

331 – Intro to Intelligent Systems  
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**YOUR LOGIC...**

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# What is Logic?

- Reasoning about the validity of arguments.
- An argument is **valid** if its conclusions follow logically from its premises – even if the argument doesn't actually reflect the real world:
  - All lemons are blue
  - Mary is a lemon
  - Therefore, Mary is blue

# How is Logic Used in Intelligent Systems?

- Logic is used as a representational method for communicating concepts and theories
- Logic allows us to reason about negatives (“the book is not red”) and disjunctions (“he’s either a soldier or a sailor”)
- Logic is used in systems that attempt to understand and analyze human language

# Weaknesses of Logic

- Formal logics are unable to deal with uncertainty
  - Logical statements must be expressed in terms of truth or falsehood, not possibilities
- Formal logics are not well suited to deal with change
- Formal logics are not well suited to deal with events unfolding over time

# Logical Operators

And	$\wedge$
Or	$\vee$
Not	$\neg$
Implies	$\rightarrow$ (if... then...)
Iff	$\Leftrightarrow$ (if and only if)

# Truth Tables

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>
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# Truth Tables

- Truth table demonstrating the equivalence of  $P \rightarrow Q$  and  $\neg P \vee Q$ :

P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$\neg P \vee Q$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T



# Truth Tables

- Truth table demonstrating the non-equivalence of  $A \wedge (B \vee C)$  and  $(A \wedge B) \vee C$ :

A	B	C	$A \wedge (B \vee C)$	$(A \wedge B) \vee C$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	F	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	T
F	F	F	F	F

# English vs. Logic

- Facts and rules need to be translated into logical notation
- For example:
  - It is raining and it is Thursday:
  - R means “It is raining”, T means “it is Thursday”
  - $R \wedge T$

# English vs. Logic

- Sentences in predicate calculus are created using predicates along with logical operators and quantifiers
- For example, the English sentence, “Whenever he eats sandwiches that have pickles in them, he ends up either asleep at his desk or singing loud songs” can be expressed as:

$$s(Y) \wedge e(X, Y) \wedge p(Y) \rightarrow a(X) \vee (s(X, Z) \wedge o(Z))$$

$s(Y)$  refers to the sandwich (Y)

$e(X, Y)$  means that he (X) eats the sandwich (Y)

$p(Y)$  means that the sandwich (Y) has pickles in it

$a(X)$  means that he (X) ends up asleep at his desk

$s(X, Z)$  means that he (X) sings songs (Z)

$o(Z)$  means that those songs (Z) are loud

# Entailment

- Entailment means that one thing follows from another:
- $KB \models \alpha$
- A knowledge base KB entails sentence  $\alpha$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is true in all worlds where KB is true
  - KB is a subset of  $\alpha$
  - KB is a stronger assertion than  $\alpha$  since it rules out more worlds
  - Entailment is a relationship between sentences (i.e., syntax) that is based on semantics
  - For example, the KB containing “the Giants won” and “the Bills won” entails “the Giants won and the Bills won”

# Tautology

- The expression  $A \vee \neg A$  is a tautology.
- This means the expression is always true, regardless of the value of  $A$
- A tautology is written as  $\overline{A}$
- A tautology is true under any interpretation
- An expression which is false under any interpretation is contradictory

A	$A \vee \neg A$
false	true
true	true

# Properties of Logical Systems

- Completeness: Every tautology is a theorem
- Soundness: Every theorem is valid
- Decidability: An algorithm exists that will determine if a well-formed formula is valid
- Monotonicity: A valid logical proof cannot be made invalid by adding additional premises or assumptions

# Logical Equivalence

- Two expressions are equivalent if they always have the same logical value under any interpretation:
  - $A \wedge B \equiv B \wedge A$
- Equivalences can be proven by examining truth tables
- Two sentences are logically equivalent iff they are true in the same models (knowledge base):
  - $\alpha \equiv \beta$  iff  $\alpha \models \beta$  and  $\beta \models \alpha$

# Logical Equivalence

$$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) \quad \text{commutativity of } \wedge$$

$$(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) \quad \text{commutativity of } \vee$$

$$((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \quad \text{associativity of } \wedge$$

$$((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) \quad \text{associativity of } \vee$$

$$\neg(\neg\alpha) \equiv \alpha \quad \text{double-negation elimination}$$

$$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) \quad \text{contraposition}$$

$$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) \quad \text{implication elimination}$$

$$(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) \quad \text{biconditional elimination}$$

$$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) \quad \text{de Morgan}$$

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$$(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) \quad \text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee$$

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# Propositional Logic

- A proposition is a statement that is either true or false, given some state of the world
- Propositional logic is a logical system that deals with propositions
- Propositional calculus is the language we use to reason about propositional logic
- A legal sentence in propositional logic is called a well-formed formula (wff)

# Propositional Logic

The following are wff's:

$P, Q, R \dots$

true, false

$(A)$

$\neg A$

$A \wedge B$

$A \vee B$

$A \rightarrow B$

$A \Leftrightarrow B$

# Propositional Logic: Syntax

- Propositional logic is the simplest logic
  - It illustrates basic ideas
- Rules for constructing legal sentences (well-formed formulae) in propositional logic (the proposition symbols  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences):
  - If  $S$  is a sentence,  $\neg S$  is also a sentence (negation)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences,  $S_1 \wedge S_2$  is a sentence (conjunction)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences,  $S_1 \vee S_2$  is a sentence (disjunction)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences,  $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$  is a sentence (implication)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences,  $S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$  is a sentence (biconditional)

# Propositional Logic: Semantics

A specific model is an assignment of true or false to each proposition symbol.

For example, assume A , B, and C are statements in propositional logic. With these 3 symbols,  $2^3 = 8$  possible models can be enumerated automatically

One possible model assigns each statement a specific value:

A = false   B = true   C = false

A simple recursive process can now evaluate a sentence:

$\neg A \wedge (B \vee C) = \text{true} \wedge (\text{true} \vee \text{false}) = \text{true} \wedge \text{true} = \text{true}$

# Deduction

- Deduction is the process of deriving a conclusion from a set of assumptions
- If we deduce a conclusion  $C$  from a set of assumptions (facts), we write:

$$\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \vdash C$$

- To derive a conclusion from a set of assumptions, we apply a set of *inference rules*
- To distinguish an inference rule from a set of assumptions, we often write  $A \vdash B$  as  $\frac{A}{B}$

# Inference Rules

- $\neg\neg$  Elimination : if we have a sentence that is negated twice, we can conclude the sentence itself, without the negation:

$$\frac{\neg\neg A}{A}$$

# Inference Rules

- And-Introduction (Conjunction): given sentences  $A$  and  $B$ , we can deduce  $A \wedge B$ :

$$\underline{A, B}$$
$$A \wedge B$$

- And-Elimination (Simplification): given  $A \wedge B$ , we can deduce  $A$  and we can deduce  $B$  separately:

$$\underline{A \wedge B}$$
$$A$$
$$\underline{A \wedge B}$$
$$B$$

# Inference Rules

- Or-Introduction (Addition): given sentence  $A$ , we can deduce the disjunction of  $A$  with *any* other sentence:

$A$

$A \vee B$

- Modus Ponens (M.P.): given sentence  $A$  and the fact that  $A$  implies  $B$ , we can derive sentence  $B$ :

$A \rightarrow B, A$

$B$



# Inference Rules

- Hypothetical Syllogism (H.S.)

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B \wedge B \rightarrow C}{A \rightarrow C}$$

- Disjunctive Syllogism (D.S.)

$$\frac{A \vee B, \neg A}{B}$$

# Inference Rules

- $\rightarrow$  Introduction: if, in carrying out a proof, we start from assumption  $A$  and derive a conclusion  $C$ , then we can conclude that  $A \rightarrow C$ :

$$\frac{A \dots C}{A \rightarrow C}$$

# Indirect Proof

- Reductio Ad Absurdum: if we assume A is incorrect (negate A) and this leads to a contradiction, then we can conclude that A is correct (proof by contradiction):

$$\neg A \dots \frac{\perp}{A}$$

$\perp$  is called *falsum*

# Careful!

- An invalid argument that looks similar to M.P. is as follows:

$A \rightarrow B, B$

$A$

- This is known as the “Fallacy of Affirming the Consequent”

# Deduction Example 1

- Prove the following:  $\{A, \neg A\} \vdash \perp$

First, note that  $\neg A \equiv (A \rightarrow \perp)$ . This can be seen by comparing the truth tables for  $\neg A$  and for  $A \rightarrow \perp$ . Hence we can take as our set of assumptions  $\{A, A \rightarrow \perp\}$ . Thus, our proof using modus ponens is as follows:

$$\frac{A, A \rightarrow \perp}{\perp}$$

# Deduction Example 2

- Prove the following:  $\{A \wedge B\} \vdash A \vee B$

$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge B}{A}}{A \vee B}$$

by And-Elimination  
by Or-Introduction

# Deduction Example 3

- Prove the following:

$$\{\neg A, \neg A \rightarrow B, \neg B\} \vdash (\neg A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\neg B \rightarrow A)$$

$\frac{\neg A \quad \neg A \rightarrow B}{\quad}$	assumptions
$\frac{B \quad \neg B}{\quad}$	modus ponens
$\frac{B \quad B \rightarrow \perp}{\quad}$	rewriting $\neg B$
$\frac{\perp}{\quad}$	modus ponens
$\frac{A}{\quad}$	reductio ad absurdum
$\frac{\neg B \rightarrow A}{\quad}$	$\rightarrow$ introduction
$(\neg A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\neg B \rightarrow A)$	$\rightarrow$ introduction