



CS 540 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence  
**Logic**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

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# Announcements

- **Homeworks:**
  - Good luck on HW2!
- **Class roadmap:**

Thursday, Jan 26	Probability
Tuesday, Jan. 31	Linear Algebra and PCA
Thursday, Feb. 2	PCA, Statistics and Math Review
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 6</b>	<b>Stats Review, Introduction to Logic</b>
Thursday, Feb. 8	Natural Language Processing

Fundamentals

# Logic & AI

Why are we studying logic?

- **Traditional** approach to AI ('50s-'80s)
  - “Symbolic AI”
  - The Logic Theorist – 1956
    - Proved a bunch of theorems!
- Logic also the language of:
  - Knowledge rep., databases, etc.



# Symbolic Techniques in AI

Lots of systems based on symbolic approach:

- Ex: expert systems, planning, more
- Playing great chess
- **Less popular recently!**

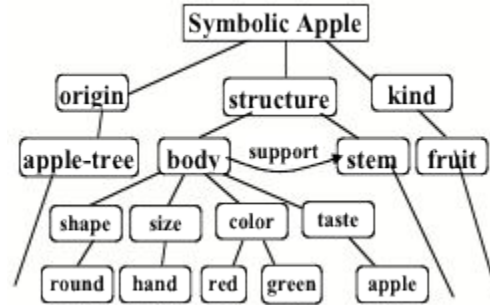
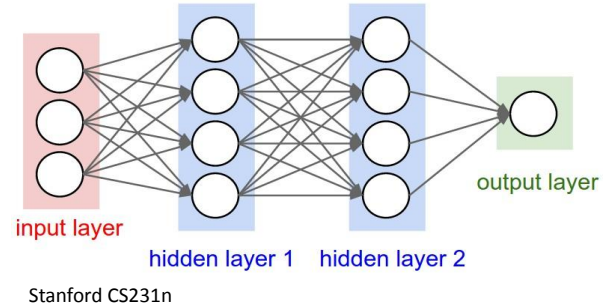


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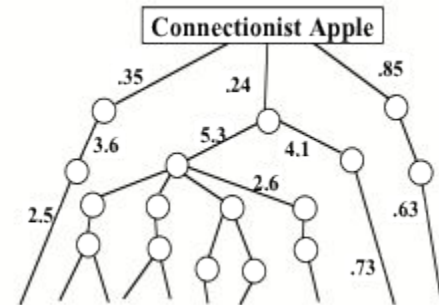
# Symbolic vs Connectionist

## Rival approach: **connectionist**

- Probabilistic models
- Neural networks
- **Extremely popular** last 20 years



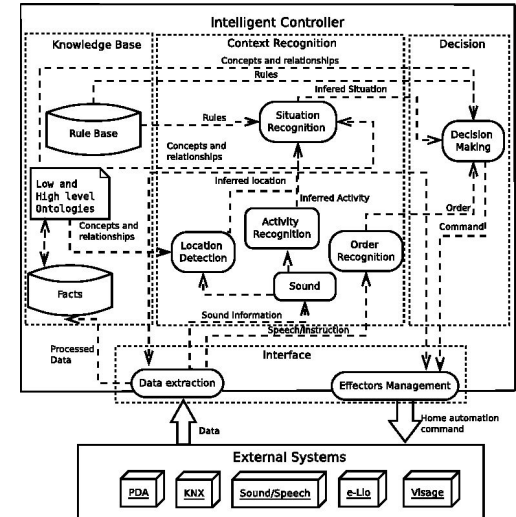
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# Symbolic vs Connectionist

Analogy: Logic versus probability

- Which is better?
- Future: combination; best-of-both-worlds.
  - “Neurosymbolic AI”
  - **Example:** Markov Logic Networks



# Outline

- Introduction to logic
  - Arguments, validity, soundness
- Propositional logic
  - Sentences, semantics, inference
- First order logic (FOL)
  - Predicates, objects, formulas, quantifiers



# Basic Logic

- Arguments, premises, conclusions
  - Argument: a set of sentences (premises) + a sentence (a conclusion).
  - **Validity:** argument is valid iff it's necessary that if all premises are true, the conclusion is true.
  - **Soundness:** argument is sound iff valid & premises true.
  - **Entailment:** when argument is valid, premises entail conclusion.



# Propositional Logic Basics

## Logic Vocabulary:

- Sentences, symbols, connectives, parentheses
  - Symbols: P, Q, R, ... (**atomic** sentences)
  - Connectives:

$\wedge$	and	[conjunction]
$\vee$	or	[disjunction]
$\Rightarrow$	implies	[implication]
$\Leftrightarrow$	is equivalent	[biconditional]
$\neg$	not	[negation]
  - Literal: P or negation  $\neg P$

# Propositional Logic Basics

Examples:

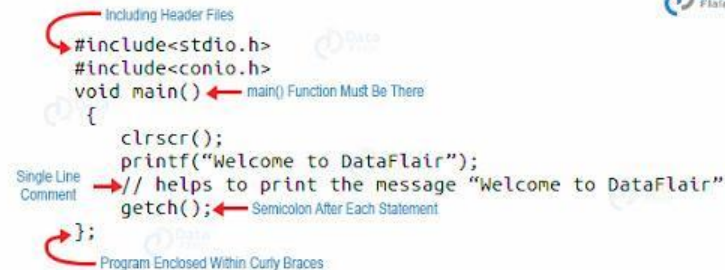
- $(P \vee Q) \Rightarrow S$ 
  - “If it is cold or it is raining, then I need a jacket”
- $Q \Rightarrow P$ 
  - “If it is raining, then it is cold”
- $\neg R$ 
  - “It is not hot”



# Propositional Logic Basics

Several rules in place

- Precedence:  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$
- Use parentheses when needed
- Sentences: **well-formed** or not well-formed:
  - $P \Rightarrow Q \Rightarrow S$  **not well-formed (not associative!)**



```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
void main()
{
    clrscr();
    printf("Welcome to DataFlair");
    getch();
};
```

Including Header Files

main() Function Must Be There

Single Line Comment → // helps to print the message "Welcome to DataFlair"

Semicolon After Each Statement

Program Enclosed Within Curly Braces

Data Flair

# Sentences & Semantics

- Think of symbols as defined by user
- Sentences: built up from symbols with connectives
  - **Interpretation:** assigning True / False to symbols
  - **Semantics:** interpretations for which sentence evaluates to True
  - **Model:** (of a set of sentences) interpretation for which all sentences are True



# Evaluating a Sentence

- Example:

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
<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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- Note:
  - If  $P$  is false,  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is true regardless of  $Q$  (“5 is even implies 6 is odd” is True!)
  - Causality unneeded: “5 is odd implies the Sun is a star” is True!)

# Evaluating a Sentence: Truth Table

- **Ex:**

P	Q	R	$\neg P$	$Q \wedge R$	$\neg P \vee Q \wedge R$	$\neg P \vee Q \wedge R \Rightarrow Q$
0	0	0	1	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	1
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- **Satisfiable**

- There exists some interpretation where the sentence is true.

# Break & Quiz

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(i)  $\neg(\neg p \rightarrow \neg q) \wedge r$

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Plug interpretation into each sentence.

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For (i):  $(\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$  will be false so  $\neg(\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$  will be true and  $r$  is true by assignment.

For (ii):  $(\neg p \vee \neg q)$  is true and  $(p \vee \neg r)$  is false which makes the implication

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Formalize “Aldo is Italian or if Aldo isn’t Italian then Bob is English”.

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- d.  $A \rightarrow B$

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Answer a. is the exact translation of the English sentence into a logic sentence. You can see that answer b. is also correct by writing out the truth table for all answers and seeing that a and b have the same truth tables.

Or you can use the fact that  $\neg A \rightarrow B = A \vee B$  and that  $A \vee A \vee B = A \vee B$  to prove equivalence.

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**Q 1.3:** How many different assignments can there be to

$$(x_1 \wedge y_1) \vee (x_2 \wedge y_2) \vee \dots \vee (x_n \wedge y_n)$$

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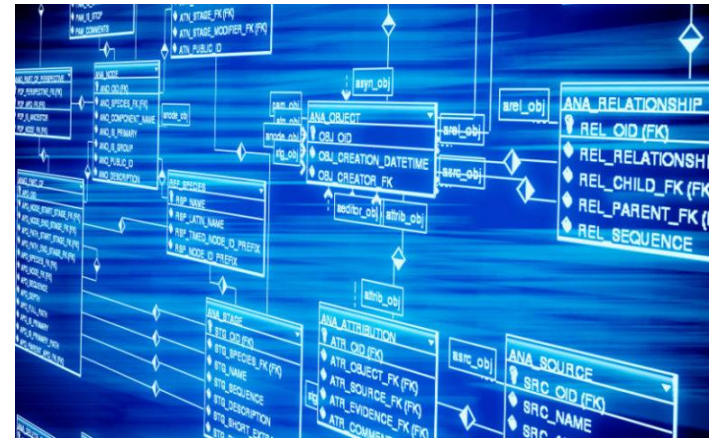
$2^k$  assignments for  $k$  variables. We have  $n$  variables of the form  $x_i, y_i$  so  $k = 2n$ .

# Knowledge Bases

- **Knowledge Base (KB):** A set of sentences  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ .
  - Like a long sentence, connect with conjunction:
  - KB is  $A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n$ .

**Model of a KB:** interpretations where all sentences are True

**Goal:** inference to discover new sentences

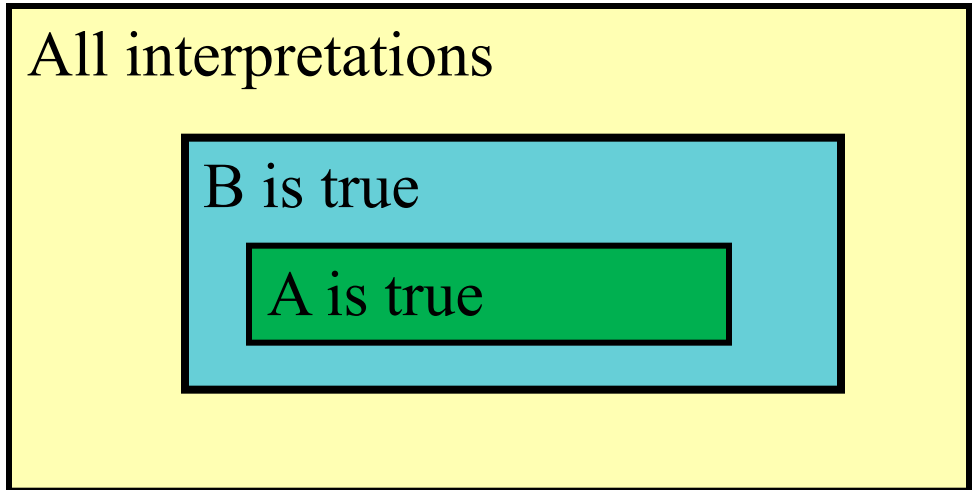




# Entailment

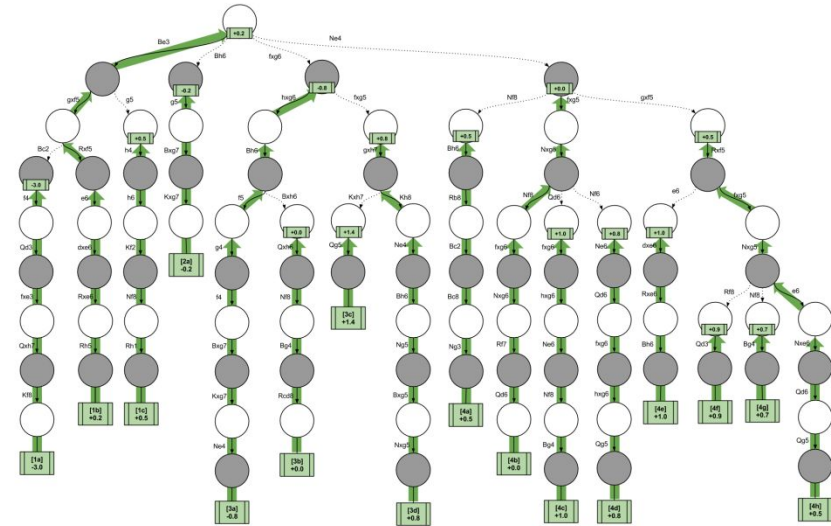
**Entailment:** a sentence logically follows from others

- Like from a KB. Write  $A \models B$
- $A \models B$  iff in every interpretation where A is true, B is also true



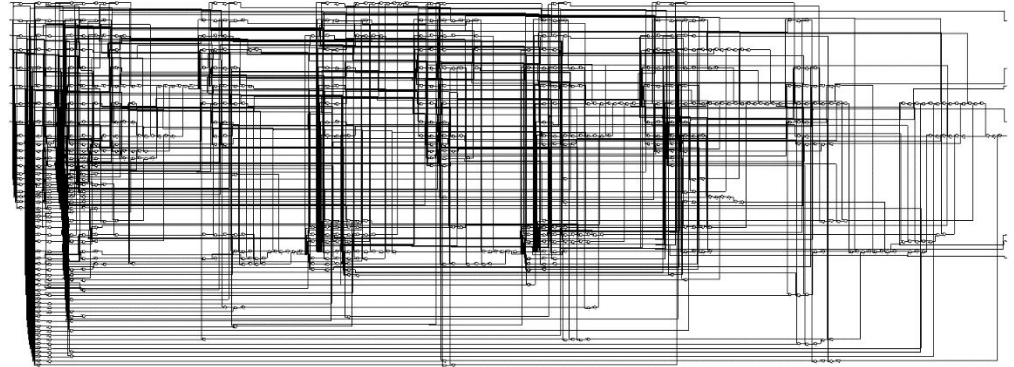
# Inference

- Given a set of sentences (a KB), **logical inference** creates new sentences
  - Compare to prob. inference!
- **Challenges:**
  - Soundness
  - Completeness
  - Efficiency



# Methods of Inference: **1. Enumeration**

- Enumerate all interpretations; look at the truth table
  - “Model checking”
- Downside:  $2^n$  interpretations for n symbols



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# Methods of Inference: 2. Using Rules

- *Modus Ponens*:  $(A \Rightarrow B, A) \models B$
- And-elimination
- Many other rules
  - Commutativity, associativity, de Morgan's laws, distribution for conjunction/disjunction



# Logical equivalences

$$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) \quad \text{commutativity of } \wedge$$

$$(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) \quad \text{commutativity of } \vee$$

$$((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \quad \text{associativity of } \wedge$$

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$$\neg(\neg\alpha) \equiv \alpha \quad \text{double-negation elimination}$$

$$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) \quad \text{contraposition}$$

$$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) \quad \text{implication elimination}$$

$$(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) \quad \text{biconditional elimination}$$

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You can use these equivalences to modify sentences.

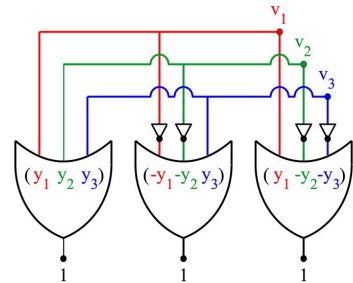
# Methods of Inference: 3. Resolution

- Convert to special form and use a single rule
- **Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)**

$$\underbrace{(\neg A \vee B \vee C)}_{\text{a clause}} \wedge (\neg B \vee A) \wedge (\neg C \vee A)$$

Conjunction of clauses; each clause disjunction of literals

- Simple rules for converting to CNF



# Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

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

- Replace all  $\Leftrightarrow$  using biconditional elimination
- Replace all  $\Rightarrow$  using implication elimination
- Move all negations inward using
  - double-negation elimination
  - de Morgan's rule
- Apply distributivity of  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$

# Convert example sentence into CNF

$$B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \quad \text{starting sentence}$$

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

biconditional elimination

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

implication elimination

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

move negations inward

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

distribute  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$



# Resolution Steps

- Given KB and  $\beta$  (query)
- Add  $\neg \beta$  to KB, show the set of satisfying interpretations is empty (implies  $\neg \beta$  is False. Proof by contradiction)
- Everything needs to be in CNF
- Example KB:
  - $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$
  - $\neg B_{1,1}$
- Example query:  $\neg P_{1,2}$

# Resolution Preprocessing

- Add  $\neg \beta$  to KB, convert to CNF:

$$a1: (\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

$$a2: (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1})$$

$$a3: (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1})$$

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

$$c: P_{1,2}$$

← Query

- Want to reach goal: *empty*

# Resolution

- Take any two clauses where one contains some symbol, and the other contains its complement (negative)

$$P \vee Q \vee R \quad \neg Q \vee S \vee T$$

- Merge (resolve) them, throw away the symbol and its complement

$$P \vee R \vee S \vee T$$

- If two clauses resolve and there's no symbol left, you have reached *empty* (False).  $KB \models \beta$
- If no new clauses can be added, KB does not entail  $\beta$

# Resolution Example

$$a1: (\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

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Step 1: resolve a2, c:  $B_{1,1}$

Step 2: resolve above ( $B_{1,1}$ ) and b: *empty*

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Both must specify a value for every possible set of variables. Truth tables specify a value in  $\{0,1\}$  and joint distribution tables specify a probability value in the range  $[0,1]$ .



# First Order Logic (FOL)

Propositional logic has some limitations

- Ex: how to say “all squares have four sides”
- No context, hard to generalize; express facts

**FOL** is a more expressive logic; works over

- Facts, Objects, Relations, Functions



# First Order Logic Syntax

- **Term:** an object in the world
  - **Constant:** Alice, 2, Madison, Green, ...
  - **Variables:**  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , ...
  - **Function**( $\text{term}_1, \dots, \text{term}_n$ )
    - $\text{Sqrt}(9)$ ,  $\text{Distance}(\text{Madison}, \text{Chicago})$
    - Maps one or more objects to another object
    - Can refer to an unnamed object:  $\text{LeftLeg}(\text{John})$
    - Represents a user defined functional relation
- A **ground term** is a term without variables.
  - Constants or functions of constants.

# FOL Syntax

- **Atom**: smallest T/F expression
  - **Predicate**(term<sub>1</sub>, ..., term<sub>n</sub>)
    - Teacher(Jerry, you), Bigger(sqrt(2), x)
    - Convention: read “Jerry (is)Teacher(of) you”
    - Maps one or more objects to a truth value
    - Represents a user defined relation
  - **term<sub>1</sub> = term<sub>2</sub>**
    - Radius(Earth)=6400km, 1=2
    - Represents the equality relation when two terms refer to the same object.

# FOL Syntax

- **Sentence:** T/F expression
  - Atom
  - Complex sentence using connectives:  $\wedge$   $\vee$   $\neg$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Leftrightarrow$ 
    - $\text{Less}(x,22) \wedge \text{Less}(y,33)$
  - Complex sentence using quantifiers  $\forall$ ,  $\exists$
- Sentences are evaluated under an interpretation
  - Which objects are referred to by constant symbols
  - Which objects are referred to by function symbols
  - What subsets defines the predicates

# FOL Quantifiers

- Universal quantifier:  $\forall$
- Sentence is true **for all** values of  $x$  in the domain of variable  $x$ .
- Main connective typically is  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - Forms if-then rules
  - “all humans are mammals”  
 $\forall x \text{ human}(x) \Rightarrow \text{mammal}(x)$
  - Means if  $x$  is a human, then  $x$  is a mammal

# FOL Quantifiers

- Existential quantifier:  $\exists$
- Sentence is true **for some** value of  $x$  in the domain of variable  $x$ .
- Main connective typically is  $\wedge$ 
  - “some humans are male”  
$$\exists x \text{ human}(x) \wedge \text{male}(x)$$
  - Means there is an  $x$  who is a human and is a male

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Must have one entry for every possible assignment of values to variables. That number is (C).