lecture 20, the semantics of GPL and trees for GPL

phil1012 introductory logic

overview

this lecture

- the semantics of GPL and trees for GPL
- the notion of sets of ordered n-tuples as extensions of n-place predicates in GPL

learning outcomes

- after doing the relevant reading for this lecture, listening to the lecture, and attending the relevant tutorial, you will be able to:
  - explain how the truth values of atomic formulas are determined on a model in GPL
  - determine the truth value of a GPL proposition on a model
  - find a model on which a GPL proposition is true and/or a model on which a GPL proposition is false
  - construct trees using the tree rules for GPL
  - use trees to test for various logical properties of GPL formulas
  - read off (counter)models from open paths of GPL trees

required reading

- sections 12.3 and 12.3 of chapter 12

the semantics of GPL

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- recall that the semantics for MPL proceeded in two stages.
- in the first stage we say what the values of nonlogical symbols are. A *model* is then *any* assignment of values to nonlogical symbols (together with a domain from which these values are drawn.
- in the second stage we specify how the truth values of all propositions (closed wffs) are determined, given values for their nonlogical components.

- in moving from MPL to GPL we have simply added many-place predicates.
- we need to say what the value of a many-place predicate is.
- the rest of the semantics is just like that of MPL.

- in MPL the extensions of one-place predicates were sets.
- why can't we use a set like {Bill, Bob} for the extension of the two-place predicate L^2?
- because {Bill, Bob} and {Bob, Bill} are the same set and we want to be about to say that Bill loves Bob without saying that Bob loves

Bill.

- **extensionality of sets:** If everything in A is in B and vice versa then A = B.
- {1, 2, 3} = {2, 1, 3} and {1, 2} = {1, 1, 2}.

- to solve this problem we introduce a new notion which indicates a group of things *taken in order*.
- $\langle$ 1, 2, 3$\rangle$ $\neq$ $\langle$ 2, 1, 3$\rangle$ and $\langle$ 1, 2$\rangle$ $\neq$ $\langle$ 1, 1, 2$\rangle$.

- an ordered n-tuple is an ordered list of things with n positions in the list 1st through nth.
- there need not be n distinct things involved: the very same object might occupy more than one place in the list.
- an ordered 2-tuple is called an ordered pair and an ordered 3-tuple is called an ordered triple.

- the **extension** of an n-place predicate is a set of ordered n-tuples of members of the domain
- our new semantic clause looks like this:

1. $\underline{P}^n \underline{a}_1 \ldots \underline{a}_n$ is true in $\mathcal{M}$ iff the ordered n-tuple consisting of the referents in $\mathcal{M}$ of $\underline{a}_1$ through $\underline{a}_n$ in that order is in the extension in $\mathcal{M}$ of $\underline{P}^n$.

- let's work through some examples to get a feel for the semantics of GPL

- our model:
  - domain: {Alice, Bob, Carol, Dave, Edwina}
  - referents: a: Alice, b: Bob, c: Carol, d: Dave, e: Edwina
  - extensions: M: {Bob, Dave}, F: {Alice, Carol, Edwina}, T: {$\langle$Alice, Bob$\rangle$, $\langle$Alice, Carol$\rangle$, $\langle$Alice, Dave$\rangle$, $\langle$Alice, Edwina$\rangle$, $\langle$Bob, Carol$\rangle$, $\langle$ Bob, Dave$\rangle$, $\langle$Bob, Edwina$\rangle$, $\langle$Carol, Dave$\rangle$, $\langle$Carol, Edwina$\rangle$, $\langle$Dave, Edwina$\rangle$}
- are the following formulas true or false in this model?
- Tab
  - true. the referent of a, namely Alice, and the referent of b, namely Bob, taken in that order, are in the extension of T.
- Tba
  - false. the referent of a, namely Alice, and the referent of b, namely Bob, taken in that order, are not in the extension of T.
- Tac
  - true. the referent of a, namely Alice, and the referent of c, namely Carol, taken in that order, are in the extension of T.
- Tce
  - true. the referent of c, namely Carol, and the referent of e, namely Edwina, taken in that order, are in the extension of T.
- Taa
  - false. the referent of a, namely Alice, and the referent of a, namely Alice, taken in that order, are not in the extension of T.
- Tee
  - false. the referent of e, namely Edwina, and the referent of e, namely Edwina, taken in that order, are not in the extension of

T.

- Tbe
  - true. the referent of b, namely Bob, and the referent of e, namely Edwina, taken in that order, are in the extension of T.

trees for GPL

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- in moving from MPL to GPL, we did not add any logical operators—so there are no new tree rules.
- the only change was that we added n-place predicates—and in the semantics, we added extensions for these (sets of n-tuples).
- so now all we need to do is see how to read off the extension of a many-place predicate from an open (saturated) path.

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1. Fa
2. $\neg Fb$
3. Gc
4. Ga

- domain: {1, 2, 3}
- referents: a: 1, b: 2, c: 3
- extensions: F: {1}, G: {1, 3}

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1. Taa
2. $\neg Tbc$
3. Tab

- domain: {1, 2, 3}
- referents: a: 1, b: 2, c: 3
- extensions: T: {⟨ 1,1 ⟩, ⟨ 1,2 ⟩}

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1. $Babc$
2. $\neg Bccc$
3. $Bbcd$
4. $Baaa$

- domain: {1, 2, 3, 4}
- referents: a: 1, b: 2, c: 3, d: 4
- extensions: B: {⟨ 1, 2, 3 ⟩, ⟨ 2, 3, 4 ⟩, ⟨ 1, 1, 1 ⟩}

example 1

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2. $\neg \forall y \exists x Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists y \neg \exists x Lxy$

To prove: whether $\exists x \forall y Lxy \therefore \forall y \exists x Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists x \forall y Lxy$ ✓ a
2. $\neg \forall y \exists x Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists y \neg \exists x Lxy$
4. $\forall y Lay$

To prove: whether $\exists x \forall y Lxy \therefore \forall y \exists x Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists x \forall y Lxy$ ✓ a
2. $\neg \forall y \exists x Lxy$
3. $\exists y \neg \exists x Lxy$ ✓ b
4. $\forall y Lay$
5. $\neg \exists y Lxb$

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5. $\neg \exists y Lxb$ ✓
6. $\forall x \neg Lxb$

To prove: whether $\exists x \forall y Lxy \therefore \forall y \exists x Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists x \forall y Lxy$ ✓ a
2. $\neg \forall y \exists x Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists y \neg \exists x Lxy$ ✓ b
4. $\forall y Lay \setminus b$
5. $\neg \exists y Lxb$ ✓
6. $\forall x \neg Lxb$
7. Lab

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5. $\neg \exists y Lxb$ ✓
6. $\forall x \neg Lxb \setminus a$
7. Lab
8. $\neg Lab$

To prove: whether $\exists x \forall y Lxy \therefore \forall y \exists x Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists x \forall y Lxy$ ✓ a
2. $\neg \forall y \exists x Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists y \neg \exists x Lxy$ ✓ b
4. $\forall x Lay \setminus b$
5. $\neg \exists y Lxb$ ✓
6. $\forall x \neg Lxb \setminus a$
7. Lab
8. $\neg Lab$

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example 2

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2. $\neg \forall x \exists y Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists x \neg \exists y Lxy$

To prove: whether $\exists y \forall x Lxy \therefore \forall x \exists y Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists y \forall x Lxy$ ✓ a
2. $\neg \forall x \exists y Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists x \neg \exists y Lxy$
4. $\forall x Lxa$

To prove: whether $\exists y \forall x Lxy \therefore \forall x \exists y Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists y \forall x Lxy$ ✓ a
2. $\neg \forall x \exists y Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists x \neg \exists y Lxy$ ✓ b
4. $\forall x Lxa$
5. $\neg \exists y Lby$

To prove: whether $\exists y \forall x Lxy \therefore \forall x \exists y Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists y \forall x Lxy$ ✓ a
2. $\neg \forall x \exists y Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists x \neg \exists y Lxy$ ✓ b
4. $\forall x Lxa$
5. $\neg \exists y Lby$ ✓
6. $\forall y \neg Lby$

To prove: whether $\exists y \forall x Lxy \therefore \forall x \exists y Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists y \forall x Lxy$ ✓a
2. $\neg \forall x \exists y Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists x \neg \exists y Lxy$ ✓b
4. $\forall x Lxa \backslash b$
5. $\neg \exists y Lby$ ✓
6. $\forall y \neg Lby$
7. Lba

To prove: whether $\exists y \forall x Lxy \therefore \forall x \exists y Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists y \forall x Lxy$ ✓a
2. $\neg \forall x \exists y Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists x \neg \exists y Lxy$ ✓b
4. $\forall x Lxa \backslash b$
5. $\neg \exists y Lby$ ✓
6. $\forall y \neg Lby \backslash a$
7. Lba
8. $\neg Lba$

To prove: whether $\exists y \forall x Lxy \therefore \forall x \exists y Lxy$ is valid.

1. $\exists y \forall x Lxy$ ✓a
2. $\neg \forall x \exists y Lxy$ ✓
3. $\exists x \neg \exists y Lxy$ ✓b
4. $\forall x Lxa \backslash b$
5. $\neg \exists y Lby$ ✓
6. $\forall y \neg Lby \backslash a$
7. Lba
8. $\neg Lba$

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example 3

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To prove: whether $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ a tautology.

1. $\neg(\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax))$ ✓
2. $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax)$
3. $\neg \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$

To prove: whether $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ a tautology.

1. $\neg(\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax))$ ✓
2. $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax)$
3. $\neg \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x \neg(Ax \wedge Tax)$

To prove: whether $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ a tautology.

1. $\neg(\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax))$ ✓
2. $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax)$ ✓b
3. $\neg\exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x \neg(Ax \wedge Tax)$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$

To prove: whether $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ a tautology.

1. $\neg(\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax))$ ✓
2. $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax)$ ✓b
3. $\neg\exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x \neg(Ax \wedge Tax)$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$ ✓
6. Hb
7. Tab

To prove: whether $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ a tautology.

1. $\neg(\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax))$ ✓
2. $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax)$ ✓b
3. $\neg\exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x \neg(Ax \wedge Tax) \setminus b$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$ ✓
6. Hb
7. Tab
8. $\neg(Ab \wedge Tab)$

To prove: whether $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ a tautology.

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2. $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax)$ ✓b
3. $\neg\exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x \neg(Ax \wedge Tax) \setminus b$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$ ✓
6. Hb
7. Tab
8. $\neg(Ab \wedge Tab)$ ✓
9. $\neg Ab \qquad \neg Tab$

To prove: whether $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \rightarrow \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ a tautology.

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3. $\neg\exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x \neg(Ax \wedge Tax) \setminus b$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$ ✓
6. Hb
7. Tab
8. $\neg(Ab \wedge Tab)$ ✓
9. $\neg Ab \qquad \neg Tab$

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3. $\neg\exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x\neg(Ax \wedge Tax) \setminus b, a$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$ ✓
6. Hb
7. Tab
8. $\neg(Ab \wedge Tab)$ ✓
9. $\neg Ab$ $\quad\quad$ $\neg Tab$
10. $\neg(Aa \wedge Taa)$ $\quad$ $\otimes$

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3. $\neg\exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x\neg(Ax \wedge Tax) \setminus b, a$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$ ✓
6. Hb
7. Tab
8. $\neg(Ab \wedge Tab)$ ✓
9. $\neg Ab$ $\quad\quad$ $\neg Tab$
10. $\neg(Aa \wedge Taa)$ ✓ $\quad$ $\otimes$
11. $\neg Aa$ $\quad$ $\neg Taa$

- `domain:`
- `referents:`
- `extensions:`

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4. $\forall x\neg(Ax \wedge Tax) \setminus b, a$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$ ✓
6. Hb
7. Tab
8. $\neg(Ab \wedge Tab)$ ✓
9. $\neg Ab$ $\quad\quad$ $\neg Tab$
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- `domain: {1, 2}`
- `referents:` a`: 1,` b`:2`
- `extensions:`

To prove: whether $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \to \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ a tautology.

1. $\neg(\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax) \to \exists x(Ax \wedge Tax))$ ✓
2. $\exists x(Hx \wedge Tax)$ ✓b
3. $\neg\exists x(Ax \wedge Tax)$ ✓
4. $\forall x \neg(Ax \wedge Tax) \setminus b, a$
5. $Hb \wedge Tab$ ✓
6. $\boxed{Hb}$
7. $\boxed{Tab}$
8. $\neg(Ab \wedge Tab)$ ✓
9. $\neg Ab$ $\quad$ $\neg Tab$
10. $\neg(Aa \wedge Taa)$ ✓ $\quad$ $\otimes$
11. $\neg Aa$ $\quad$ $\neg Taa$

- domain: {1, 2}
- referents: a: 1, b:2
- extensions: H: {2}, T: { $\langle$ 1, 2 $\rangle$ }, A: {}
- note: this handout contains a correction from the lecture regarding the extension of A

wrapping up

this lecture

- trees for GPL
- reading models off open paths

next lecture

- lecture 21, the formal language GPLI