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Recap: Role of Logic in CS

Literature Hint: Introductions to Logic

- **Logic for CS**

  Lit: M. Huth and M. Ryan. Logic in Computer Science: Modelling and Reasoning about Systems. Cambridge University Press, 2000.

  Lit: M. Ben-Ari. Mathematical Logic for Computer Science. Springer, 2. edition, 2001.

  Lit: U. Schöning. Logik für Informatiker. Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, 5. edition, 2000.

  Lit: M. Fitting. First-Order Logic and Automated Theorem Proving. Graduate texts in computer science. Springer, 1996.

- **Mathematical Logic**

  Lit: H.Ebbinghaus, J.Flum,and W.Thomas. Einführung in die mathematische Logik. Hochschul-Taschenbuch. Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, 2007.

  Lit: D. J. Monk. Mathematical Logic. Springer, 1976.

  Lit: R. Cori and D. Lascar. Mathematical Logic: Propositional calculus, Boolean algebras, predicate calculus. Mathematical Logic: A Course with Exercises. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Recap: First-Order Logic

FOL Structures and Interpretations

- **Structures:** $\mathfrak{A} = (A, R_1^{\mathfrak{A}}, \ldots R_n^{\mathfrak{A}}, f_1^{\mathfrak{A}}, \ldots, f_m^{\mathfrak{A}}, c_1^{\mathfrak{A}}, \ldots, c_l^{\mathfrak{A}})$
- Usually: Universe A assumed to be non-empty

  Example: Graphs $\mathfrak{G} = (V, E^{\mathfrak{G}})$

- **Interpretations** $\mathcal{I} = (\mathfrak{A}, \nu)$

  Adds assignments ν for free variables.

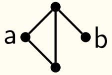
- **Syntax**
  - Terms (Example: $c, f(c, x)$)
  - Atomic formulae (Example: $c = d$, $E(a, d)$)
  - Formulae: (Example: $\exists y\, \exists z\, E(x, y) \wedge E(x, z) \wedge E(y, z)$)

FOL Semantics

- **Semantics** (Satisfaction/truth/modeling $\models$)
  - ...
  - $\mathcal{I} \models \exists x\ \phi$ iff: There is $d \in A$ s.t. $\mathcal{I}_{[x/d]} \models \phi$

Example

$(\mathfrak{G}, x \mapsto a) \models \exists y\ \exists z\ E(x, y) \wedge E(x, z) \wedge E(y, z)$



Alternative notation:

$\mathfrak{G} \models (\exists y\ \exists z\ E(x, y) \wedge E(x, z) \wedge E(y, z))(x/a)$

Definition (Derived Semantic Notions)

- Entailment: $\Phi \models \psi$ ("Φ entails ψ") iff for all interpretations $\mathcal{I}$: if $\mathcal{I} \models \Phi$, then $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$
- ψ is satisfiable iff there is an interpretation $\mathcal{I}$ s.t. $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$
- Φ is satisfiable iff there is an interpretation $\mathcal{I}$ s.t. for all $\psi \in \Phi$: $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$
- $\mathit{Mod}(\Phi) = \{\mathcal{I} \mid \mathcal{I} \text{ satisfies all } \psi \in \Phi\}$
- ψ is valid iff for all interpretations $\mathcal{I}$: $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$.
- ψ is contradictory (unsatisfiable) iff for all interpretations $\mathcal{I}$: Not $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$

END of recap

FOL: Calculi and Algorithmic Problems

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- Problems are related by reduction (at least for FOL)

Wake-Up Exercise

Show: $\Phi \vDash \psi$ iff $\Phi \cup \{\neg\psi\}$ is unsatisfiable

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Challenges of FOL Algorithmic Problems

- First challenge: Domain of structure may be infinite
- But this is not the main problem (as we will see in lecture on finite model theory)

- Second challenge: Number of possible structures is infinite
- We want to tame the infinite by "syntactifying" the problem

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- Differences among calculi regarding: types of rules in $\mathcal{R}$; used data structures DS; proof methodology

Well Known Calculi

Calculus	Rule types	Data structures	Methodology
Hilbert	axioms 2 rules	formulae	direct (premises to conclusion)
Natural deduction	I(ntroduction) and E(limination) rules per constructor	formulae	direct
Gentzen style	axioms + I and E rules per constructor	Entailments	direct
Tableaux	"and", "or" rules	formula in a tree	refutation proofs based on DNF
Resolution	resolution rule	quantifier free formula in CNF in a tree	refutation proofs based on CNF

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- There are mature and efficient resolution provers (with many ingenious optimizations)
- Efficient (but nonetheless complete) resolution procedure SLD part of Prolog

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- Here: Simplicity ensured by un-nesting quantifiers (the main reason for un-feasibility)
- Here "preserve semantic" means: Ensure equivalence $\equiv$

$$\phi \equiv \psi \text{ iff } \phi \models \psi \text{ and } \psi \models \phi$$

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Equivalence under bounded substitutions

- $\exists x\phi \equiv \exists y(\phi[x/y])$
- where $\phi[x/y]$ is result of substituting every free x with y in ϕ

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Substituting with Equivalent Formula

Theorem

Assume $\phi \equiv \psi$ and χ contains ϕ as subformula. If χ' results from substituting ϕ with ψ, then $\chi \equiv \chi'$.

Proof: By structural induction.

Satisfiably Equivalent

- Formulae in PNF are going to be transformed to formula in clausal normal form
- Resulting formula are satisfiably equivalent

$$\phi \equiv_{sat} \psi \text{ iff: } Mod(\phi) \neq \emptyset \text{ iff } Mod(\psi) \neq \emptyset$$

- One cannot guarantee equivalence

Elimination of Exists Quantifiers: Skolemization

- Input a PNF formula $\phi : \forall_1 x_1, \dots \forall_n x_n \exists y \psi$
- Output $\phi' : \forall_1 x_1, \dots \forall_n x_n \psi[y/f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$
  where f a fresh n-ary function symbol

  ϕ' results from skolemization out of ϕ, f called Skolem function (or Skolem constant if $n = 0$)

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A formula and its skolemization are satisfiably equivalent.

Example (Skolem Form)

Given formula

$$\phi = \forall x \forall y (P(x,y) \rightarrow Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x (\forall y \neg Q(y) \rightarrow \exists y \neg P(y,x))$$

transform it to Skolem form

$$\begin{array}{ll}
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- More convenient set notation for clauses
  - Clause $L_1 \vee \cdots \vee L_n$ written as set $\{L_1, \ldots, L_n\}$
  - $\overline{L_i}$ is complement of L_i
    E.g.: $\overline{R(a)} = \neg R(a)$, $\overline{\neg R(a)} = R(a)$

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Theorem (Robinson)

Every unifyable finite set of literals has a mgu.

Resolution Step

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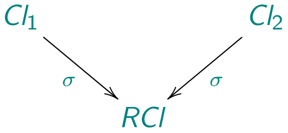
Given clauses Cl_1, Cl_2, the clause RCl is a resolvent of Cl_1, Cl_2 iff

1. There are variable renamings σ_1, σ_2 s.t. $Cl_1\sigma_1$ and $Cl_2\sigma_2$ contain different variables.
2. There is a literal $L_1 \in Cl_1\sigma_1$ and $L'_1 \in Cl_2$ s.t. $\{L_1, \overline{L'}_1\}$ unifiable with mgu σ
3. $RCl = (CL_1\sigma_1 \setminus \{L_1\} \cup CL_2\sigma_2 \setminus \{L'_1\})\sigma$

A convenient graphical notation



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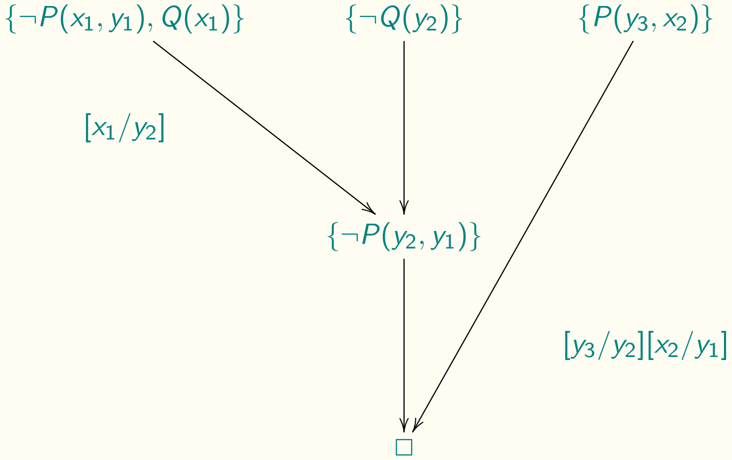

Correctness and Completeness

Definition

A calculus C is

- correct w.r.t. entailment iff: Whenever $\Phi \vdash_C \psi$, then $\Phi \vDash \psi$
- complete w.r.t. entailment iff: Whenever $\Phi \vDash \psi$, then $\Phi \vdash_C \psi$

- Correctness means: you can prove entailments only that really hold
- Completeness means: Whenever an entailment holds then there is also a proof for it. (Proved by ingenious Gödel)

Theorem

All aforementioned calculi are correct and complete

Resolution Theorem

- Let ψ be a clause set
- $Res(\psi) = \psi \cup \{RCl \mid RCl$ is a resolvent of clauses in $\psi\}$
- $R^{i+1} = Res(Res^i(\psi))$
- $Res^*(\psi) = \bigcup Res^i(\psi)$

Theorem

Every ϕ in CLNF with matrix ψ is unsatisfiable iff $\square \in Res^*(\psi)$ (or equivalently: if there is a derivation graph ending in $\square$.)

- This shows correctness and completeness w.r.t. unsatisfiability testing
- But entailment can be reduced to it (remember wake-up question).
- Possible proof based on Herbrand models

Optional Slide: Completeness and Correctness for Resolution

- Herbrand structures blur syntax-semantic distinctions.

- Given ψ in Skolem form.
- Herbrand terms $HT(\psi)$: all possible closed terms from function symbols (and constants) in ψ
- Herbrand structure $HS(\psi)$
  - Domain: $HT(\psi)$
  - Interpretation of function symbols: $f^{HS(\psi)}(t_1, \ldots, t_n) = f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$
  - Relation symbols arbitrarily

Theorem

A formula is satisfiable iff it (its CLNF) has a Herbrand model

- Construction of Herband model: Interpret relation symbols R as $R^{HS(\psi)}(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$ if $\mathcal{I}(t_1), \ldots, \mathcal{I}(t_n) \in R^{\mathcal{I}}$ for satisfying $\mathcal{I}$.

Optional Slide: Herbrand Expansion

- Given ψ in Skolem form $\forall x_1, \ldots, \forall x_n \phi$
- $HE(\psi)$: All "groundings" of the matrix with Herbrand terms

$$\{\psi[x_1/t_1, \ldots, x_n/t_n] \mid t_i \in HS(\psi)\}$$

Theorem (Herbrand)

Skolem formula ψ is satisfiable iff a finite subset of $HE(\psi)$ is satisfiable

Proof idea

- Show that ψ is satisfiable iff it has a Herbrand model
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- Use compactness of propositional logic (discussed later)

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Deciding validity (unsatisfiability, entailment) is un-decidable

  - But semi-decidability holds:
    if formula is valid you will eventually find a derivation; if formula not valid you won't know

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Semi-decidability

Theorem

FOL entailment is semi-decidable, i.e., there is a TM s.t.

- *If Φ and ψ are inputs with $\Phi \models \psi$, then TM stops with yes*
- *otherwise it stops with no or it does not stop.*

Proof sketch:

- Given a calculus C with derivation relation $\vdash_C$ complete and correct for entailment
- The possible inferences starting from Φ make up a tree (with finite set of children for every node)
  - The root (level 0) is $\mathit{Encode}(\Phi, \psi)$
  - The finitely many children at level $n + 1$ are those D_i that are generated from children at level up to n
  - Do a breadth first search until $\mathit{Encode}(\Phi \models \psi)$ appears

Why is FOL so Important?

Why is FOL so Successful (w.r.t.) CS

- Theoretical Answer: FOL is most expressive logic w.r.t. relevant properties (Lindström Theorems)
  $\Longrightarrow$ today

- Practical Answer: Has proven useful for query answering on SQL DBs and much more
  $\Longrightarrow$ next lectures

Compactness in Topology

"Ah, Kompaktheit, eine wundervolle Eigenschaft" (Jaenich 2008, S.24)

- Compactness notion stems from mathematical field topology
- Topologies $\mathfrak{T} = (X, \mathcal{O})$
  - Domain X and open sets $\mathcal{O} \subseteq Pot(X)$ with
  - Every union of open sets is open
  - Every finite intersection is open
  - X and $\emptyset$ are open
- Open covering of X
  Family of open sets $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ with $U_i \in \mathcal{O}$ and $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i = X$

Lit: K. Jänich. Topologie. Springer, 8th edition, 2008.

Compactness in Topology

Definition

$(X, \mathcal{O})$ is compact iff every open covering of X has a finite sub-covering.

- How compactness is used to infer global properties from local properties
  - Let P be a property such that if open U, V have it, then also $U \cup V$ has it.
  - Then: If for every point $a \in X$ there is an open U_a having P, then X has P.

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Proof

- Assume that if open U, V have P, then also $U \cup V$ has it. (*)
- Assume further that for all a there is U_a having P.
- $\{U_a\}_{a \in X}$ is a covering of X.
- Because of compactness there is a finite covering $U_{a_1} \cup \cdots \cup U_{a_n} = X$.
- Because of (*) it follows that $U_{a_1}, \ldots, U_{a_n}$ has P, i.e., X has P.

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Theorem

FOL has the compactness property.

- Logical compactness derived from topological notion
- FOL compactness is a corollary of Tychonoff's Theorem ("Any product of compact topological spaces is compact")

Application: Reachability is not FOL Expressible

Query Q_{reach}: List all cities reachable from Hamburg!

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\begin{aligned}
Q_{reach}(x) \quad = \quad & Flight(Hamburg, x) \vee \\
& \exists x_1 Flight(Hamburg, x_1) \wedge Flight(x_1, x) \vee \\
& \exists x_1, x_2 Flight(Hamburg, x_2) \wedge Flight(x_2, x_1) \wedge Flight(x_1, x) \vee \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

Theorem

Reachability is not expressible in FOL.

Proof

- For contradiction assume there is FOL $\phi_{reach}(x, y)$ expressing reachability over edges E
- Consider FOL formulae ϕ_n: "There is an n-path from c to c'"
- Let $\Psi = \{\neg\phi_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{\phi_{reach}(c, c')\}$
- Ψ is unsatisfiable, but every finite subset is satisfiable ↯

Application: Infinitesimal Probabilities

- Over continuous domains "low-dimensional" events have probability 0
- Conditional probability $P(B|A)$ undefined for $P(A) = 0$
- But $P($ point on east hemisphere $|$ point on equator$)$ should be $1/2$ (and not undefined)

  $\Longrightarrow$ Need infinitesimal positive probability weights
- Consider $T = Th(\mathbb{R}) \cup \{a < \Omega \mid a \text{ is name of a real number}\}$
- Every finite subset of T satisfiable; with compactness T is satisfiable
- $1/\Omega$ infinitesimal element

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FOL has the Löwenheim-Skolem-Property

Theorem (Downward Löwenheim-Skolem-Property)

Every satisfiable, countable set of FOL sentences (theory) has a countable model.

- Intuitively: If you can talk with countably many sentences about structures, then there is a countable model verifying this fact.
- Can be shown by Herbrand expansions
- Leads to Skolem's paradox
  - You can formalize mathematics within countable FOL theory, namely, Zermelo-Fränkel Set Theory (ZFC)
  - ZFC $\models$ "there are uncountable sets".

Why FOL is so Important: Lindström Theorems

Theorem (First Lindström Theorem)

There is no (regular) logic that is more expressive than FOL and fulfills compactness and Löwenheim-Skolem Property

- Meta theorem
- Intuitively: FOL is the most expressive (regular) logic fulfilling compactness and the Löwenheim-Skolem Property

- Regularity of logic
  - Contains boolean operators
  - Allows relativizing formula to domains
  - Allows substituting constants and function symbols by relation symbols

Limits of FOL

- Positive: FOL can be used for effective query answering on <u>one</u> model (in data complexity)!
- Negative
  - Entailment problem, satisfiability etc. not decidable
    $\Longrightarrow$ Calls for restriction to feasible fragments
  - Expressivity not sufficient (no recursion)
    $\Longrightarrow$ Calls for extensions (and restrictions)