PLANNING AND SEARCH

LOGICAL AGENTS; FOL

Outline

- ♦ Knowledge-based agents
- Wumpus world
- ♦ First-order logic

Knowledge bases

Inference engine domain-independent algorithms

Knowledge base domain-specific content

Knowledge base = set of sentences in a **formal** language

Declarative approach to building an agent (or other system):

TELL it what it needs to know

Then it can Ask itself what to do—answers should follow from the KB

Agents can be viewed at the knowledge level i.e., what they know, regardless of how implemented

Or at the implementation level

i.e., data structures in KB and algorithms that manipulate them

A simple knowledge-based agent

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function KB-AGENT( percept) returns an action
static: KB, a knowledge base
t, a counter, initially 0, indicating time

Tell(KB, Make-Percept-Sentence( percept, t))
action \leftarrow Ask(KB, Make-Action-Query(t))

Tell(KB, Make-Action-Sentence( action, t))
t \leftarrow t + 1
return action
```

The agent must be able to:

Represent states, actions, etc.
Incorporate new percepts
Update internal representations of the world
Deduce hidden properties of the world
Deduce appropriate actions

Wumpus World

Environment

Squares adjacent to wumpus are smelly
Squares adjacent to pit are breezy
Glitter iff gold is in the same square
Shooting kills wumpus if you are facing it
Shooting uses up the only arrow
Grabbing picks up gold if in same square
Releasing drops the gold in same square

Actions Left turn, Right turn, Forward, Grab, Release, Shoot

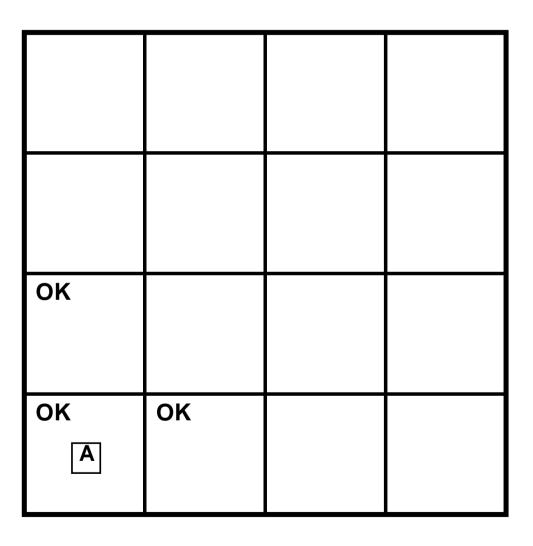
Percepts Breeze, Glitter, Smell (in this square)

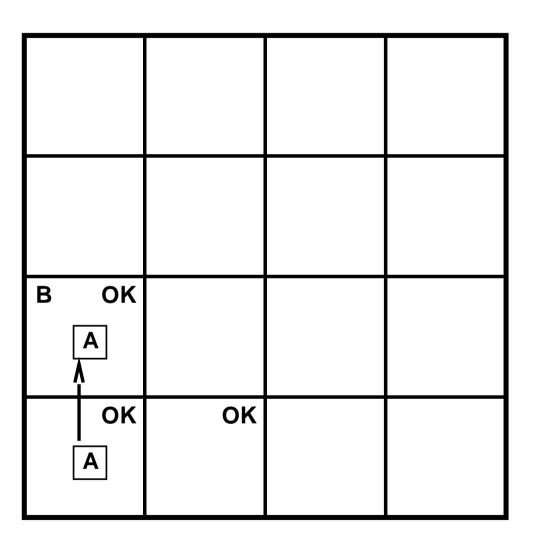
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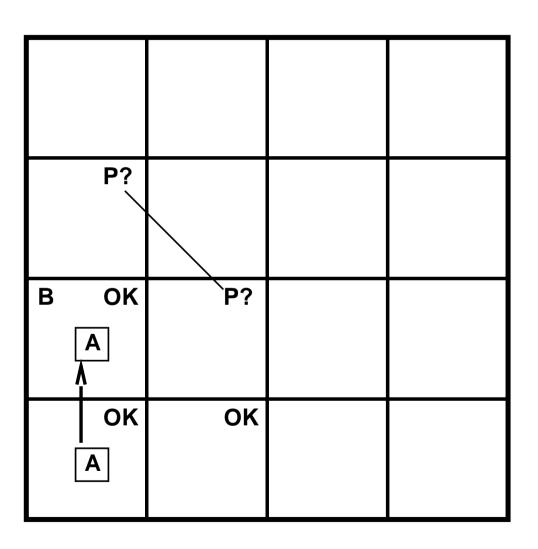
Wumpus world characterization

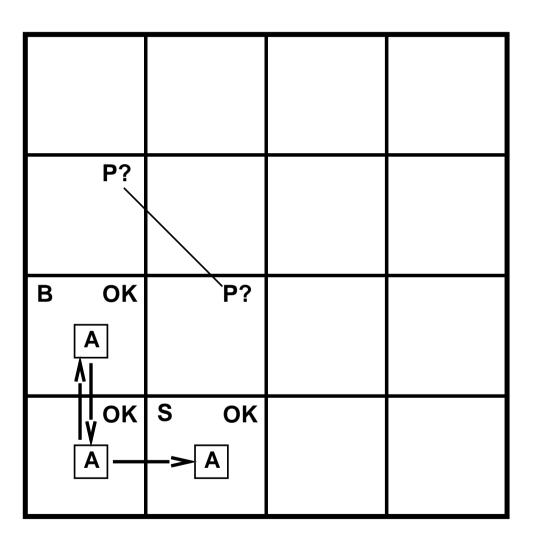
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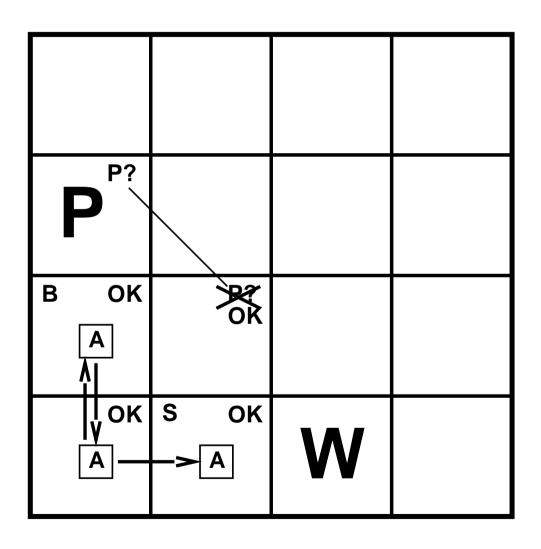
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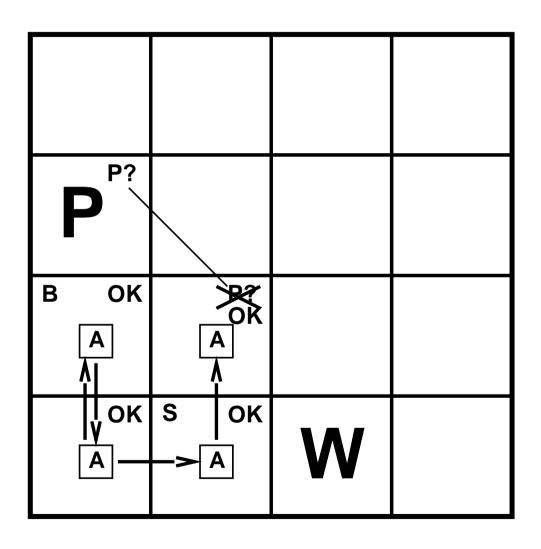


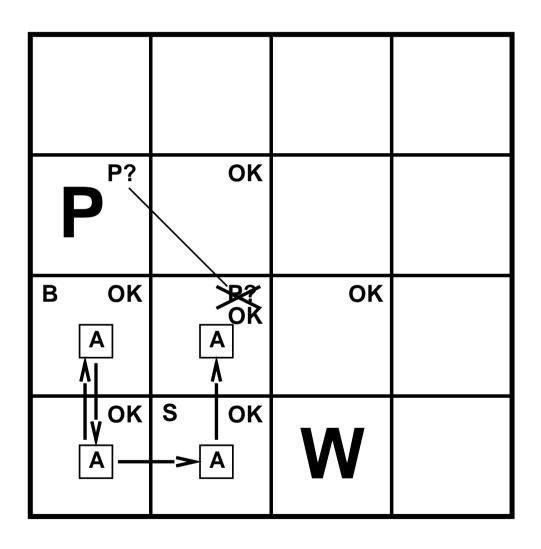


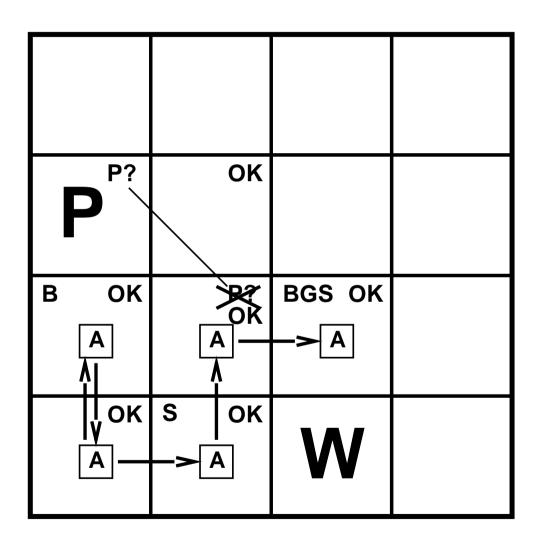












Logic in general

Logics are formal languages for representing information such that conclusions can be drawn

Syntax defines the sentences in the language

Semantics define the "meaning" of sentences; i.e., define truth of a sentence in a world

E.g., the language of arithmetic

 $x + 2 \ge y$ is a sentence; x2 + y > i is not a sentence

 $x + 2 \ge y$ is true iff the number x + 2 is no less than the number y

 $x+2 \ge y$ is true in a world where x=7, y=1

 $x+2 \ge y$ is false in a world where x=0, y=6

Entailment

Entailment means that one thing follows from another:

$$KB \models \alpha$$

Knowledge base KB entails sentence α if and only if α is true in all worlds where KB is true

E.g.,
$$x + y = 4$$
 entails $4 = x + y$

Entailment is a relationship between sentences (i.e., syntax) that is based on semantics

Models

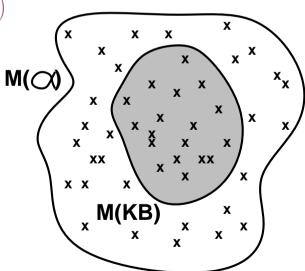
Logicians typically think in terms of models, which are formally structured worlds with respect to which truth can be evaluated (in propositional logic - assignments)

We say m is a model of a sentence α if α is true in m

 $M(\alpha)$ is the set of all models of α

Then $KB \models \alpha$ if and only if $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$

E.g. KB= it is raining and it is cold $\alpha=$ it is cold

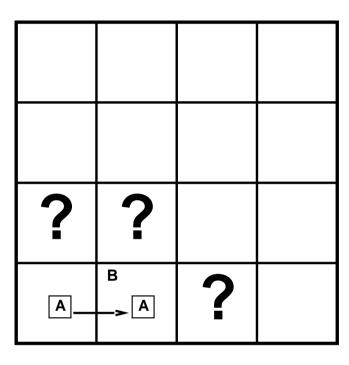


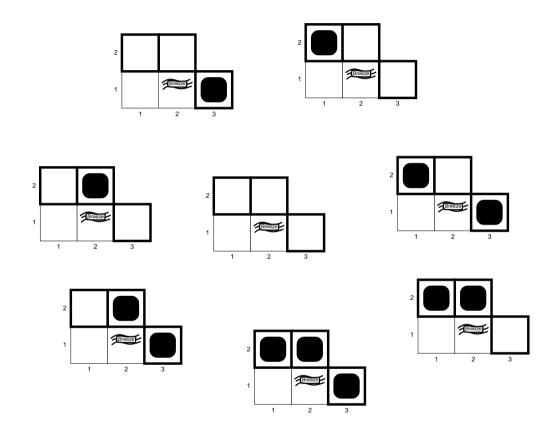
Entailment in the wumpus world

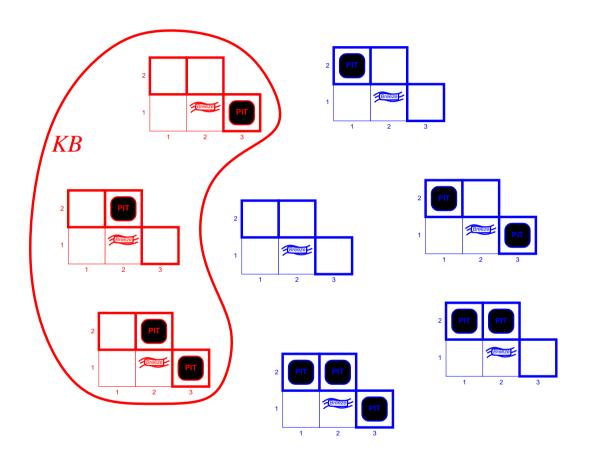
Situation after detecting nothing in [1,1], moving right, breeze in [2,1]

Consider possible models for ?s assuming only pits

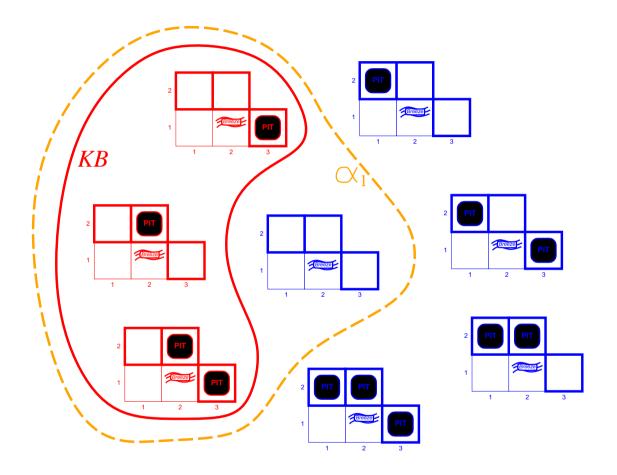
3 Boolean choices \Rightarrow 8 possible models





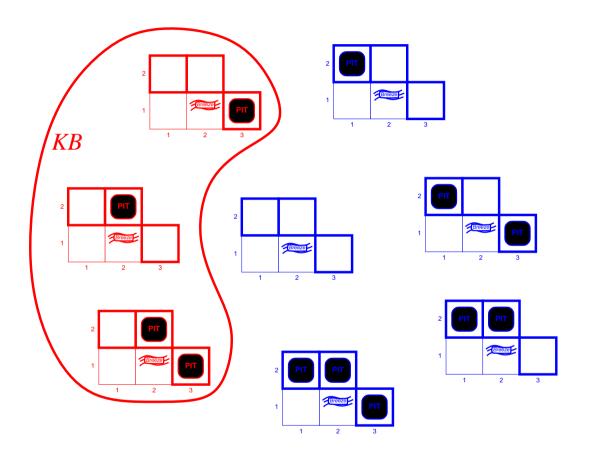


KB = wumpus-world rules + observations

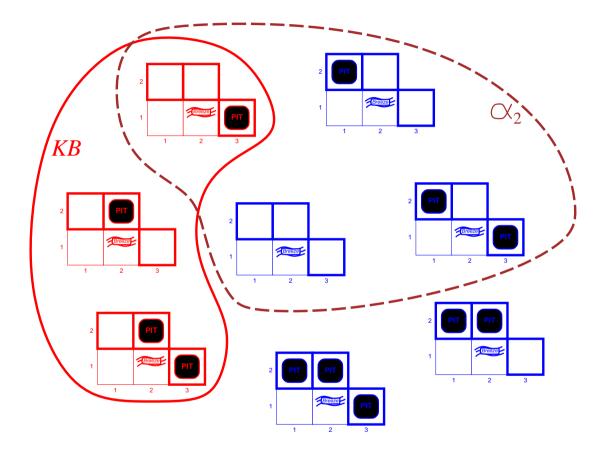


KB = wumpus-world rules + observations

 $\alpha_1=$ "[1,2] is safe", $KB\models\alpha_1$, proved by examining all models of KB



KB = wumpus-world rules + observations



KB = wumpus-world rules + observations

 $\alpha_2=$ "[2,2] is safe", $KB\not\models\alpha_2$

Wumpus world sentences

Let $P_{i,j}$ be true if there is a pit in [i,j]. Let $B_{i,j}$ be true if there is a breeze in [i,j].

$$\neg P_{1,1}$$

$$\neg B_{1,1}$$

$$B_{2,1}$$

"Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares"

$$B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

 $B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$

"A square is breezy if and only if there is an adjacent pit"

Can reason about Wumpus world using truth tables (as for 2-queens)

Pros and cons of propositional logic

- Propositional logic is declarative: pieces of syntax correspond to facts
- Propositional logic allows partial/disjunctive/negated information (unlike most data structures and databases)
- Propositional logic is **compositional**: meaning of $B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ is derived from meaning of $B_{1,1}$ and of $P_{1,2}$
- Meaning in propositional logic is context-independent (unlike natural language, where meaning depends on context)
- Propositional logic has very limited expressive power (unlike natural language)

 E.g., cannot say "pits cause breezes in adjacent squares" except by writing one sentence for each square

First-order logic

Whereas propositional logic assumes world contains **facts**, first-order logic (like natural language) assumes the world contains

- Objects: people, houses, numbers, theories, Ronald McDonald, colors, baseball games, wars, centuries . . .
- Relations: red, round, bogus, prime, multistoried . . ., brother of, bigger than, inside, part of, has color, occurred after, owns, comes between, . . .
- Functions: father of, best friend, third inning of, one more than, end of ...

Logics in general

Language	Ontological	Epistemological	
	Commitment	Commitment	
Propositional logic	facts	true/false/unknown	
First-order logic	facts, objects, relations	true/false/unknown	
Temporal logic	facts, objects, relations, times	true/false/unknown	
Probability theory	facts	degree of belief	
Fuzzy logic	$facts + degree \ of \ truth$	known interval value	

Syntax of FOL: Basic elements

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\begin{array}{llll} \text{Constants} & KingJohn, \ 2, \ UCB, \dots \\ \text{Predicates} & Brother, \ >, \dots \\ \text{Functions} & Sqrt, \ LeftLegOf, \dots \\ \text{Variables} & x, \ y, \ a, \ b, \dots \\ \text{Connectives} & \land \ \lor \ \lnot \ \Rightarrow \ \Leftrightarrow \\ \text{Equality} & = \\ \text{Quantifiers} & \forall \ \exists \end{array}
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Atomic sentences

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Atomic sentence = predicate(term_1, ..., term_n)
or term_1 = term_2
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Term = function(term_1, ..., term_n)
or constant or variable
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\begin{aligned} \textbf{E.g.,} & \ Brother(KingJohn, RichardTheLionheart) \\ & > (Length(LeftLegOf(Richard)), Length(LeftLegOf(KingJohn))) \end{aligned}
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Complex sentences

Complex sentences are made from atomic sentences using connectives

$$\neg S$$
, $S_1 \wedge S_2$, $S_1 \vee S_2$, $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$, $S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$

E.g.
$$Sibling(KingJohn, Richard) \Rightarrow Sibling(Richard, KingJohn) > (1,2) \lor \leq (1,2) > (1,2) \land \neg > (1,2)$$

Truth in first-order logic

Sentences are true with respect to a model and an interpretation

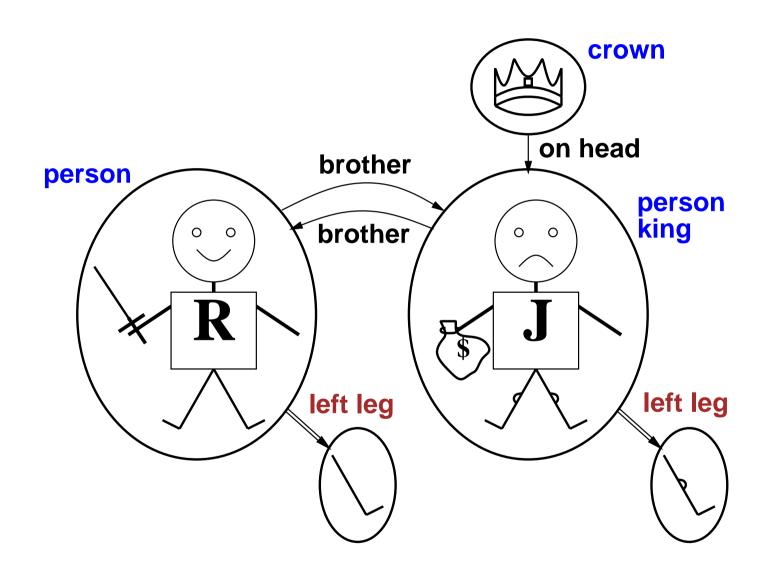
Model contains ≥ 1 objects (domain elements) and relations among them

Interpretation specifies referents for

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constant symbols \rightarrow objects predicate symbols \rightarrow relations function symbols \rightarrow functional relations
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An atomic sentence $predicate(term_1, \ldots, term_n)$ is true iff the objects referred to by $term_1, \ldots, term_n$ are in the relation referred to by predicate

Models for FOL: Example



Truth example

Consider the interpretation in which $Richard \rightarrow Richard$ the Lionheart $John \rightarrow$ the evil King John $Brother \rightarrow$ the brotherhood relation

Under this interpretation, Brother(Richard, John) is true just in case Richard the Lionheart and the evil King John are in the brotherhood relation in the model

Models for FOL: Lots!

Entailment in propositional logic can be computed by enumerating models

We can enumerate the FOL models for a given KB vocabulary:

For each number of domain elements n from 1 to ∞ For each k-ary predicate P_k in the vocabulary

For each possible k-ary relation on n objects

For each constant symbol C in the vocabulary

For each choice of referent for C from n objects . . .

Computing entailment by enumerating FOL models is not easy!

Universal quantification

 $\forall \langle variables \rangle \langle sentence \rangle$

Everyone at Berkeley is smart:

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\forall x \ At(x, Berkeley) \Rightarrow Smart(x)
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 $\forall x \ P$ is true in a model m iff P is true with x being each possible object in the model

Roughly speaking, equivalent to the conjunction of instantiations of P

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(At(KingJohn, Berkeley) \Rightarrow Smart(KingJohn))
 \land (At(Richard, Berkeley) \Rightarrow Smart(Richard))
 \land (At(Berkeley, Berkeley) \Rightarrow Smart(Berkeley))
 \land \dots
```

A common mistake to avoid

Typically, \Rightarrow is the main connective with \forall

Common mistake: using \land as the main connective with \forall :

$$\forall x \ At(x, Berkeley) \land Smart(x)$$

means "Everyone is at Berkeley and everyone is smart"

Existential quantification

 $\exists \langle variables \rangle \langle sentence \rangle$

Someone at Stanford is smart:

 $\exists x \ At(x, Stanford) \land Smart(x)$

 $\exists x \ P$ is true in a model m iff P is true with x being some possible object in the model

Roughly speaking, equivalent to the disjunction of instantiations of P

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(At(KingJohn, Stanford) \land Smart(KingJohn)) \lor (At(Richard, Stanford) \land Smart(Richard)) \lor (At(Stanford, Stanford) \land Smart(Stanford)) \lor \dots
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Another common mistake to avoid

Typically, \wedge is the main connective with \exists

Common mistake: using \Rightarrow as the main connective with \exists :

$$\exists x \ At(x, Stanford) \Rightarrow Smart(x)$$

is true if there is anyone who is not at Stanford!

Properties of quantifiers

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\forall x \ \forall y is the same as \forall y \ \forall x (why??)
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$$\exists x \exists y$$
 is the same as $\exists y \exists x \pmod{\text{why??}}$

$$\exists x \ \forall y \ \text{is } \mathbf{not} \text{ the same as } \forall y \ \exists x$$

$$\exists x \ \forall y \ Loves(x,y)$$

"There is a person who loves everyone in the world"

$$\forall y \; \exists x \; Loves(x,y)$$

"Everyone in the world is loved by at least one person"

Quantifier duality: each can be expressed using the other

$$\forall x \ Likes(x, IceCream) \qquad \neg \exists x \ \neg Likes(x, IceCream)$$

$$\exists x \ Likes(x, Broccoli)$$
 $\neg \forall x \ \neg Likes(x, Broccoli)$

Equality

 $term_1 = term_2$ is true under a given interpretation if and only if $term_1$ and $term_2$ refer to the same object

E.g.,
$$1=2$$
 and $\forall\,x\;\;\times(Sqrt(x),Sqrt(x))=x$ are satisfiable $2=2$ is valid

E.g., definition of (full) *Sibling* in terms of *Parent*:

$$\forall x, y \; Sibling(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \left[\neg (x = y) \land \exists \, m, f \; \neg (m = f) \land \\ Parent(m, x) \land Parent(f, x) \land Parent(m, y) \land Parent(f, y) \right]$$

Interacting with FOL KBs

Suppose a wumpus-world agent is using an FOL KB and perceives a smell and a breeze (but no glitter) at t=5:

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Tell(KB, Percept([Smell, Breeze, None], 5))
Ask(KB, \exists a \ Action(a, 5))
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I.e., does KB entail any particular actions at t=5?

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Answer: Yes, \{a/Shoot\} \leftarrow substitution (binding list)
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Given a sentence S and a substitution σ , $S\sigma$ denotes the result of plugging σ into S; e.g., S = Smarter(x,y) $\sigma = \{x/Hillary, y/Bill\}$ $S\sigma = Smarter(Hillary, Bill)$

Ask(KB,S) returns some/all σ such that $KB \models S\sigma$

Knowledge base for the wumpus world

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"Perception"
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\forall b, g, t \ Percept([Smell, b, g], t) \Rightarrow Smelt(t)
\forall s, b, t \ Percept([s, b, Glitter], t) \Rightarrow AtGold(t)
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Reflex: $\forall t \ AtGold(t) \Rightarrow Action(Grab, t)$

Reflex with internal state: do we have the gold already?

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\forall t \ AtGold(t) \land \neg Holding(Gold, t) \Rightarrow Action(Grab, t)
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Holding(Gold,t) cannot be observed

⇒ keeping track of change is essential

Deducing hidden properties

Properties of locations:

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\forall x, t \ At(Agent, x, t) \land Smelt(t) \Rightarrow Smelly(x)
\forall x, t \ At(Agent, x, t) \land Breeze(t) \Rightarrow Breezy(x)
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Squares are breezy near a pit:

Diagnostic rule—infer cause from effect

$$\forall y \ Breezy(y) \Rightarrow \exists x \ Pit(x) \land Adjacent(x,y)$$

Causal rule—infer effect from cause

$$\forall x, y \ Pit(x) \land Adjacent(x, y) \Rightarrow Breezy(y)$$

Neither of these is complete—e.g., the causal rule doesn't say whether squares far away from pits can be breezy

Definition for the Breezy predicate:

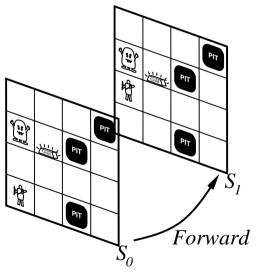
$$\forall y \ Breezy(y) \Leftrightarrow [\exists x \ Pit(x) \land Adjacent(x,y)]$$

Keeping track of change

Facts hold in situations, rather than eternally E.g., Holding(Gold,Now) rather than just Holding(Gold)

Situation calculus is one way to represent change in FOL: Adds a situation argument to each non-eternal predicate E.g., Now in Holding(Gold, Now) denotes a situation

Situations are connected by the Result function Result(a,s) is the situation that results from doing a in s



Describing actions I

"Effect" axiom—describe changes due to action $\forall s \; AtGold(s) \Rightarrow Holding(Gold, Result(Grab, s))$

"Frame" axiom—describe **non-changes** due to action $\forall s \; HaveArrow(s) \Rightarrow HaveArrow(Result(Grab, s))$

Frame problem: find an elegant way to handle non-change

- (a) representation—avoid frame axioms
- (b) inference—avoid repeated "copy-overs" to keep track of state

Qualification problem: true descriptions of real actions require endless caveats—what if gold is slippery or nailed down or . . .

Ramification problem: real actions have many secondary consequences—what about the dust on the gold, wear and tear on gloves, . . .

Describing actions II

Successor-state axioms solve the representational frame problem

Each axiom is "about" a **predicate** (not an action per se):

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P true afterwards \Leftrightarrow [an action made P true \lor P true already and no action made P false]
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For holding the gold:

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 \forall \, a,s \; \, Holding(Gold,Result(a,s)) \Leftrightarrow \\ [(a = Grab \wedge AtGold(s)) \\ \vee (Holding(Gold,s) \wedge a \neq Release)]
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Making plans

Initial condition in KB:

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At(Agent, [1, 1], S_0)

At(Gold, [1, 2], S_0)
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Query: $Ask(KB, \exists s \ Holding(Gold, s))$

i.e., in what situation will I be holding the gold?

Answer: $\{s/Result(Grab, Result(Forward, S_0))\}$ i.e., go forward and then grab the gold

This assumes that the agent is interested in plans starting at S_0 and that S_0 is the only situation described in the KB

Making plans: A better way

Represent plans as action sequences $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$

PlanResult(p,s) is the result of executing p in s

Then the query $Ask(KB, \exists p \; Holding(Gold, PlanResult(p, S_0)))$ has the solution $\{p/[Forward, Grab]\}$

Definition of *PlanResult* in terms of *Result*:

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 \forall s \ PlanResult([], s) = s \\ \forall a, p, s \ PlanResult([a|p], s) = PlanResult(p, Result(a, s))
```

Planning systems are special-purpose reasoners designed to do this type of inference more efficiently than a general-purpose reasoner

Summary

First-order logic:

- objects and relations are semantic primitives
- syntax: constants, functions, predicates, equality, quantifiers

Increased expressive power: sufficient to define wumpus world

Situation calculus:

- conventions for describing actions and change in FOL
- can formulate planning as inference on a situation calculus KB