

LOGICAL AGENTS

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Knowledge-based agents

Logic: a study of thought, rational part of intelligence

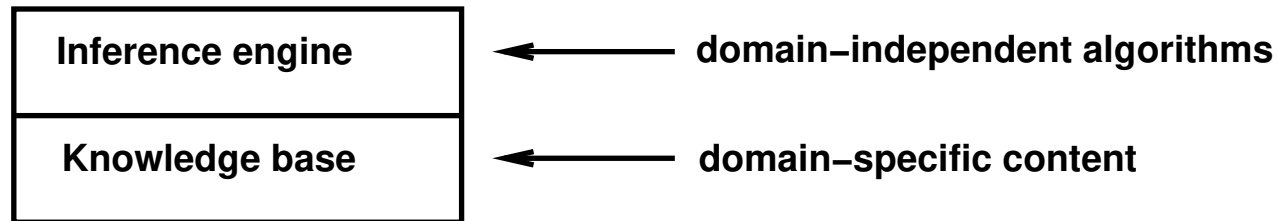
Knowledge: power of thinking

Before building **knowledge-based systems** (agents)

before there can be learning, reasoning, planning, ...

need to be able to represent knowledge

Need a formal (precise declarative) language → **logical language**



Knowledge base (KB) = set of **sentences** in a logical language

Inference engine (IE) = algorithms by logical **reasoning**

Using logic: – no universal language / How about English or Chinese?

knowledge level

Declarative approach to building an agent

TELL it what it needs to know
 — into KB

Then it can **ASK** itself what to do

 — from KB

Agents can be viewed at the knowledge level

 i.e., **what they know**, regardless of how implemented

Or at the implementation level

 i.e., data structure in KB and algorithms that manipulate them

A simple knowledge-based agent

```
def KB-AGENT(percept)
  persistent: KB, a knowledge base
               t, a counter, initially 0, indicating time

  TELL(KB, MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE(percept, t))
  action ← ASK(KB, MAKE-ACTION-QUERY(t))
  TELL(KB, MAKE-ACTION-SENTENCE(action, t))
  t ← t + 1
  return action
```

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: Wumpus World

Performance measure

gold +1000, death -1000

-1 per step, -10 for using the arrow

Environment

Squares adjacent to wumpus are smelly

Squares adjacent to the pit are breezy

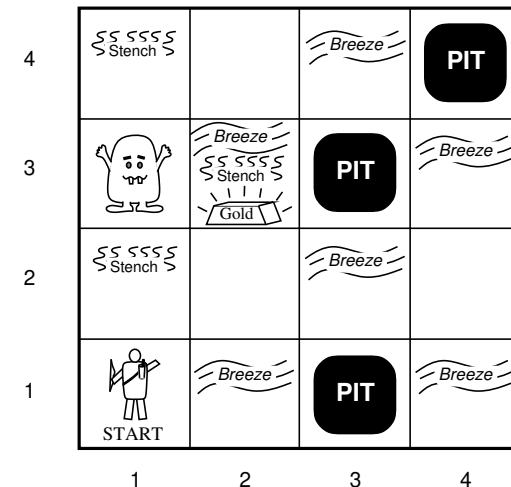
Glitter iff gold is in the same square

Shooting kills wumpus if you are facing it

Shooting uses up the only arrow

Grabbing picks up gold if in the square

Releasing drops the gold in the square



Actuators Left turn, Right turn,
Forward, Grab, Release, Shoot

Sensors Breeze, Glitter, Smell

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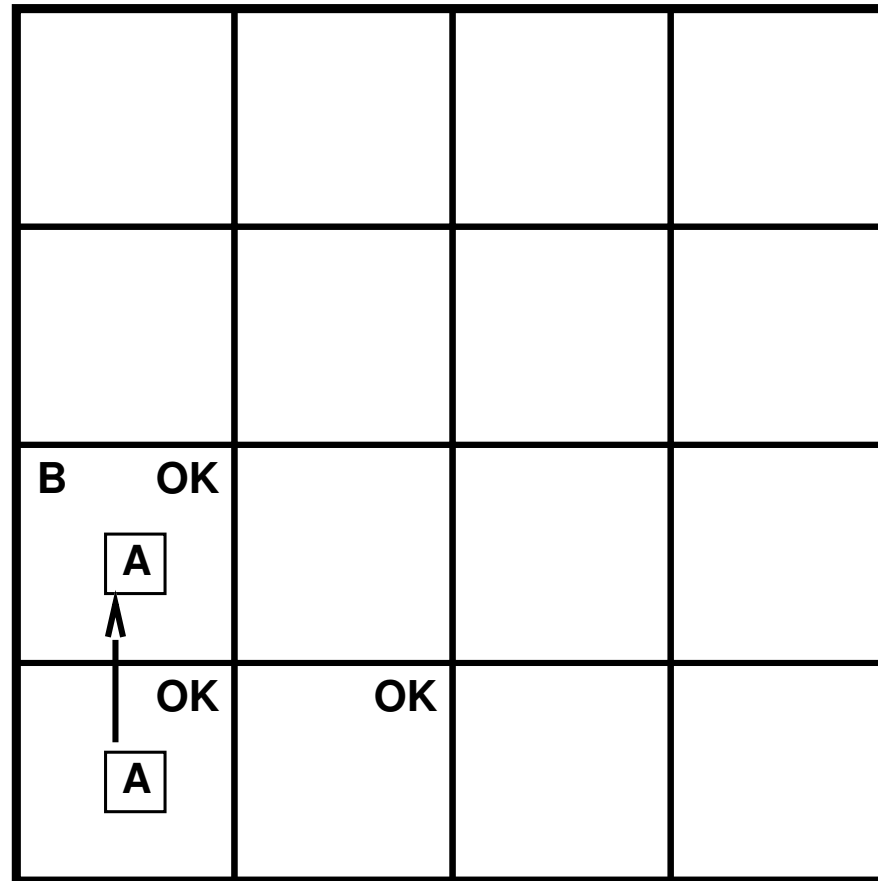
Discrete?? Yes

Single-agent?? Yes — Wumpus is essentially a natural feature

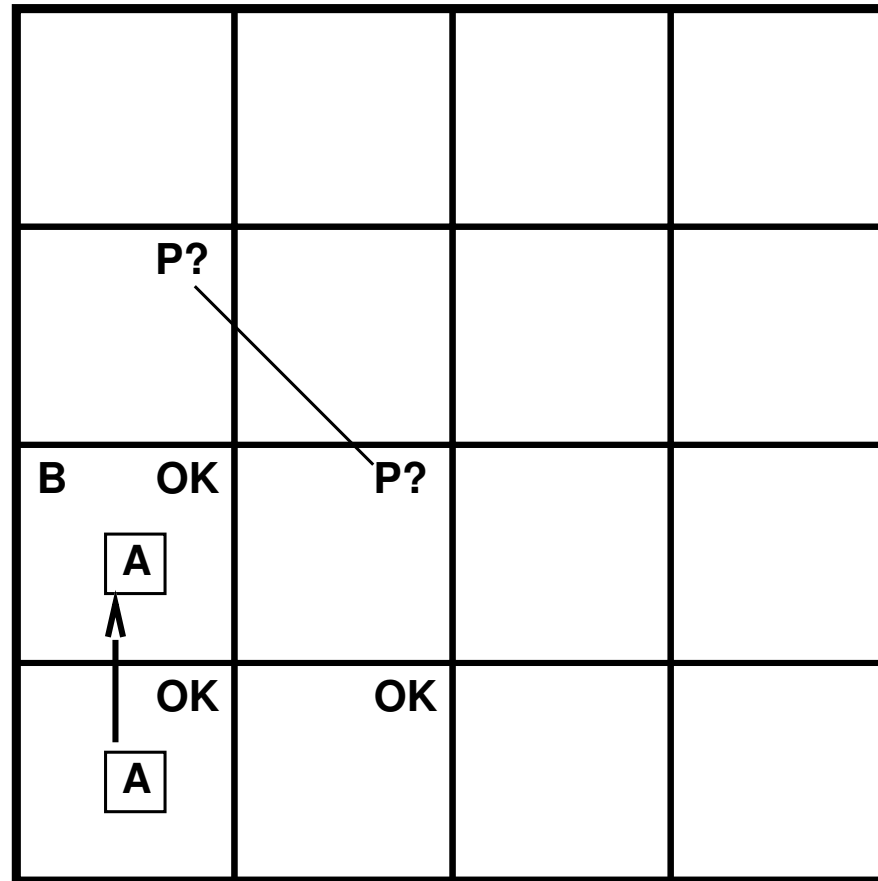
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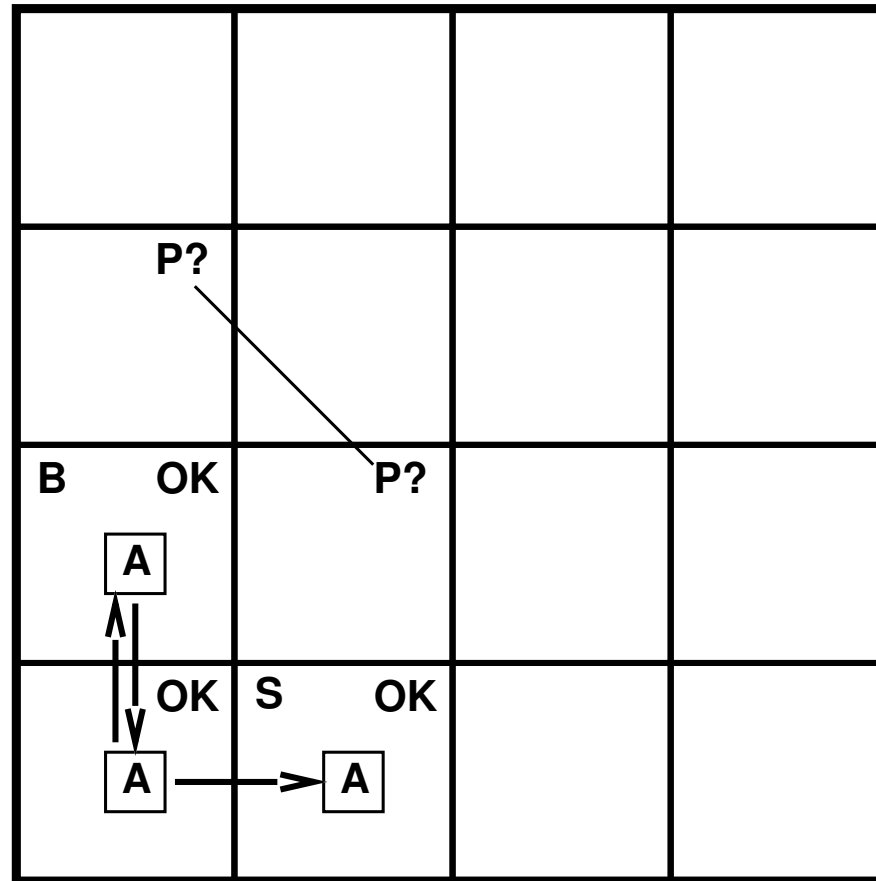
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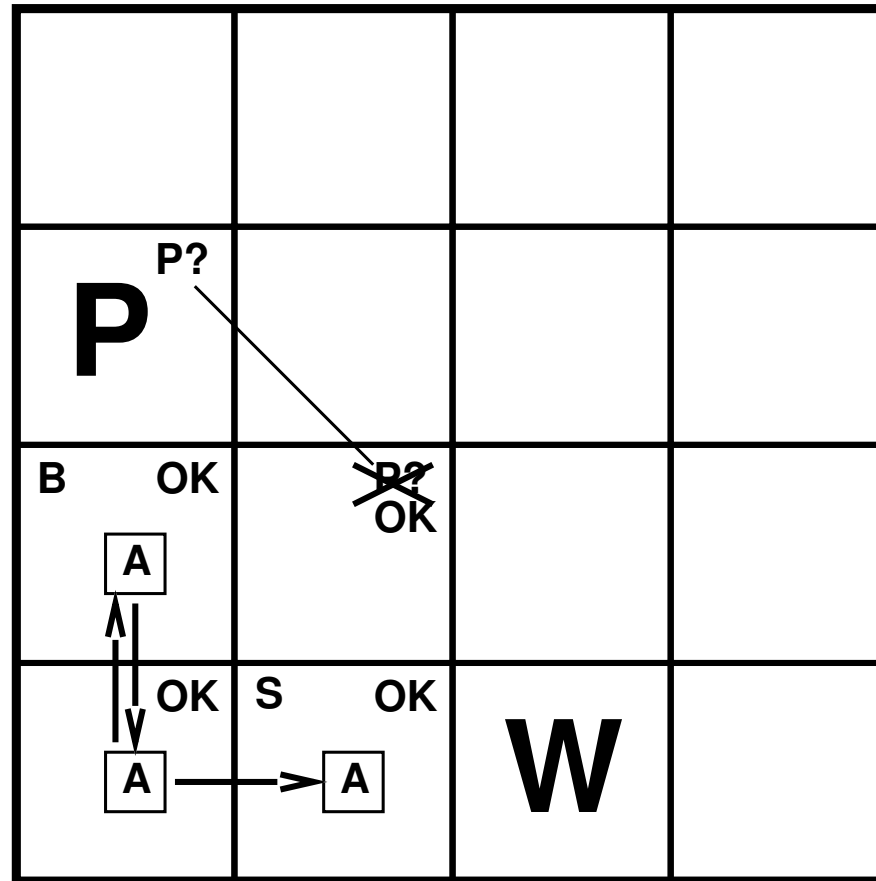
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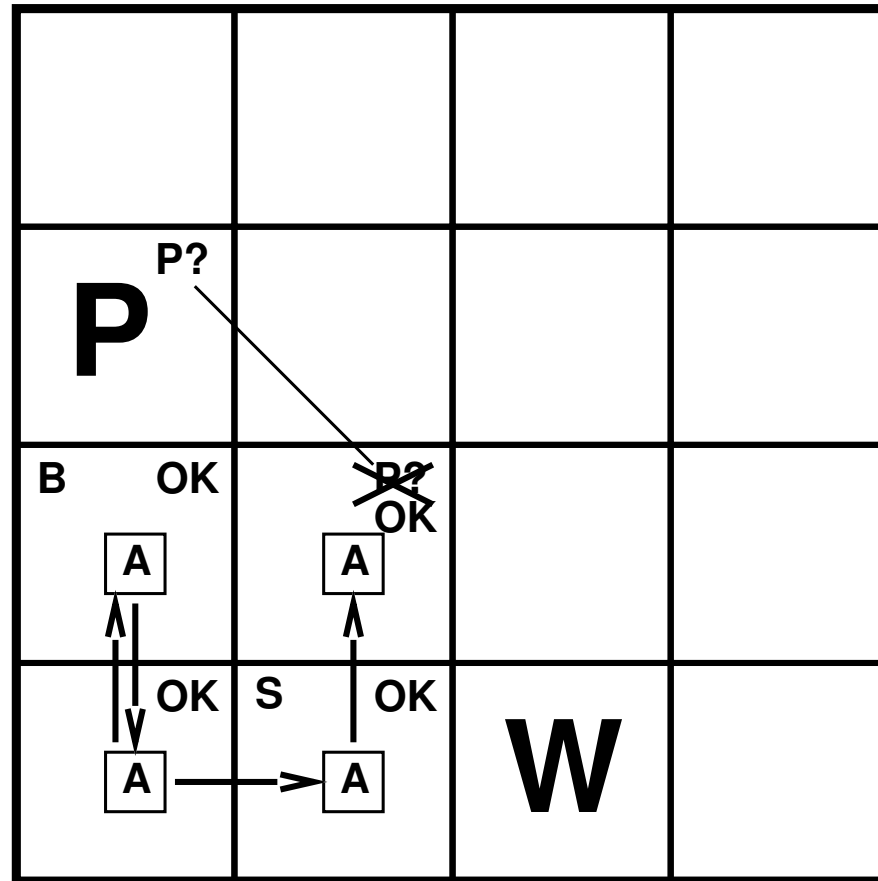
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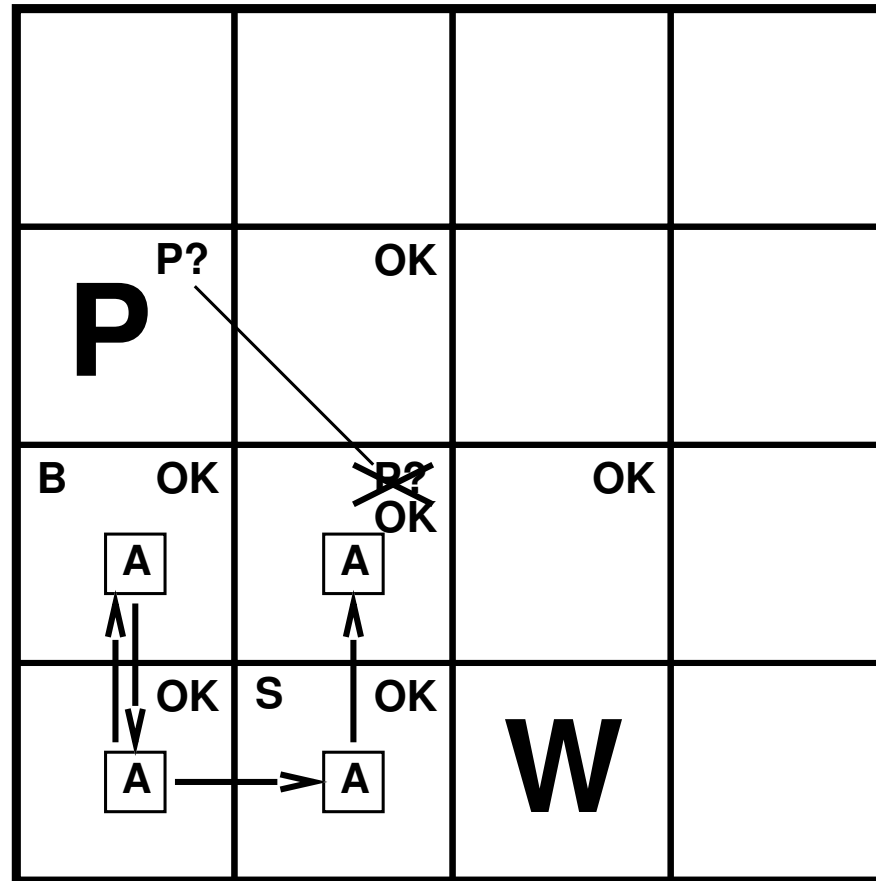
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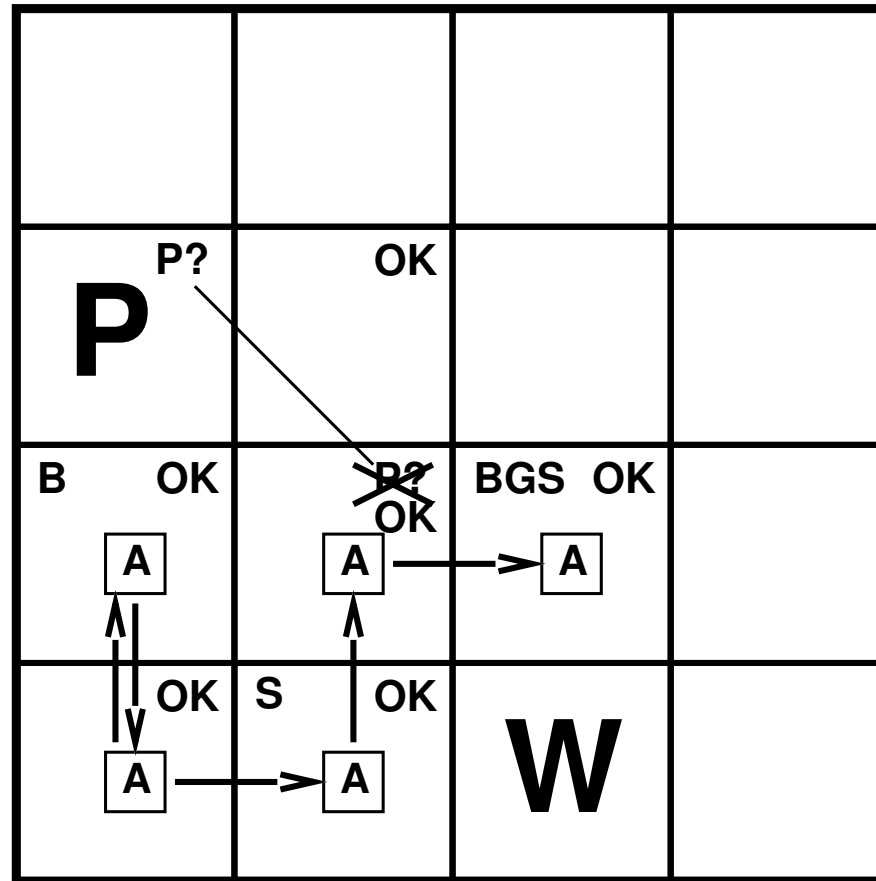
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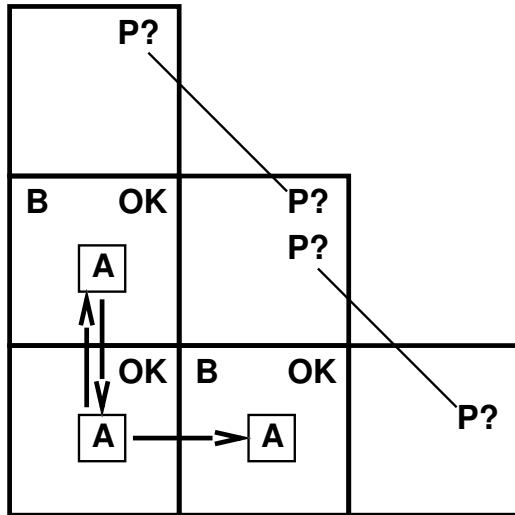
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Other tight spots



Breeze in (1,2) and (2,1)
 \Rightarrow no safe actions

Assuming pits are uniformly distributed,
 (2,2) has pit w/ prob 0.86, vs. 0.31

Smell in (1,1)

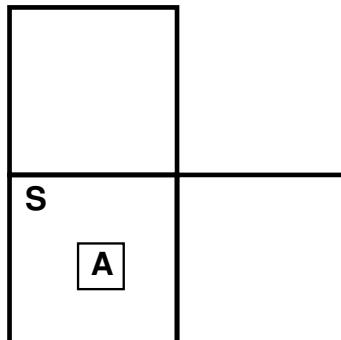
\Rightarrow cannot move

Can use a strategy of coercion:

shoot straight ahead

wumpus was there \Rightarrow dead \Rightarrow safe

wumpus wasn't there \Rightarrow safe



Logic

Logic (mathematical/symbolic logic) is a formal language for representing knowledge

such that conclusions can be drawn

Syntax defines the sentences in the language

Semantics define the “meaning” of sentences;

i.e., define **truth** of a sentence in a world

E.g., the language of arithmetic

$x + 2 \geq y$ is a sentence; $x^2 + y >$ is not a sentence

$x + 2 \geq y$ is true iff the number $x + 2$ is no less than the number y

$x + 2 \geq y$ is true in a world where $x = 7, y = 1$

$x + 2 \geq y$ is false in a world where $x = 0, y = 6$

Types of logic

Logics are characterized by what they commit to as “primitives”

- Ontological commitment: what exists—facts? objects? time? beliefs?
- Epistemological commitment: what states of knowledge?

Language	Ontological Commitment	Epistemological Commitment
Propositional logic	facts	true/false/unknown
First-order logic	facts, objects, relations	true/false/unknown
Temporal logic	facts, objects, relations, times	true/false/unknown
Probability theory	facts	degree of belief 0...1
Fuzzy logic	degree of truth	degree of belief 0...1

Picking a logic has issues at the knowledge level

Start with **first-order (predicate calculus) logic** (FOL)

consider subsets/supersets and very different looking representation languages – **propositional logic** as subsets of FOL

Propositional logic

Propositional logic (PL) is the simplest logic but illustrates basic ideas and important applications

- Propositional language
- Syntax
 - Proof theory
- Semantics
 - Model theory
- Pragmatics
 - Reasoning
 - Knowledge Representation

Propositional language

A propositional language L_0

- Syntax

- a set of (possibly infinite) symbols

- $\neg, \Rightarrow, (,), \textit{True}, \textit{False}, P_1, P_2, \dots$

- a set of (well-formed) **formulas** (Wffs) or **sentences**

- Semantics

- truth evaluations, i.e., truth functions (truth tables)

Syntax

The proposition symbols P_1, P_2, \dots are sentences (**atom**)

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**)

If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \vee S_2$ is a sentence (**disjunction**)

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**)

Connectives precedence: $\neg, \wedge \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

A **literal** is a proposition (symbol) or its negation, i.e., P_i , or $\neg P_i$

Semantics

Each model specifies true/false for each proposition symbol E.g. $P_{1,2}$ $P_{2,2}$ $P_{3,1}$
true true false

(With these symbols, 8 possible models, can be enumerated automatically)

Rules for evaluating truth for a model m

$\neg S$ is true iff	S is false
$S_1 \wedge S_2$ is true iff	S_1 is true and S_2 is true
$S_1 \vee S_2$ is true iff	S_1 is true or S_2 is true
$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$ is true iff	S_1 is false or S_2 is true
i.e., is false iff	S_1 is true and S_2 is false
$S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$ is true iff	$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$ is true and $S_2 \Rightarrow S_1$ is true

A simple recursive process evaluates an arbitrary sentence, e.g.

$$\neg P_{1,2} \wedge (P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}) = \text{true} \wedge (\text{false} \vee \text{true}) = \text{true} \wedge \text{true} = \text{true}$$

Truth tables for connectives

P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>
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<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>

Example: Wumpus world sentences

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 $[i, j]$

$$\neg P_{1,1}$$

$$\neg B_{1,1}$$

$$B_{2,1}$$

“Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares”

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$$B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

$$B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$$

“A square is breezy **if and only if** there is an adjacent pit”

Building a (simple) knowledge base for the wumpus world

Entailment

Entailment means that one thing **follows from** another

$$KB \models \alpha$$

Knowledge base KB entails sentence α

if and only if

α is true in all worlds where KB is true

E.g., the KB containing “the Giants won” and “the Reds won” entails “Either the Giants won or the Reds won”

E.g., $x + y = 4$ entails $4 = x + y$

Entailment is a relationship between sentences (i.e., **syntax**) that is based on **semantics**

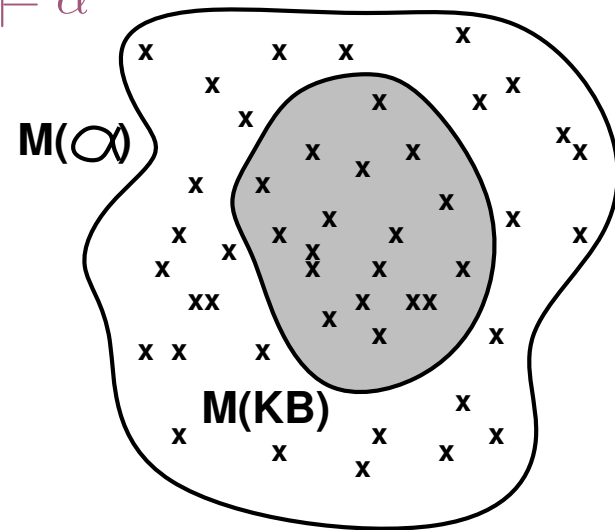
Models

Models are formally structured worlds in which truth can be evaluated

Say m is a **model** of a sentence α if α is true in m , written as $m \models \alpha$
 $M(\alpha)$ is the set of all models of α

Then $KB \models \alpha$ iff $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$
i.e., for all model m , if $m \models KB$ then $m \models \alpha$

E.g. $KB = \text{Giants won and Reds won}$
 $\alpha = \text{Giants won}$

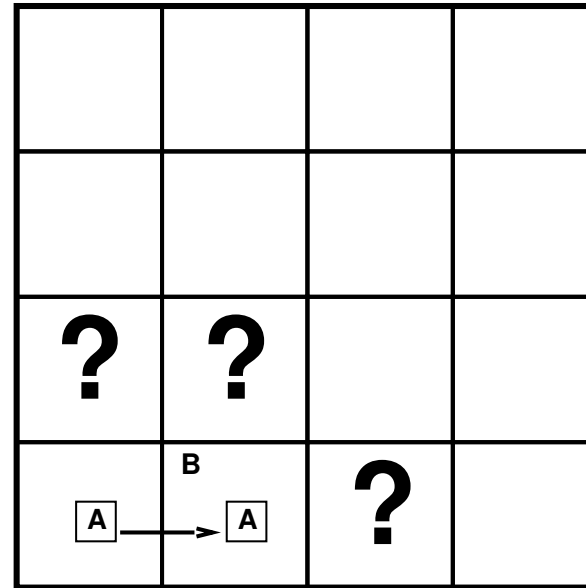


Example: Entailment in the wumpus world

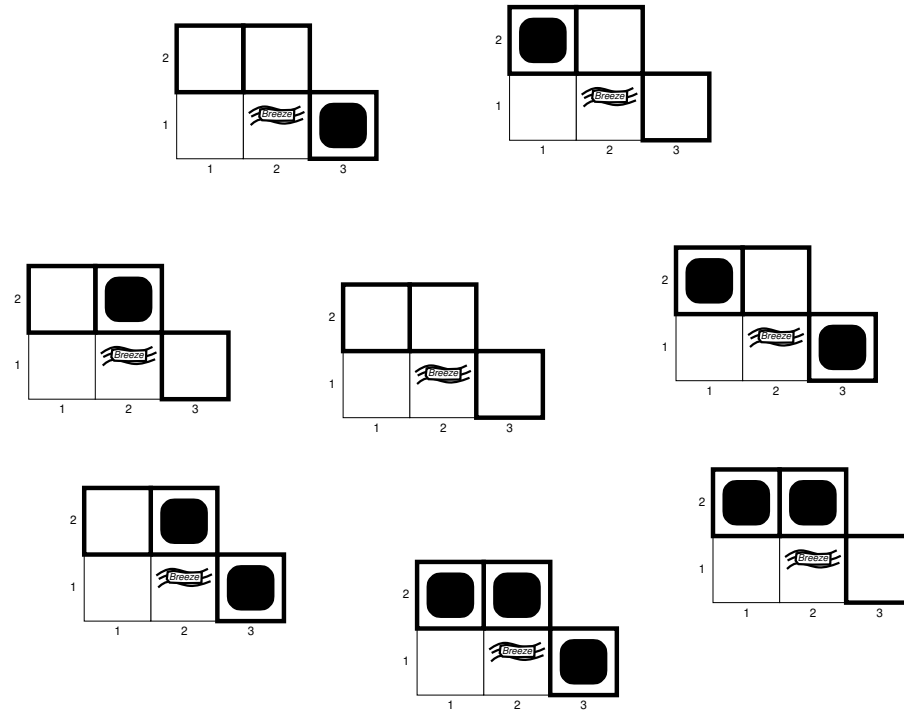
Situation after detecting nothing in [1,1],
moving right, breeze in [2,1]

Consider possible models for ?s
assuming only pits

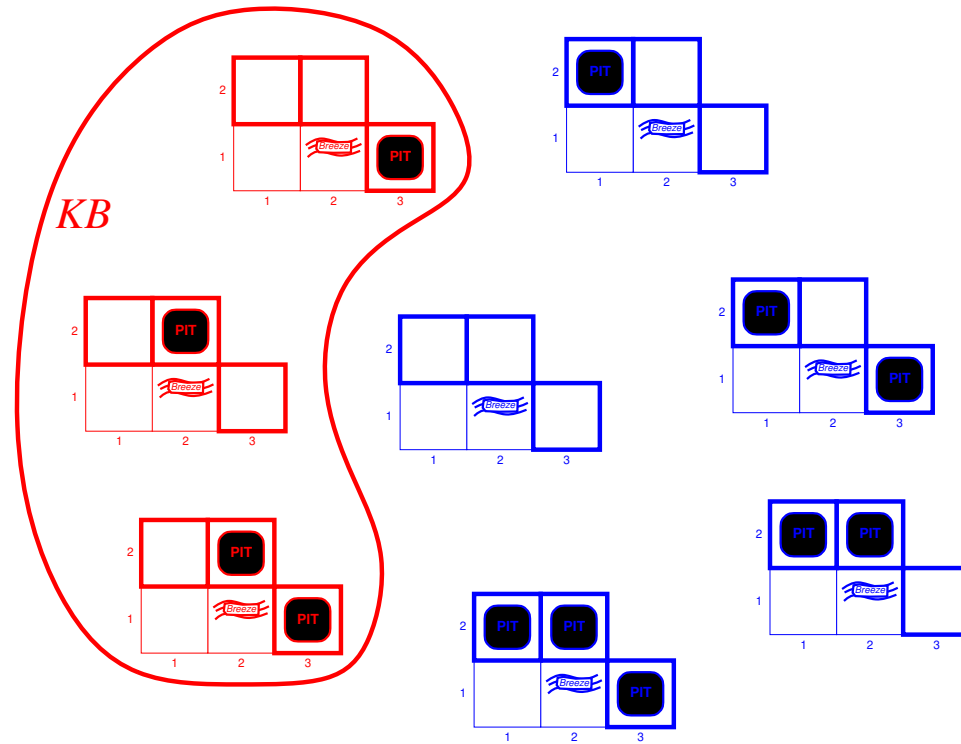
3 Boolean choices \Rightarrow 8 possible models



Wumpus models

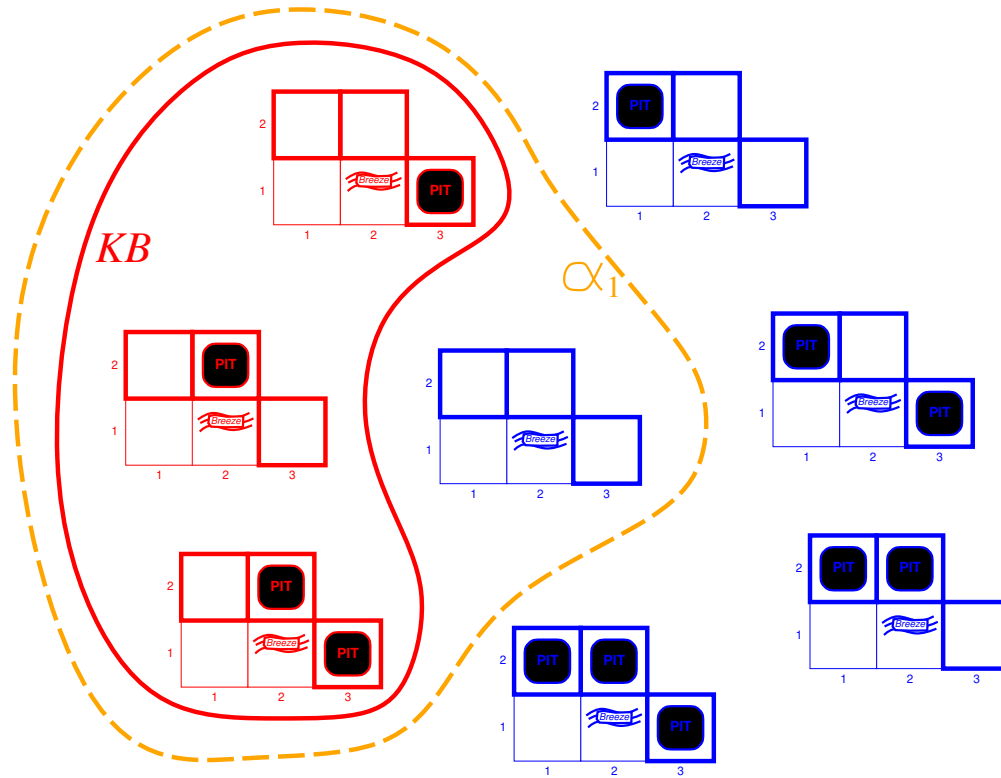


Wumpus models



$KB = \text{wumpus-world rules} + \text{observations}$

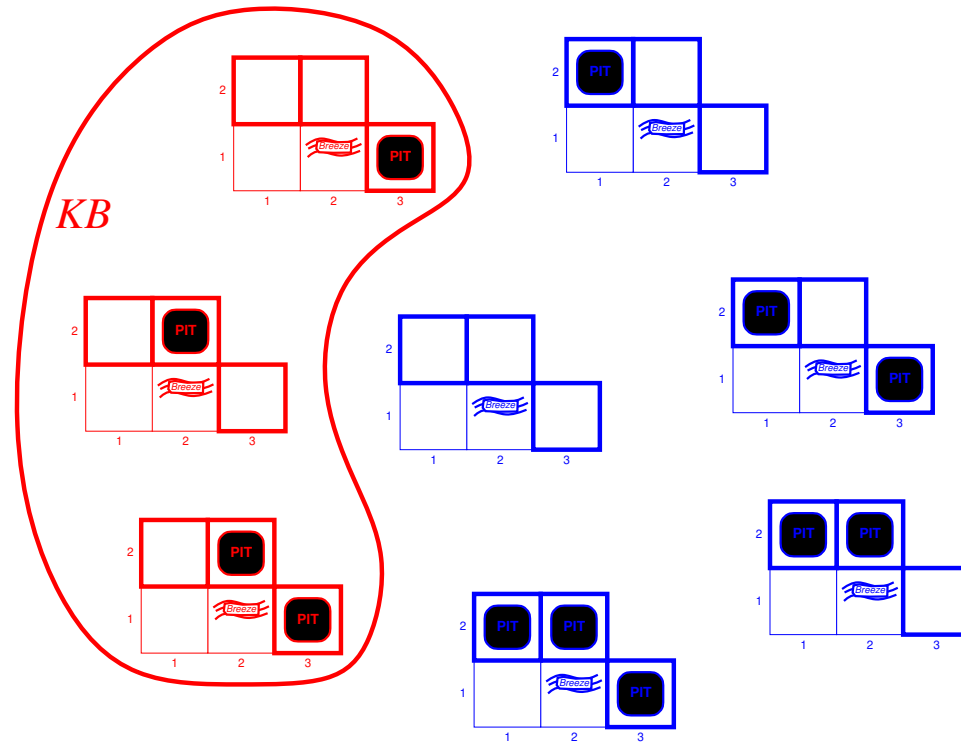
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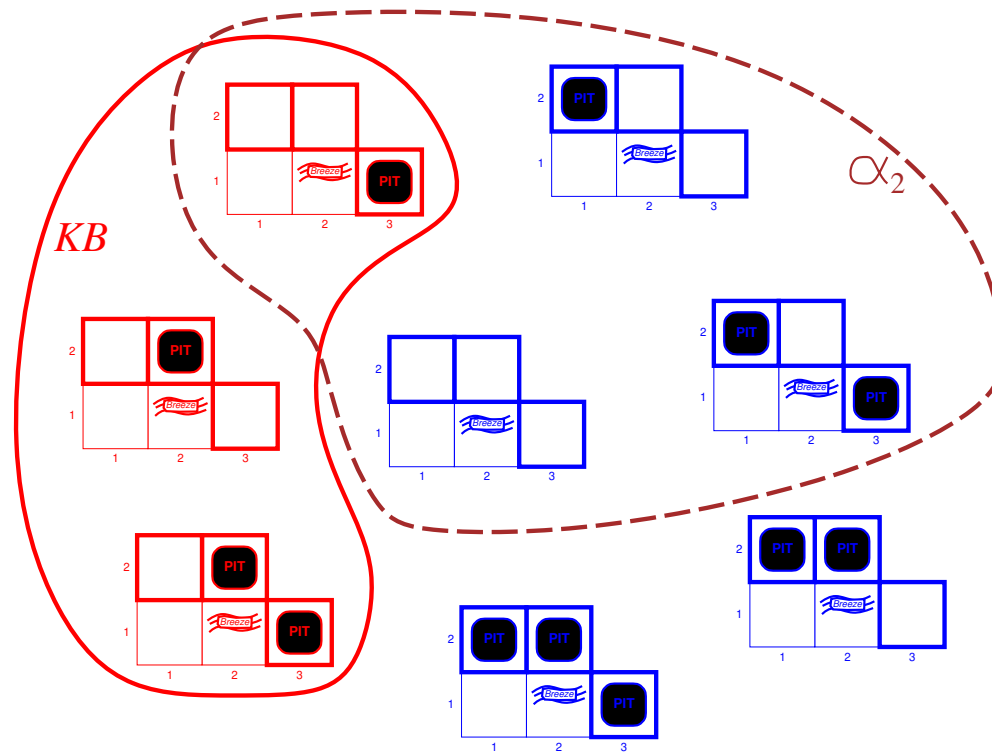
α_1 = “[1,2] is safe”, $KB \models \alpha_1$, proved by model checking

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KB = wumpus-world rules + observations

α_2 = "[2,2] is safe", $KB \not\models \alpha_2$

Inference

$KB \vdash_i \alpha$ = sentence α can be derived from KB by procedure i

Consequences of KB are a haystack; α is a needle.

Entailment = needle in a haystack; inference = finding it

Soundness: i is sound if

whenever $KB \vdash_i \alpha$, it is also true that $KB \models \alpha$

Completeness: i is complete if

whenever $KB \models \alpha$, it is also true that $KB \vdash_i \alpha$

Preview: FOL is expressive enough to say almost anything of interest, and for which there exists a sound and complete inference procedure.

That is, the procedure will answer any question whose answer follows from what is known by the KB .

Truth tables for inference

$B_{1,1}$	$B_{2,1}$	$P_{1,1}$	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{2,1}$	$P_{2,2}$	$P_{3,1}$	R_1	R_2	R_3	R_4	R_5	KB
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true	true	true	true	true	true	true	false	true	true	false	true	false

Enumerate rows (different assignments to symbols),
if **KB** is true in row, check that α is too

Inference by enumeration

Depth-first enumeration of all models is sound and complete

```
def TT-ENTAILS?(KB,  $\alpha$ )  
    symbols  $\leftarrow$  a list of the proposition symbols in KB and  $\alpha$   
    return TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , symbols, [])  
def TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , symbols, model)  
    if EMPTY?(symbols) then  
        if PL-TRUE?(KB, model) then return PL-TRUE?( $\alpha$ , model)  
        else return true // When KB is false always return true  
    else  
        P  $\leftarrow$  FIRST(symbols); rest  $\leftarrow$  REST(symbols)  
        return TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , rest, {P = true}  $\cup$  model)  
           and TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , rest, {P = false}  $\cup$  model)
```

$O(2^n)$ for n symbols, the problem is co-NP-complete

Logical equivalence[#]

Two sentences are **logically equivalent** iff true in the same models

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

$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha)$	commutativity of \wedge
$(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\beta \vee \alpha)$	commutativity of \vee
$((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma))$	associativity of \wedge
$((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma))$	associativity of \vee
$\neg(\neg\alpha) \equiv \alpha$	double-negation elimination
$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha)$	contraposition
$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$	implication elimination
$(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$	biconditional elimination
$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$	De Morgan
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$(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma))$	distributivity of \wedge over \vee
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Validity and satisfiability

A sentence α is **valid** if it is true in **all** models

e.g., $True$, $A \vee \neg A$, $A \Rightarrow A$, $(A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow B$

written as $\models \alpha$

If the procedure i is completeness, $= \vdash_i \alpha$

called α a **theorem**

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., $A \vee B$, C

A sentence is **unsatisfiable** if it is true in **no** models

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

Satisfiability is connected to inference via the following

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

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

SAT problem

SAT (satisfiability) is the problem of determining the satisfiability of sentences in propositional logic

- The first problem was proved to be NP-complete (Cook Theorem, 1971)
- Many problems in computer science are SAT problems
- E.g., CSPs ask whether the constraints are satisfiable by some assignment

Roughly, any search task where what is searched for can be verified in polynomial time can be recast as a SAT problem

- Recall that $KB \models \alpha$ can be done by testing unsatisfiability of $KB \wedge \neg \alpha$

In general, SAT can be checked by enumerating the possible models until one is found that satisfies the sentences

Most people believe SAT to be unsolvable in polynomial time

Clause form

Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

conjunction of **disjunctions of literals**
clauses

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

Clause = disjunction of **literals**

- proposition symbol; or
- (conjunction of symbols) \Rightarrow symbol
(i.e., conjunction of literals)

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

i.e., $C \wedge (\neg B \vee A) \wedge (\neg C \vee \neg D \vee B)$

Any sentence can be equivalently transformed to CNF (clauses) by the logical equivalence

SAT: the satisfiability of sentences in clause form

3SAT⁺

Notation $CNF_k(m, n)$: k -CNF sentence with m clauses (disjunction of literals) and n symbols, where the clauses are chosen uniformly, independently, and without replacement from among all clauses with k different literals, which are positive or negative at random

- E.g., 3SAT or $CNF_3(m, n)$
- 3SAT is also NP-complete
(2SAT can be solved in polynomial time)

DPLL algorithm is complete for solving SAT problem

There are a number of SAT solvers, say, WALKSAT, MAXSAT, SATZ, RSAT, MINISAT, GSAT, etc.

- WALKSAT algorithm: on every iteration, picking an unsatisfied clause and a symbol to flip at a “random walk” step

WALKSAT algorithm*

```
def WALKSAT(clauses, p, max-flips)  
  inputs: clauses, a set of clauses in propositional logic  
           p, the probability of choosing to do a “random walk” move, typically 0.5  
           max-flips, number of flips allowed before giving up  
  
  model  $\leftarrow$  a random assignment of true/false to the symbols in clauses  
  for i = 1 to max-flips do  
    if model satisfies clauses then return model  
    clause  $\leftarrow$  a randomly selected clause from clauses that is false in model  
    with probability p flip the value in model of  
      a random selected symbol from clause  
    else flip whichever symbol in clause maximizes the number of satisfied clauses  
  return failure
```

if *max-flips* is infinity and the sentence is unsatisfiable, then the algorithm never terminates

SAT vs. CSP

SAT \Leftrightarrow CSP

SAT problem with the clausal form can be represented by the constraint graph as CSP

- using CSP algorithms to solve SAT problems

CSP with the constraint graph can be translated into the clausal form as SAT problem

- using SAT solvers to solve CSPs

Both benefit from each other

Satisfiability modulo theories*

SMT problem is a decision problem for logical formulas w.r.t. combinations of background theories expressed in FOL, e.g.

- integers, real numbers . . .
- data structures, such as lists, arrays, bit vectors . . .

SMT can be viewed as a form of CSP and solved by applications of SAT solvers

SAT competitions since 2002

Ref: Biere et al., 2009, *Handbook of Satisfiability*

First-Order Logic

- From PL to FOL
- FOL
 - Syntax
 - Semantics
 - Completeness
 - Reduction FOL to PL

From PL to FOL

Why FOL: pros and cons of PL

- 😊 PL is **declarative**: pieces of syntax correspond to facts
- 😊 PL allows partial/disjunctive/negated information
(unlike most data structures and databases)
- 😊 PL is **compositional**:
meaning of $B_{1,1} \wedge P_{1,2}$ is derived from meaning of $B_{1,1}$ and of $P_{1,2}$
- 😊 Meaning in PL is **context-independent**
(unlike natural language, where meaning depends on context)
- 😞 PL has very limited expressive power
(unlike natural language)
E.g., cannot say “pits cause breezes in adjacent squares”
except by writing one sentence for each square

FOL theses*

Mathematics: Hilbert's Thesis

- There is no logic beyond first-order logic
 - that when one is forced to make all one's mathematical (extra-logical) assumption explicit, these axioms can always be expressed in FOL, and
 - that the informal notion of provable used in mathematics is made precise by the formal notion of provable in FOL

AI: McCarthy's Thesis

- There is no declarative knowledge representation beyond first-order logic

FOL is very powerful

can be used as a full programming language

FOL

Whereas PL assumes world contains **facts**,
FOL assumes the world contains

- **Objects**: people, houses, numbers, theories, Ronald McDonald, colors, baseball games, wars, centuries . . .
- **Relations**: 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 . . .

Syntax

Let L be a first-order language

Vocabulary:	Constants	$kingJohn, 2, pku, \dots$
	Predicates	$Brother, >, \dots$
	Functions	$sqrt, leftLegOf, \dots$
	Variables	x, y, a, b, \dots
	Connectives	$\wedge \vee \neg \Rightarrow \Leftrightarrow$
	Equality	$=$
	Quantifiers	$\forall \exists$

Note: all of vocabulary are **symbols** (countable infinity)

Syntax

arity: number of arguments

- arity 0 predicates: propositional symbols
- arity 0 functions: constant symbols
- ⇐ PL as special case of FOL

The predicates and functions are **non-logical symbols**

- predicate: mixed case capitalized, e.g., **OlderThan**
 - functions: mixed case uncapitalized, e.g., **brotherOf**
- Sometimes no distinction if no confusion

Notation

- occasionally add or omit **(,)**
 - use **[,]** and **{,}** also
- the parentheses are technical and not necessary (for readability)

Atomic sentences

Sentences (**formulas**) are defined from the vocabulary
– declarative, compositional and context-independent

Atomic sentence (**atoms**) = *predicate(term₁, ..., term_n)*
or *term₁ = term₂*

Term = *function(term₁, ..., term_n)*
or *constant* or *variable*

E.g., *Brother(kingJohn, richardTheLionheart)*
> *(Length(leftLegOf(richard)), Length(leftLegOf(kingJohn)))*

Complex sentences

Complex sentences (**well-formed formulas**, wffs) are inductively defined from atomic sentences using connectives

1. Every atomic sentence is a wff
2. If S_1 and S_2 are wffs, and x is a variable, then

$$\neg S, \quad S_1 \wedge S_2, \quad S_1 \vee S_2, \quad S_1 \Rightarrow S_2, \quad S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2, \quad \forall x S_1(x), \quad \exists x S_1(x)$$

are wffs

E.g. $Sibling(kingJohn, richard) \Rightarrow Sibling(richard, kingJohn)$
 $>(1, 2) \vee \leq(1, 2)$

Note: PL as FOL subset: no terms, no quantifiers

$$\forall \mathbf{x} S(\mathbf{x}) : \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n S(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ stands for a tuple of variables (also terms)

Higher-order (second-order) logic, e.g., $\forall predicates S(predicates)$

Universal quantification

$\forall \langle variables \rangle \langle sentence \rangle$

Everyone at Beida is smart:

$\forall x \text{ } At(x, beida) \Rightarrow Smart(x)$

$\forall x \text{ } P$ is true in a model m iff P is true with x being **each** possible object in the model

Roughly speaking, equivalent to the conjunction of instantiations of P

$$\begin{aligned} & (At(kingJohn, beida) \Rightarrow Smart(kingJohn)) \\ \wedge & (At(richard, beida) \Rightarrow Smart(richard)) \\ \wedge & (At(lin, Beida) \Rightarrow Smart(lin)) \\ \wedge & \dots \end{aligned}$$

Existential quantification

$\exists \langle variables \rangle \langle sentence \rangle$

Someone at Qinghua is smart

$\exists x \text{ } At(x, qinghua) \wedge Smart(x)$

$\exists x \text{ } P$ is true in a model m iff P is true with x being **some** possible object in the model

Roughly speaking, equivalent to the **disjunction** of **instantiations** of P

$$\begin{aligned} & (At(kingJohn, Qinghua) \wedge Smart(kingJohn)) \\ \vee & (At(richard, Qinghua) \wedge Smart(richard)) \\ \vee & (At(wang, qinghua) \wedge Smart(wang)) \\ \vee & \dots \end{aligned}$$

Mistakes to avoid

Typically, \Rightarrow is the main connective with \forall

Mistake: using \wedge as the main connective with \forall

$$\forall x \text{ } At(x, beida) \wedge Smart(x)$$

means “Everyone is at Beida and everyone is smart”

Typically, \wedge is the main connective with \exists

Mistake: using \Rightarrow as the main connective with \exists

$$\exists x \text{ } At(x, qinghua) \Rightarrow Smart(x)$$

is true if there is anyone who is not at Qinghua

Properties of quantifiers

$\forall x \forall y$ is the same as $\forall y \forall x$

$\exists x \exists y$ is the same as $\exists y \exists x$

$\exists x \forall y$ is **not** the same as $\forall y \exists x$

$\exists x \forall y \text{ Loves}(x, y)$

“There is a person who loves everyone in the world”

$\forall y \exists x \text{ Loves}(x, y)$

“Everyone in the world is loved by at least one person”

Quantifier duality: each can be expressed using the other

$\forall x \text{ Likes}(x, \text{iceCream}) \quad \neg \exists x \neg \text{Likes}(x, \text{iceCream})$

$\exists x \text{ Likes}(x, \text{broccoli}) \quad \neg \forall x \neg \text{Likes}(x, \text{broccoli})$

Variable scope

The variables have a scope determined by the quantifiers

$$P(x) \wedge \forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

free

bound

occurrences of variables

- **sentences**: wffs with no **free** variables (i.e., **closed** wffs)
- usually, free variables assumed to be **universally quantified**
- use dot “.” for the **scope**, e.g., $\forall x.P(x) \vee Q(x)$ for $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$

Substitution:

- $\alpha[x/t]$ means α with all free occurrences of the x replaced by term t
- also, $\alpha[t_1, \dots, t_n]$ means $\alpha[x_1/t_1, \dots, x_n/t_n]$, or simple $\alpha[\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{t}]$

Semantics

Consider how to interpret sentences

- what do sentences claim about the world?
- or, what does believing one amount to?

Without meaning, sentences cannot be used to represent knowledge

Compared with PL, cannot fully specify the interpretation of sentences
because non-logical symbols reach outside

Logical interpretation

- specification of how to understand predicate and function symbols

Problem: cannot realistically expect to specify **once and for all**
what a sentence means

the non-logical symbols are used in an application-dependent way

E.g., **Happy(lin)**, who's **lin**, even if we were to agree on what “Happy”
means

Semantics

Abstract structure to specify interpretation

1. There are objects (in the world)
2. For any predicate P (of arity 1), some of the objects will satisfy P and some will not
 - each interpretation settles **extension** of P
 - each interpretation assigns to function f a mapping from objects to objects
3. No other aspects of the world matter

The FOL assumption

This is all you need to know about the non-logical symbols to understand which sentences of FOL are true or false

Models

Sentences are true w.r.t. a **model** and an **interpretation**

Model contains ≥ 1 objects (**domain elements**) and relations among them

Interpretation specifies referents for

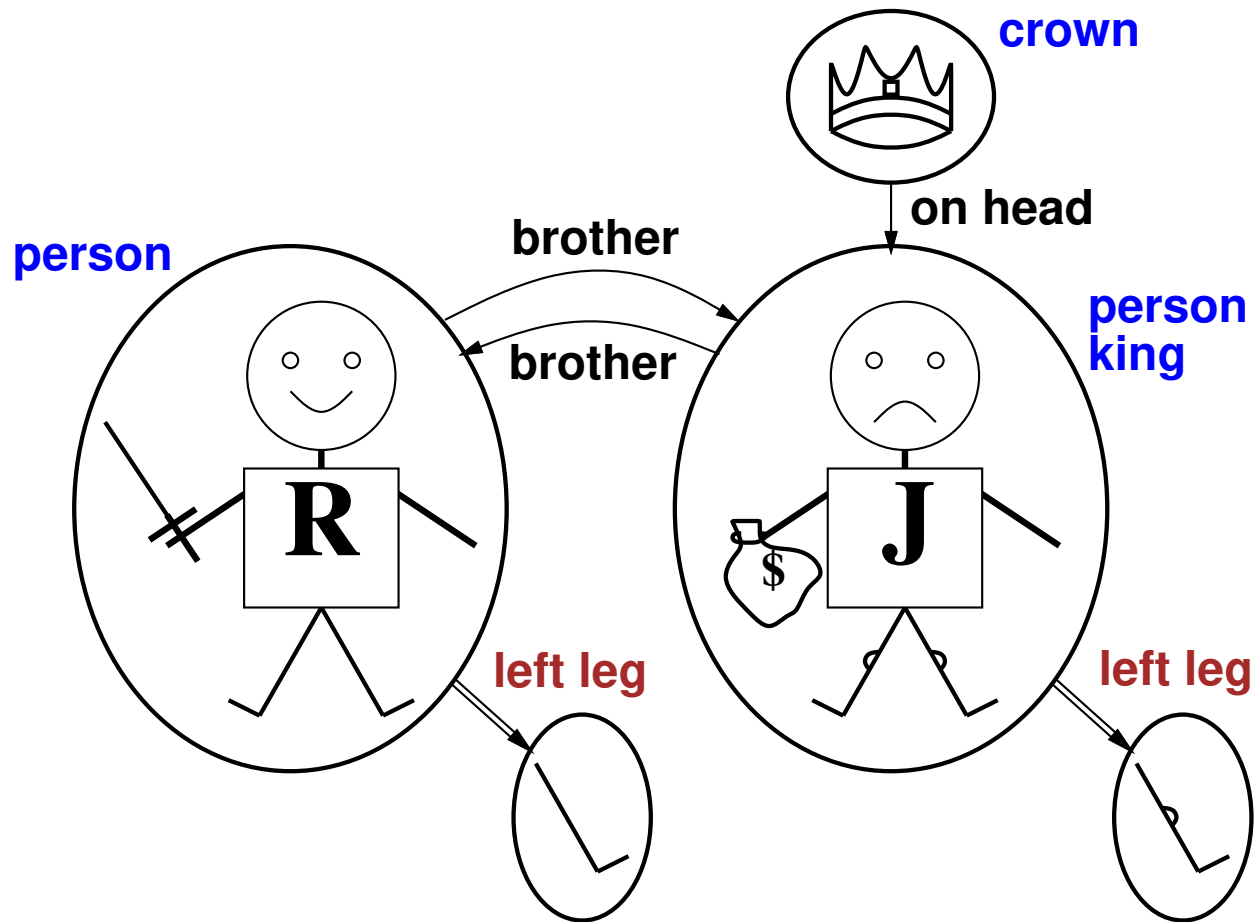
constant symbols \rightarrow **objects**

predicate symbols \rightarrow **relations**

function symbols \rightarrow **functional relations**

An atomic sentence *predicate*(*term*₁, ..., *term*_{*n*}) is true
iff the **objects** referred to by *term*₁, ..., *term*_{*n*}
are in the **relation** referred to by *predicate*

Models: Example



Models: Truth

Consider the interpretation in which

richard → Richard the Lionheart

john → the evil King John

Brother → the brotherhood relation

Under this interpretation, *Brother*(*richard*, *john*) is true
just in case Richard the Lionheart and the evil King John
are in the brotherhood relation in the model

Models: Entailment

Entailment in FOL can be computed by enumerating FOL models for a given KB vocabulary

Model checking

For each number of domain elements n from 1 to ∞

For each k -ary predicate P_k in the vocabulary

For each possible k -ary function on n objects

For each constant symbol C in the vocabulary

For each choice of referent for C from n objects ...

Computing entailment by checking FOL models is not easy
(the domain is infinite or very large)

Interpretation*

Interpretation $I = \langle I, |I| \rangle$

the domain $|I|$ given

can be any non-empty set

not just formal/mathematical objects

e.g., people, tables, numbers, sentences, the universe, etc.

Interpretation*

I is an (interpretation) mapping

1. If σ is a constant (symbol),
then $I(\sigma) \in |I|$
2. If π is an n -ary function (symbol),
then $I(\pi) : |I|^n \rightarrow |I|$;
for constant c , $I(c) \in |I|$
3. If ρ is an n -ary predicate (symbol),
then $I(\rho) \subseteq |I|^n$;
for propositional symbol p , $I(p) = \{ \}$

In propositional level (PL), it is convenient to assume
 $I = I \in [\text{prop.symbols} \rightarrow \{true, false\}]$

Assignment*

Variable assignment U : given I

a mapping from the variables of L to objects of $|I|$

$$U \in [\text{Variables} \rightarrow |I|]$$

Term assignment T_{IU} : given I and U

1. If τ is a constant,
then $T_{IU}(\tau) = I(\tau)$
2. If τ is a variable,
then $T_{IU}(\tau) = U(\tau)$
3. If τ is a term of the form $\pi(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$ and $I(\pi) = g$ and
 $T_{IU}(\tau_i) = x_i$,
then $T_{IU}(\tau) = g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Satisfaction*

Satisfaction $\models_I \phi[U]$ (simply \models)

a sentence ϕ is satisfied by an interpretation I and a variable assignment U

1. $\models (\sigma = \tau)$ iff $T_{IU}(\sigma) = T_{IU}(\tau)$
2. $\models \rho(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$ iff $\langle T_{IU}(\tau_1), \dots, T_{IU}(\tau_n) \rangle \in I(\rho)$
3. $\models \neg\phi$ iff $\not\models \phi$
4. $\models \phi \wedge \psi$ iff $\models \phi$ and $\models \psi$
5. $\models \phi \vee \psi$ iff $\models \phi$ or $\models \psi$
6. $\models \phi \Rightarrow \psi$ iff $\not\models \phi$ or $\models \psi$
7. $\models \forall x\phi(x)$ iff for all $d \in |I|$ it is the case that $\models \phi[V]$, where $V(x) = d$ and $V(y) = U(y)$ for $x \neq y$
8. $\models \exists x\phi(x)$ iff for some $d \in |I|$ it is the case that $\models \phi[V]$, where $V(x) = d$ and $V(y) = U(y)$ for $x \neq y$

Models and entailment

Model I

If an interpretation I satisfies a sentence ϕ for all variable assignments, then I is said to be a *model* of ϕ , written $\models_I \phi$ or $I \models \phi$

Similarly (in PL), a sentence is **true** if it is satisfied in a models

a sentence is **valid** if it is true in all models

E.g., $\phi(x) \vee \neg\phi(x)$

A sentence is **unsatisfiable** (**inconsistent**, **contradiction**) if it is true in no models

E.g., $\phi(x) \wedge \neg\phi(x)$

Entailment \models

Let KB be a set of sentences and ϕ a sentence,

$KB \models \phi$ iff ϕ is true (satisfied) in all models of KB

Completeness

Soundness and Completeness Theorem of FOL

$$KB \vdash \alpha \text{ iff } KB \models \alpha$$

Procedure i is complete if and only if

$$KB \vdash_i \alpha \text{ whenever } KB \models \alpha$$

Historical hints

- Gödel completeness theorem
- Gödel incompleteness theorem

Incompleteness*

By extending the language of FOL to allow for the **mathematical induction** scheme in arithmetic, Gödel proved that **there are true arithmetic sentences that cannot be proved**

Incompleteness theorem: If the formal arithmetic system N is (ω -) consistent, then there is a sentence S which is not a theorem of N , nor its negation

Hence, N is not complete

What does Gödel incompleteness theorem mean in AI??

Reduction FOL to PL

Suppose the KB contains just the following

$$\forall x \text{ King}(x) \wedge \text{Greedy}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(x)$$

King(john)

Greedy(john)

Brother(richard, john)

Instantiating the universal sentence in **all possible** ways, we have

$$\text{King}(\text{john}) \wedge \text{Greedy}(\text{john}) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(\text{john})$$

$$\text{King}(\text{richard}) \wedge \text{Greedy}(\text{richard}) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(\text{richard})$$

King(john)

Greedy(john)

Brother(richard, john)

The new KB is **propositionalized**: proposition symbols are

King(john), Greedy(john), Evil(john), King(richard) etc.

Reduction*

A literal (sentence) is **ground** if it contains no variables

Herbrand Theorem

a ground sentence is entailed by new KB iff entailed by original KB
i.e., FOL KB can be propositionalized to preserve entailment

Idea: propositionalize KB and query, apply resolution, return result

Problem: with function symbols, there are infinitely many ground terms,

e.g., *father(father(father(john)))*

Reduction*

Theorem (Herbrand, 1930): If a sentence α is entailed by an FOL KB,

it is entailed by a **finite** subset of the propositional KB

Idea: For $n = 0$ to ∞ do

create a propositional KB by instantiating with depth- n terms
see if α is entailed by this KB

Problem: works if α is entailed, loops if α is not entailed

Theorem (Turing/Church, 1936): Entailment in FOL is **semidecidable**

can find a proof of α if $KB \models \alpha$

cannot always prove that $KB \not\models \alpha$

Cf. **Halting Problem:** proof procedure may be about to terminate with success or failure, or may go on forever

Problems with propositionalization

Propositionalization seems to generate lots of irrelevant sentences
E.g., from

$\forall x \text{ King}(x) \wedge \text{Greedy}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(x)$
 $\text{King}(\text{john})$
 $\forall y \text{ Greedy}(y)$
 $\text{Brother}(\text{richard}, \text{john})$

it seems obvious that $\text{Evil}(\text{john})$, but propositionalization produces lots of facts such as $\text{Greedy}(\text{richard})$ that are irrelevant

With p k -ary predicates and n constants, there are $p \cdot n^k$ instantiations

With function symbols, it gets much worse

Logical foundation of AI

- Knowledge representation
- Knowledge engineering
- Agents in logic

Knowledge representation

KR (Knowledge Representation) is first and foremost about **knowledge**

- meaning and entailment
- find individuals and properties, then encode facts sufficient for entailments

Knowledge representation

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$$\forall x, y \text{ } Mother(x, y) \Leftrightarrow (Female(x) \wedge Parent(x, y))$$

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$$\forall x, y \text{ } FirstCousin(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists p, ps \text{ } Parent(p, x) \wedge Sibling(ps, p) \wedge Parent(ps, y)$$

Knowledge representation

$\lim s_n = c$, c is a real number

$$(\forall \varepsilon) (\varepsilon > 0 \Rightarrow (\exists n) (n \in \omega \wedge (\forall k) (k \in \omega \wedge k \geq n \Rightarrow |s_k - c| < \varepsilon)))$$

Two sets are equal iff they have the same elements

$$(x_1 = x_2 \Leftrightarrow (\forall x_3)(x_3 \in x_1 \leftrightarrow x_3 \in x_2))$$

Equality

$term_1 = term_2$ is true under a given interpretation
if and only if $term_1$ and $term_2$ refer to the same object

E.g., $1 = 2$ and $\forall x \neg (Sqrt(x), Sqrt(x)) = x$ are satisfiable
 $2 = 2$ is valid

E.g., definition of (full) *Sibling* in terms of *Parent*

$$\forall x, y \text{ Sibling}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow [\neg(x = y) \wedge \exists m, f \neg(m = f) \wedge \\ Parent(m, x) \wedge Parent(f, x) \wedge Parent(m, y) \wedge Parent(f, y)]$$

Knowledge engineering

Before implementation, needs to understand clearly

- What is to be computed?
- Why and where inference is necessary?

Task: KB with appropriate entailments

- What vocabulary?
- What facts to represent?

Knowledge base

KB is set of sentences

explicit statement of sentences believed (including any assumed connections among non-logical symbols)

$KB \models \phi$

ϕ is a further consequence of what is believed

– explicit knowledge: KB

– implicit knowledge: $\{\phi \mid KB \models \phi\}$

Knowledge-based systems

Building (larger) KB to represent what is explicitly known
e.g. what the system has been told or has learned

Want to influence behavior based on what is implicit in the KB

Requires reasoning

- deductive inference
- – process of calculating entailments of KB
i.e., $KB \models \phi$

Example: a small KB

(KB) The law says that it is a crime for an American to sell weapons to hostile nations. The country Nono, an enemy of America, has some missiles, and all of its missiles were sold to it by Colonel West, who is American.

(α) Prove that Col. West is a criminal

Example: a small KB

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$\forall x Missile(x) \wedge Owns(Nono, x) \Rightarrow Sells(West, x, Nono)$

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An enemy of America counts as “hostile”

$Enemy(x, America) \Rightarrow Hostile(x)$

West, who is American ...

$American(West)$

The country Nono, an enemy of America ...

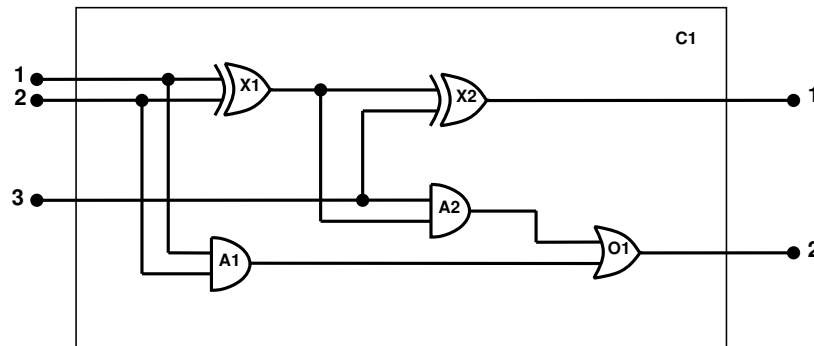
$Enemy(Nono, America)$

Agents in logic

- Logical agents in propositional level
- Logical agents in first-order case

Logical agents in propositional level

- Wumpus agent
 - The wumpus world KB
 - Finding pits and wumpus using logical inference
 - Translating knowledge into action
- Circuit-based agent



digital (logical) circuit \Rightarrow components \Rightarrow CPU/GPU \Rightarrow VLSI
= PL

- Database agent

Agents in first-order case

Suppose a wumpus-world agent is using an FOL KB and perceives a smell and a breeze (but no glitter) at $t = 5$

$Tell(KB, Percept([Smell, Breeze, None], 5))$

$Ask(KB, \exists a \text{ Action}(a, 5))$

I.e., does KB entail any particular actions at $t = 5$?

Answer: $Yes, \{a/Shoot\}$ \leftarrow substitution

In general, $Ask(KB, S): KB \models S$

Example: the wumpus world

Perception

$\forall b, g, t \text{ Percept}([Smell, b, g], t) \Rightarrow Smelt(t)$

$\forall s, b, t \text{ Percept}([s, b, Glitter], t) \Rightarrow AtGold(t)$

Reflex: $\forall t \text{ AtGold}(t) \Rightarrow \text{Action}(Grab, t)$

Reflex with internal state: do we have the gold already?

$\forall t \text{ AtGold}(t) \wedge \neg Holding(Gold, t) \Rightarrow \text{Action}(Grab, t)$

$Holding(Gold, t)$ cannot be observed

\Rightarrow keeping track of change is essential

Reasoning*

Properties of locations

$$\forall x, t \text{ } At(Agent, x, t) \wedge Smelt(t) \Rightarrow Smelly(x)$$

$$\forall x, t \text{ } At(Agent, x, t) \wedge Breeze(t) \Rightarrow Breezy(x)$$

Squares are breezy near a pit

Diagnostic rule—infer cause from effect

$$\forall y \text{ } Breezy(y) \Rightarrow \exists x \text{ } Pit(x) \wedge Adjacent(x, y)$$

Causal rule—infer effect from cause

$$\forall x, y \text{ } Pit(x) \wedge Adjacent(x, y) \Rightarrow Breezy(y)$$

Neither of these is complete—e.g., the causal rule doesn't say whether squares far away from pits can be breezy

Definition for the *Breezy* predicate

$$\forall y \text{ } Breezy(y) \Leftrightarrow [\exists x \text{ } Pit(x) \wedge Adjacent(x, y)]$$

Applications of FOL*

FOL is general enough to applications of intelligence with reason

Facts hold in **situations**, rather than eternally

E.g., *Holding(Gold, Now)* rather than just *Holding(Gold)*

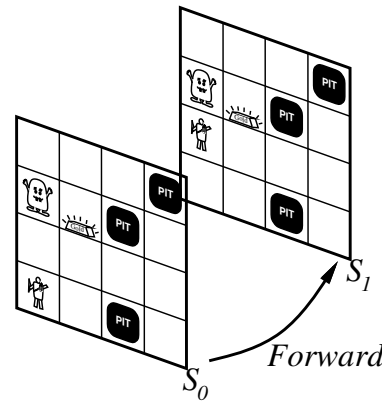
Situation calculus is one way to represent **change** in FOL

Adds a situation argument to each non-eternal predicate

E.g., *Now* in *Holding(Gold, Now)* denotes a situation

Situations are connected by the *Result* function

Result(a, s) is the situation that results from doing *a* in *s*



Example: EMI*

EMI (Experiments in Musical Intelligence, subsequent [Emily Howell](#)) is a computer program created by and collaborated with David Cope

- can analyze existing music and create new compositions in the style of the original input music
- rule-based (logic) “expert system” for music language understanding

Ref. Cope D, Experiments in Musical Intelligence, Madison, , 1996

Example: ANTON*

ANTON (2011): an automatic system for the composition of renaissance-style music

- about 500 rules for musical knowledge
- in the form of logic programming: **answer set programming** (see the next lecture)