

# CS50: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Notes

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## **Abstract**

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# Chapter 1

## Knowledge

### 1.1 Propositional Logic

We use standard logic notation:

- $\neg p$
- $p \vee q$
- $p \wedge q$
- $p \Rightarrow q$ :

$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow q$
false	false	true
false	true	true
true	false	false
true	true	true

- $p \Leftrightarrow q$ :

$p$	$q$	$p \Leftrightarrow q$
false	false	true
false	true	false
true	false	false
true	true	true

Now we must establish *what* is considered to be "true" in our world by defining a **model**. We need to represent that knowledge. We do so by defining it via a **knowledge base**.

**Definition 1.1.1 (Model).** Assignment of a truth value to every propositional symbol.

**Definition 1.1.2 (Knowledge Base).** A set of sentences known by a knowledge-based agent.

**Definition 1.1.3 (Entailment).**

$$\alpha \models \beta \text{ "}\alpha \text{ entails } \beta\text{"}$$

In every model in which sentence  $\alpha$  is true, sentence  $\beta$  is also true.

### 1.2 Inference

Our aim is to see if our knowledge base,  $KB$ , entails some query about the world,  $\alpha$ :

$$KB \models \alpha?$$

We first define a **model checking algorithm** to determine if  $KB \models \alpha$ . We can determine this by doing the following:

- enumerate all possible models
- if in every model where  $KB$  is true,  $\alpha$  is also true, then  $KB \models \alpha$

### 1.3 Inference By Resolution

To determine if  $KB \models \alpha$  via knowledge resolution:

- Check if  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  is a contradiction
  - Conver  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  to Conjunctive Normal Form
  - Keep checking to see if we can use resolution to produce new clause
  - If we ever produce the empty clause (equivalent to False), we have a contradiction and so  $KB \models \alpha$
- If so, then  $KB \models \alpha$
- Otherwise, no entailment

**Problem 1.3.1.** Does  $(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg B \vee C) \wedge (\neg C)$  entail  $A$  ?

**Answer.** First, we convert to CNF:

$$(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg B \vee C) \wedge (\neg C) \wedge (\neg A)$$

We can resolve  $(\neg B \vee C)$  and  $(\neg C)$  by concluding that  $\neg B$ . With the knowledge of  $\neg B$  we now see that, considering  $A \vee B$ , we can conclude  $A$ . We see that

$$A \wedge \neg A \Rightarrow \text{False}$$

and so we can conclude that the clause entails  $A$ . ⊗

# Chapter 2

# Probability

## Lecture 2: Second Lecture

### 2.1 Introduction

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# Appendix