



## Lecture 11 of 42

### Resolution, Forward/Backward Chaining Discussion: Expert Systems

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Reading for Next Class:

Section 7.5 – 7.7, p. 211 - 232, Russell & Norvig 2<sup>nd</sup> edition



## 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 disjunctions of literals  
clauses*

E.g.,  $(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (B \vee \neg C \vee \neg D)$

Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF—universal)

*disjunction of conjunctions of literals  
terms*

E.g.,  $(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge \neg C) \vee (A \wedge \neg D) \vee (\neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee (\neg B \wedge \neg D)$

Horn Form (restricted)

*conjunction of Horn clauses (clauses with  $\leq 1$  positive literal)*

E.g.,  $(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (B \vee \neg C \vee \neg D)$

Often written as set of implications:

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





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i.e., prove  $\alpha$  by *reductio ad absurdum*

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## Inference (Sequent) Rules for Propositional Logic

Resolution (for CNF): complete for propositional logic

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

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

$$\frac{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \quad \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n \Rightarrow \beta}{\beta}$$

Can be used with forward chaining or backward chaining

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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, FOLC)**
  - \* **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, ...*  
Predicates *Brother, >, ...*  
Functions *Sqrt, LeftLegOf, ...*  
Variables *x, y, a, b, ...*  
Connectives  $\wedge \vee \neg \Rightarrow \Leftrightarrow$   
Equality  $=$   
Quantifiers  $\forall \exists$

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## Summary Points

- **Logical Agents Overview (Last Time)**
  - \* **Knowledge Bases (KB) and KB agents**
  - \* **Motivating example: Wumpus World**
  - \* **Logic in general**
  - \* **Syntax of propositional calculus**
- **Propositional and First-Order Calculi (Today)**
  - \* **Propositional calculus (concluded)**
    - ⇒ Normal forms
    - ⇒ Inference (*aka* sequent) rules
  - \* **Production systems**
  - \* **Predicate logic without quantifiers**
  - \* **Introduction to First-Order Logic (FOL)**
    - ⇒ Examples
    - ⇒ Inference rules (sketch)
- **Next Week: FOL Review, Intro to Resolution**



## Fun with Sentences: Family Feud

- Brothers are Siblings
  - \*  $\forall x, y . \text{Brother}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \text{Sibling}(x, y)$
- Siblings (i.e., Sibling Relationships) are Reflexive
  - \*  $\forall x, y . \text{Sibling}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \text{Sibling}(y, x)$
- One's Mother is One's Female Parent
  - \*  $\forall x, y . \text{Mother}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \text{Female}(x) \wedge \text{Parent}(x, y)$
- A First Cousin Is A Child of A Parent's Sibling
  - \*  $\forall x, y . \text{First-Cousin}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\exists p, ps . \text{Parent}(p, x) \wedge \text{Sibling}(p, ps) \wedge \text{Parent}(ps, y)$

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## Jigsaw Exercise [1]: First-Order Logic Sentences

- "Every Dog Chases Its Own Tail"
  - \*  $\forall d . \text{Chases}(d, \text{tail-of}(d))$
  - \* Alternative Statement:  $\forall d . \exists t . \text{Tail-Of}(t, d) \wedge \text{Chases}(d, t)$
  - \* Prefigures concept of Skolemization (Skolem vars / functions)
- "Every Dog Chases Its Own (Unique) Tail"
  - \*  $\forall d . \exists^1 t . \text{Tail-Of}(t, d) \wedge \text{Chases}(d, t) \equiv$   
 $\forall d . \exists t . \text{Tail-Of}(t, d) \wedge \text{Chases}(d, t) \wedge [\forall t' \text{Chases}(d, t') \Rightarrow t' = t]$
- "Only The Wicked Flee when No One Pursueth"
  - \*  $\forall x . \text{Flees}(x) \wedge [\neg \exists y \text{Pursues}(y, x)] \Rightarrow \text{Wicked}(x)$
  - \* Alternative :  $\forall x . [\exists y . \text{Flees}(x, y)] \wedge [\neg \exists z . \text{Pursues}(z, x)] \Rightarrow \text{Wicked}(x)$
- Offline Exercise: What Is An *n*th Cousin, *m* Times Removed?





## Jigsaw Exercise [2]: First-Order Logic Sentences



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## FOL: Complex Sentences (Well-Formed Formulae)

Complex sentences are made from atomic sentences using connectives

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

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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## Truth in FOL

Sentences are true with respect to a model and an interpretation

Model contains objects and relations among them

Interpretation specifies referents for

*constant symbols* → objects

*predicate symbols* → relations

*function symbols* → functional relations

An atomic sentence  $predicate(term_1, \dots, term_n)$  is true iff the objects referred to by  $term_1, \dots, term_n$  are in the relation referred to by *predicate*

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## Terminology

### ● Logical Frameworks

- \* Knowledge Bases (KB)
- \* Logic in general: representation languages, syntax, semantics
- \* Propositional logic
- \* First-order logic (FOL, FOPL)
- \* 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)

