

## Review of Last Time

- |= means "logically follows"
- $\left.\right|_{-\mathrm{i}}$ means "can be derived from"
- If your inference algorithm derives only things that follow logically from the KB, the inference is sound
- If everything that follows logically from the KB can be derived using your inference algorithm, the inference is complete



## Inference: Model Checking

- Suppose we want to know if $\mathrm{KB} \mid=\neg \mathrm{P}_{1,2}$ ?
- In the 3 models in which KB is true, $\neg \mathrm{P}_{1,2}$ is also true

| $\mathrm{B}_{1,1}$ | $\mathrm{~B}_{2,1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1,1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1,2}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{2,1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{2,2}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{3,1}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{5}$ | KB |
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## Complexity

- If the KB and $\alpha$ contain $n$ symbols in total, what is the time complexity of the truth table enumeration algorithm?
- Space complexity is $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{n})$ because the actual algorithm uses DFS


## The really depressing news

- Every known inference algorithm for propositional logic has a worst-case complexity that is exponential in the size of the input

- But some algorithms are more efficient in practice


## Logical equivalence

- Intuitively: two sentences $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are logically equivalent (i.e. $\alpha \equiv \beta$ ) if they are true in the same set of models
- Formally: $\alpha \equiv \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \mid=\beta$ and $\beta \mid=\alpha$
- Can prove this with truth tables


## Standard Logic Equivalences

$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv(\beta \wedge \alpha) \quad$ commutativity of $\wedge$
$(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv(\beta \vee \alpha) \quad$ 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
$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv(\neg \beta \Rightarrow \neg \alpha) \quad$ contraposition
$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv(\neg \alpha \vee \beta) \quad$ implication elimination
$(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge(\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$ biconditional elimination
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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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$$

In the above, $\alpha, \beta$, and $\gamma$ are arbitrary sentences of propositional logic

## Satisfiability

- A sentence is satisfiable if it is true in some model.
- A sentence is unsatisfiable if it is true in no models
- Determining the satisfiability of sentences in propositional logic was the first problem proved to be NP-complete
- Satisfiability is connected to validity: $\alpha$ is valid iff $\neg \alpha$ is unsatisfiable
- Satisfiability is connected to entailment: $\alpha \mid=\beta$ iff the sentence $(\alpha \wedge \neg \beta)$ is unsatisfiable (proof by contradiction)


## CW: Exercise

- Is the following sentence valid?

$$
(A \Rightarrow B) \vee(\neg A \Rightarrow \neg B)
$$

## Proof methods

How do we prove that $\alpha$ can be entailed from the KB?

1. Model checking e.g. check that $\alpha$ is true in all models in which KB is true
2. Inference rules

## Inference Rules

1. Modus Ponens
$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \quad \alpha}{\beta}$
2. And-Elimination
$\frac{\alpha \wedge \beta}{\alpha}$
These are both sound inference rules. You don't need to enumerate models now

## Other Inference Rules

$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv(\beta \wedge \alpha) \quad$ commutativity of $\wedge$
$(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv(\beta \vee \alpha) \quad$ commutativity of $\vee$
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All of the logical equivalences can be turned into
inference rules e.g.

$$
\frac{\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta}{(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge(\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)}
$$

## Example

Given the following KB, can we prove $\neg \mathrm{R}$ ?
KB:
$P \Rightarrow \neg(Q \vee R)$
P

Proof:
$\neg(\mathrm{Q} \vee \mathrm{R})$ by Modus Ponens
$\neg \mathrm{Q} \wedge \neg \mathrm{R}$ by De Morgan's Law
$\neg \mathrm{R}$ by And-Elimination

## Proofs

- A sequence of applications of inference rules is called a proof
- Instead of enumerating models, we can search for proofs
- Proofs ignore irrelevant propositions
- 2 methods:
- Go forward from initial KB, applying inference rules to get to the goal sentence
- Go backward from goal sentence to get to the KB

| In-class Exercise |  |
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| If it is October, there will not be a <br> football game at OSU  <br> If it is October and it is Saturday, I <br> will be in Corvallis  <br> If it doesn’t rain or if there is a <br> football game, I will ride my bike to <br> OSU  <br> Today is Saturday and it is October  <br> If I am in Corvallis, it will not rain  |  |

## Monotonicity

- Proofs only work because of monotonicity
- Monotonicity: the set of entailed sentences can only increase as information is added to the knowledge base
- For any sentences $\alpha$ and $\beta$, if $\mathrm{KB} \mid=\alpha$ then $\mathrm{KB} \wedge \beta \mid=\alpha$


## Resolution

- An inference rule that is sound and complete
- Forms the basis for a family of complete inference procedures
- Here, complete means refutation completeness: resolution can refute or confirm the truth of any sentence with respect to the KB


## Conjunctive Normal Form

- Resolution only applies to sentences of the form $1_{1}$ $\vee l_{2} \vee \ldots \vee l_{k}$
- This is called a disjunction of literals
- It turns out that every sentence of propositional logic is logically equivalent to a conjunction of disjunction of literals
- Called Conjunctive Normal Form or CNF e.g. $\left(l_{1} \vee l_{2} \vee l_{3} \vee 1_{4}\right) \wedge\left(l_{5} \vee l_{6} \vee l_{7} \vee 1_{8}\right) \wedge \ldots$
- $\mathrm{k}-\mathrm{CNF}$ sentences have exactly k literals per clause e.g. A 3-CNF sentence would be $\left(l_{1} \vee l_{2} \vee l_{3}\right) \wedge\left(l_{4}\right.$ $\left.\vee 1_{5} \vee 1_{6}\right) \wedge\left(1_{7} \vee 1_{8} \vee 1_{9}\right)$


## Resolution

- Here's how resolution works ( $\neg l_{2}$ and $l_{2}$ are called complementary literals):

$$
\frac{l_{1} \vee l_{2}, \quad \neg l_{2} \vee l_{3}}{l_{1} \vee l_{3}}
$$

- Note that you need to remove multiple copies of literals (called factoring) i.e.

$$
\frac{l_{1} \vee l_{2}, \quad \neg l_{2} \vee l_{1}}{l_{1}}
$$

- If $l_{i}$ and $m_{j}$ are complementary literals, the full resolution rule looks like:
$\frac{l_{1} \vee \cdots \vee l_{k}, \quad m_{1} \vee \cdots \vee m_{n}}{l_{1} \vee \cdots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \cdots \vee l_{k} \vee m_{1} \vee \cdots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \cdots \vee m_{n}}$


## Recipe for Converting to CNF

1. Eliminate $\Leftrightarrow$, replacing $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$ with $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge$ ( $\beta \Rightarrow \alpha$ )
2. Eliminate $\Rightarrow$, replacing $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$ with $\neg \alpha \vee \beta$
3. Move $\neg$ inwards using:
$\neg(\neg \alpha) \equiv \alpha$ (double-negation elimination)
$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv \neg \alpha \vee \neg \beta$ (De Morgan's Law)
$\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv \neg \alpha \wedge \neg \beta$ (De Morgan's Law)
4. Apply distributive law $(\alpha \vee(\beta \wedge \gamma)) \equiv((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge$ $(\alpha \vee \gamma))$

## In-class Exercise

| KB | Can we show that : |
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| Person $\Rightarrow$ Mortal <br> Socrates $\Rightarrow$ Person | KB $\mid=($ Socrates $\Rightarrow$ Mortal)? |

## Exercise

- Convert the following sentence to CNF.

$$
(B \vee C) \Rightarrow D
$$

## A resolution algorithm

To prove $K B \mid=\alpha$, we show that $(K B \wedge \neg \alpha)$ is unsatisfiable
(Remember that $\alpha \mid=\beta$ iff the sentence $(\alpha \wedge \neg \beta)$ is unsatisfiable)
The algorithm:

1. Convert $(\mathrm{KB} \wedge \neg \alpha)$ to CNF
2. Apply resolution rule to resulting clauses. Each pair with complementary literals is resolved to produce a new clause which is added to the KB
3. Keep going until

- There are no new clauses that can be added ( meaning KB $\mid \neq \alpha$ ) - Two clauses resolve to yield the empty clause ( meaning KB |= a) $\sqrt{\text { The empty clause is equivalent to false }}$ because a disjunction is true only if one of its disjuncts is true


## In-class Exercise

KB
Person $\Rightarrow$ Mortal
Socrates $\Rightarrow$ Person

Can we show that :
KB $\mid=$ (Socrates $\Rightarrow$ Mortal $)$ ?
Socrates $\Rightarrow$ Person

Resolution Pseudocode
function PL-RESOLUTION $(K B, \alpha)$ returns true or false
clauses $\leftarrow$ the set of clauses in the CNF representation of $K B \wedge \neg \alpha$
$n e w \leftarrow\}$
loop do
for each $C_{i}, C_{j}$ in clauses do
resolvents $\leftarrow \operatorname{PL}-\operatorname{Resolve}\left(C_{i}, C_{j}\right)$
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
4. $\neg A \vee \neg P \vee E$

- Does $K B \mid=\neg R$ ?


## Things you should know

- Understand the syntax and semantics of propositional logic
- Know how to do a proof in propositional logic using inference rules
- Know how to convert arbitrary sentences to CNF
- Know how resolution works

