

# Propositional, first order and modal logics

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# Role of logic in AI

- For 2000 years, people tried to codify “human reasoning” and came up with logic.
- AI until the 1980s: mostly designing machines that are able to represent knowledge and to reason using logic (e.g. rule-based systems).
- Current approach: mostly learning from data.
- But how communicate knowledge to a system? (was easier in earlier systems).
- Logic is still of prime importance!

## Goals of logic:

- 1 Knowledge representation (KR).
- 2 Reasoning.

# Natural language vs logic

**Natural language:** tricky, sentences are not necessarily true or false, wrong conclusions are easy...

**Logic:** restrictive and less flexible but removes ambiguity.

## Challenges of KR and reasoning:

- representation of commonsense knowledge,
- ability of a knowledge-based system to trade-off computational efficiency for accuracy of inferences,
- criteria to decide whether a reasoning is correct or not,
- ability to represent and manipulate uncertain knowledge and information.

# Main components in any logic

- Symbols, variables, formulas.
- Syntax.
- Semantics.
- Reasoning.

# 1. Propositional logic

## Syntax

- Propositional symbols or variables (atomic formulas):  $p, q, r, \dots$
- Connectives:  $\neg$  (negation),  $\wedge$  (conjunction),  $\vee$  (disjunction),  $\rightarrow$  (implication),  $\leftrightarrow$  (double implication).
- Formulas: propositional variables, combination of formulas using connectives (and no others).

**Semantics** Interpretation of a formula:

$$v : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

0 = false, 1 = true (**truth value**)

**World** = assignment to all variables

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
1	1	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	0	0	1	1

Notation:  $A \equiv B$  iff  $A$  and  $B$  have the same truth tables.

**Tautology**  $\top$ : always true.

**Antilogy or contradiction**  $\perp$ : always false.

Determining the truth value of a formula: using **decomposition trees**.

**Prove that**  $(A \rightarrow (B \vee C)) \vee (A \rightarrow B)$  is not a tautology.

Some useful equivalences:

$$\neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$$

$$A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B$$

$$A \vee \neg A \equiv \top$$

$$A \wedge \neg A \equiv \perp$$

$$A \rightarrow A \equiv \top$$

$$A \wedge \top \equiv A$$

$$A \vee \perp \equiv A$$

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## Find the right negation...

Tintin - On a marché sur la Lune - Hergé, Casterman, 1954.

- 1 *Le cirque Hipparque a besoin de deux clowns, vous feriez parfaitement l'affaire ( $a \wedge b$ ).*
- 2 *Le cirque Hipparque n'a pas besoin de deux clowns, vous ne pouvez donc pas faire l'affaire.*



## Other connectives

- nor  $p \downarrow q = \neg(p \vee q)$
- nand  $p \uparrow q = \neg(p \wedge q)$
- xor  $p \oplus q$  iff one and only one of the two propositions is true.

Example: prove that  $p \oplus q \equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q) \equiv \neg(p \leftrightarrow q)$

## Finite languages

- Finite set of propositional variables  $\{p_1 \dots p_n\}$ .
- Infinite set of formulas, but finite set of non-equivalent formulas.
- Complete formula:  $q_1 \wedge \dots \wedge q_n$  where  $\forall n, q_i = p_i$  or  $q_i = \neg p_i$ .
- Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF): disjunction of complete formulas.
- By duality: Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF).
- Any formula of the language can be written as an equivalent formula in DNF (or CNF).

Example: Write in DNF form the formula  $(p \vee q) \wedge r$ .

## Knowledge representation: example

$w$ : the grass is wet.

$r$ : it was raining.

$s$ : sprinkle was on.

$$KB = \{r \rightarrow w, s \rightarrow w\}$$

Models:  $\{w, r, s\}$  (stands for  $v(w) = 1, v(r) = 1, v(s) = 1$ ),  $\{w, \neg r, s\}$ ,  $\{\neg w, \neg r, \neg s\}$ ...

## Axioms and inference rules

For  $\neg$  and  $\rightarrow$ :

$$\mathcal{A}_1 : A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_2 : (A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$$

$$\mathcal{A}_3 : (\neg A \rightarrow \neg B) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$$

Note that  $A \vee B \equiv \neg A \rightarrow B$ ,  $A \wedge B \equiv \neg(A \rightarrow \neg B)$ .

Modus ponens:

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

$\Rightarrow$  Deductive system  $S$  for proving theorems.

Consequence relation  $\vdash$

$H \vdash C$  iff  $C$  can be proved from  $H$  using a deduction system  $S$ .

Theorem  $\vdash T$  (without hypotheses)

$$A \vdash B \text{ iff } \vdash (A \rightarrow B)$$

Theorems of propositional logic are exactly the tautologies (**completeness and non-contradiction**).

## Deduction rules using elimination and introduction

	Elimination	Introduction
Conjunction	$\frac{P \wedge Q}{P}$ and $\frac{P \wedge Q}{Q}$	$\frac{P, Q}{P \wedge Q}$
Disjunction	$\frac{P \vee Q, P \vdash M, Q \vdash M}{M}$	$\frac{P}{P \vee Q}$ and $\frac{Q}{P \vee Q}$
Implication	$\frac{P, P \rightarrow Q}{Q}$	$\frac{P \vdash Q}{P \rightarrow Q}$
Negation	$\frac{P, \neg P}{\perp}$	$\frac{P \vdash \perp}{\neg P}$

Example: prove that  $\{p \rightarrow (q \wedge r), p\} \vdash r$

**Satisfiability:**  $A$  is true in the world  $m$  ( $m$  is a model for  $A$ ,  $m$  satisfies  $A$ )

$$m \models A$$

For a knowledge base:  $KB$  is satisfiable iff  $\exists m, \forall \varphi \in KB, m \models \varphi$  (i.e.  $Mod(KB) \neq \emptyset$ ).

$m \models A \wedge B$	iff	$m \models A$ and $m \models B$
$m \models A \vee B$	iff	$m \models A$ or $m \models B$
$m \models \neg A$	iff	$m \not\models A$
$m \models A \rightarrow B$	iff	$m \models \neg A$ or $m \models B$
$A$ tautology	iff	$\forall m, m \models A$
$A \rightarrow B$ tautology	iff	$\forall m, m \models A$ implies $m \models B$

$$A \vdash B \text{ iff } m \models A \text{ implies } m \models B$$

## Checking the satisfiability of a formula

- Truth table ( $2^n$  lines for  $n$  variables).
- Decomposition to check only relevant cases.
- Rewriting the formula to simplify its syntax.
- Tableau method.

Example of the formula on Page 6:  $(A \rightarrow (B \vee C)) \vee (A \rightarrow B)$

Extends to a knowledge base (set of formulas)  $KB$ , considered as a conjunction of formulas:  $\bigwedge KB = \bigwedge_{\varphi \in KB} \varphi$



## Tableau method

= an example of computational procedure

- Tableau = binary tree
- built from an initial set of formulas
- using construction rules

### Construction (or expansion) rules:

For  $l_1, l_2$  literals:

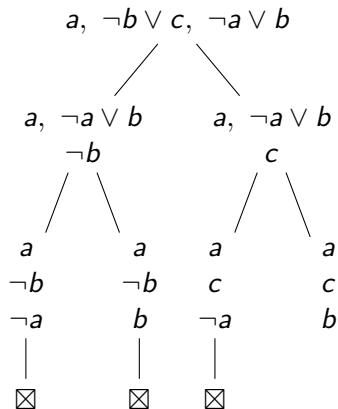
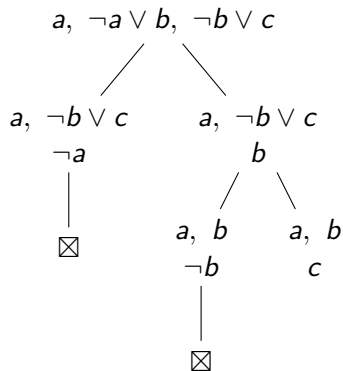
- $(l_1 \wedge l_2) \implies (l_1, l_2)$
- $(l_1 \vee l_2) \implies (l_1 \mid l_2)$
- $(l_1 \rightarrow l_2) \implies (\neg l_1 \mid l_2)$

where  $\mid$  indicates two separated branches

- $\neg\neg l_1 \implies l_1$
- $\neg(l_1 \wedge l_2) \implies \neg l_1 \vee \neg l_2$
- $\neg(l_1 \vee l_2) \implies \neg l_1 \wedge \neg l_2$

Branch = decomposition sequence until a node with only atomic propositions and their negations is reached.

Example:  $T = \{a, \neg a \vee b, \neg b \vee c\}$  – several possibilities



## Knowledge representation: example (cont'd)

$w$ : the grass is wet.

$r$ : it was raining.

$s$ : sprinkle was on.

$$KB = \{r \rightarrow w, s \rightarrow w, \neg w\}$$

Can we deduce  $\neg r$  from  $KB$ ?

## Consistent formulas

$A$  consistent with  $B$  if  $A \not\models \neg B$

Equivalent expressions:

- $B$  consistent with  $A$ .
- $\exists m, m \models A$  and  $m \models B$ .
- $A \wedge B$  satisfiable.

## 2. Predicate logic, first order logic

- Representation of entities (objects) and their properties, and relations among such entities.
- More expressive than propositional logic.
- Use of quantifiers ( $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ ).
- Predicates used to represent a property or a relation between entities.

### Example of syllogism:

All men are mortal.

Socrates is a man.

Therefore, Socrates is mortal.

## Syntax

Formulas are built from:

- Constants  $a, b...$
- Variables  $x, y, z...$
- Elementary terms are constants and variables.
- Functions: apply to terms to generate new terms.
- Predicates: apply to terms, as relational expressions (do not create new terms).
- Logical connectives: apply on formulas.
- Quantifiers: allow the representation of properties that hold for a collection of objects. For a variable  $x$ :
  - Universal:  $\forall xP$  (for all  $x$  the property  $P$  holds).
  - Existential:  $\exists xP$  ( $P$  holds for some  $x$ ).
  - $\neg(\forall xP) \equiv \exists x(\neg P)$ ,  $\neg(\exists xP) \equiv \forall x(\neg P)$ .

**Atomic formulas:** All formulas that can be obtained by applying a predicate.

**Formulas of the first order language:** built from atomic formulas, connectives and quantifiers.

**Free variable:** has at least one non-quantified occurrence in a formula.

**Bound variable:** has at least one quantified occurrence.

**Closed formula:** does not contain any free variable.

Examples:

- $\exists x p(x, y, z) \vee (\forall z (q(z) \rightarrow r(x, z)))$   
x and z are both free and bound, y is free and not bound.
- $\forall x \exists y ((p(x, y) \rightarrow \forall z r(x, y, z)))$  is a closed formula.

Formula in prenex form: all quantifiers at the beginning.

Write in prenex form the following formula:

$$\forall xF \rightarrow \exists xG$$



## Axioms and inference rules

Same as in propositional logic, plus:

$$\mathcal{A}_4 : (\forall x F(x)) \rightarrow F(t/x)$$

where  $t$  replaces  $x$  in  $F(t/x)$  (substitution)

$$\mathcal{A}_5 : (\forall x(F \rightarrow G)) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow \forall x G) \text{ for } x \text{ non-free in } F$$

Generalization:

$$\frac{F}{\forall x F}$$

## Proofs, consequences, theorems

Same definitions as in propositional logic.

Deduction theorem:

$$F \vdash G \text{ iff } \vdash (F \rightarrow G)$$

## Socrates' syllogism:

- Predicate  $H(x)$ :  $x$  is a men.
- Functional symbol  $s$ : Socrates.
- Predicate  $M(x)$ :  $x$  is mortal.

From  $\mathcal{A}_4$  and modus ponens:

$$\frac{\forall x(H(x) \rightarrow M(x)), H(s)}{M(s)}$$

## Deduction rules using additional elimination and introduction for $\forall$ and $\exists$

	Elimination	Introduction
$\forall$	$\frac{\forall x F(x)}{F(t/x)}$	$\frac{F}{\forall x F(x)}$
$\exists$	$\frac{\exists x F, F \rightarrow G}{G} \text{ (if } x \text{ non-free in } G\text{)}$	$\frac{F(t)}{\exists x F(x)}$

Prove that

$$\exists x (F(x) \vee G(x)) \vdash (\exists x F(x)) \vee (\exists x G(x))$$

## Structures, interpretations and models

*Establishing the validity of a formula requires an interpretation!*

Structure:  $\mathcal{M} = (D, I)$

- $D$ : non-empty domain,
- $I$ : interpretation in  $D$  of the symbols of the language
  - maps every functional symbol to a function in  $D$  with the same arity,
  - maps every relational symbol to a predicate in  $D$  with the same arity.

For a closed formula  $F$ :

$\mathcal{M} \models F$  if the interpretation of  $F$  is true in  $\mathcal{M}$

For a free formula  $F(x)$ , and  $a \in D$ :

$\mathcal{M} \models F(a)$  if the interpretation of  $F(a)$  is true in  $\mathcal{M}$

## Example

- Constant  $a$
- Unary functional symbol  $f$
- Binary relational symbol  $P$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{F_1, F_2, F_3\}$  with

$$F_1 = \forall x \forall y \forall z (P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)) \quad (1)$$

$$F_2 = \forall x P(a, x) \quad (2)$$

$$F_3 = \forall x P(x, f(x)) \quad (3)$$

For  $\mathcal{M} = \{\mathbb{N}, 0, x^2, \leq\}$ , we have  $\mathcal{M} \models \mathcal{T}$ .

**Properties** for closed formulas  $F$  and  $G$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} \models \neg F & \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \not\models F \\ \mathcal{M} \models (F \wedge G) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \models F \text{ and } \mathcal{M} \models G \\ \mathcal{M} \models (F \vee G) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \models F \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models G \\ \mathcal{M} \models (F \rightarrow G) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \not\models F \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models G\end{aligned}$$

**Properties** for  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$  having  $x$  as free variable:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} \models \neg F(a) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \not\models F(a) \\ \mathcal{M} \models (F \wedge G)(a) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \models F(a) \text{ and } \mathcal{M} \models G(a) \\ \mathcal{M} \models (F \vee G)(a) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \models F(a) \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models G(a) \\ \mathcal{M} \models (F \rightarrow G)(a) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \not\models F(a) \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models G(a) \\ \mathcal{M} \models \forall x F(x) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall a \in D, \mathcal{M} \models F(a) \\ \mathcal{M} \models \exists x F(x) & \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists a \in D, \mathcal{M} \models F(a)\end{aligned}$$

**Logically (universally) valid formulas:** whose interpretation is true in all structures.

$F$  and  $G$  are equivalent iff they have the same models.

**Completeness:**  $\vdash T$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \models T$  for any structure  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Deduction theorem + completeness:  $F \vdash G$  iff any model of  $F$  is a model of  $G$ .

## Properties of the consequence relation:

- 1 Reflexivity:  $F \vdash F$
- 2 Logical equivalence: if  $F \equiv G$  and  $F \vdash H$ , then  $G \vdash H$
- 3 Transitivity: if  $F \vdash G$  and  $G \vdash H$ , then  $F \vdash H$
- 4 Cut: if  $F \wedge G \vdash H$  and  $F \vdash G$ , then  $F \vdash H$
- 5 Disjunction of antecedents: if  $F \vdash H$  and  $G \vdash H$ , then  $F \vee G \vdash H$
- 6 Monotony: if  $F \vdash H$ , then  $F \wedge G \vdash H$

Note: same as in propositional logic.



### 3. Modals Logics

- Back to Aristotle:

$$possible = \begin{cases} \text{can be or not be} \\ \text{contingent} \end{cases}$$

Three modalities: necessary, impossible, contingent (mutually incompatible).

- Carnap: semantics of possible worlds.
- Kripke: accessibility relation between possible worlds.
- Many different modal logics, e.g.:
  - deontic logic,
  - temporal logic,
  - epistemic logic,
  - dynamic logic,
  - logic of places,
  - ...

Here: bases of propositional modal logic

## Modalities

- Modify the meaning of a proposition.
- Formalize modalities of the natural language.
- Universal modal operator  $\Box$  = necessity.
- Existential modal operator:  $\Diamond$  = possibility.

### Examples:

$\Box A$ - Necessity	$\Diamond A$ - Possibility
It is necessary that $A$	It is possible that $A$
It will be always true that $A$	It will sometimes be true that $A$
It must be that $A$	It is allowed that $A$
It is known that $A$	The inverse of $A$ is not known
...	...

## Syntax

- All the syntax of propositional logic.
- If  $A$  is a formula, then  $\Box A$  and  $\Diamond A$  are formulas.

Duality constraint:  $\Diamond A \equiv \neg \Box \neg A$ .

## Semantics

- $P$ : atoms of a modal language.
- Structure  $\mathcal{F} = (W, R)$ 
  - $W =$  non-empty universe of possible worlds,
  - $R \subseteq W \times W =$  accessibility relation.
- Model  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, V)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} V : P &\rightarrow 2^W \\ p &\mapsto V(p) \end{aligned}$$

$V(p) =$  subset of  $W$  where  $p$  is true.

- Notation  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A$ :  $A$  is true at  $\omega$  in the model  $\mathcal{M}$ .

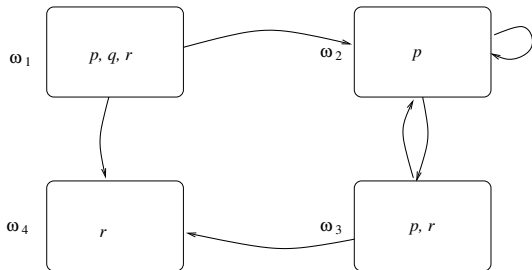
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} \top$
- $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{\omega} \perp$
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} p$  iff  $\omega \in V(p)$
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} \neg A$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_{\omega} A$
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_1 \wedge A_2$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_1$  and  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_2$
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_1 \vee A_2$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_1$  or  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_2$
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_1$  implies  $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} A_2$
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} \Box A$  iff  $\omega R t$  implies  $\mathcal{M} \models_t A$  for all  $t \in W$
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega} \Diamond A$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \models_t A$  for at least a  $t \in W$  such that  $\omega R t$

## Valid formula

- $A$  is valid in a model  $\mathcal{M}$  if  $\mathcal{M} \models_w A$  for all  $w \in W$  (notation:  $\mathcal{M} \models A$ ).
- $A$  is valid in a structure  $\mathcal{F}$  if it is valid in any model having this structure (notation:  $\mathcal{F} \models A$ ).
- $A$  is valid if it is valid in any structure (notation:  $\models A$ ).

## A simple example

$$P = \{p, q, r\}$$



$\mathcal{M}$ :  $W = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}$ ,  $V$  as in the figure,

$R = \{(\omega_1, \omega_2), (\omega_2, \omega_2), (\omega_2, \omega_3), (\omega_3, \omega_2), (\omega_3, \omega_4), (\omega_1, \omega_4)\}$ .

Prove that

- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega_2} \Box p$
- $\mathcal{M} \models_{\omega_1} \Diamond(r \wedge \Box q)$

## Schemas

$$K \quad \Box(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Box A \rightarrow \Box B)$$

$$P \quad A \rightarrow \Box A$$

$$L \quad \Box(\Box A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow \Box A$$

$$M \quad \Box \Diamond A \rightarrow \Diamond \Box A$$

$$T \quad \Box A \rightarrow A$$

$$B \quad A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$$

$$D \quad \Box A \rightarrow \Diamond A$$

$$4 \quad \Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$$

$$5 \quad \Diamond A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$$

...



## Validity of schemas

Validity of	iff $R$ is	
$T$	reflexive	$\forall s, sRs$
$B$	symmetric	$\forall s, t, sRT$ implies $tRs$
$D$	reproductive or serial	$\forall s, \exists t, sRt$
4	transitive	$\forall s, t, u, sRt$ and $tRu$ implies $sRu$
5	Euclidean	$\forall s, t, u, sRt$ and $sRu$ implies $tRu$
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**Example:** prove that  $\Box A \rightarrow A$  is valid iff  $R$  is reflexive.

## Typical examples

- Normal logics: contain  $K$  and the necessity inference rule  $RN : \frac{A}{\Box A}$ .
  - $A$  is a theorem of logic  $K$  iff  $A$  is valid.
- $KT$  logic
  - $A$  is a theorem of logic  $KT$  iff  $A$  is valid in any structure where  $R$  is reflexive.
- $S4$  logic: contains  $KT4$ 
  - $A$  is a theorem of logic  $S4$  iff  $A$  is valid in any structure where  $R$  is reflexive and transitive.
- $S5$  logic: contains  $KT45$ 
  - $A$  is a theorem of logic  $S5$  iff  $A$  is valid in any structure where  $R$  is reflexive, transitive and Euclidean ( $R$  is an equivalence relation).

## Theorems and inference rules

Depend on the schemas and axiomatic systems.

Example: Prove that

- $A \rightarrow \Diamond A$  is a theorem of  $S5$ ,
- $A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$  is a theorem of  $S5$ ,
- $RM : \frac{A \rightarrow B}{\Box A \rightarrow \Box B}$  is an inference rule of  $S5$ .

## Algebraic approach for semantics

- Truth values can take other values than 0 and 1.
- $\Rightarrow$  multi-valued logics.
- Example: Lukasiewicz' 3-valued logic

Is there an algorithm able to answer yes or no?

- Propositional logic: establishing that a formula is a tautology, that it is satisfiable, or that it is a consequence of a set of formulas are all decidable.
- First order logic: not decidable in general.
- Modal logic: decidable if it has the finite model property (i.e. every non-theorem is false in some finite model) and is axiomatizable by a finite number of schemas (ex: KT, KT4...).

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