} := \{\langle \text{Adam} \rangle\} \quad \% \text{ the property of being male}$$

$$r_{\mathfrak{I}} := \{\langle \text{Adam} \rangle, \langle \text{Eve} \rangle\} \quad \% \text{ the property of being a person}$$

Clearly, (8) is true in  $\mathfrak{I}$  since “any person is either female or male”. Similarly (9) is true since “both Adam and Eve are persons”. However,  $p(a)$  is false in  $\mathfrak{I}$  since Adam is not a female. ■

**Definition 1.15 (Logical equivalence)** Two formulas  $F$  and  $G$  are said to be logically equivalent (denoted  $F \equiv G$ ) iff  $F$  and  $G$  have the same truth value for all interpretations  $\mathfrak{I}$  and valuations  $\varphi$ . ■

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \neg\neg F & \equiv & F \\
 F \supset G & \equiv & \neg F \vee G \\
 F \supset G & \equiv & \neg G \supset \neg F \\
 F \leftrightarrow G & \equiv & (F \supset G) \wedge (G \supset F) \\
 \neg(F \vee G) & \equiv & \neg F \wedge \neg G & \text{DeMorgan's law} \\
 \neg(F \wedge G) & \equiv & \neg F \vee \neg G & \text{DeMorgan's law} \\
 \neg\forall X H(X) & \equiv & \exists X \neg H(X) & \text{DeMorgan's law} \\
 \neg\exists X H(X) & \equiv & \forall X \neg H(X) & \text{DeMorgan's law}
 \end{array}$$

# Logical Inference

- Modus Ponens (Elimination rule for implication)
- Elimination rule for universal quantifier
- Introduction rule for conjunction

$$\frac{F \quad F \supset G}{G} \quad (\supset \text{E})$$

$$\frac{\forall X F(X)}{F(t)} \quad (\forall \text{E})$$

$$\frac{F \quad G}{F \wedge G} \quad (\wedge \text{I})$$

# Logical inference

$$\forall X (\forall Y (mother(X) \wedge child\_of(Y, X) \supset loves(X, Y))) \quad (10)$$

$$mother(mary) \wedge child\_of(tom, mary) \quad (11)$$

Elimination of the universal quantifier in (10) yields:

$$\forall Y (mother(mary) \wedge child\_of(Y, mary) \supset loves(mary, Y)) \quad (12)$$

Elimination of the universal quantifier in (12) yields:

$$mother(mary) \wedge child\_of(tom, mary) \supset loves(mary, tom) \quad (13)$$

Finally *modus ponens* applied to (11) and (13) yields:

$$loves(mary, tom) \quad (14)$$



- *Any formula  $F$  that can be derived from premises  $P$  is said to be derivable from  $P$ . This is denoted by*

**Definition 1.16 (Soundness and Completeness)** A set of inference rules are said to be *sound* if, for every set of closed formulas  $P$  and every closed formula  $F$ , whenever  $P \vdash F$  it holds that  $P \models F$ . The inference rules are *complete* if  $P \vdash F$  whenever  $P \models F$ . ■

**Definition 2.1 (Clause)** A *clause* is a formula  $\forall(L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_n)$  where each  $L_i$  is an atomic formula (a positive literal) or the negation of an atomic formula (a negative literal). ■

**Definition 2.2 (Definite programs)** A *definite program* is a finite set of definite clauses. ■

# Unification and SLD Resolution

to show existence of something, assume the contrary and use *modus ponens* and elimination of the universal quantifier to find a counter-example for the assumption.

$proud(X) \leftarrow parent(X, Y), newborn(Y).$   
 $parent(X, Y) \leftarrow father(X, Y).$   
 $parent(X, Y) \leftarrow mother(X, Y).$   
 $father(adam, mary).$   
 $newborn(mary).$

Who is proud?".

$P \models \exists Z proud(Z).$

$P \cup \{\neg proud(Z)\theta\}$

$P \models proud(Z)\theta.$

$\leftarrow proud(Z)$

$\forall Z \neg proud(Z)$

$\neg \exists Z proud(Z)$

*modus ponens* with the elimination rule for the universal quantifier.

# SLD resolution and Logic

$$proud(X) \leftarrow parent(X, Y), newborn(Y).$$

$$\forall (\neg proud(X) \supset \neg(parent(X, Y) \wedge newborn(Y)))$$

$$\neg (parent(Z, Y) \wedge newborn(Y)) \quad \begin{array}{l} \textit{modus} \\ \textit{ponens} \end{array}$$

$$\leftarrow parent(Z, Y), newborn(Y).$$

$$\forall Z \forall Y (\neg parent(Z, Y) \vee \neg newborn(Y))$$

# SLD resolution

$\forall Z \forall Y (\neg \text{parent}(Z, Y) \vee \neg \text{newborn}(Y))$

$\text{parent}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{father}(X, Y).$  *unifier*

$\forall (\neg \text{parent}(X, Y) \supset \neg \text{father}(X, Y))$

$\leftarrow \text{father}(Z, Y), \text{newborn}(Y).$

$\leftarrow \text{proud}(Z).$

$\swarrow \text{proud}(X) \leftarrow \text{parent}(X, Y), \text{newborn}(Y).$

$\leftarrow \text{parent}(Z, Y), \text{newborn}(Y).$

$\swarrow \text{parent}(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{father}(X, Y).$

$\leftarrow \text{father}(Z, Y), \text{newborn}(Y).$

$\swarrow \text{father}(\text{adam}, \text{mary}).$

$\leftarrow \text{newborn}(\text{mary}).$

$\swarrow \text{newborn}(\text{mary}).$

□

atomic formula  $p(s_1; ::; s_n)$  of the goal, program clause of the form  $p(t_1; ::; t_n)$   
substitution is constructed such that  $p(s_1; ::; s_n)$  and  $p(t_1; ::; t_n)$  are identical.

*unifier*

# Interpretation and valuation

- A valuation  $'$  is a mapping from variables of the alphabet to the domain of an interpretation

**Definition 1.3 (Interpretation)** An interpretation  $\mathfrak{I}$  of an alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$  is a non-empty domain  $\mathcal{D}$  (sometimes denoted  $|\mathfrak{I}|$ ) and a mapping that associates:

- each constant  $c \in \mathcal{A}$  with an element  $c_{\mathfrak{I}} \in \mathcal{D}$ ;
- each  $n$ -ary functor  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  with a function  $f_{\mathfrak{I}}: \mathcal{D}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ ;
- each  $n$ -ary predicate symbol  $p \in \mathcal{A}$  with a relation  $p_{\mathfrak{I}} \subseteq \underbrace{\mathcal{D} \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}}_n$ .

Domain can be a nonempty set of individuals ( with a number of relations and functions defined on this domain.  
domain consists of three individuals | Mary, John and Tom.

# Interpretation and Evaluation

**Definition 1.4 (Semantics of terms)** Let  $\mathfrak{I}$  be an interpretation,  $\varphi$  a valuation and  $t$  a term. Then the *meaning*  $\varphi_{\mathfrak{I}}(t)$  of  $t$  is an element in  $|\mathfrak{I}|$  defined as follows:

- if  $t$  is a constant  $c$  then  $\varphi_{\mathfrak{I}}(t) := c_{\mathfrak{I}}$ ;
- if  $t$  is a variable  $X$  then  $\varphi_{\mathfrak{I}}(t) := \varphi(X)$ ;
- if  $t$  is of the form  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , then  $\varphi_{\mathfrak{I}}(t) := f_{\mathfrak{I}}(\varphi_{\mathfrak{I}}(t_1), \dots, \varphi_{\mathfrak{I}}(t_n))$ .

■

Consider a language which includes the constant *zero*, the unary functor *s* and the binary functor *plus*. Domain is the set of the natural numbers

$$\begin{array}{ll} zero_{\mathfrak{I}} & := 0 \\ s_{\mathfrak{I}}(x) & := 1 + x \\ plus_{\mathfrak{I}}(x, y) & := x + y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\mathfrak{S}}(\textit{plus}(s(\textit{zero}), X)) &= \varphi_{\mathfrak{S}}(s(\textit{zero})) + \varphi_{\mathfrak{S}}(X) \\
&= (1 + \varphi_{\mathfrak{S}}(\textit{zero})) + \varphi(X) \\
&= (1 + 0) + 0 \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi(X) := 0$$

$$\mathfrak{S} \models_{\varphi} Q$$

The meaning of a formula is a truth value.

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall X (\forall Y ((mother(X) \wedge child\_of(Y, X)) \supset loves(X, Y))) \\ & mother(mary) \wedge child\_of(tom, mary) \\ & loves(mary, tom) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.8** Consider the interpretation  $\mathfrak{S}$  that assigns:

- the persons Tom, John and Mary of the structure in Figure 1.1 to the constants *tom*, *john* and *mary*;
- the relations “... is a mother”, “... is a child of ...” and “... loves ...” of the structure in Figure 1.1 to the predicate symbols *mother*/1, *child\_of*/2 and *loves*/2.

Using the definition above it is easy to show that the meaning of the formula:

$$\forall X \exists Y loves(X, Y)$$

is false in  $\mathfrak{S}$  (since Tom does not love anyone), while the meaning of formula:

$$\exists X \forall Y \neg loves(Y, X)$$

is true in  $\mathfrak{S}$  (since Mary is not loved by anyone). ■



$$\begin{aligned} & \forall X (\forall Y ((mother(X) \wedge child\_of(Y, X)) \supset loves(X, Y))) \\ & mother(mary) \wedge child\_of(tom, mary) \\ & loves(mary, tom) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.12** To illustrate this notion by an example it is shown that (3) is a logical consequence of (1) and (2). Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be an arbitrary interpretation. If  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a model of (1) and (2) then:

$$\mathfrak{S} \models \forall X (\forall Y ((mother(X) \wedge child\_of(Y, X)) \supset loves(X, Y))) \quad (4)$$

$$\mathfrak{S} \models mother(mary) \wedge child\_of(tom, mary) \quad (5)$$

For (4) to be true it is necessary that:

$$\mathfrak{S} \models_{\varphi} mother(X) \wedge child\_of(Y, X) \supset loves(X, Y) \quad (6)$$

for any valuation  $\varphi$  — specifically for  $\varphi(X) = mary_{\mathfrak{S}}$  and  $\varphi(Y) = tom_{\mathfrak{S}}$ . However, since these individuals are denoted by the constants *mary* and *tom* it must also hold that:

$$\mathfrak{S} \models mother(mary) \wedge child\_of(tom, mary) \supset loves(mary, tom) \quad (7)$$

Finally, for this to hold it follows that *loves(mary, tom)* must be true in  $\mathfrak{S}$  (by Definition 1.6 and since (5) holds by assumption). Hence, any model of (1) and (2) is also a model of (3). ■