CS 2740 Knowledge Representation
Lecture 2

Propositional logic

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Knowledge representation

- The objective of knowledge representation is to express the knowledge about the world in a computer-tractable form
- Key aspects of knowledge representation languages:
  - **Syntax:** describes how sentences are formed in the language
  - **Semantics:** describes the meaning of sentences, what is it the sentence refers to in the real world
  - **Computational aspect:** describes how sentences and objects are manipulated in concordance with semantical conventions

Many KB systems rely on some variant of logic

Logic

- **Logic:**
  - defines a formal language for logical reasoning

- It gives us a tool that helps us to understand how to construct a valid argument

- **Logic Defines:**
  - the meaning of statements
  - the rules of logical inference

Logic

A formal language for expressing knowledge and ways of reasoning.

Logic is defined by**:**

- **A set of sentences**
  - A sentence is constructed from a set of primitives according to syntax rules.
- **A set of interpretations**
  - An interpretation gives a semantic to primitives. It associates primitives with values.
- **The valuation (meaning) function** V
  - Assigns a value (typically the truth value) to a given sentence under some interpretation

$$V : \text{sentence} \times \text{interpretation} \rightarrow \{True, False\}$$

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Propositional logic. Syntax

- **Formally propositional logic P:**
  - Is defined **by Syntax+interpretation+semantics of P**

Syntax:

- **Symbols (alphabet)** in P:
  - **Constants**: ***True, False***
  - **Propositional symbols**

    Examples:
    - *P*
    - *Pitt is located in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.,*
    - *It rains outside,* etc.
  - **A set of connectives**:

    $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

Propositional logic. Syntax

Sentences in the propositional logic:

- **Atomic sentences:**
  - **Constructed from constants and propositional symbols**
  - True, False are (atomic) sentences
  - P, Q or *Light in the room is on, It rains outside* are (atomic) sentences
- **Composite sentences:**
  - **Constructed from valid sentences via connectives**
  - If A, B are sentences then

    $\neg A \quad (A \wedge B) \quad (A \vee B) \quad (A \Rightarrow B) \quad (A \Leftrightarrow B)$

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

    are sentences

Propositional logic. Semantics.

The semantic gives the meaning to sentences.

the semantics in the propositional logic is defined by:

1. **Interpretation of propositional symbols and constants**
   – Semantics of atomic sentences
2. **Through the meaning of connectives**
   – Meaning (semantics) of composite sentences

Semantic: propositional symbols

A **propositional symbol**

- a statement about the world that is either true or false
  Examples:
  – *Pitt is located in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh*
  – *It rains outside*
  – *Light in the room is on*
- An **interpretation** maps symbols to one of the two values: ***True (T),*** or ***False (F)***, depending on whether the symbol is satisfied in the world

  I: *Light in the room is on ->* ***True,*** *It rains outside ->* ***False***

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The **meaning (value)** of the propositional symbol for a specific interpretation is given by its interpretation

I: *Light in the room is on -> **True**, It rains outside -> **False***

V(Light in the room is on, **I***) =* ***True***

V(It rains outside, **I***) =* ***False***

I': *Light in the room is on -> **False**, It rains outside -> **False***

V(Light in the room is on, **I'***) =* ***False***

Semantics: constants

- **The meaning (truth) of constants:**
  - True and False constants are always (under any interpretation) assigned the corresponding ***True,False*** value

V(True, **I***) =* ***True***

V(False, **I***) =* ***False***

} For any interpretation **I**

Semantics: composite sentences.

- **The meaning (truth value) of complex propositional sentences.**
  – Determined using the standard rules of logic:

P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
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Contradiction and Tautology

Some composite sentences may always (under any interpretation) evaluate to a single truth value:

- **Contradiction** (always ***False***)

$$P \wedge \neg P$$

- **Tautology (**always ***True*****)**

$$P \vee \neg P$$

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} \neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \\ \neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee \neg Q) \end{array}\right\} \text{DeMorgan's Laws}$$

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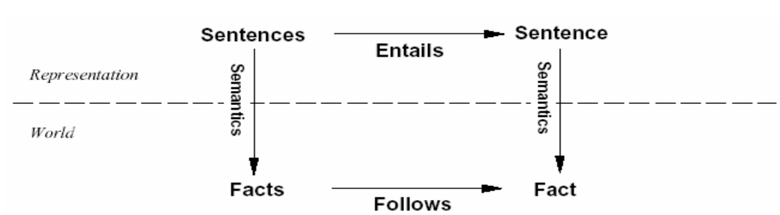
Entailment

- **Entailment** reflects the relation of one fact in the world following from the others according to logic



- Entailment $KB \models \alpha$
- Knowledge base KB entails sentence α if and only if α is true in all worlds where KB is true

Sound and complete inference.

Inference is a process by which conclusions are reached.

- We want to implement the inference process on a computer !!

Assume an ***inference procedure i*** that

- derives a sentence α from the KB : $KB \vdash_i \alpha$

Properties of the inference procedure in terms of entailment

- **Soundness:** An inference procedure is **sound**

  If $KB \vdash_i \alpha$ then it is true that $KB \models \alpha$

- **Completeness:** An inference procedure is **complete**

  If $KB \models \alpha$ then it is true that $KB \vdash_i \alpha$

Logical inference problem

Logical inference problem:

- **Given:**
  - a knowledge base KB (a set of sentences) and
  - a sentence α (called **a theorem**),
- **Does a KB semantically entail** α ? $KB \models \alpha$?

In other words: In all interpretations in which sentences in the KB are true, is also α true?

Question: Is there a procedure (program) that can decide this problem in a finite number of steps?

Answer: **Yes**. Logical inference problem for the propositional logic is **decidable**.

Solving logical inference problem

In the following:

How to design the procedure that answers:

$$KB \models \alpha \ ?$$

Three approaches:

- **Truth-table approach**
- **Inference rules**
- **Conversion to the inverse SAT problem**
  - **Resolution-refutation**

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KB entails α

- The **truth-table approach** is **sound and complete** for the propositional logic!!

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