Lecture 11 of 42

Resolution, Forward/Backward Chaining
Discussion: Symbolic Logic and Model Theory

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Reading for Next Class:
Section 7.5 – 7.7, p. 211 - 232, Russell & Norvig 2nd edition

Lecture Outline

- Reading for Next Class: Sections 7.5 – 7.7, R&N 2e
- Today: Logical Agents
  - Classical knowledge representation
  - Limitations of the classical symbolic approach
  - Modern approach: representation, reasoning, learning
  - "New" aspects: uncertainty, abstraction, classification paradigm
- Next Week: Start of Material on Logic
  - Representation: "a bridge between learning and reasoning" (Koller)
  - Basis for automated reasoning: theorem proving, other inference

Normal Forms: CNF, DNF, Horn

Other approaches to inference use syntactic operations on sentences, often expressed in standardized forms

Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF—universal)

conjunction of $\underbrace{\textit{disjunctions} \text{ of } \textit{literals}}_{\textit{clauses}}$

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Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF—universal)

disjunction of $\underbrace{\textit{conjunctions} \text{ of } \textit{literals}}_{\textit{terms}}$

E.g., $(A \land B) \lor (A \land \neg C) \lor (A \land \neg D) \lor (\neg B \land \neg C) \lor (\neg B \land \neg D)$

Horn Form (restricted)

conjunction of *Horn clauses* (clauses with ≤ 1 positive literal)

E.g., $(A \lor \neg B) \land (B \lor \neg C \lor \neg D)$

Often written as set of implications:

$B \Rightarrow A$ and $(C \land D) \Rightarrow B$

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Validity and Satisfiability

A sentence is valid if it is true in all models

e.g., $A \lor \neg A$, $\quad A \Rightarrow A$, $\quad (A \land (A \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow B$

Validity is connected to inference via the Deduction Theorem:

$KB \models \alpha$ if and only if $(KB \Rightarrow \alpha)$ is valid

A sentence is satisfiable if it is true in some model

e.g., $A \lor B$, $\quad C$

A sentence is unsatisfiable if it is true in no models

e.g., $A \land \neg A$

Satisfiability is connected to inference via the following:

$KB \models \alpha$ if and only if $(KB \land \neg\alpha)$ is unsatisfiable

i.e., prove α by *reductio ad absurdum*

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Proof Methods

Proof methods divide into (roughly) two kinds:

Model checking
- truth table enumeration (sound and complete for propositional)
- heuristic search in model space (sound but incomplete)
  - e.g., the GSAT algorithm (Ex. 6.15)

Application of inference rules
- Legitimate (sound) generation of new sentences from old
- Proof = a sequence of inference rule applications
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Inference (Sequent) Rules for Propositional Logic

Resolution (for CNF): complete for propositional logic

$$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta, \qquad \neg\beta \vee \gamma}{\alpha \vee \gamma}$$

Modus Ponens (for Horn Form): complete for Horn KBs

$$\frac{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n, \qquad \alpha_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \alpha_n \Rightarrow \beta}{\beta}$$

Can be used with forward chaining or backward chaining

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Logical Agents: Taking Stock

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to derive new information and make decisions

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Propositional logic suffices for some of these tasks

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The Road Ahead: Predicate Logic and FOL

- **Predicate Logic**
  - **Enriching language**
    - **Predicates**
    - **Functions**
  - **Syntax and semantics of predicate logic**
- **First-Order Logic (FOL, FOPC)**
  - **Need for quantifiers**
  - **Relation to (unquantified) predicate logic**
  - **Syntax and semantics of FOL**
- **Fun with Sentences**
- **Wumpus World in FOL**

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Syntax of FOL: Basic Elements

Constants	$KingJohn,\ 2,\ UCB, \ldots$
Predicates	$Brother,\ >, \ldots$
Functions	$Sqrt,\ LeftLegOf, \ldots$
Variables	$x,\ y,\ a,\ b, \ldots$
Connectives	$\wedge\ \vee\ \neg\ \Rightarrow\ \Leftrightarrow$
Equality	$=$
Quantifiers	$\forall\ \exists$

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FOL: Atomic Sentences (Atomic Well-Formed Formulae)

Atomic sentence $=$ $predicate(term_1, \ldots, term_n)$
or $term_1 = term_2$

Term $=$ $function(term_1, \ldots, term_n)$
or $constant$ or $variable$

E.g., $Brother(KingJohn, RichardTheLionheart)$
$> (Length(LeftLegOf(Richard)), Length(LeftLegOf(KingJohn)$

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FOL: Complex Sentences (Well-Formed Formulae)

Complex sentences are made from atomic sentences using connectives

$\neg S, \quad S_1 \wedge S_2, \quad S_1 \vee S_2, \quad S_1 \Rightarrow S_2, \quad S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$

E.g. $Sibling(KingJohn, Richard) \Rightarrow Sibling(Richard, KingJohn)$
$>(1,2) \vee \leq(1,2)$
$>(1,2) \wedge \neg>(1,2)$

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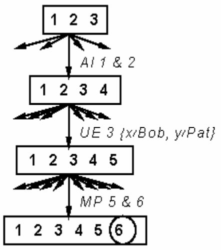
Search with Primitive Inference Rules

Operators are inference rules
States are sets of sentences
Goal test checks state to see if it contains query sentence



AI, UE, MP is a common inference pattern

Problem: branching factor huge, esp. for UE

Idea: find a substitution that makes the rule premise match some known facts
$\Rightarrow$ a single, more powerful inference rule

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Terminology

- Logical Frameworks
  - Knowledge Bases (KB)
  - Logic in general: representation languages, syntax, semantics
  - Propositional logic
  - First-order logic (FOL, FOPC)
  - Model theory, domain theory: possible worlds semantics, entailment
- Normal Forms
  - Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)
  - Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)
  - Horn Form
- Proof Theory and Inference Systems
  - Sequent calculi: rules of proof theory
  - Derivability or provability
  - Properties
    - ⇨ Soundness (derivability implies entailment)
    - ⇨ Completeness (entailment implies derivability)