

# Human Reasoning and the Weak Completion Semantics



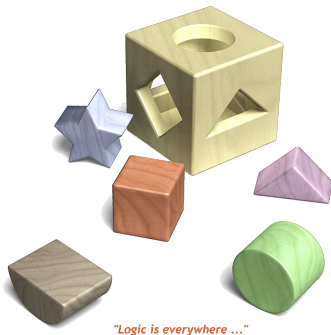
## Foundations – Logics

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# Alphabet

- ▶ We consider an **alphabet** consisting of
  - ▷ a finite set of **function symbols** with arity  $\geq 0$
  - ▷ a countably infinite set of **variables**
  - ▷ a finite or countably infinite set of **relation symbols** with arity  $\geq 0$
  - ▷ the **connectives**  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\leftarrow$ , and  $\leftrightarrow$
  - ▷ the **existential quantifier**  $\exists$
  - ▷ the **universal quantifier**  $\forall$
  - ▷ the **special symbols**  $(, )$ ,  $\top$ ,  $\perp$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$ , and  $,$
- ▶ We assume that alphabets are implicitly given as the set of symbols occurring in the syntactic objects under consideration

## Terms, Atoms, and Literals

- ▶ The set of **terms** is the smallest set satisfying the following conditions:
  - ▷ Each variable is a term
  - ▷ If  $f$  is an  $n$ -ary function symbol,  $n \geq 0$ , and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms, then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a term as well
    - ▶▶  $X, Y, a, b, f(a, X), g a$
- ▶ The set of **atoms** consists of all expressions of the form  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , where  $p$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol,  $n \geq 0$ , and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms
  - ▷  $p(b, X), q, r, s a$
- ▶ A **literal** is either an atom or its negation
  - ▷  $p(a, b), \neg p(a, b)$
- ▶ A term, atom, or literal is said to be **ground** iff if it does not contain the occurrence of a variable

## Formulas

- ▶ The set of **formulas** is the smallest set satisfying the following conditions
  - ▶ Each atom and each truth constant is a formula
  - ▶ If  $F$  is a formula, then so is  $\neg F$
  - ▶ If  $F$  and  $G$  are formulas, then so are  $(F \wedge G)$ ,  $(F \vee G)$ ,  $(F \leftarrow G)$ , and  $(F \leftrightarrow G)$
  - ▶ If  $F$  is a formula and  $X$  is a variable, then  $(\forall X) F$  and  $(\exists X) F$  are formulas
- ▶ A formula is called **clause** iff if it is a finite disjunction of literals
- ▶ In logic programming, clauses are often written in the form

$$A \leftarrow L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n$$

where  $A$  is an atom and  $L_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , are literals

- ▶ They are called **program clauses** with **head**  $A$  and **body**  $L_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n$

## Equations

- ▶ An **equation** is an atom of the form  $s \approx t$ , where
  - ▷  $s$  and  $t$  are terms and
  - ▷  $\approx$  is a binary relation symbol written infix
- ▶ Equations are assumed to be universally closed
- ▶ We usually consider sets of equations
- ▶ **Examples**
  - ▷  $\{a \approx b\}$
  - ▷  $\{X \circ 1 \approx X, X \circ Y \approx Y \circ X, (X \circ Y) \circ Z \approx X \circ (Y \circ Z)\}$  **AC1**

## Axioms of Equality

- ▶ The equality relation enjoys some typical properties
- ▶ They are specified in the following logic program

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 X \approx X & \leftarrow & \top & \text{reflexivity} \\
 X \approx Y & \leftarrow & Y \approx X & \text{symmetry} \\
 X \approx Z & \leftarrow & X \approx Y \wedge Y \approx Z & \text{transitivity} \\
 f(X_1, \dots, X_n) \approx f(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) & \leftarrow & \bigwedge_{i=1}^n X_i \approx Y_i & \text{f-substitutivity} \\
 r(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) & \leftarrow & r(X_1, \dots, X_n) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^n X_i \approx Y_i & \text{r-substitutivity}
 \end{array}$$

where substitutivity axioms are given for each function and relation symbol

## Equational Theories

- ▶ An **equational theory** consists of a set of equations and the axioms of equality
- ▶ It is specified by the set of equations
- ▶ **Example**

$$\{X \circ 1 \approx X, X \circ Y \approx Y \circ X, (X \circ Y) \circ Z \approx X \circ (Y \circ Z)\}$$

specifies the **AC1 theory**



## Finest Congruence Relation

- ▶ An equational theory defines a **finest congruence relation**  $\cong$  on the set of ground terms
  - ▷ An equational theory is a definite logic program
  - ▷ Definite logic programs enjoy the model intersection property
  - ▷ The least model is the finest congruence relation
- ▶ Let  $t$  be a ground term
  - ▷  $[t]$  denotes the congruence class defined by  $\cong$  and containing  $t$
  - ▷ If the set of equations is empty we write  $t$  instead of  $[t]$

## An Abbreviation

- ▶  $[p(t_1, \dots, t_n)]$  is an abbreviation for  $p([t_1], \dots, [t_n])$
- ▶  $[p(t_1, \dots, t_n)] = [q(s_1, \dots, s_m)]$  iff
  - ▷  $p = q$
  - ▷  $n = m$  and
  - ▷  $[t_i] = [s_i]$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$
- ▶ If the set of equations is empty we write  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  instead of  $[p(t_1, \dots, t_n)]$
- ▶ **Example** Consider the AC1-theory

$$\begin{aligned}
 [d \circ t_2] &= [t_2 \circ d] \\
 [d \circ t_1 \circ d] &= [t_1 \circ d \circ d \circ 1] \\
 [p(d \circ t_2, d \circ t_1 \circ d)] &= [p(t_2 \circ d, t_1 \circ d \circ d \circ 1)]
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $d$ ,  $t_2$ ,  $t_1$ ,  $1$  are constants,  $\circ$  is a function, and  $p$  is a relation symbol

## Interpretations and Models

- ▶ The **Herbrand universe** is the quotient of the set of ground terms modulo  $\cong$
- ▶ The **Herbrand base** is the set of all expressions of the form  $[p(t_1, \dots, t_n)]$  where
  - ▷  $p$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol and
  - ▷  $[t_i]$  are elements of the Herbrand universe for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$
- ▶ An **interpretation** is a mapping from the set of formulas into the set of truth values such that
  - ▷ truth constants are mapped onto themselves and
  - ▷ a given equational theory is mapped to true
- ▶ An interpretation is defined by
  - ▷ the truth tables for the connectives and
  - ▷ the mapping of the Herbrand base to the truth values
- ▶ An interpretation  $I$  is a **model** for a formula  $F$  ( $I \models F$ ) iff  $I$  maps  $F$  to true

## Interpretations and Models – Example

- ▶ Consider  $\mathcal{P} = \{qX \leftarrow \neg pX, pa \leftarrow \top\}$  and  $\mathcal{E} = \{a \approx b\}$
- ▶ The Herbrand universe is  $\{[a]\}$
- ▶ The Herbrand base is  $\{[pa], [qb]\}$
- ▶ Interpretations are given by the truth tables for the connectives and
  - ▷  $[pa] \mapsto \top$      $[qb] \mapsto \top$
  - ▷  $[pa] \mapsto \perp$      $[qb] \mapsto \top$
  - ▷  $[pa] \mapsto \top$      $[qb] \mapsto \perp$
  - ▷  $[pa] \mapsto \perp$      $[qb] \mapsto \perp$
- ▶ Which interpretations are models for  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  in classical two-valued logic?

## Semantic Equivalence

- ▶ Two formulas  $F$  and  $G$  are **semantically equivalent** ( $F \equiv G$ )  
iff for all interpretations  $I$  we find  $I F = I G$
  - ▷ Under which logics is  $\perp \vee F \equiv F$  and  $(F \leftarrow G) \wedge (G \leftarrow F) \equiv (F \leftrightarrow G)$ ?
    - ▶ Two-valued classical logic
    - ▶ Three-valued Łukasiewicz logic
    - ▶ Three-valued Kleene logics
    - ▶ Three-valued Fitting logic
- Prove your claim

## Logical Consequence

- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a set of formulas and  $G$  a formula
- ▶  $\mathcal{F}$  **logically entails**  $G$  or  $G$  is a **logical consequence** of  $\mathcal{F}$  ( $\mathcal{F} \models G$ )  
iff every model for  $\mathcal{F}$  is also a model for  $G$
- ▶ Consider two-valued classical logic
  - ▷ Does  $\{l \leftarrow e, e\} \models l$  hold?
  - ▷ Does  $\{l \leftarrow e, \neg e\} \models \neg l$  hold?
  - ▷ Does  $\{l \leftarrow e, l\} \models e$  hold?
  - ▷ Does  $\{l \leftarrow e, \neg l\} \models \neg e$  hold?

**Prove your claim**

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