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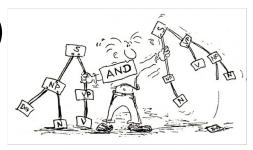
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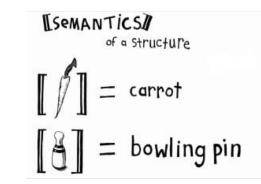
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Syntax and Semantics (Again)



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



The language of First Order Logic

Functions, Variables, Predicates

• *f*, *g*,... P, Q, =, <, ...

Atomic formulas, Literals

• P(x,f(y)), ¬Q(y,z)

Quantifier free formulas

• P(f(a), b) ∧ c = g(d)

Formulas, sentences

• $\forall x . \forall y . [P(x, f(x)) \lor g(y,x) = h(y)]$



Language: Signatures

A signature Σ is a finite set of:

• Function symbols:

$$\Sigma_{\mathsf{F}} = \{ f, g, +, \dots \}$$

• Predicate symbols:

$$\Sigma_{\mathsf{P}} = \{ P, Q, =, \text{ true, false, } \dots \}$$

• And an *arity* function:

 $\Sigma \to N$

Function symbols with arity 0 are constants

• notation: $f_{/2}$ means a symbol with arity 2

A countable set V of variables

• disjoint from \varSigma



Language: Terms

The set of *terms* $T(\Sigma_F, V)$ is the smallest set formed by the syntax rules:

•
$$t \in T$$
 ::= V $V \in V$
| $f(t_1, ..., t_n)$ $f \in \Sigma_F$, $t_1, ..., t_n \in T$

Ground terms are given by $T(\Sigma_F, \emptyset)$ • a term is ground if it contains no variables



Language: Atomic Formulas

$$a \in Atoms$$
 ::= $P(t_1, ..., t_n)$
 $P \in \Sigma_P t_1, ..., t_n \in T$

An atom is *ground* if $t_1, \ldots, t_n \in T(\Sigma_F, \emptyset)$

• ground atom contains no variables

Literals are atoms and negation of atoms:

 $I \in Literals$::= $a \mid \neg a$ $a \in Atoms$



Language: Quantifier free formulas

The set $QFF(\Sigma, V)$ of *quantifier free formulas* is the smallest set such that:

$\varphi \in QFF ::=$	a ∈ Atoms	atoms
	$ \neg \varphi$	negations
	$\varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi'$	bi-implications
	$\varphi \land \varphi'$	conjunction
	$\varphi \lor \varphi'$	disjunction
	$ \phi \rightarrow \phi'$	implication



Language: Formulas

The set of *first-order formulas* are obtained by adding the formation rules:

 $\varphi ::=$...| $\forall x . \varphi$ universal quant.| $\exists x . \varphi$ existential quant.

Free (occurrences) of *variables* in a formula are theose not bound by a quantifier.

A sentence is a first-order formula with no free variables.



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Who killed Aunt Agatha?





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Who killed Aunt Agatha? Constants are blue Predicates are purple





 $killed/_2, hates/_2, richer/_2, a/_0, b/_0, c/_0$

$$\exists x \cdot killed(x, a) \tag{1}$$

$$\forall x \cdot \forall y \cdot killed(x, y) \implies (hates(x, y) \land \neg richer(x, y)) \tag{2}$$

$$\forall x \cdot hates(a, x) \implies \neg hates(c, x) \tag{3}$$

$$hates(a, a) \land hates(a, c) \tag{4}$$

$$\forall x \cdot \neg richer(x, a) \implies hates(b, x) \tag{5}$$

$$\forall x \cdot hates(a, x) \implies hates(b, x) \tag{6}$$

$$\forall x \cdot \exists y \cdot \neg hates(x, y) \tag{7}$$

$$a \neq b \tag{8}$$





Solving Dreadbury Mansion in SMT

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(declare-datatypes () ((Mansion (Agatha) (Butler) (Charles))))
(declare-fun killed (Mansion Mansion) Bool)
(declare-fun hates (Mansion Mansion) Bool)
(declare-fun richer (Mansion Mansion) Bool)
(assert (exists ((x Mansion)) (killed x Agatha)))
(assert (forall ((x Mansion) (y Mansion))
   (=> (killed x y) (hates x y))))
(assert (forall ((x Mansion) (y Mansion))
   (=> (killed x y) (not (richer x y)))))
(assert (forall ((x Mansion))
   (=> (hates Agatha x) (not (hates Charles x)))))
(assert (hates Agatha Agatha))
(assert (hates Agatha Charles))
(assert (forall ((x Mansion))
   (=> (not (richer x Agatha)) (hates Butler x))))
(assert (forall ((x Mansion))
   (=> (hates Agatha x) (hates Butler x))))
(assert (forall ((x Mansion)) (
   exists ((y Mansion)) (not (hates x y)))))
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(check-sat)

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(get-model)
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Models (Semantics)

A model *M* is defined as:

- Domain *S*; non-empty set of elements; often called the *universe*
- Interpretation, $f^M : S^n \rightarrow S$ for each $f \in \Sigma_F$ with arity(f) = n
- Interpretation $P^{M} \subseteq S^{n}$ for each $P \in \Sigma_{P}$ with arity(P) = n
- Assignment $x^M \in S$ for every variable $x \in V$

A formula φ is true in a model *M* if it evaluates to true under the given interpretations over the domain *S*.

M is a *model* for a set of sentences T if all sentences of T are true in M.



Models (Semantics)

A term *t* in a model *M* is interpreted as:

- Variable $x \in V$ is interpreted as x^M
- $f(t_1, ..., t_n)$ is interpreted as $f^{M}(a_1, ..., a_n)$,

– where a_i is the current interpretation of t_i

 $P(t_1, ..., t_n)$ atom is *true* in a model *M* if and only if • $(a_1, ..., a_n) \in P^M$, where

• a_i is the current interpretation of t_i



Models (Semantics)

A formula φ is true in a model *M* if:

- *M* ⊨ ¬ φ
- $M \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi'$
- $M \models \varphi \land \varphi'$
- $M \models \varphi \lor \varphi'$
- $M \vDash \varphi \rightarrow \varphi'$
- *M* ⊨∀x.φ
- *M* ⊨∃x.φ

iff $M \nvDash \varphi$ (i.e., M is not a model for φ)iff $M \nvDash \varphi$ is equivalent to $M \nvDash \varphi'$ iff $M \nvDash \varphi$ and $M \nvDash \varphi'$ iff $M \nvDash \varphi$ or $M \nvDash \varphi'$ iff $if M \nvDash \varphi$ then $M \nvDash \varphi'$ iff for all $s \in S$, $M[x:=s] \vDash \varphi$ iff exists $s \in S$, $M[x:=s] \vDash \varphi$



$$\begin{split} \Sigma &= \{0, +, <\}, \text{ and } M \text{ such that } |M| = \{a, b, c\} \\ M(0) &= a, \\ M(+) &= \{\langle a, a \mapsto a \rangle, \langle a, b \mapsto b \rangle, \langle a, c \mapsto c \rangle, \langle b, a \mapsto b \rangle, \langle b, b \mapsto c \rangle, \\ \langle b, c \mapsto a \rangle, \langle c, a \mapsto c \rangle, \langle c, b \mapsto a \rangle, \langle c, c \mapsto b \rangle \} \\ M(<) &= \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle a, c \rangle, \langle b, c \rangle \} \end{split}$$

If
$$M(x) = a, M(y) = b, M(z) = c$$
, then
 $M[\![+(+(x, y), z)]\!] =$
 $M(+)(M(+)(M(x), M(y)), M(z)) = M(+)(M(+)(a, b), c) =$
 $M(+)(b, c) = a$



SAT/SMT - p.21/50

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$$M \not\models (\forall x : (\exists y : x < y))$$
$$M \models (\forall x : (\exists y : +(x, y) = x))$$



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Dreadbury Mansion Mystery: Model

 $killed/_2, hates/_2, richer/_2, a/_0, b/_0, c/_0$

- $S = \{a, b, c\}$ M(a) = a M(b) = b M(c) = c $M(killed) = \{(a, a)\}$ $M(richer) = \{(b, a)\}$
- $M(hates) = \{(a, a), (a, c)(b, a), (b, c)\}$





Semantics: Exercise

Drinker's paradox:

There is someone in the pub such that, if he is drinking, everyone in the pub is drinking.

• $\exists x. (D(x) \rightarrow \forall y. D(y))$

Is this logical formula valid? Or unsatisfiable? Or satisfiable but not valid?



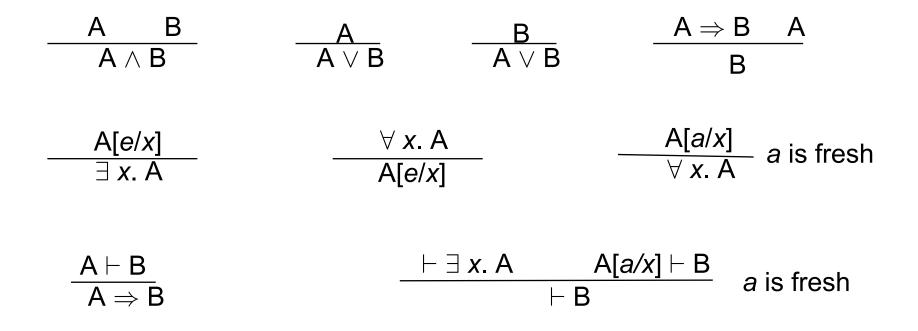


Inference Rules for First Order Logic

We write $\vdash A$ when A can be inferred from basic axioms We write $B \vdash A$ when A can be inferred from B

Natural deduction style rules

Notation: A[a/x] means A with variable x replaced by term a





Theories

A (first-order) theory T (over signature Σ) is a set of (deductively closed) sentences (over Σ and V) - axioms

Let $DC(\Gamma)$ be the deductive closure of a set of sentences Γ .

• For every theory T, *DC*(T) = T

A theory T is constistent if false $\not\in$ T

A theory captures the intendent interpretation of the functions and predicates in the signature

• e.g., '+' is a plus, '0' is number 0, etc.

We can view a (first-order) theory *T* as the class of all *models* of *T* (due to completeness of first-order logic).



Theory of Equality T_E

Signature: $\Sigma_E = \{ =, a, b, c, ..., f, g, h, ..., P, Q, R, \}$ =, a binary predicate, interpreted by axioms all constant, function, and predicate symbols. Axioms:

1. $\forall x . x = x$ (reflexivity)2. $\forall x, y . x = y \rightarrow y = x$ (symmetry)3. $\forall x, y, z . x = y \land y = z \rightarrow x = z$ (transitivity)



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4. for each positive integer *n* and *n*-ary function symbol *f*,

 $\forall x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n \colon \Lambda_i x_i = y_i \to f(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = f(y_1, \ldots, y_n) \quad \text{(congruence)}$

5. for each positive integer *n* and *n*-ary predicate symbol *P*

 $\forall x_1, \ldots, x_n, y_1, \ldots, y_n \colon \Lambda_i x_i = y_i \to (P(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \leftrightarrow P(y_1, \ldots, y_n)) \text{ (equivalence)}$



Theory of Peano Arithmetic (Natural Number)

Note that induction (#3) is an axiom schema

• one such axiom is added for each predicate F in the signature Peano arithmetic is undecidable!



Theory of Presburger Arithmetic

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Can extend the signature to allow multiplication by a numeric constant Presburger arithmetic is decidable

• linear integer programming (ILP)



McCarthy theory of Arrays T_A

Signature: $\Sigma_A = \{ read, write, = \}$ read(a, i) is a binary function:

- reads an array a at the index i
- alternative notations:
 - -(select a i), and a[i]
- write(a, i, v) is a ternary function:
- writes a value v to the index i of array a
- alternative notations:
 - -(store a i v) , a[i:=v]
- side-effect free results in new array, does not modify a



Axioms of T_A

Array congruence

• $\forall a , i, j . i = j \rightarrow read (a, i) = read (a, j)$

Read-Over-Write 1

• $\forall a , v, i, j. i = j \rightarrow read (write (a, i, v), j) = v$

Read-Over-Write 2

- ∀a,v, i, j. i≠j →read (write (a, i, v), j) = read (a, j)
 Extensionality
 - $a=b \leftrightarrow \forall i$. read(a, i) = read(b, i)



T-Satisfiability

- A formula $\varphi(x)$ is T-satisfiable in a theory *T* if there is a model of $DC(T \cup \exists x. \varphi(x))$.
- That is, there is a model *M* for *T* in which $\varphi(x)$ evaluates to true.

Notation:

$$M \vDash_{\mathsf{T}} \varphi(x)$$

where, DC(V) stands for deductive closure of V



T-Validity

A formula $\varphi(x)$ is T-*valid* in a theory T if $\forall x. \varphi(x) \in T$

That is, $\forall x. \varphi(x)$ evaluates to *true* in every model *M* of *T*

T-validity: $\models_{T} \varphi(x)$



Fragment of a Theory

Fragment of a theory *T* is a syntactically restricted subset of formulae of the theory

- Example:
 - Quantifier-free fragment of theory T is the set of formulae without quantifiers that are valid in T

Often decidable fragments for undecidable theories

Theory T is *decidable* if T-validity is decidable for every formula F of T

• There is an algorithm that always terminates with "yes" if *F* is *T*-valid, and "no" if *F* is *T*-unsatisfiable



Exercises (1/2)

Find a model for $P(f(x,y)) \Rightarrow P(g(x,y,x))$

Write an axiom that will restrict that every model has to have exactly three different elements.

Write a FOL formula stating that *i* is the position of the minimal element of an integer array *A*

Write a FOL formula stating that v is the minimal element of an integer array A



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$$(\exists x, y, z \cdot x \neq y \land x \neq z \land y \neq z) \land (\forall a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \cdot \bigvee_{0 \le i < j \le 3} a_i = a_j)$$

Write a FOL formula stating that *i* is the position of the minimal element of an integer array *A*

$$isIntArray(A) \land isInt(i) \land 0 \le i < len(A)$$

$$\forall j \cdot 0 \le j < len(A) \land i \ne j \implies A[i] \le A[j]$$

Write a FOL formula stating that *v* is the minimal element of an integer array A $isIntArray(A) \land isInt(v)$

$$\exists i \cdot 0 \le i < len(A) \land A[i] = v$$

$$\forall i \cdot 0 \le i < len(A) \implies A[i] \le v$$



Exercises (2/2)

Show whether the following sentence is valid or not

$$(\exists x \cdot P(x) \lor Q(x)) \iff (\exists x \cdot P(x)) \lor (\exists x \cdot Q(x))$$

Show whether the following FOL sentence is valid or not $(\exists x \cdot P(x) \land Q(x)) \iff (\exists x \cdot P(x)) \land (\exists x \cdot Q(x))$



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Show whether the following sentence is valid or not

$$(\exists x \cdot P(x) \lor Q(x)) \iff (\exists x \cdot P(x)) \lor (\exists x \cdot Q(x))$$

• Valid. Prove by contradiction that every model M of the LHS is a model of the RHS and vice versa.

Show whether the following FOL sentence is valid or not

$$(\exists x \cdot P(x) \land Q(x)) \iff (\exists x \cdot P(x)) \land (\exists x \cdot Q(x))$$

 Not valid. Prove by constructing a model M of the RHS that is not a model of the LHS. For example, S = {0,1}, M(P) = { 0 }, and M(Q) = { 1 }



Completeness, Compactness, Incompleteness

Gödel Completeness Theorem of FOL

 any (first-order) formula that is true in *all* models of a theory, must be logically deducible from that theory, and vice versa (every formula that is deducible from a theory is true in *all* models of that theory)

Corollary: Compactness Theorem

- A FOL theory G is SAT iff every finite subset G' of G is SAT
- A set G of FOL sentences is UNSAT iff exists a finite subset G' of G that is UNSAT

Incompleteness of FOL Theories

- A theory is *consistent* if it is impossible to prove both *p* and ~*p* for any sentence *p* in the signature of the theory
- A theory is *complete* if for every sentence *p* it includes either *p* or ~*p*
- There are FOL theories that are consistent but incomplete

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