Artificial Intelligence

LOGICAL AGENTS

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Outline

- Knowledge-based agents
- The Wumpus world
- Propositional logic: A very simple logic
- Propositional theorem proving
- Effective propositional model checking



Problem-solving agents

- These agents know things in a very limited, inflexible sense.
 - E.g., an 8-puzzle agent cannot deduce pairs of unsolvable states from their parities.







- Supported by logic a general class of representation
- Combine and recombine information to suit myriad purposes
 - Accept new tasks in the form of explicitly described goals
 - Achieve competence by learning new knowledge of the environment
 - Adapt to changes by updating the relevant knowledge





A detailed description of the interface between the agents and the world

(Credit: https://artint.info/html/ArtInt_40.html)



- Knowledge base (KB): A set of sentences or facts
 - Each sentence represents some assertion about the world.
 - Axiom = sentence that is not derived from other sentences

- Inference: Derive (infer) new sentences from old ones
 - Add new sentences to the knowledge base and query what is known



Model for reasoning: An example



A generic knowledge-based agent

function KB-AGENT(*percept*) returns an *action* persistent: *KB*, a knowledge base t, a counter, initially 0, indicating time TELL(*KB*, MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE(*percept*, t)) *action* \leftarrow ASK(*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-QUERY(t)) TELL(*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-SENTENCE(*action*, t)) $t \leftarrow t + 1$ return *action*

Inference mechanisms are hidden inside TELL and ASK

A generic knowledge-based agent

- Declarative approach
 - Empty KB → TELL the agent the facts, one by one until it knows how to operate in its environment
- Procedural approach
 - Encode desired behaviors directly as program code
- Combined approach → Partially autonomous
- Learning approach (Chapter 18) → Fully autonomous
 - Provide a knowledge-based agent with mechanisms that allow it to learn for itself





The Wumpus world

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PEAS Description

- Environment
 - 4×4 grid of rooms, agent starts in the square [1,1], facing to the right
 - The locations of Gold and Wumpus are random
 - Each square can be a pit, with probability 0.2
- Performance measure
 - +1000 for climbing out of the cave with gold, -1000 for death
 - -1 per step, -10 for using the arrow
 - The game ends when agent dies or climbs out of the cave
- Actuators: Forward, TurnLeft/TurnRight by 90°, Grab, Shoot, Climb
- **Sensors**: *Stench*, *Breeze*, *Glitter*, *Bump*, *Scream*
- Percept: [Stench, Breeze, None, None, None]

Characterize the Wumpus world

- Fully Observable: No only local perception
- Deterministic: Yes outcomes exactly specified
- Episodic: No sequential at the level of actions
- Static: Yes Wumpus and Pits do not move
- Discrete: Yes
- Single-agent: Yes Wumpus is essentially a natural feature

| A = Agent |
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|-----------|

- B = Breeze
- G = Glitter, Gold
- OK = Safe square
- $\mathbf{P} = Pit$
- s = Stench
- V = Visited
- W = Wumpus

| 1,4 | 2,4 3,4 | | 4,4 |
|----------------|-----------|-----|-----|
| 1,3 | 2,3 | 3,3 | 4,3 |
| 1,2 OK | 2,2 | 3,2 | 4,2 |
| 1,1 A OK | 2,1 OK | 3,1 | 4,1 |

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| | | | |
| 1,2 | 2,2 P? | 3,2 | 4,2 |
| OK | | | |
| 1,1 | 2,1 A | ^{3,1} P? | 4,1 |
| V | B | | |
| OK | ОК | | |

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| ^{1,3} W! | 2,3 | 3,3 | 4,3 |
| 1,2 A S OK | 2,2 OK | 3,2 | 4,2 |
| 1,1 V OK | ^{2,1} B V OK | ^{3,1} P! | 4,1 |

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----|
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| 1,2 S V OK | 2,2 V OK | 3,2 | 4,2 |
| 1,1 V OK | 2,1 B V OK | ^{3,1} P! | 4,1 |



Propositional logic

Logic in general

- A formal language for representing information and then drawing conclusions.
- Syntax defines the well-formed sentences in the language
- Semantics define the "meaning" of sentences
 - I.e., define truth of a sentence with respect to each possible world
- For example, the language of arithmetic
 - x + y = 4 is a sentence while x4y + =
 - x + y = 4 is true in a world where x = 2 and y = 2 while false in a world where x = 1 and y = 1

Logics in general

- Models (or possible worlds) are mathematical abstractions that fix the truth or falsehood of every relevant sentence.
 - E.g., all possible assignments of real numbers to x and y
- m satisfies (or is a model of) α if α is true in model m
- $M(\alpha)$ = the set of all models of α

Entailment in logic

- A sentence follows logically from another sentence: $\alpha \models \beta$
- α ⊨ β if and only if, in every model in which α is true, β is also true, i.e. M(α) ⊆ M(β)
- For example,
 - x = 0 entails xy = 0
 - The KB containing "Apple is red" and "Tomato is red" entails "Either the apple or the tomato is red"
- Entailment is a relationship between sentences (i.e., syntax) that is based on semantics.



Entailment in logic: Wumpus world

• Consider two possible conclusions α_1 and α_2



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Logical inference

- $KB \vDash_i \alpha$ means α can be derived from KB by procedure *i*
- Soundness: *i* is sound if whenever $KB \vDash_i \alpha$, it is also true that $KB \vDash \alpha$
- Completeness: *i* is complete if whenever $KB \models \alpha$, it is also true that $KB \models_i \alpha$
- That is, the procedure will answer any question whose answer follows from what is known by the *KB*.

World and representation



No independent access to the world

- The reasoning agent gets its knowledge about the facts of the world as a sequence of logical sentences
- Conclusions must be drawn only from those → without agent's independent access to the world
- Thus, it is very important that the agent's reasoning is sound!



Propositional logic: Syntax

- Constants: TRUE or FALSE
- Symbols stand for propositions (sentences): *P*, *Q*, *P*₁, *W*_{1,3}, ...
- Logical connectives

| NOT | _ | Negation |
|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| AND | \wedge | Conjunction |
| OR | \vee | Disjunction |
| IMPLIES | \Rightarrow | Implication (ifthen) |
| IFF | \Leftrightarrow | Equivalence, biconditional |

• Literal: atomic sentence (P) or negated atomic sentence (¬P)

Propositional logic: Syntax

 $Sentence \rightarrow AtomicSentence \mid ComplexSentence$ $AtomicSentence \rightarrow True \mid False \mid P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots$ $ComplexSentence \rightarrow (Sentence) \mid [Sentence]$ \neg Sentence Sentence \land Sentence Sentence \lor Sentence $Sentence \Rightarrow Sentence$ Sentence \Leftrightarrow Sentence

Operator Precedence : $\neg, \land, \lor, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

Propositional logic: Semantics

- Each model specifies true/false for each proposition symbol.
 - E.g., $m_1 = \{P_{1,2} = false, P_{2,2} = false, P_{3,1} = true\}$, 8 possible models
- Rules for evaluating truth with respect to a model m

| P | Q | $\neg P$ | $P \wedge Q$ | $P \lor Q$ | $P \Rightarrow Q$ | $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ |
|-------|-------|----------|--------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| false | false | true | false | false | true | true |
| false | true | true | false | true | true | false |
| true | false | false | false | true | false | false |
| true | true | false | true | true | true | true |

- Simple recursive process evaluates an arbitrary sentence.
 - E.g., $\neg P_{1,2} \land (P_{2,2} \lor P_{3,1}) = true \land (true \lor false) = true \land true = true$

A simple knowledge base

- Symbols for each position [*i*, *j*]
 - $P_{i,j}$: there is a pit in [i, j]
 - $W_{i,j}$: there is a Wumpus in [i, j]
- $B_{i,j}$: there is a breeze in [i, j]
- $S_{i,j}$: there is a stench in [i, j]
- Sentences in Wumpus world's KB

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

$$R_{2}: B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$$

$$R_{3}: B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \lor P_{2,2} \lor P_{3,1})$$

$$R_{4}: \neg B_{1,1}$$

$$R_{5}: B_{2,1}$$

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| | | | |
| 1,2 | 2,2 P ? | 3,2 | 4,2 |
| OV | | | |
| UK | | | |
| 1,1 | 2,1 A | ^{3,1} P? | 4,1 |
| V | B | | |
| OK | OK | | |

A simple inference procedure

- Given: a set of sentences, KB, and sentence α
- Goal: answer $KB \models \alpha$? = "Does KB semantically entail α ?"
 - In all interpretations in which *KB*'s sentences are true, is α also true?
 - E.g., in the Wumpus world, $KB \models P_{1,2}$? = "Is there is a pit in [1,2]?"

Model-checking approach (Inference by enumeration)

Inference rules

Conversion to the inverse SAT problem (Resolution refutation)

Model-checking approach

- Check if α is true in every model in which *KB* is true.
 - E.g., the Wumpus's KB has 7 symbols $\rightarrow 2^7$ = 128 models
- Draw a truth table for checking

No pit in [1,2]

| $B_{1,1}$ | $B_{2,1}$ | $P_{1,1}$ | $P_{1,2}$ | $P_{2,1}$ | $P_{2,2}$ | $P_{3,1}$ | R_1 | R_2 | R_3 | R_4 | R_5 | KB |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| false | true | true | true | true | false | false |
| false | false | false | false | false | false | true | true | true | false | true | false | false |
| : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| false | true | false | false | false | false | false | true | true | false | true | true | false |
| false | true | false | false | false | false | true | true | true | true | true | true | <u>true</u> |
| false | true | false | false | false | true | false | true | true | true | true | true | <u>true</u> |
| false | true | false | false | false | true | true | true | true | true | true | true | <u>true</u> |
| false | true | false | false | true | false | false | true | false | false | true | true | false |
| : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| true | false | true | true | false | true | false |

Inference by (depth-first) enumeration

function TT-ENTAILS?(*KB*, α) **returns** *true* or *false* **inputs**: *KB*, the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic α , the query, a sentence in propositional logic *symbols* \leftarrow a list of the proposition symbols in *KB* and α **return** TT-CHECK-ALL(*KB*, α ,*symbols*,{})

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function TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,\alpha,symbols,model) returns true or false

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 do

P \leftarrow FIRST(symbols)

rest \leftarrow REST(symbols)

return (TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,\alpha,rest,model \cup {P = true})

and TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,\alpha,rest,model \cup {P = false}))
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Quiz 01: Model-checking approach

- Given a KB containing the following rules and facts
 - R₁: IF hot AND smoky THEN fire
 - R₂: IF alarm_beeps THEN smoky
 - R₃: IF fire THEN sprinklers_on
 - F_1 : alarm_beeps
 - F₂: hot
- Represent the KB in propositional logic with given symbols
 - H = hot, S = smoky, F = fire, A = alarms_beeps, R = sprinklers_on
- Answer the question "Sprinklers_on?" by using the modelchecking approach.



Propositional theorem proving

- Proof by Resolution
- Forward and Backward Chaining

Inference rules approach

- Theorem proving: Apply rules of inference directly to the sentences in KB to construct a proof of the desired sentence without consulting models
- More efficient than model checking when the number of models is large, yet the length of the proof is short



Logical equivalence

 Two sentences, α and β, are logically equivalent if they are true in the same set of models.

 $\alpha \equiv \beta \ iff \ \alpha \vDash \beta \ and \ \beta \vDash \alpha$

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

- A sentence is valid if it is true in all models.
 - E.g., $P \lor \neg P$, $P \Rightarrow \neg P$, $(P \land (P \Rightarrow Q)) \Rightarrow Q$
- Valid sentences are also known as tautologies.
- Validity is connected to inference via the Deduction Theorem

 $\alpha \models \beta$ iff $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$ is valid

Satisfiability

- A sentence is satisfiable if it is true in some model.
 - E.g., $P \lor Q$, P
- A sentence is unsatisfiable if it is true in no models.
 - E.g., $P \land \neg P$
- Satisfiability is connected to inference via the following $\alpha \models \beta$ iff $\alpha \land \neg \beta$ is unsatisfiable
 - \rightarrow Refutation or proof by contradiction
- The **SAT problem** determines the satisfiability of sentences in propositional logic (NP-complete)
 - E.g., in CSPs, the constraints are satisfiable by some assignment.

Quiz 02: Validity and Satisfiability

- Check the validity and satisfiability of the below sentences using the truth table
 - $1. \qquad A \lor B \Rightarrow A \land C$
 - $2. \qquad A \land B \Rightarrow A \lor C$
 - 3. $(A \lor B) \land (\neg B \lor C) \Rightarrow A \lor C$
 - 4. $(A \lor \neg B) \Rightarrow A \land B$

Inference and Proofs

- Proof: A chain of conclusions leads to the desired goal
- Example sound rules of inference

| $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$ | $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$ | α | $\alpha \wedge \beta$ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| α | $\neg \beta$ | β | |
| β | α | $\therefore \alpha \wedge \beta$ | $\therefore \alpha$ |
| Modus Ponens | Modus Tollens | AND-Introduction | AND-Elimination |

Inference rules: An example

| KB | No. | Sentences | Explanation |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------|
| $P \wedge Q$ | 1 | $P \wedge Q$ | From KB |
| $P \Rightarrow R$ | 2 | $P \Rightarrow R$ | From KB |
| $Q \land R \Rightarrow S$ | 3 | $Q \land R \Rightarrow S$ | From KB |
| | 4 | Р | 1 And-Elim |
| S ? | 5 | R | 4,2 Modus Ponens |
| | 6 | Q | 1 And-Elim |
| | 7 | $Q \wedge R$ | 5,6 And-Intro |
| | 8 | S | 3,7 Modus Ponens |

Inference rules in Wumpus world

 $R_{1}: \neg P_{1,1}$ $R_{2}: B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$ $R_{3}: B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \lor P_{2,2} \lor P_{3,1})$ $R_{4}: \neg B_{1,1}$ $R_{5}: B_{2,1}$

Proof: ¬*P*_{1,2}

- Bi-conditional elimination to $R_2 \colon R_6 \colon (B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})) \land ((P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$
- And-Elimination to R_6 : R_7 : $(P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1}$
- Logical equivalence for contrapositives: R_8 : $\neg B_{1,1} \Rightarrow \neg (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$
- Modus Ponens with R_8 and the percept $R_4 : R_9 : \neg (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$
- De Morgan's rule: R_{10} : $\neg P_{1,2} \land \neg P_{2,1}$

Proving by search

- Search algorithms can be applied to find a sequence of steps that constitutes a proof.
 - INITIAL STATE: the initial knowledge base
 - ACTIONS: apply all inference rules to all the sentences that match the top half of the inference rule
 - RESULT: add the sentence in the bottom half of the inference rule
 - GOAL: a state that contains the sentence need to be proved
- The proof can ignore irrelevant propositions, no matter how many of them there are → more efficient
 - E.g., in the Wumpus world, $B_{2,1}$, $P_{1,1}$, $P_{2,2}$ and $P_{3,1}$ are not mentioned.

Monotonicity

 The set of entailed sentences only increases as information is added to the knowledge base.

if $KB \vDash \alpha$ then $KB \land \beta \vDash \alpha$

• Additional conclusions can be drawn without invalidating any conclusion α already inferred.

Proof by Resolution

- Proof by Inference Rules: sound but not complete
 - If the rules are inadequate, then the goal is not reachable.
- Resolution: sound and complete, a single inference rule
 - A **complete** inference algorithm when coupled with any complete search algorithm $l_1 \lor \cdots \lor l_k$
 - Unit resolution inference rule

where l_i and m are **complementary literals**

 $m_1 \vee \cdots \vee m_n$

 $l_1 \vee \cdots \vee l_k$

m

 $l_1 \vee \cdots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \cdots \vee l_k$

 $l_1 \vee \cdots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \cdots \vee l_k \vee m_1 \vee \cdots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \cdots \vee m_n$

where l_i and m_j are complementary literals

Inference rules in Wumpus world

$$\begin{aligned} R_{1} &: \neg P_{1,1} \\ R_{2} &: B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \\ R_{3} &: B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \lor P_{2,2} \lor P_{3,1}) \\ R_{4} &: \neg B_{1,1} \\ R_{5} &: B_{2,1} \\ R_{6} &: \left(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow \left(P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1} \right) \right) \land \left(\left(P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1} \right) \Rightarrow B_{1,1} \right) \\ R_{7} &: \neg P_{1,2} \land \neg P_{2,1} \Rightarrow B_{1,1} \\ R_{8} &: \neg B_{1,1} \Rightarrow \neg \left(P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1} \right) \\ R_{9} &: \neg \left(P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1} \right) \\ R_{10} &: \neg P_{1,2} \land \neg P_{2,1} \end{aligned}$$

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|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1,3 | 2,3 | 3,3 | 4,3 |
| 1,2 OK | 2,2 P? | 3,2 | 4,2 |
| 1,1 V OK | 2,1 A B OK | ^{3,1} P? | 4,1 |

Inference rules in Wumpus world

 $R_1: \neg P_{1,1}$ $R_{11}: \neg B_{1,2}$ $R_{12}: B_{1,2} \Leftrightarrow \left(P_{1,1} \lor P_{2,2} \lor P_{1,3}\right)$ $R_{13}: \neg P_{2,2}$ $R_{14}: \neg P_{1.3}$ $R_{15}: P_{1,1} \lor P_{2,2} \lor P_{3,1}$ $R_{16}: P_{1,1} \vee P_{3,1}$ *R*₁₇: *P*_{3,1}

| 1,4 | 2,4 | 3,4 | 4,4 |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----|
| ^{1,3} w! | 2,3 | 3,3 | 4,3 |
| 1,2 A S OK | 2,2 OK | 3,2 | 4,2 |
| 1,1 V OK | 2,1 B V OK | ^{3,1} P! | 4,1 |

 $\neg P_{2,2}$ resolves with $P_{2,2}$

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

Proof by Resolution

- Factoring: the resulting clause should contain only one copy of each literal.
 - E.g., resolving $(A \lor B)$ with $(A \lor \neg B)$ obtains $(A \lor A) \rightarrow$ reduced to A
- For any sentences α and β in propositional logic, a resolution-based theorem prover can decide whether $\alpha \models \beta$.

Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

- Resolution applies only to clauses, i.e., disjunctions of literals
 → Convert all sentences in KB into clauses (CNF form)
- For example, convert $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$ into CNF

 $(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land (\neg P_{1,2} \lor B_{1,1}) \land (\neg P_{2,1} \lor B_{1,1})$

 \rightarrow A conjunction of 3 clauses

Conversion to CNF

- 1. Eliminate $\Leftrightarrow: \alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta \equiv (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \land (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$
- 2. Eliminate $\Rightarrow: \alpha \Rightarrow \beta \equiv \neg \alpha \lor \beta$
- 3. The operator \neg appears only in literals: "move \neg inwards" $\neg \neg \alpha \equiv \alpha$ (double-negation elimination) $\neg (\alpha \land \beta) \equiv \neg \alpha \lor \neg \beta$ (De Morgan) $\neg (\alpha \lor \beta) \equiv \neg \alpha \land \neg \beta$ (De Morgan)
- 4. Apply the distributivity law to distribute \lor over \land $(\alpha \land \beta) \lor \gamma \equiv (\alpha \lor \gamma) \land (\beta \lor \gamma)$

Quiz 03: Conversion to CNF

Convert the following sentences into CNF

$$1. \qquad (A \land B) \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow D)$$

 $2. \qquad P \lor Q \Leftrightarrow R \land \neg Q \Rightarrow P$

The resolution algorithm

• Proof by contradiction (resolution refutation): To show that $KB \models \alpha$, prove $KB \land \neg \alpha$ is unsatisfiable

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function PL-RESOLUTION(KB,α) returns true or false
inputs: KB, the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic
                  \alpha, the query, a sentence in propositional logic
clauses \leftarrow the set of clauses in the CNF representation of KB \land \neg \alpha
new \leftarrow { }
loop do
   for each pair of clauses C<sub>i</sub>, C<sub>i</sub> in clauses do
     resolvents \leftarrow PL-RESOLVE(C_i, C_j)
     if resolvents contains the empty clause then return true
     new \leftarrow new \cup resolvents
   if new \subseteq clauses then return false
   clauses \leftarrow clauses \cup new
```

The resolution algorithm



- Many resolution steps are pointless.
- Clauses with two complementary literals can be discarded.

• E.g.,
$$B_{1,1} \vee \neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{2,1} \equiv True \vee P_{2,1} \equiv True$$

Problems of inference rules

- Too many propositions to handle
 - The statement "Do not go forward if the Wumpus is in front of you" requires 16 squares × 4 orientations = 64 propositional rules.
 - It will take thousands of rules to build an agent.
- Changes of the KB over time is difficult to represent
 - Standard technique is to index facts with the time when they are true
 - This means we have a separate KB for every time point.

Quiz 04: The resolution algorithm

- Given the following hypotheses
 - If it rains, Joe brings his umbrella.
 - If Joe brings his umbrella, Joe does not get wet.
 - If it does not rain, Joe does not get wet.
- Prove that Joe does not get wet.

Quiz 04: The resolution algorithm

• The KB contains facts and hypotheses



• Check if the sentence $\neg W$ is entailed by KB?

Horn clauses and Definite clauses

- Definite clause: a disjunction of literals of which exactly one is positive.
 - E.g., $\neg P \lor \neg Q \lor R$ is a definite clause, whereas $\neg P \lor Q \lor R$ is not.
- Horn clause: a disjunction of literals of which at most one is positive.
 - All definite clauses are Horn clauses
- Goal clause: clauses with no positive literals
- Horn clauses are closed under resolution
 - Resolving two Horn clauses will get back a Horn clause.

Backus normal form (BNF)

 $CNFSentence \rightarrow Clause_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge Clause_n$ $Clause \rightarrow Literal_1 \lor \cdots \lor Literal_m$ $Literal \rightarrow Symbol \mid \neg Symbol$ $Symbol \rightarrow P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots$ $HornClauseForm \rightarrow DefiniteClauseForm \mid GoalClauseForm$ $DefiniteClauseForm \rightarrow (Symbol_1 \land \cdots \land Symbol_l) \Rightarrow Symbol$ $GoalClauseForm \rightarrow (Symbol_1 \land \cdots \land Symbol_l) \Rightarrow False$

KB of definite clauses

- KB containing only definite clauses are interesting.
- Every definite clause can be written as an implication.
 - Premise (body) is a conjunction of positive literals and Conclusion (head) is a single positive literal (fact) → easier to understand
 - E.g., $\neg P \lor \neg Q \lor R \equiv (P \land Q) \Rightarrow R$
- Inference can be done with forward-chaining and backwardchaining algorithms
 - This type of inference is the basis for logic programming.
- Deciding entailment can be done in linear time.

KB: Horn clauses vs. CNF clauses



Forward chaining

• Key idea: Fire any rule whose premises are satisfied in the KB, add its conclusion to the KB, until the query is found.



The forward chaining algorithm

function PL-FC-ENTAILS?(*KB*, *q*) **returns** *true* or *false* **inputs**: *KB*, the knowledge base, a set of propositional definite clauses *q*, the query, a proposition symbol *count* \leftarrow a table, where *count*[*c*] is the number of symbols in *c*'s premise *inferred* \leftarrow a table, where *inferred*[*s*] is initially false for all symbols agenda \leftarrow a queue of symbols, initially symbols known to be *true* in KB while agenda is not empty do $p \leftarrow \text{POP}(agenda)$ Sound and complete **if** *p* = *q* **then return** *true* **if** *inferred*[*p*] = *false* **then** $inferred[p] \leftarrow true$ for each clause *c* in *KB* where *p* is in *c*.PREMISE do decrement *count*[*c*] **if** *count*[*c*] = 0 **then** add *c*.CONCLUSION to *agenda* return false

















| KB | No. | Sentences | Explanation |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------|
| $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$ | 1 | $A \land B \Rightarrow C$ | From KB |
| $C \wedge D \Rightarrow E$ | 2 | $C \land D \Rightarrow E$ | From KB |
| $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$ | 3 | $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$ | From KB |
| A | 4 | A | From KB |
| В | 5 | В | From KB |
| D | 6 | D | From KB |
| F 2 | 7 | С | 1, 4 and 5 |
| | 8 | E | 2, 6, and 7 |

Backward chaining

- Key idea: Work backwards from the query q
 - Check if *q* is known already, or
 - Recursively prove by BC all premises of some rule concluding *q*
- Avoid loops: A new subgoal is already on the goal stack?
- Avoid repeated work: A new subgoal has already been proved true, or has already failed?
$P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ A B



 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ A



 $\mathsf{P} \Rightarrow \mathsf{Q}$

P?

 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ A B



 $\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{P} \Rightarrow \mathsf{Q} \\ \mathsf{L} \land \mathsf{M} \Rightarrow \mathsf{P} \end{array}$

L?

 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ A



 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$

L?

A?

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 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ \checkmark

L?

A?

B?

 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ A B



 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ \checkmark

L? ✓

A?

B?

 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ A



 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ \checkmark $L \land B \Rightarrow M$

L? ✓

A?

B?

L?

B?

M?

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 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$

L? ✓

A?

B?

L?

B?

M? ✓

 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ A B



L? ✓

A?

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B?

M? ✓

 $P \Rightarrow Q$ $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ A



L? ✓ A? B? M? ✓ L?

B?

| KB | • E? | $C \land D \Rightarrow E$ | |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| $A \land B \Rightarrow C$ | • C? | $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$ | |
| $C \land D \Rightarrow E$ | • A? | | |
| $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$ | • B? | | |
| Α | • D? | | |
| В | • A, B and D are given \rightarrow All needed rules are satisfied \rightarrow The goal is proven | | |
| <i>D</i> | | | |
| E ? | | | |

- $C \wedge D \Rightarrow E$
- $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$

Forward vs. Backward chaining

- Forward chaining: data-driven, automatic, unconscious processing
 - E.g., object recognition, routine decisions
 - May do lots of work that is irrelevant to the goal
- Backward chaining: goal-driven, good for problem-solving
 - E.g., Where are my keys? How do I get into a PhD program?
 - Complexity can be much less than linear in size of KB

Quiz 05: Forward vs. Backward chaining

- Given a KB containing the following rules and facts
 - R₁: IF hot AND smoky THEN fire
 - R₂: IF alarm_beeps THEN smoky
 - R₃: IF fire THEN sprinklers_on
 - F_1 : alarm_beeps

F₂: hot

- Represent the KB in propositional logic with given symbols
 - H = hot, S = smoky, F = fire, A = alarms_beeps, R = sprinklers_on
- Answer the question "Sprinklers_on?" by using the forward chaining and backward chaining approaches

Effective model checking

- A complete backtracking algorithm
- Local search algorithms



Efficient propositional inference

- The SAT problem (checking satisfiability)
 - Testing entailment, $\alpha \models \beta$? = testing **un**satisfiability of $\alpha \land \neg \beta$
- Two families of efficient algorithms for general propositional inference based on model checking
 - 1. Complete backtracking search algorithms
 - **DPLL** algorithm (*Davis, Putnam, Logemann, Loveland*)
 - 2. Incomplete local search algorithms (hill-climbing)
 - WalkSAT algorithm

The DPLL algorithm

- Often called the Davis-Putnam algorithm (1960)
- Determine whether an input propositional logic sentence (in CNF) is satisfiable.
 - A recursive, depth-first enumeration of possible models.
- Improvements over truth table enumeration
 - 1. Early termination
 - 2. Pure symbol heuristic
 - 3. Unit clause heuristic

Improvements in DPLL

- Early termination: A clause is true if any literal is true, and a sentence is false if any clause is false.
 - Avoid examination of entire subtrees in the search space
 - E.g., $(A \lor B) \land (A \lor C)$ is true if A is true, regardless B and C
- **Pure symbol heuristic:** A pure symbol always appears with the same "sign" in all clauses.
 - E.g., $(A \lor \neg B)$, $(\neg B \lor \neg C)$, $(A \lor C)$, A and B are pure, C is impure.
 - Make a pure symbol true \rightarrow Doing so never make a clause false
- Unit clause heuristic: there is only one literal in the clause and thus this literal must be true
 - Unit propagation: if the model contains B = true then $(\neg B \lor \neg C)$ simplifies to a unit clause $\neg C \rightarrow C$ must be false (so that $\neg C$ is true) $\rightarrow A$ must be true (so that $A \lor C$ is true)

The DPLL procedure

function DPLL-SATISFIABLE?(s) returns true or false
inputs: s, a sentence in propositional logic
clauses ← the set of clauses in the CNF representation of s
symbols ← a list of the proposition symbols in s
return DPLL(clauses, symbols,{})

function DPLL(*clauses, symbols, model*) **returns** *true* or *false* if every clause in *clauses* is *true* in model **then return** *true* 1. Early if some clause in *clauses* is *false* in model then return *false* -**Termination** *P*, value \leftarrow **FIND-PURE-SYMBOL**(symbols, clauses, model) **if** *P* is non-null **then return DPLL**(*clauses, symbols* – *P, model* \cup {*P=value*}) *P*, value \leftarrow **FIND-UNIT-CLAUSE** (clauses, model) **if** *P* is non-null **then return** $DPLL(clauses, symbols – P, model \cup {P=value})$ $P \leftarrow \text{FIRST}(symbols); rest \leftarrow \text{REST}(symbols)$ **return** DPLL(*clauses, rest, model* ∪ {*P=true*}) **or** DPLL(*clauses, rest, model* \cup {*P=false*}))

The Davis-Putnam procedure

```
function DP(\Delta)
   for \phi in vocabulary (\Delta) do
      var \Delta' \leftarrow \{\};
      for \Phi_1 in \Delta for \Phi_2 in \Delta such that \phi \in \Phi_1 \neg \phi \in \Phi_2 do
            var \Phi' \leftarrow \Phi_1 - \{\phi\} \cup \Phi_2 - \{\neg\phi\};
            if not tautology (\Phi') then \Delta' \leftarrow \Delta' \cup (\Phi');
       \Delta \leftarrow \Delta - \{ \Phi \in \Delta \mid \phi \in \Phi \text{ or } \neg \phi \in \Phi \} \cup \Delta' ;
   return {if { } \in \Delta then unsatisfiable else satisfiable};
```

function *tautology*(Φ) $\phi \in \Phi$ and $\neg \phi \in \Phi$

DPLL procedure vs. DP procedure

- DP can cause a quadratic expansion every time it is applied.
 - This can easily exhaust space on large problems.
- DPLL attacks the problem by sequentially solving smaller problems.
 - Basic idea: Choose a literal. Assume true, simplify clause set, and try to show satisfiable. Repeat for the negation of the literal.
 - Good because we do not cross multiply the clause set

DPLL procedure vs. DP procedure

| Problem | Tautology | DP | DPLL |
|-----------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Prime | 30.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Prime4 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| Prime9 | 18.94 | 2.98 | 0.51 |
| Prime10 | 11.40 | 3.03 | 0.96 |
| Prime11 | 28.11 | 2.98 | 0.51 |
| Prime16 | > 1 hour | * | 9.15 |
| Prime17 | > 1 hour | * | 3.87 |
| Mkadder32 | >> 1 hour | 6.50 | 7.34 |
| Mkadder42 | >> 1 hour | 22.95 | 46.86 |
| Mkadder52 | >> 1 hour | 44.83 | 170.98 |
| Mkadder53 | >> 1 hour | 38.27 | 250.16 |
| Mkadder63 | >> 1 hour | * | 1186.4 |
| Mkadder73 | >> 1 hour | * | 3759.9 |

Reference: http://logic.stanford.edu/classes/cs157/2011/lectures/lecture04.pdf

The WalkSAT algorithm

- Incomplete, local search algorithm
- Evaluation function: **min-conflict** heuristic, to minimize the number of unsatisfied clauses
- Balance between greediness and randomness

function WALKSAT(clauses, p, max_flips) returns a satisfying model or failure
inputs: clauses, a set of clauses in propositional logic
p, the probability of choosing to do a "random walk" move, typically around 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 modelwith probability p flip the value in model of a randomly selected symbol from clauseelse flip whichever symbol in clause maximizes the number of satisfied clauses return failure 94

The WalkSAT algorithm

- The algorithm returns a model \rightarrow satisfiable
- The algorithm returns false → unsatisfiable OR more time is needed for searching
- WalkSAT cannot always detect unsatisfiability
 - It is most useful when a solution is expected to exist.
- For example,
 - An agent cannot *reliably* use WALKSAT to prove that a square is safe in the Wumpus world.
 - Instead, it can say, "I thought about it for an hour and couldn't come up with a possible world in which the square *isn't* safe."

Inference-based agents in the Wumpus world

 A Wumpus-world agent using propositional logic will have a KB of 64 distinct proposition symbols, 155 sentences.

$$\begin{split} \neg \mathsf{P}_{1,1} \\ \neg \mathsf{W}_{1,1} \\ \mathsf{B}_{x,y} \Leftrightarrow (\mathsf{P}_{x,y+1} \lor \mathsf{P}_{x,y-1} \lor \mathsf{P}_{x+1,y} \lor \mathsf{P}_{x-1,y}) \\ \mathsf{S}_{x,y} \Leftrightarrow (\mathsf{W}_{x,y+1} \lor \mathsf{W}_{x,y-1} \lor \mathsf{W}_{x+1,y} \lor \mathsf{W}_{x-1,y}) \\ \mathsf{W}_{1,1} \lor \mathsf{W}_{1,2} \lor \ldots \lor \mathsf{W}_{4,4} \\ \neg \mathsf{W}_{1,1} \lor \neg \mathsf{W}_{1,2} \\ \neg \mathsf{W}_{1,1} \lor \neg \mathsf{W}_{1,3} \end{split}$$

Limitation of propositional logic

- The propositional logic encounters expressiveness limitation.
- KB contains "physics" sentences for every single square
 - E.g., for every time *t* and every location [*x*, *y*]

 $L_{x,y} \wedge FacingRight_t \wedge Forward_t \Rightarrow L_{x+1,y}$

Rapid proliferation of clauses

Quiz 06: DPLL and DP

• Given a KB as shown aside

$$A \Rightarrow B \lor C$$

$$A \Rightarrow D$$

$$C \land D \Rightarrow \neg F$$

$$B \Rightarrow F$$

$$A$$

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- Using either DPLL or DP to check whether KB entails each of the following sentences
 - *C*
 - $B \Rightarrow \neg C$



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