

## U-5 (Reasoning &amp; Inference Using First Order Logic)

## # Inference in First Order Logic -

- used to deduce new facts or sentences from existing sentences

Semantics used in FOL

## → Substitution -

- performed on terms & formula
- complex presence of quantifiers in FOL.
- $F[a/x]$ , substitution of constant "a" in place of variable " $x$ ".

## → Equality -

- doesn't only use predicate & terms for making atomic sentences.
- another way  $\rightarrow$  equality in FOL.
- equality symbol  $\rightarrow$  specify two terms refer to same thing.

## # FOL inference rules for quantifiers -

## 1) Universal Generalization -

$\hookrightarrow$  is a valid inference rule which states that if premise  $P(c)$  is true for any arbitrary element  $c$  in universe of discourse.

conclusion  $\rightarrow \forall x P(x)$

$$\frac{P(c)}{\forall x P(x)}$$

• If every element has similar property  
 $\hookrightarrow$  then used.

•  $x \rightarrow$  not appear as a free variable.

## 2) Universal Instantiation -

- universal elimination or UI → valid inference rule.
- applied multiple time to add new sentences.
- new KB → logically equivalent to previous KB.
- UI → any sentences obtained by substituting → ground term for variable.
- UI rule state → infer any sentence  $P(c)$  by substituting ground term  $c$  from  $\forall x P(x)$ .
- any object in universe of discourse -

$$\frac{\forall x P(x)}{P(c)}$$

$P(c)$

## 3) Existential instantiation

- existential elimination
- applied only once to replace existential sentence.
- new KB → = old KB, if it is satisfiable if old KB was.
- one can infer  $P(c)$  from formula given in form of  $\exists x P(x)$  for a new constant symbol  $c$ .
- restriction with this rule is  $c$  used in rule → new term for  $P(c)$  is true

$$\frac{\exists x P(x)}{P(c)}$$

$P(c)$

## 4) Existential introduction -

- existential generalization -
- some element  $c$  in universe of discourse property  $P$ .

$$\frac{P(c)}{\exists x P(x)}$$

$\exists x P(x)$



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### \* Generalized Modus Ponens Rule-

- for inference process in FOL we have single inference rule.
- lifted version of Modus Ponens.
- generalized modus ponens
  - ↳ if P implies Q & P is assumed to be true, therefore Q must be true.

For atomic sentences  $\rightarrow p^i, p^{i'}, q$ .  
where substitution  $\theta$  such that  $SUBST(\theta, p^i) = SUBST(\theta, p^{i'})$

$$\underline{p^i, p^{i'} \vdash p^n, (p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q)} \quad (\text{G})$$

$SUBST(\theta, q)$

Eg → we will use this rule for Kings are evil, so will  
find some  $x$  such that  $x$  is King, &  $x$  is greedy  
so we infer that  $x$  is evil.

### \* Unification -

- process of finding a substitute that makes two separate logical atomic expression identical.
- substitution process.

- accepts two literals as input & uses substitution  $\rightarrow$  make them identical
- let  $\Psi_1$  &  $\Psi_2 \rightarrow$  two separate atomic sentences.
  - unify  $\rightarrow \Psi_1 \circ = \Psi_2 \circ \rightarrow UNIFY(\Psi_1, \Psi_2)$

\* Find MGS for unify {King(x), King(John)}

Let  $\Psi_1 = \text{King}(x)$ ,  $\Psi_2 = \text{King}(\text{John})$ ,  
substitution  $\theta = \{\text{John} / x\}$

- unifier for atoms  $\rightarrow$  both phrases  $\rightarrow$  identical after placement

- UNIFY algo  $\rightarrow$  employed, takes two atomic statements & returns a unifier for each of them
- First order techniques  $\rightarrow$  heavily reliant on unification
- expression don't match  $\rightarrow$  result is failure
- replacement variables  $\rightarrow$  MGV (Most General Unifier)

### # condition -

- Atoms or expressions  $\rightarrow$  various predicate symbols  $\rightarrow$  never unified since they have different predicate symbols
- ~~both phrases~~ same no. of arguments
- two comparable variables appear  $\rightarrow$  same operation  $\rightarrow$  unification fails
- no of arguments  $\rightarrow$  both expression  $\rightarrow$  identical

## \* Forward Chaining & Backward Chaining -

\* Inference engine -

Backward Chaining

Forward Chaining -

Known as Goal - driven

Data Driven

starts from possible conclusion

new data

processing efficient

somewhat wasteful.

aims for Necessary data Any conclusion(s)

Approach Conservative/Cautious

Opportunistic:

Practical if no. of possible final answers is reasonable.  
or a set of known alternatives  
is available.

combinatorial explosion  
creates an infinite no  
of possible right answers

Appropriate for Diagnostic, prescription &  
debugging appln

planning, monitoring, control  
& interpretation appln.

Reasoning Top - down reasoning

Bottom - up reasoning

Type of Search Depth - First Search

Breadth - First Search

who determine search Consequents determine search

Antecedents determine search

Flow Consequences to antecedent

Antecedent to consequent

## Comparison b/w Propositional logic & FOL

### Propositional Logic

### Predicate logic (FOL)

- can't represent small worlds like vacuum cleaner world.
- well represents small world's problem.
- weak knowledge repres<sup>n</sup> language
- strong knowledge lang.
- uses propositions in which complete sentence  $\rightarrow$  by symbol.
- involves constants, variables, functions, relations.
- can't directly represent properties of individual entities or reln b/w individual entities.  
eg - Meera is short.
- can directly present properties of individual entities or reln b/w individuals entities vs kg individual predicts using function  
eg - short(Meera).
- can express, generalization  
eg - no. of sides (rectangle, 4)
- can't express specialization, generalization or patterns, etc.
- higher level logic.
- foundation level logic.
- can represent complex statement
- not sufficiently expressive to represent complex statement
- assumes world contains objects, relations, functions like natural process language
- assumes world contains facts. meaning of facts is context dependent
- context independent unlike natural language like Natural language.
- declarative in nature
- derive in notes

## \* Ontological Engineering -

→ field of engineering → how to make representations that are more broad & adaptable.

- Actions, time, physical objects & beliefs are examples of concepts.
- Works on far scale than K.E.
- Instances classes of axioms are used to represent concept of ontology.
- Knowledge engineering → ontologies → knowledge representation.
- Upper ontology

→ limitations of logic representations

- red, green & yellow tomatoes → exceptions & uncertainty.

→ process of representing abstract concepts

## \* Categories & Objects -

• sorting inform items into categories

- using predicates & objects of first order logic  $\therefore x \rightarrow \text{Apple}(x)$
- using reification of categories into objects  
∴ proposition into an object. eg  $\rightarrow \text{Apples}$ .

Categories are used to simplify & organize knowledge base.  
Help of inheritance.

sub-class, sub-category reln are generally used in categories, automatically follows rules of inheritance.

, sub category → inherits properties of super category.

Knowledge → 1) food is good for health 2) Apple is fruit.  
 subclass → Food & Apple → Fruit.

Conclude that → Apple is good for health.

$\vdash$  Few rules that category needs.

1) an object is member of a category eg - MemberOf(Apple, Fruits)

2) category of subclass of another category eg - subsetof(Fruit, Food).

3) member of category have properties eg -  $\forall x \in \text{MemberOf}(x, \text{Food}) \Rightarrow \text{GoodForHealth}(x)$

4) all members of category can be recognized by some properties.

5) category as a whole has some properties.