Propositional Logic

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What is Logic

According to Merriam-Webster dictionary logic is: **a** (1): a science that deals with the principles and criteria of validity of <u>inference</u> and demonstration

d :the arrangement of circuit elements (as in a computer) needed for computation; *also*: the circuits themselves



What is Formal Logic

Formal Logic consists of

- syntax what is a legal sentence in the logic
- semantics what is the meaning of a sentence in the logic
- proof theory formal (syntactic) procedure to construct valid/true sentences

Formal logic provides

- a language to precisely express knowledge, requirements, facts
- a formal way to reason about consequences of given facts rigorously



Propositional Logic (or Boolean Logic)

Explores simple grammatical connections such as *and*, *or*, and *not* between simplest "atomic sentences"

A = "Paris is the capital of France"

B = "mice chase elephants"

The subject of propositional logic is to declare formally the truth of complex structures from the truth of individual atomic components

A and B

A or B

if A then B

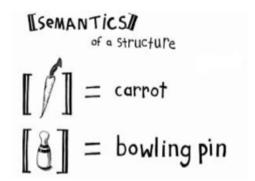


Syntax and Semantics



Syntax

- MW: the way in which linguistic elements (such as words) are put together to form constituents (such as phrases or clauses)
- Determines and restricts how things are written



Semantics

- MW: the study of meanings
- Determines how syntax is interpreted to give meaning



Syntax of Propositional Logic

An atomic formula has a form A_i , where i = 1, 2, 3 ...

Formulas are defined inductively as follows:

- All atomic formulas are formulas
- For every formula F, ¬F (called not F) is a formula
- For all formulas F and G, F ∧ G (called and) and F ∨ G (called or) are formulas

Abbreviations

- use A, B, C, ... instead of A₁, A₂, ...
- use F₁ → F₂ instead of ¬F₁ ∨ F₂
- use $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ instead of $(F_1 \to F_2) \land (F_2 \to F_1)$ (iff)



(implication)

Syntax of Propositional Logic (PL)

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truth\_symbol ::= T(true) \mid \bot(false)
      variable ::= p, q, r, \dots
          atom ::= truth_symbol | variable
         literal := atom | \neg atom |
       formula ::= literal |
                      ¬formula |
                      formula \land formula |
                      formula \( \text{formula} \)
                      formula \rightarrow formula
                      formula \leftrightarrow formula
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Example

$$F = \neg((A_5 \land A_6) \lor \neg A_3)$$

Sub-formulas are

$$F, ((A_5 \land A_6) \lor \neg A_3),$$

$$A_5 \land A_6, \neg A_3,$$

$$A_5, A_6, A_3$$



Semantics of propositional logic

For an atomic formula A_i in D: $A'(A_i) = A(A_i)$

$$A'((F \land G))$$
 = 1 if $A'(F)$ = 1 and $A'(G)$ = 1 = 0 otherwise

$$A'((F \lor G))$$
 = 1 if $A'(F)$ = 1 or $A'(G)$ = 1
= 0 otherwise

$$\mathbf{A'}(\neg F)$$
 = 1 if $\mathbf{A'}(F) = 0$
= 0 otherwise



Example

$$F = \neg (A \land B) \lor C$$

$$\mathcal{A}(A) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(C) = 0$$



Truth Tables for Basic Operators

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(G)$	$\mathcal{A}((F \wedge G))$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(\neg F)$
0	1
1	0

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(G)$	$\mathcal{A}((F \vee G))$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

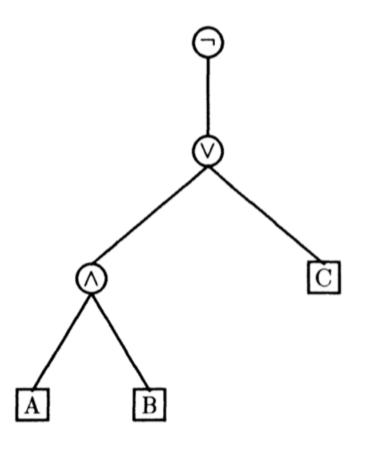


$$F = \neg (A \land B) \lor C$$

$$\mathcal{A}(A) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(C) = 0$$





Propositional Logic: Semantics

An assignment A is *suitable* for a formula F if A assigns a truth value to every atomic proposition of F

An assignment A is a *model* for F, written A⊧ F, iff

- A is suitable for F
- A(F) = 1, i.e., F *holds* under A

A formula F is *satisfiable* iff F has a model, otherwise F is *unsatisfiable* (or contradictory)

A formula F is *valid* (or a tautology), written \models F, iff every suitable assignment for F is a model for F



Determining Satisfiability via a Truth Table

A formula F with n atomic sub-formulas has 2ⁿ suitable assignments Build a truth table enumerating all assignments F is satisfiable iff there is at least one entry with 1 in the output

	A_1	A_2	• • •	A_{n-1}	A_n	F
\mathcal{A}_1 :	0	0		0	0	$\mathcal{A}_1(F)$
\mathcal{A}_2 :	0	0		0	1	$egin{array}{c} \mathcal{A}_1(F) \ \mathcal{A}_2(F) \end{array}$
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\mathcal{A}_{2^n} :	1	1		1	1	$\mathcal{A}_{2^n}(F)$



An example

$$F = (\neg A \to (A \to B))$$

A	B	$\mid \neg A \mid$	$(A \rightarrow B)$	$\mid F \mid$
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	1



Validity and Unsatisfiability

Theorem:

A formula F is valid if and only if ¬F is unsatifsiable

Proof:

F is valid \Leftrightarrow every suitable assignment for F is a model for F

⇔ every suitable assignment for ¬ F is not a model for ¬ F

⇔ ¬ F does not have a model

⇔ ¬ F is unsatisfiable



Normal Forms: CNF and DNF

A *literal* is either an atomic proposition v or its negation ~v A *clause* is a disjunction of literals

A formula is in *Conjunctive Normal Form* (CNF) if it is a conjunction of disjunctions of literals (i.e., a conjunction of clauses):

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} (\bigvee_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j})$$

A formula is in *Disjunctive Normal Form* (DNF) if it is a disjuction of conjunctions of literals

$$\bigvee_{i=1}^{n} (\bigwedge_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j})$$



From Truth Table to CNF and DNF

$$(\neg A \land \neg B \land \neg C) \lor (A \land \neg B \land \neg C) \lor (A \land \neg B \land C)$$

$$(A \lor B \lor \neg C) \land \\ (A \lor \neg B \lor C) \land \\ (A \lor \neg B \lor \neg C) \land \\ (\neg A \lor \neg B \lor C) \land \\ (\neg A \lor \neg B \lor \neg C)$$

A	B	C	$\mid F \mid$
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0
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Normal Form Theorem

Theorem: For every formula F, there is an equivalent formula F_1 in CNF and F_2 in DNF

Proof: (by induction on the structure of the formula F)

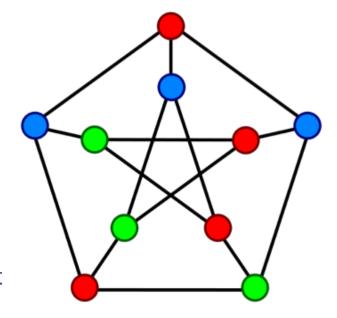


ENCODING PROBLEMS INTO CNF-SAT



Graph k-Coloring

Given a graph G = (V, E), and a natural number k > 0 is it possible to assign colors to vertices of G such that no two adjacent vertices have the same color.



Formally:

- does there exists a function $f: V \rightarrow [0..k)$ such that
- for every edge (u, v) in E, f(u) != f(v)

Graph coloring for k > 2 is NP-complete

Problem: Encode k-coloring of G into CNF

 construct CNF C such that C is SAT iff G is kcolorable



k-coloring as CNF

Let a Boolean variable f_{v.i} denote that vertex v has color i

if f_{v,i} is true if and only if f(v) = i

Every vertex has at least one color

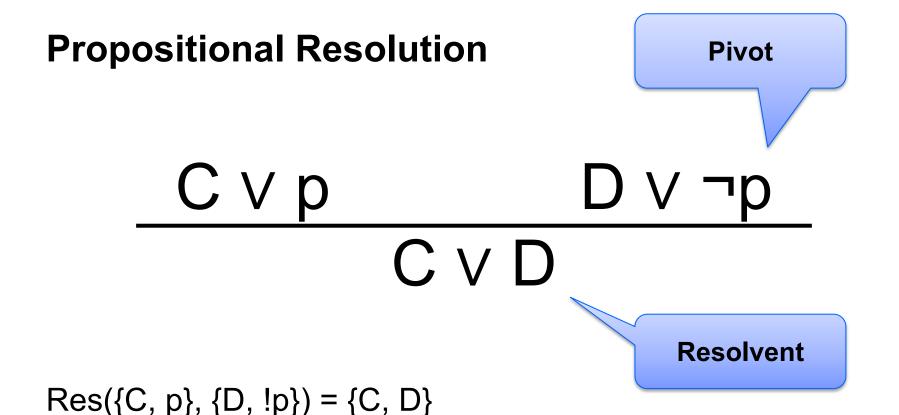
$$\bigvee_{0 \le i \le k} f_{v,i} \qquad (v \in V)$$

No vertex is assigned two colors

$$\bigwedge_{0 \le i < j < k} (\neg f_{v,i} \lor \neg f_{v,j}) \qquad (v \in V)$$

No two adjacent vertices have the same color

$$\bigwedge_{0 \le i < k} (\neg f_{v,i} \lor \neg f_{u,i}) \qquad ((v,u) \in E)$$



Given two clauses (C, p) and (D, !p) that contain a literal p of different polarity, create a new clause by taking the union of literals in C and D



Resolution Lemma

Lemma:

Let F be a CNF formula. Let R be a resolvent of two clauses X and Y in F. Then, $F \cup \{R\}$ is equivalent to F



Proof System

$$P_1,\ldots,P_n\vdash C$$

An inference rule is a tuple $(P_1, ..., P_n, C)$

- where, P₁, ..., P_n, C are formulas
- P_i are called premises and C is called a conclusion
- intuitively, the rules says that the conclusion is true if the premises are

A proof system P is a collection of inference rules

A proof in a proof system P is a tree (or a DAG) such that

- nodes are labeled by formulas
- for each node n, (parents(n), n) is an inference rule in P



Propositional Resolution

$$\frac{C \vee p}{C \vee D}$$

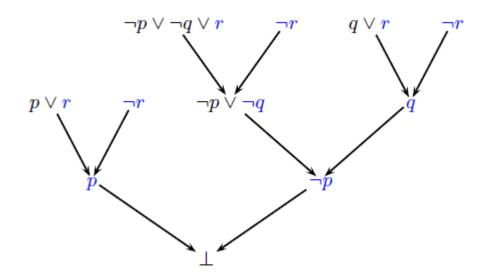
Propositional resolution is a sound inference rule

Proposition resolution system consists of a single propositional resolution rule



Example of a resolution proof

A refutation of $\neg p \lor \neg q \lor r$, $p \lor r$, $q \lor r$, $\neg r$:





Resolution Proof Example

Show by resolution that the following CNF is UNSAT

$$\neg b \land (\neg a \lor b \lor \neg c) \land a \land (\neg a \lor c)$$

$$\frac{\neg a \lor b \lor \neg c \qquad a}{b \lor \neg c \qquad b} \qquad \frac{a \qquad \neg a \lor c}{c}$$





Entailment and Derivation

A set of formulas F entails a set of formulas G iff every model of F and is a model of G

$$F \models G$$

A formula G is derivable from a formula F by a proof system P if there exists a proof whose leaves are labeled by formulas in F and the root is labeled by G

$$F \vdash_P G$$



Soundness and Completeness

A proof system P is sound iff

$$(F \vdash_P G) \implies (F \models G)$$

A proof system P is complete iff

$$(F \models G) \implies (F \vdash_P G)$$



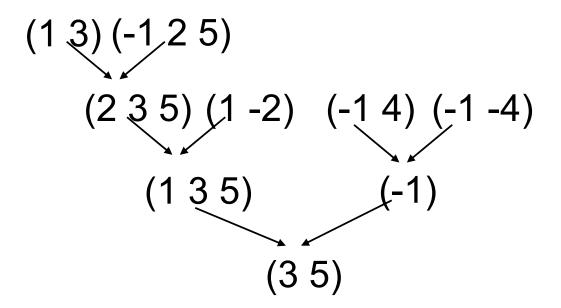
Completeness of Propositional Resolution

Theorem: Propositional resolution is sound and complete for propositional logic



Proof by resolution

Notation: positive numbers mean variables, negative mean negation Let ϕ = (1 3) \wedge (-1 2 5) \wedge (-1 4) \wedge (-1 -4) We'll try to prove $\phi \rightarrow$ (3 5)





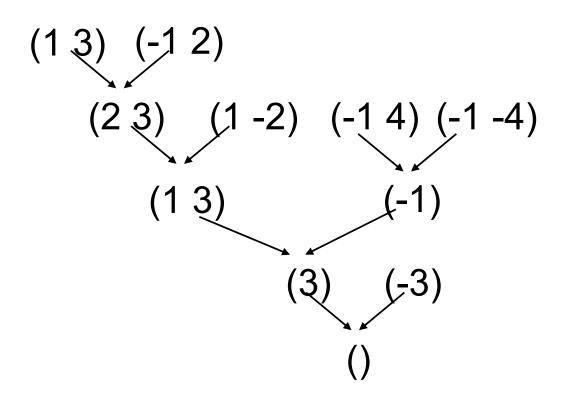
Resolution

Resolution is a sound and complete inference system for CNF If the input formula is unsatisfiable, there exists a proof of the empty clause



Example: UNSAT Derivation

Notation: positive numbers mean variables, negative mean negation Let $\varphi = (1\ 3)\ \land\ (-1\ 2)\ \land\ (-1\ 4)\ \land\ (-1\ -4)\ \land\ (-3)$





Logic for Computer Scientists: Ex. 33

Using resolution show that

$$A \wedge B \wedge C$$

is a consequence of

$$\neg A \lor B$$

$$\neg B \lor C$$

$$A \lor \neg C$$

$$A \lor B \lor C$$



Logic for Computer Scientists: Ex. 34

Show using resolution that F is valid

$$F = (\neg B \land \neg C \land D) \lor (\neg B \land \neg D) \lor (C \land D) \lor B$$

$$\neg F = (B \lor C \lor \neg D) \land (B \lor D) \land (\neg C \lor \neg D) \land \neg B$$

