

Logic recap

Propositional logic consists of
atomic formulae p, q, r
and connectives

$\neg p$ not p

$p \wedge q$ p and q

$p \vee q$ p or q

$p \Rightarrow q$

$p \rightarrow q$ p implies q

$p \supset q$

$p \Leftrightarrow q$

p iff q

$p \leftrightarrow q$

p equivalent to q

$p \equiv q$

\perp

bottom / False

\top

top / True

Set theory recap

Sets are collections of objects.

They have neither multiplicity nor order.

$$\{1, 1, 2, 3\} = \{1, 2, 3\} = \{3, 3, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N} \wedge x \geq 10\} \\ = \{10, 11, 12, \dots\}$$

A, B

$A \cup B$

A union B

$$\{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

$A \cap B$

A intersection B

$$\{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

A^c

A - complement

\emptyset

empty set $\{\}$

$A \subseteq B$

A is a subset of B
everything in A is in B .

Semantics

Semantics is about meaning.

How can we do this?

We use models or possible worlds.

Example

α : $0 \leq p \leq 10$ and p is divisible by 4

We need to assign a set to this sentence.
First off, what about $0 \leq p \leq 10$?

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$$

What about p is divisible by 4?

$$\{n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n = 4m\}$$

$$\{0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$$

Then, a model for α is

$$\begin{aligned} &\{0, 1, \dots, 10\} \cap \{0, 4, 8, \dots\} \\ &= \{0, 4, 8\}. \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE

	1	
		2

This is a conjunction

1	2	

\wedge

A possible world for the left is:

		x
	x	

The set of possible worlds is:

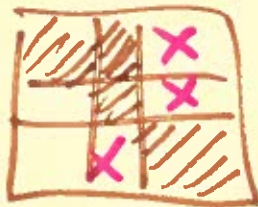
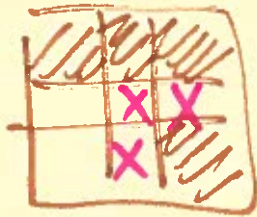
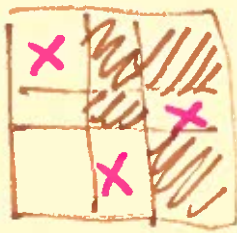
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline o & o & o \\ \hline o & o & x \\ \hline o & x & \\ \hline \end{array} \right\} \text{ where } o \in \{x, \} \}$$

Similarly, for the second part, the models will look like:

x		

		x

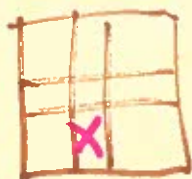
We can then take the intersection :



with the possibility of extra mines.
Next, we use this to answer questions.

e.g. $p_{1,2}$ means there is a mine
is square (1,2).

We create a set of possible worlds
for this sentence :



We check whether one is a subset of the other. This relationship is called entailment.

$$\alpha \models \beta$$

iff

$$M(\alpha) \subseteq M(\beta)$$

↑
models/
possible
worlds for
 α

↑
models/ possible
worlds for
 β

When we have a collection of sentences we call them a knowledge base.

$$M(KB) \subseteq M(\beta)$$

Does this hold?

Yes.

Every model for KB is a model for β . (Every board in $M(KB)$ has a mine in (1,2))

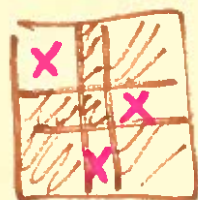
Eg

γ : $P_{1,1}$

Does $KB \models \gamma$? This is true
whenever

$$M(KB) \subseteq M(\gamma)$$

We suspect this is false. Why?



This is a possible world
for KB

However, this is not a possible
world for γ , since there is no
mine in $(1,1)$.

Hence

$$KB \not\models \gamma$$

In an ideal world:

$$KB \models \neg \gamma$$

However this is not true either



We say the KB is consistent with γ and $\neg\gamma$. γ is independent of the KB.

eg

KB is $p > 10$ and $p < 4$

$\alpha: p$ is the least ~~even~~ integer not expressible as the sum of two primes.

$$\begin{aligned} M(\text{KB}) &= \{10, 11, 12, \dots\} \cap \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \\ &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Since $\emptyset \subseteq A$ for any A , without working out $M(\alpha)$ we have

$$M(\text{KB}) \subseteq M(\alpha).$$

We have seen this before :

$$\perp \models p$$

This entailment holds for any p .

Other ways to find truth

Inference rules hide away the models/semantics. They operate on syntax only. They can be quick.

They need to be sound.

ie you cannot derive something that is false.

$$\text{eg } \frac{p \wedge q}{p}$$

natural deduction
style

is truth-preserving / sound.

$$\frac{p \vee q}{p}$$

is not. It is unsound.

Rules should also be complete, if possible.

Completeness says that every true statement is provable.

Propositional logic has sets of rules which are both sound and complete.

semantics ← Truth is the same as
← derivability
syntax

There is a minimal set of inference rules.

They introduce and eliminate connectives in a sound fashion.

$(\rightarrow E)$

$$\frac{\alpha \quad \alpha \rightarrow \beta}{\beta} \text{ (modus ponens)}$$

$(\wedge E)$

$$\frac{\alpha \wedge \beta}{\alpha}, \quad \frac{\alpha \wedge \beta}{\beta}$$

$(\vee E)$

$$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta \quad \begin{array}{c} [\alpha] \\ \vdots \\ \gamma \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [\beta] \\ \vdots \\ \gamma \end{array}}{\gamma}$$

$(\wedge I)$

$$\frac{\alpha \quad \beta}{\alpha \wedge \beta}$$

$(\vee I)$

$$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha \vee \beta}, \quad \frac{\beta}{\alpha \vee \beta}$$

$(\rightarrow I)$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [\alpha] \\ \vdots \\ \beta \end{array}}{\alpha \rightarrow \beta}$$

We deal with negation as

$$\neg p \equiv p \rightarrow \perp$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (\perp I) \quad \begin{array}{c} [p] \\ \vdots \\ p \rightarrow \perp \\ \hline \perp \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$(\perp E) \quad \frac{\perp}{C} \quad C \text{ is unrestricted.}$$

This is called natural deduction

It can be shown to be sound & complete.

We can then use it to derive true formulae.

For small examples, we can use truth tables:

If p and q is true, then $p \wedge q$ is true.

Similarly

$p \vee q$ is true iff p or q is true.

p	q	$p \vee q$
\perp	\perp	\perp
\perp	\top	\top
\top	\perp	\top
\top	\top	\top

It is the same process, merely presented slightly differently.

eg

$$(((p \wedge q) \vee r) \wedge q) \rightarrow r$$

Using sequent calculus :

$$\begin{array}{c} \underline{\quad \quad \quad \times \quad \quad \quad} \\ \frac{p, q, q \Rightarrow r}{p \wedge q, q \Rightarrow r} L\wedge \qquad \frac{\quad \quad \quad}{r, q \Rightarrow r} Ax \\ \frac{\quad \quad \quad}{(p \wedge q) \vee r, q \Rightarrow r} L\vee \\ \frac{\quad \quad \quad}{((p \wedge q) \vee r) \wedge q \Rightarrow r} L\wedge \end{array}$$

Since this tree cannot be properly finished, we can conclude

$((p \wedge q) \vee r) \wedge q \Rightarrow r$ is not derivable.

By soundness & completeness, it is therefore not true.