Artificial Intelligence V06a: Knowledge, reasoning & logic

Knowledge representation with logic From propositional to first-order logic

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Educational objectives

- Remember the syntax & semantics of predicate- and first-order logic
- Explain how the representation of knowledge with formal languages (e.g., logic) facilitates reasoning
- Solve logic exercises using pen & paper

"In which we design agents that can form representations of the world, use a process of inference to derive new representations about the world, and use these new representations to deduce what to do."

→ Reading: AIMA, ch. 7 (ch. 7-7.3; 7

(ch. 7-7.3; 7.7; 8-8.1 covered here) (ch. 7.4; 8.2 is related material)

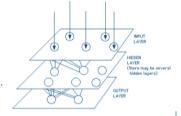




1. KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION WITH LOGIC

Symbolic vs. Subsymbolic Al

Subsymbolic AI: Model intelligence at a level similar to the neuron. Let such things as knowledge and planning emerge.



Symbolic AI: Model such things as knowledge and planning in data structures that make sense to the programmers that build them.

(blueberry (isa fruit) (shape round) (color purple) (size .4 inch))

Knowledge bases





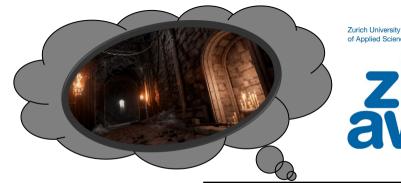
Knowledge base (KB): a set of sentences in a formal language

- The declarative approach to building an agent
 - → Tell it what it needs to know
 - →Then it can **ask** itself what to do (answers should **follow** from the KB)
- Two views of an agent (regardless of approach)
 - → At the **knowledge level**: i.e., what they know, regardless of how implemented
 - → At the **implementation level**: i.e., data structures in KB and algorithms manipulating them

The agent must be able to

- Represent **states**, **actions**, etc.
- Incorporate new percepts
- Update internal representations of the world
- **Deduce** hidden properties of the world
- Deduce appropriate actions

Example: The wumpus world PEAS description



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Performance measure

gold +1000, death -1000, -1 per step, -10 for using arrow

Environment

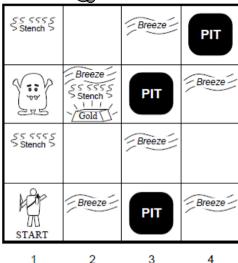
- Squares adjacent to wumpus are smelly
- Squares adjacent to pit are breezy
- **Glitter** *if f* **gold** is in the same square
- **Shooting** kills wumpus if you are facing it
- Shooting uses up the only arrow
- Grabbing picks up gold if in same square
- Releasing drops the gold in same square

Actuators

- Left turn, Right turn,
- Forward (1 square), Grab, Release, Shoot

Sensors

Breeze, Glitter, Smell (in current square)

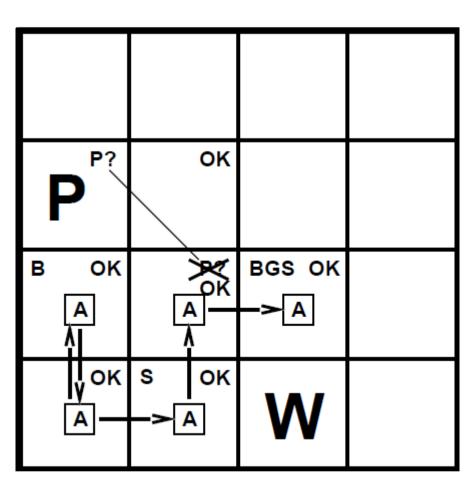


Wumpus world characterization

- Observable? No (only local perception)
- Deterministic? Yes (outcomes exactly specified)
- Episodic? No (sequential at the level of actions)
- Static? Yes (wumpus and pits do not move)
- Discrete? Yes
- Single-agent? Yes (wumpus is a natural feature)

Exploring a wumpus world





Start (square 1/1)

"Squares adjacent to pit are breezy"

- Move forward → sense breeze
- Infer possible pits (because of breeze)
- Move to 1/2 (row/col) → sense stench
- Infer pit, wumpus (and no pit in 2/2)
- Move to 2/2 (only save square)
- Sense nothing → 2/3 and 3/2 are ok
- Move to 2/3 → sense breeze, glitter, stench
- → What next?

Logic in general



Logics are formal languages for representing information

- ...such that conclusions can be drawn
- Syntax defines the "structure" of sentences in the language
- Semantics defines the "meaning" of sentences (i.e., truth of a sentence in a world/model)

Model: a formally structured possible world with respect to which truth can be evaluated.

ightharpoonup We say "m is a model of a sentence lpha" or "m satisfies lpha" if lpha is true in m

(i.e., m instantiates all variables in α such that α is true)

Example: the language of arithmetic

- $x + 2 \ge y$ is a sentence; $x^2 + y > 1$ is not a sentence
- $x + 2 \ge y$ is true if f the number x + 2 is no less than the number y
- $x + 2 \ge y$ is true in a world where x = 7; y = 1
- $x + 2 \ge y$ is false in a world where x = 0; y = 6





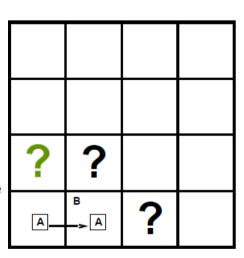
Key concept 1: Entailment (logical consequence, DE "semantische Implikation")

 $KB \models \alpha$

- Intuitively, entailment means that one thing follows from another: "from KB I know that α "
- Formally, "knowledge base KB entails sentence α if f α is true in all worlds where KB is true"
- Examples:
 - A KB containing "FCZ won" and "YB won" entails "Either FCZ won, or the Young Boys won"
 - x + y = 4 entails 4 = x + y
- → Entailment is a relationship between sentences (i.e., syntax) that is based on semantics

Example: Entailment in the wumpus world

- Figure: the situation after detecting nothing in 1/1 → moving right → breeze
- Is α_1 ("no pit in 2/1") true, given the KB (wumpus-world rules & percept)?
- → See next slide





Entailment in the wumpus world, contd.

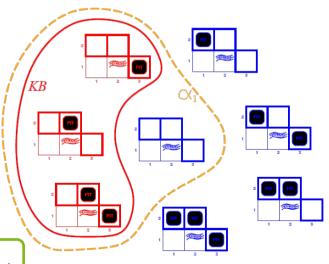
Consider possible models for all "?", assuming only pits (3 Boolean choices give 2³ possible models)

All possible models for the presence of pits in 2/1, 2/2 and 1/3:

 Red: all models compliant with the KB (KB := wumpus-world rules + percepts)

- Blue: all models where KB is false
- Yellow: all models for sentence $\alpha_1 =$ "no pit in 2/1"
- \rightarrow $KB \models \alpha_1$ (the sentence, not all possible models for it!)
- \rightarrow i.e., *KB* is a stronger assertion than α_1 (ruling out more possible worlds/models)

Formal: $\alpha \models \beta \ iif \ M(\alpha) \subseteq M(\beta)$ (with $M(\alpha)$ being the set of all models of α)



Possible models for KB \subseteq possible models for α_1

$$\rightarrow KB \vDash \alpha_1$$

Key concept 2: Inference

$KB \models_i \alpha$

- Meaning: sentence α can be derived from KB by procedure i
- Intuition.
 - Consequences of KB are a haystack
 - α is a needle
 - Entailment says: "needle is in haystack"
 - Inference: finding it

Desirable properties of *i*

- Soundness: *i* is sound if whenever $KB \models_i \alpha$, it is also true that $KB \models \alpha$
- Completeness: i is complete if whenever $KB \models \alpha$, it is also true that $KB \models_i \alpha$

Preview

- We'll define: a logic (first-order definite clauses) expressive enough to say almost anything storable in a RDBMS, and a sound and complete inference procedure (forward chaining)
- That is: The procedure will answer any question whose answer follows from what is known by KB





2. FROM PROPOSITIONAL TO FIRST-ORDER LOGIC

Propositional logic

(DE "Aussagenlogik")

Reasoning over (unrelated) facts

• The simplest of all logics to illustrate basic ideas

Syntax

- If S is a sentence, $\neg S$ is a sentence (negation)
- If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \wedge S_2$ is a sentence (conjunction, "and")
- If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \vee S_2$ is a sentence (disjunction, "or")
- 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)

Semantics (rules for evaluating truth with respect to a model m)

•	$\neg S$	
•	$S_1 \wedge S_2$	
•	$S_1 \vee S_2$	

• $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$

 $S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$

is true if f

$$S_1$$
 is true and

$$S_1$$
 is true **or**
 S_1 is true **and**
 $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$ is true **and**

The logical implication $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$ (a.k.a. rule: " S_2 if S_1 is true") shows paradox behavior when interpreted in a colloquial way:

 "if I teach AI then the earth is a sphere" is formally true regardless of meaning.

But the definition makes sense:

 "if it is raining then the street gets wet" has to be true (as a rule) regardless of if it is raining (there might be other reasons for a wet street).

See it as if saying "if S1 is true then I claim S2 to be true as well; else, I make no claim".

S_2	is true
S_2	is true
S_2	is false

$$S_2 \Rightarrow S_1$$
 is true



Example: Wumpus world sentences How logic serves well as a representation language

Notation

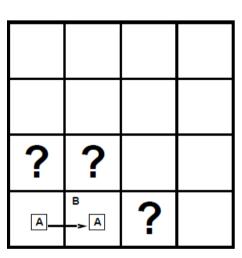
- Let $P_{i,j}$ be true if there is a **pit** in i/j
- Let $B_{i,j}$ be true if there is a **breeze** in i/j

Facts: representing factual knowledge

- \bullet $\neg P_{1.1}$
- ¬B_{1 1} For concrete locations no variables!
- B_{1,2}

Rules: representing procedural knowledge

- "Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares",
 - \rightarrow Example for concrete squares: $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$
- "A square is breezy if and only if there is an adjacent pit"
 - \rightarrow Example for concrete squares: $B_{1,2} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \lor P_{2,2} \lor P_{1,3}), \dots$





First-order logic

(FOL, DE "Prädikatenlogik 1. Stufe")

Only in higher-order logics do predicates have other predicates (or functions) as parameters

Pros and cons of propositional logic (as compared to atomic knowledge representation)

- Declarative: pieces of syntax correspond to facts
- Allows partial/disjunctive/negated information (unlike most data structures and databases)
- Compositional: meaning of $B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ is derived from meaning of $B_{1,1}$ and of $P_{1,2}$
- Meaning is context-independent (unlike natural language, where meaning depends on context)
- Very limited expressive power (unlike natural language)
 - → E.g., cannot say "pits cause breezes in adjacent squares" except by one sentence for each square!
 - → It is useful to view the world as consisting of objects and relationships between them

Much greater expressiveness of FOL (like natural language)

- Quantifiable variables over non-logical objects (quantifiers ∀, ∃, ∄)
- **Objects**: people, houses, numbers, theories, Ronald McDonald, colors, soccer matches, wars, centuries, ... Assert that the relationship exists
- **Relations** (predicates): red, round, bogus, prime, multistoried, brother of, bigger than, inside, part of, has color, occurred after, owns, comes between, ...
 - Functions: father of, best friend, third inning of, one more than, end of, ...

A function is a relation with only one "value" for any given "parameter"/input



Example: Wumpus world sentences in FOL How logic serves well as a representation language

We keep track of time/situation via quantification over t; in propositional logic, we would need copies of each sentence for each time step.

Perception

- Timestep t is smelly if I perceive a Smell (and whatever else) at t $\forall b, g, t \ Percept([Smell, b, g], t) \Rightarrow Smell(t)$
- If I perceive a Glitter at t, I am at the place of the gold $\forall s, b, t \ Percept([s, b, Glitter], t) \Rightarrow AtGold(t)$

Reflex

• $\forall t \ AtGold(t) \Rightarrow Action(Grab, t)$

Deduction of hidden properties of a location

- $\forall x, t \ At(Agent, x, t) \land Smell(t) \Rightarrow Smelly(x)$
- A diagnostic rule: $\forall y \ Breezy(y) \Rightarrow \exists x \ Pit(x) \land Adjacent(x, y)$
- A causal rule: $\forall x, y \ Pit(x) \land Adjacent(x, y) \Rightarrow Breezy(y)$
- Definition of the Breezy predicate: $\forall y \ Breezy(y) \Leftrightarrow [\exists x \ Pit(x) \land Adjacent(x,y)]$



EXAMPLE EVER PUT INTO A TEXT BOOK

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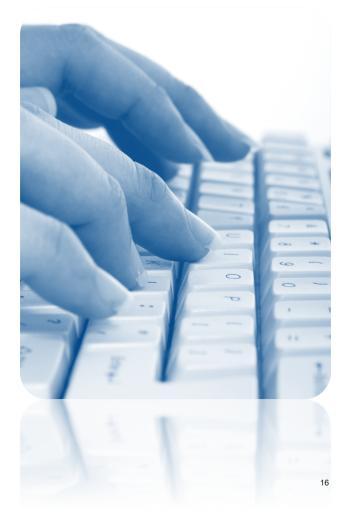
Exercise: Pen & paper logic → see P03b

Following Russell & Norvig's advice that "a student of AI must develop a talent for working with logical notation", this is to get you acquainted with formulating and manipulating known facts in logical notation, and to do inference to arrive at new conclusions.

Get together in teams of 2-3 and collectively solve the following exercises from P03b using pen, paper and the previous and next 2 slides. Distribute the work amongst your group and make sure to explain each result to every group member.

- 1.1 truth of sentences in propositional logic
- 1.2 validity & satisfiability in propositional logic
- 1.3 entailment in the wumpus world
- 2.1 formulating sentences in first-order logic
- 3.1 inference in first-order logic

Prepare to explain your findings to the class.

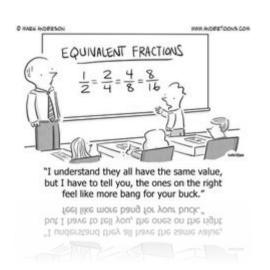




Exercise background: Logical equivalence i.e., rules to manipulate sentences of logic

Two sentences are logically equivalent iff true in same models:

• $\alpha \equiv \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \models \beta$ and $\beta \models \alpha$





Exercise background: Validity, satisfiability and the SAT problem

A sentence is valid if it is true in all possible models

• Examples: $A \lor \neg A, \forall p \ Mortal(p) \land Person(Sokrates) \Rightarrow Mortal(Sokrates)$

A sentence is satisfiable (SAT) if it is true in some model

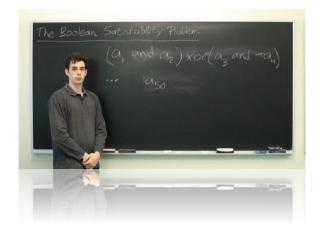
• Examples: $A \vee B$, C

A sentence is unsatisfiable if it is true in no models

• Examples: $A \land \neg A$

Satisfiability is connected to inference via the following:

• $KB \models \alpha$ if and only if $(KB \land \neg \alpha)$ is unsatisfiable i.e., SAT solvers are used to prove α by reductio ad absurdum



The SAT problem

- Deciding if a sentence in propositional logic is satisfiable (SAT) is the prototypical NP-complete problem
 (→ see appendix of V03)
- Many computer science problems can be reduced to SAT (e.g., all CSPs of V05)
 - → SAT plays in important role in the literature of AI / complexity theory / computer science in general

P03b Logic Exercises



1. Working with propositional logic

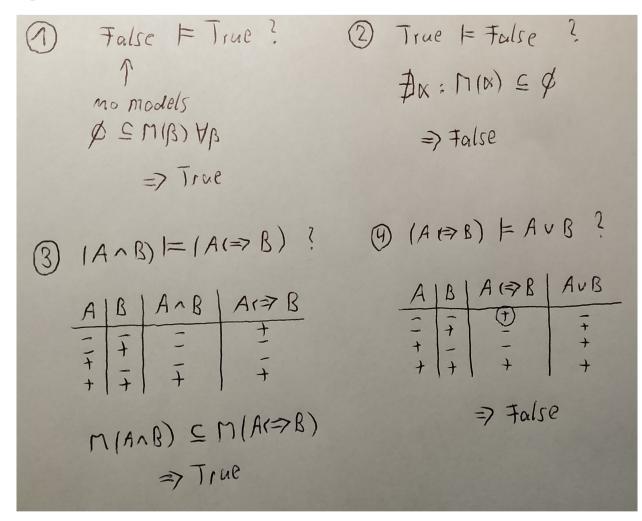
1.1 Which of the following is correct?²

- False ⊨ True.
- True ⊨ False.
- $(A \land B) \models (A \Leftrightarrow B)$.
- $A \Leftrightarrow B \models A \lor B$.
- $A \Leftrightarrow B \models \neg A \lor B$
- $(A \land B) \Rightarrow C \models (A \Rightarrow C) \lor (B \Rightarrow C)$.
- $(C \lor (\neg A \land \neg B)) \equiv ((A \Rightarrow C) \land (B \Rightarrow C)).$
- $(A \lor B) \land (\neg C \lor \neg D \lor E) \models (A \lor B).$
- $(A \lor B) \land (\neg C \lor \neg D \lor E) \models (A \lor B) \land (\neg D \lor E).$
- (A ∨ B) ∧ ¬(A ⇒ B) is satisfiable (see appendix of V06a).
- (A ⇔ B) ∧ (¬A ∨ B) is satisfiable.
- (A ⇔ B) ⇔ C has the same number of models as (A ⇔ B) for any fixed set of proposition symbols that includes A, B, C.

Entailment: $\alpha \models \beta \ iif \ M(\alpha) \subseteq M(\beta)$ (with $M(\alpha)$ being the set of all models of α)

A sentence is **satisfiable** if it is true in some model

P03b Logic Exercises 1.1. Example Solutions



1.1.Solution:

1.1 Which of the following is correct?

- 7.4 In all cases, the question can be resolved easily by referring to the definition of entailment.
 - **a.** False \models True is true because False has no models and hence entails every sentence AND because True is true in all models and hence is entailed by every sentence.
 - **b**. $True \models False$ is false.
 - **c**. $(A \wedge B) \models (A \Leftrightarrow B)$ is true because the left-hand side has exactly one model that is one of the two models of the right-hand side.
 - **d**. $A \Leftrightarrow B \models A \lor B$ is false because one of the models of $A \Leftrightarrow B$ has both A and B false, which does not satisfy $A \lor B$.
 - **e**. $A \Leftrightarrow B \models \neg A \lor B$ is true because the RHS is $A \Rightarrow B$, one of the conjuncts in the definition of $A \Leftrightarrow B$.
 - **f.** $(A \wedge B) \Rightarrow C \models (A \Rightarrow C) \vee (B \Rightarrow C)$ is true because the RHS is false only when both disjuncts are false, i.e., when A and B are true and C is false, in which case the LHS is also false. This may seem counterintuitive, and would not hold if \Rightarrow is interpreted as "causes."
 - **g**. $(C \lor (\neg A \land \neg B)) \equiv ((A \Rightarrow C) \land (B \Rightarrow C))$ is true; proof by truth table enumeration, or by application of distributivity (Fig 7.11).
 - **h**. $(A \lor B) \land (\neg C \lor \neg D \lor E) \models (A \lor B)$ is true; removing a conjunct only allows more models.
 - i. $(A \lor B) \land (\neg C \lor \neg D \lor E) \models (A \lor B) \land (\neg D \lor E)$ is false; removing a disjunct allows fewer models.
 - **j**. $(A \vee B) \wedge \neg (A \Rightarrow B)$ is satisfiable; model has A and $\neg B$.
 - **k**. $(A \Leftrightarrow B) \land (\neg A \lor B)$ is satisfiable; RHS is entailed by LHS so models are those of $A \Leftrightarrow B$.
 - 1. $(A \Leftrightarrow B) \Leftrightarrow C$ does have the same number of models as $(A \Leftrightarrow B)$; half the models of $(A \Leftrightarrow B)$ satisfy $(A \Leftrightarrow B) \Leftrightarrow C$, as do half the non-models, and there are the same numbers of models and non-models.

P03b Logic Exercises 1.2

1.2 Decide whether each of the following sentences is valid, unsatisfiable, or neither³

Verify your decisions using truth tables or the equivalence rules (see V06a).

- Smoke ⇒ Smoke
- Smoke ⇒ Fire
- (Smoke ⇒ Fire) ⇒ (¬Smoke ⇒ ¬Fire)
- Smoke V Fire V ¬Fire
- ((Smoke ∧ Heat) ⇒ Fire) ⇔ ((Smoke ⇒ Fire) ∨ (Heat ⇒ Fire))
- (Smoke ⇒ Fire) ⇒ ((Smoke ∧ Heat) ⇒ Fire)
- Big V Dumb V (Big ⇒ Dumb)

- a. Valid.
- **b**. Neither.
- c. Neither.
- d. Valid.
- e. Valid.
- f. Valid.
- g. Valid.

Valid: true in all models

Satisfiable: true in some models

Unsatisfiable: true in no models

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Building a hybrid agent for the wumpus world Combining (propositional) logic and problem-solving search

- 1. Start with an initial KB of atemporal knowledge (e.g., relating breeziness to presence of pits)
- 2. At each time step, add current percept and temporal axioms (e.g., successor-state axioms)

State what happens to each fluent (i.e., any aspect of the world that changes) depending on what action is taken

- 3. Construct a plan based on a hard-coded order of goals (in decreasing priority):
 - a. If glitter: grab the gold \rightarrow plan a route to initial location \rightarrow get out of cave
 - b. If no such plan: find save route to closest unvisited save square using A* <

All route planning/finding in the hybrid agent is done using A*

- c. If no safe square, but arrow: make a safe square by shooting at a possible wumpus location (**determined by asking** $ASK(KB, \neg W_{x,y}) == false$) after going there
- d. If killing wumpus fails: find a square that is not provably unsafe $(ASK(KB, \neg OK^t_{x,y}) == false)$ and plan to go there
- e. If no such square: mission impossible, find route to get out of cave

→ See AIMA ch. 7.7.2 and Fig. 7.20



More on logic

→ see remarks on knowledge representation in the appendix

«Just as a student of physics requires some familiarity with mathematics, a **student of AI** must **develop** a **talent for** working with **logical notation**» (AIMA)

On the importance of logic in Al

- For many years, systems based on logic dominated Al (research & successful practice)
- Example applications:
 - Expert systems (e.g., in health & medicine)
 - NASA spacecraft control (planning of action sequences, recovery from failures)
 - Electronic circuit checking (does it perform the task it is designed for?) and synthesis
 - Automatic theorem proving
- They are still broadly applied today (e.g., in deductive languages like SQL)
- A relevant subfield is logic programming (e.g., Prolog)

Non-expert user Query Inference Engine Knowledge from an expert Knowledge Base

Further reading

- Rege, «Logik Programmierung 1&2» in «Programmiersprachen und -Paradigmen»
- AIMA ch. 7.4-7.6; 8.2-8.3; 9

Where's the intelligence? Man vs. machine

- Logical reasoning as a higher-order cognitive process is also applied by humans
- The undertaking of reducing intelligent (human) behavior to logic has failed
 - → either because of expressiveness of the language, or because of computational intractability
 - → the real world includes **uncertainties**, but logic works only deterministically
 - → it is doubtful if all reasoning in humans can be reduced to logic, too
- Expert systems based on domain ontologies are still helpful in very specific domains
- As with humans, symbolic (i.e., logical) reasoning might be a higher-order process on top of subsymbolic learning (i.e., machine learning)







Review

- Logical agents apply inference to a knowledge base to derive new information and make decisions
- Basic concepts of logic:
 - syntax: formal structure of sentences
 - **semantics**: truth of sentences w.r.t. models
 - entailment: necessary truth of one sentence given another
 - **inference**: deriving sentences from other sentences
 - **soundness**: derivations produce only entailed sentences
 - completeness: derivations can produce all entailed sentences
- Wumpus world requires the ability to represent partial and negated information, reason by cases, etc.





APPENDIX

Building a purely logical agent Example using propositional logic

- 1. Construct a sentence that includes
 - a. Init⁰: collection of assertions about the initial state
 - b. $Transition^1, ..., Transition^t$: successor-state axioms for all possible actions at each time up to t
 - c. $HaveGold^t \wedge ClimbedOut^t$: the assertion that the goal is reached at time t
- 2. Solve with a SAT solver (see appendix)
- 3. If satisfiable: extract all **variables representing actions** that are assigned **true** in the model → this is the plan



→ See AIMA ch. 7.7.4

Practical considerations in building a KB



Building a representation and reasoning system

- 1. Begin with a task domain
- 2. **Decide** on which **objects** (individuals) you want to talk about (includes determining correspondence between symbols in the computer and objects/relations in world)
- **3. Determine** what **relationships** (predicate symbols) you want to represent (includes determining which sentences will be true and which will be false)
- 4. Choose symbols in the computer to denote objects and relations (includes deciding which constant denotes which individual)
- 5. Tell the system knowledge about the domain (see below)
- 6. Ask the system questions

AbstractObjects GeneralizedEvents Sets Numbers RepresentationalObjects Interval Places PhysicalObjects Processes Categories Sentences Measurements Moments Things Stuff Times Weights Animals Agents Solid Liquid Gas

Ontological engineering

- It is unclear (computationally and philosophically) if special-purpose ontologies can be merged into a general-purpose one
- But: Using upper ontologies («world knowledge») connected to task-specific ones is a way that works for many domains
- OWL, the W3C-standardized description logic, is very expressive but still seldom used

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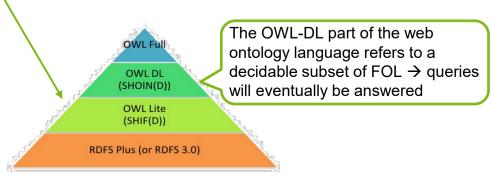


More on knowledge representation (KR)

Remarks

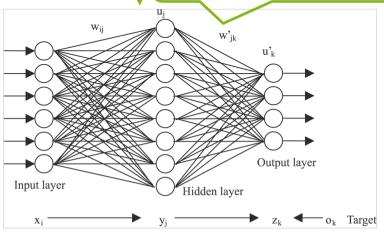
- KR as presented here is **most helpful today** in the context of **ontologies** (expert systems, semantic web)
- There are alternative forms of KR besides formal (deductive) languages, e.g.:
 - Procedural languages (e.g., Python code)
 - Subsymbolic representations (e.g., the weights in a neural network)
 - Al planning uses KR and reasoning in a less formal way (→ see V07)

A neural network encodes all its knowledge (i.e., all it has learned about data) in the weights $w_{i,j}$ and $w'_{j,k}$





AIMA ch. 8.4; 10





Other types of knowledge & their representation based on Z. Alvi, VU "Artificial Intelligence CS607", lecture 14

- Procedural knowledge: Describes how to do things, provides a set of directions of how to perform certain tasks, e.g., how to drive a car
- **Declarative knowledge**: It describes **objects, rather than processes**. What is known about a situation, e.g. it is sunny today, cherries are red
- **Meta knowledge**: **Knowledge about knowledge**, e.g., the knowledge that blood pressure is more important for diagnosing a medical condition than eye color.
- **Heuristic knowledge**: (Empirical) **rule-of-thumb**, e.g. if I start seeing shops, I am close to a market
- **Structural knowledge**: Describes **structures and their relationships**, e.g. how the various parts of the car fit together to make a car, or knowledge structures in terms of concepts, sub concepts, and objects

Representations

- Pictures and symbols: This is how the earliest humans represented knowledge when sophisticated linguistic systems had not yet evolved
- Graphs and Networks:
 - → allow **relationships** between entities, e.g., to show family relationships, now we can use a graph
 - → May be used to represent procedural knowledge, e.g. how to start a car?
- **Numbers**: Eventually, every representation we use gets translated to numbers in the computers internal representation