

# Introduction to Logic

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# Logic and its applications in Computer Science

- Logic is about formalizing human reasoning.
- Not every form of reasoning can be given a precise model.
- Logic is used extensively in CS:
  - ▶ At the processor level: logic gates.
  - ▶ Hardware and software verification: floating point arithmetic verification, microkernel verification, etc.
  - ▶ High level programming: logic and constraint programming.
  - ▶ Artificial intelligence: planning, scheduling, diagnosis, agents, etc.

# Outline of the lectures

- Lecture 1** Propositional logic: syntax, semantics, basic notions such as models, boolean satisfiability, normal forms.
- Lecture 2** First-order logic: syntax, semantics, some metatheory.
- Lecture 3** Modal logic: syntax, semantics, several standard modal logics.

# Part I

## Propositional Logic

# Propositional logic

- Propositional logic is concerned with *propositions*, i.e., statements which can be either true or false, and *compositions* of their truth values.
- *Atomic propositions* can be any sentences, e.g.,
  - ▶ It is raining.
  - ▶ Joe takes his umbrella.
  - ▶  $x < 0$ .
  - ▶  $x = 0$ .
- These sentences are considered atomic, i.e., the particular subjects/objects they mention are irrelevant.
- Atomic sentences are denoted by letters, such as,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , etc. These are called *propositional variables*.

## Composing propositions

- Atomic propositions can be composed to form complex sentences, e.g.,

*It is raining and Joe takes his umbrella.*

Or

$$x \leq 0 \text{ or } x = 0.$$

- We are interested in studying the truth value of the combined propositions, and how their truth can be systematically computed.
- The *satisfiability problem*: given a (complex) formula, how do we assign truth values to the atomic propositions in the formula so that the formula becomes true?

# The language of propositional logic

The language of formulae is defined as the *least set of expressions* satisfying the following:

- Every propositional variable is a formula (also called an *atomic formula*).
- $\top$  ('true') and  $\perp$  ('false') are formulae.
- If  $A$  is a formula then  $\neg A$  ('not  $A$ ') is a formula.
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are formulae then so are:
  - ▶  $A \wedge B$  ( $A$  'and'  $B$ ),
  - ▶  $A \vee B$  ( $A$  'or'  $B$ ),
  - ▶ and  $A \rightarrow B$  ( $A$  'implies'  $B$ ).

Or, equivalently, in BNF notation:

$$F ::= p \mid \perp \mid \top \mid \neg F \mid F \wedge F \mid F \vee F \mid F \rightarrow F$$

where  $p$  is a propositional variable.

# Syntax vs Semantics

- *Syntax* describes the *form* of a logical statement. *Semantics* describes its intended *meaning* (i.e., some mathematical structures, e.g., boolean algebra).
- *Soundness*: does a given syntactic proof procedure “respect” the semantics?
- *Completeness*: can all semantically valid logical statements be proved using a purely syntactic procedure?



## Assigning truth values to formulae

Assuming we know the truth values of propositional variables, the truth value of a complex formula can be calculated as follows:

- 1  $\top$  is always true;  $\perp$  is always false.
- 2  $A \wedge B$  is true if and only if  $A$  is true and  $B$  is true.
- 3  $\neg A$  is true if and only if  $A$  is false.
- 4  $A \vee B$  is true if and only if  $A$  is true or  $B$  is true.
- 5  $A \rightarrow B$  is true if and only if  $A$  is false, or  $A$  is true and  $B$  is true.

## Boolean valuations and models

- A *boolean valuation* is a mapping from propositional variables to the set  $\{0, 1\}$  (representing, respectively, 'false' and 'true').
- Example: the boolean valuation

$$\{x \mapsto 1, y \mapsto 0, z \mapsto 1, \dots\}$$

assigns  $x$  to true,  $y$  to false and  $z$  to true.

- A *model* of a formula  $F$  is a boolean valuation  $M$  such that  $F$  evaluates to 1 ('true') under the valuation  $M$ .
- We write  $M \models F$  if  $M$  is a model for  $F$ .
- Note: the boolean valuation  $M$  is by definition an infinite set, but in practice we only show the relevant mappings for variables in  $F$ .

# Boolean functions

- A formula can be seen as a *boolean function*, i.e., a function that maps boolean variables (propositional variables) to the set  $\{0, 1\}$ .
- A boolean function can be defined easily by a *truth table*:
  - ▶ the columns correspond to the variables and the output of the function,
  - ▶ the rows of the tables correspond to all possible combination of input and their output.

# Truth tables for standard connectives

$x$	$y$	$(x \wedge y)$	$x$	$y$	$(x \vee y)$
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1

$x$	$y$	$(x \rightarrow y)$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

$x$	$\neg x$
0	1
1	0

## Satisfiability and validity

- An important question in propositional logic, and logic in general, is under what valuation a formula is true (or false).
- A formula  $F$  is *satisfiable* if it has a model, i.e., there exists a boolean valuation  $M$  such that  $M \models F$ . It is *unsatisfiable* if it has no model.
- A formula  $F$  is *valid* if it is true under *all* boolean valuation. Valid formulae are also called *tautologies*.
- Duality in logic: a formula  $F$  is valid if and only if  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable.

## Closure under substitutions

- A useful property of valid formulae is that they remain valid if we replace its variables with arbitrary formulae.
- Example:  $x \vee \neg x$  is valid. If we replace  $x$  with  $(y \vee z)$  then

$$(y \vee z) \vee \neg(y \vee z)$$

is also valid.

## Logical equivalence

- A particular class of useful tautologies involves *logical equivalence*.
- Logical equivalence between two formulae  $A$  and  $B$ , written with  $A \equiv B$ , is defined as

$$(A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A).$$

That is,  $A \equiv B$  is true if and only if the above formula is a tautology.

- Logical equivalence  $\equiv$  satisfies the properties of an equivalent relation, i.e.,
  - ▶ reflexivity:  $A \equiv A$
  - ▶ transitivity:  $A \equiv B$  and  $B \equiv C$  implies  $A \equiv C$
  - ▶ symmetry:  $A \equiv B$  implies  $B \equiv A$ .
- Logical equivalence is also a *congruence*, that is, if  $A \equiv B$ , then any occurrence of  $A$  in a formula  $F$  can be replaced by  $B$  without changing the meaning of  $F$ .

# Some useful tautologies

Units:

$$A \wedge \top \equiv A \quad A \vee \top \equiv \top$$

$$A \wedge \perp \equiv \perp \quad A \vee \perp \equiv A$$

$$A \vee \neg A \equiv \top \quad A \wedge \neg A \equiv \perp$$

Idempotency:

$$A \wedge A \equiv A \quad A \vee A \equiv A$$

Commutativity:

$$A \wedge B \equiv B \wedge A \quad A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$$

Associativity:

$$A \wedge (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \wedge C$$

$$A \vee (B \vee C) \equiv (A \vee B) \vee C$$

Distributivity:

$$A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$$

$$A \wedge (B \vee C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$$

Implication:

$$A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B$$

de Morgan:

$$\neg\neg A \equiv A$$

$$\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

Excluded middle:

$$A \vee \neg A$$

Contrapositive:

$$A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg B \rightarrow \neg A.$$



## Normal forms

In checking validity or satisfiability, certain forms of formulae are easier to work with than others. Three important normal forms that are commonly used:

- Negation normal form (NNF).
- Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF).
- Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF).

### Simplifying assumptions:

- We shall work only with formulae which are implication-free. That is, every implication  $A \rightarrow B$  is converted into its equivalent  $\neg A \vee B$ .
- We assume the formulae do not contain the nullary operators  $\perp$  and  $\top$ .

# Negation normal form

- A formula is in *negation normal form* if the negation operator is applied only to variables.
- Every formula can be transformed into an equivalent NNF using the following tautologies:

$$\text{DM1: } \neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$$

$$\text{DM2: } \neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

$$\text{DM3: } \neg\neg A \equiv A$$

# NNF Algorithm

**function** NNF( $A$ )

**case**  $A$  **of**

$A$  is a literal: **return**  $A$

$A$  is  $\neg\neg B$ : **return** NNF( $B$ )

$A$  is  $B \wedge C$ : **return** NNF( $B$ )  $\wedge$  NNF( $C$ )

$A$  is  $B \vee C$ : **return** NNF( $B$ )  $\vee$  NNF( $C$ )

$A$  is  $\neg(B \wedge C)$ : **return** NNF( $\neg B$ )  $\vee$  NNF( $\neg C$ )

$A$  is  $\neg(B \vee C)$ : **return** NNF( $\neg B$ )  $\wedge$  NNF( $\neg C$ )

**end case**

Note: a *literal* is a variable or a negated variable, e.g.,  $\neg x$ .

# Conjunctive Normal Form

- A *literal* is a propositional variable or a negation of a propositional variable, e.g.,  $x$ ,  $\neg y$ , etc.
- A formula is in *conjunctive normal form* (CNF) if it is of the form

$$(A_{11} \vee \cdots \vee A_{1k_1}) \wedge \cdots \wedge (A_{m1} \vee \cdots \vee A_{mk_m})$$

where each  $A_{ij}$  is a literal.

- In other words, a CNF formula is a conjunction of disjunctions of literals.
- Every NNF formula can be transformed into an equivalent CNF formula using the distributivity laws. Hence, every formula can be transformed into an equivalent CNF formula.

## CNF Algorithm (1)

Input: a formula in NNF.

Output: a CNF formula equivalent to the input.

**function** CNF( $A$ )

**case**  $A$  **of**

$A$  is a literal: **return**  $A$

$A$  is  $B \wedge C$ : **return**  $\text{CNF}(B) \wedge \text{CNF}(C)$

$A$  is  $B \vee C$ : **return**  $\text{DistCNF}(\text{CNF}(B), \text{CNF}(C))$

**end case**

$\text{DistCNF}$  distributes a CNF over another CNF, using the distributive laws.

## CNF Algorithm (2)

Input: two CNF formulae  $A$  and  $B$ .

Output: a CNF of  $A \vee B$ .

**function** DistCNF( $A, B$ )

**if**  $A$  is  $C \wedge D$  **then**

**return** DistCNF( $C, B$ )  $\wedge$  DistCNF( $D, B$ )

**else if**  $B$  is  $E \wedge F$  **then**

**return** DistCNF( $A, E$ )  $\wedge$  DistCNF( $A, F$ )

**else**

**return**  $A \vee B$ .

**end if**

# Disjunctive Normal Form

- A formula is in *disjunctive normal form* (DNF) if it is of the form

$$(A_{11} \wedge \cdots \wedge A_{1k_1}) \vee \cdots \vee (A_{m1} \wedge \cdots \wedge A_{mk_m})$$

for some  $m$  and  $n$ . As in CNF, each  $A_{ij}$  is a literal.

- Every NNF formula can be transformed into an equivalent DNF formula using the distributivity laws.
- **Exercise:** give an algorithm for DNF transformation.

# The resolution proof method

- The resolution proof method is really a *refutation procedure*.
- Given a formula in CNF, it checks whether the formula is unsatisfiable.
- Since validity is dual to unsatisfiability, we can use resolution to check for validity:  $F$  is valid if  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable.



## A representation of CNF using sets

- To simplify presentation, we use another notation to represent CNF as sets of sets.
- A **clause** is a set of literals, e.g.,

$$\{x, y, \neg z\}.$$

It represents the disjunction of the literals in the set, e.g., the above clause corresponds to  $x \vee y \vee \neg z$ .

- A formula in CNF is represented as a set of clauses. Each clause corresponds to a conjunct in the CNF.
- For example,  $(a \vee b \vee c) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b) \wedge \neg c$  is represented as

$$\{\{a, b, c\}, \{\neg a, \neg b\}, \{\neg c\}\}.$$

We call this representation the **clausal form** of the original formula.

# The inference rule for resolution

- The basic mechanism of the resolution proof method is an *inference rule* for forming a new clause given two existing ones:

$$\frac{\{l_1, \dots, l_m, x\} \quad \{\neg x, k_1, \dots, k_n\}}{\{l_1, \dots, l_m, k_1, \dots, k_n\}} \text{ res}$$

Here  $l_i$  and  $k_j$  are literals, and  $x$  is a variable.

- The rule says that, given two clauses such that one clause contains a complement of a literal in the other, form the union of the two clauses, minus that literal and its complement.

## Saturated sets of clauses

- Given clauses  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , we write  $res(x, C_1, C_2)$  to denote the resulting clause obtained by resolving  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  on the variable  $x$ .
- A set of clauses  $\Delta$  is **saturated** if for all  $C_1 \in \Delta$  and  $C_2 \in \Delta$ , if  $res(x, C_1, C_2)$  is defined, then

$$res(x, C_1, C_2) \in \Delta.$$

- In other words,  $\Delta$  is closed under the resolution rule; applying resolution to any two clauses in  $\Delta$  results in another clause already in  $\Delta$ .

## Unsatisfiability testing with resolutions

Input: a set of clauses  $\Delta$

Output: return true if  $\Delta$  is unsatisfiable, otherwise return false.

**function** unsat( $\Delta$ ):

**if**  $\{\}$   $\in \Delta$  **then**

    return true

**else if**  $\Delta$  is saturated **then**

    return false

**else**

    select  $C_1, C_2$  and  $x$  such that  $res(x, C_1, C_2)$  is defined and

$res(x, C_1, C_2) \notin \Delta$

    return unsat( $\Delta \cup \{res(x, C_1, C_2)\}$ )

**end if**

# Examples

- Construct a resolution proof for

$$\{\{\neg x, y\}, \{\neg y, \neg z\}, \{x, \neg z\}, \{z\}\}.$$

- Clause reuse: some clauses may be used more than once. Example:

$$\{\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{\neg a, \neg c\}, \{\neg a, \neg d\}, \{\neg b, \neg c\}, \{\neg b, \neg d\}\}.$$

# Unit resolution

- *Unit resolution* is a special case of the resolution rule where one of the clauses to be resolved is a *unit clause*, i.e., a set containing only one literal.
- Unit resolution is obviously less expensive than the general resolution. But it is incomplete.
- Example: the set of clauses

$$\{\{a, b\}, \{\neg a, b\}, \{\neg b, c\}, \{\neg b, \neg c\}\}$$

is unsatisfiable but cannot be refuted using unit resolution alone.

- Unit resolution is often used as a simplifying step in satisfiability testing.

# Soundness and completeness of resolution

## Theorem

*The resolution method is **sound**. That is, given a clausal form  $\Delta$ , if  $\text{unsat}(\Delta)$  returns true, then  $\Delta$  is unsatisfiable.*

## Theorem

*The resolution method is **complete**. That is, if a clausal form  $\Delta$  is unsatisfiable, then  $\text{unsat}(\Delta)$  returns true.*

## Satisfiability testing

- Satisfiability testing (SAT) is the problem of determining whether a given propositional formula is satisfiable or not.
- Assume input in clausal form (or equivalently, conjunctive normal form).
- Satisfiability testing is the first problem shown to be NP-complete.  
See:  
S. A. Cook. *The complexity of theorem-proving procedures*.  
Proceedings of the third annual ACM symposium on Theory of Computing, 1971.
- There is a large amount of research done in finding heuristics for efficient SAT solving.
- SAT competition: <http://www.satcompetition.org>.



# Heuristics for SAT solving

- Most of current SAT solvers are based on DPLL algorithm (after Davis, Putnam, Logemann and Loveland). See:
  - ▶ M. Davis and H. Putnam. *A computing procedure for quantification theory*. Journal of the ACM, Vol. 7 (3), 1960.
  - ▶ M. Davis, G. Logemann, and D. Loveland. *A machine program for theorem proving*. Communications of the ACM, Vol. 5 (7), 1962.
- Much improvement has been done on DPLL, e.g., using various sorts of “conflict analysis”. See, e.g.,:  
J.P. Marques-Silva and K.A. Sakallah. *GRASP: A search algorithm for propositional satisfiability*. IEEE Transactions on Computers, Vol. 48 (5), 1999.
- Modern SAT solvers have achieved a high level of efficiency that they are often used as the solver for various NP-complete problems.

# Representing boolean functions

- In some application domains, such as formal verification and diagnoses (of digital circuits), propositional logic is used as a representation language for systems and their properties.
- Two main problems related to this use of propositional logic:
  - ▶ Optimality of representation: how much space needed to represent boolean functions.
  - ▶ Efficiency of (logical) operations: what is the complexity of logical operations on this representation.

# Binary Decision Tree (BDT)

A *binary decision tree* is a labelled binary tree satisfying:

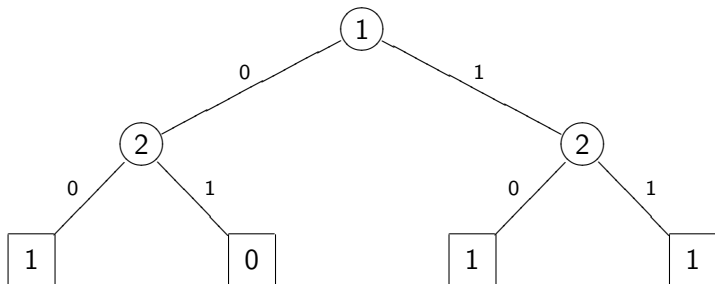
- 1 The leaves are labelled with either 0 (false) or 1 (true).
- 2 The non-leaf nodes are labelled with positive integers.
- 3 For every non-leaf node labelled with  $i$  has two child nodes, both labelled with  $i + 1$ .
- 4 The branches of the trees are labelled with either 0 (the *low branch*) or 1 (the *high branch*). Every non-leaf node has a low branch and a high branch.

## Representing formulae as BDTs

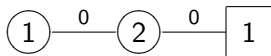
- Assume variables are totally ordered, e.g., by assigning indices to them.
- Let  $F$  be a formula with variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . A BDT  $T$  is a representation of  $F$  if
  - ▶ the internal nodes of  $T$  are labelled with  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ,
  - ▶ every path from the root to a 1-leaf (a 0-leaf) represents a valuation which makes  $F$  true (false).
- In other words, a BDT for  $F$  is just another way of writing the truth table of  $F$ .
- Its size is exponential in the number of variables in  $F$ .

## Example: a binary decision tree

BDT for  $x \vee \neg y$ , with variable ordering:  $x < y$ .



Notice that the path



corresponds to the valuation

$$\{x \mapsto 0, y \mapsto 0\}$$

# Binary Decision Diagram (BDD)

- A more economical representation of BDT is to allow sharing of subtrees.
- A *binary decision diagram* of  $n$  variables is a rooted directed acyclic graph  $G$  satisfying the following condition:
  - 1 Every *terminal* vertex of  $G$  is labelled with a value  $value(v) \in \{0, 1\}$ .
  - 2 Every *nonterminal* vertex is labelled with an index  $index(v) \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and has two children  $low(v)$  and  $high(v)$ .
  - 3 For every non terminal vertex  $v$ , if  $low(v)$  is nonterminal then

$$index(v) < index(low(v)).$$

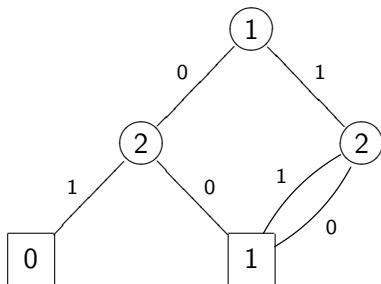
Similarly, if  $high(v)$  is nonterminal, then

$$index(v) < index(high(v)).$$

- NOTE: if  $v$  is a terminal vertex then  $index(v) = n + 1$ .

## Example: a BDD

A BDD representing  $x \vee \neg y$ , assuming the ordering  $x < y$ .



# Isomorphic BDDs

## Definition

Two BDDs  $G$  and  $G'$  are **isomorphic** if there exists a one-to-one mapping  $\sigma$  from vertices of  $G$  onto the vertices of  $G'$  such that for any vertex  $v$ , if  $\sigma(v) = v'$  then either

- both  $v$  and  $v'$  are terminal vertices with  $value(v) = value(v')$ ,
- or both  $v$  and  $v'$  are nonterminal vertices with  $index(v) = index(v')$ ,  $\sigma(low(v)) = low(v')$  and  $\sigma(high(v)) = high(v')$ .

## Definition

For any vertex  $v$  in a BDD  $G$ , the **subgraph rooted by  $v$**  is the subgraph of  $G$  consisting of  $v$  and all of its descendants.



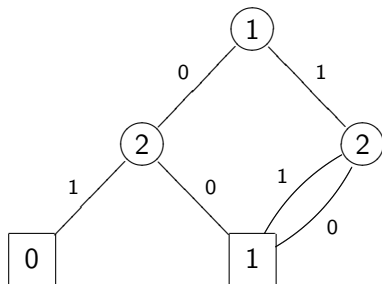
# Reduced BDD

## Definition

A BDD  $G$  is *reduced* if it contains no vertex  $v$  with  $low(v) = high(v)$ , nor does it contain distinct vertices  $v$  and  $v'$  such that the subgraphs rooted by  $v$  and  $v'$  are isomorphic.

## Example: a non-reduced BDD

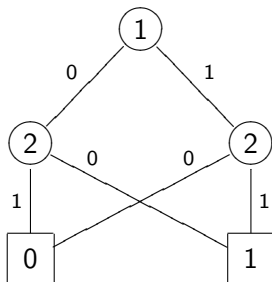
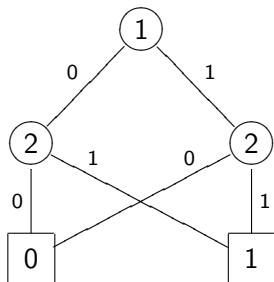
A BDD for  $x \vee \neg y$ , with  $x < y$ .



If  $x$  is true, then the value of  $y$  does not matter, since the function will always evaluate to true.

## Example: a reduced BDD

Which BDD is reduced?



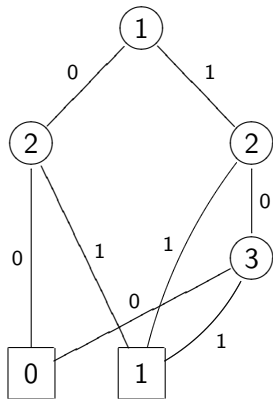
# Reducing BDDs

- Given a BDD  $G$ , there is a polynomial algorithm that computes its reduced form. See:
- The algorithm works by identifying isomorphic subgraphs, starting with the terminal nodes.
- See the following paper for details:  
Randal E. Bryant. *Graph-Based Algorithms for Boolean Function Manipulation*. IEEE Transactions on Computers, Vol. 35 (8), pages 677 – 691, 1986.

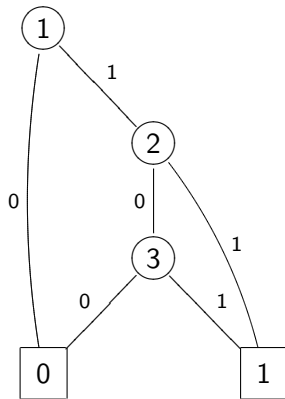
## Dependency on variable ordering

Ordering of variables affects the size of the reduced BDD of a formula  $F$ . Consider the formula  $(x \wedge z) \vee y$ .

$x < y < z$



$x < z < y$



## Part II

# First-Order Logic

# First-order logic

- First-order logic extends propositional logic by allowing certain forms of reasoning about individual objects in logical statements.
- In particular, it allows
  - ▶ representation of *relations* between individuals (also called *predicates*),
  - ▶ representation of individuals and functions on individuals, and
  - ▶ quantification over individuals: “for all” and “exists”.

# Predicates, functions and constants

We assume a countably infinite set  $\mathbf{V}$  of variables.

A first-order language is determined by specifying:

- 1 A countable set  $\mathbf{R}$  of *relation symbols*, or *predicate symbols*. Each predicate symbol  $P \in \mathbf{R}$  has an *arity*, which is a non-negative integer, denoting the number of arguments  $P$  takes.
- 2 A countable set  $\mathbf{F}$  of *function symbols*, each of which is associated with an arity.
- 3 A countable set  $\mathbf{C}$  of *constant symbols*.

The triple  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$  is called a (first-order) signature.



## First-order terms

Let  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$  be a first-order signature. The set of  $\Sigma$ -terms is the smallest set satisfying

- Any variable in  $\mathbf{V}$  is a term.
- Any constant symbol in  $\mathbf{C}$  is a term.
- If  $f$  is a function symbol of arity  $n$ , and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms, then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a term.

# Formulae of first-order logic

Let  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$  be a first-order signature. The set of  $\Sigma$ -formulae is defined as follows:

- The expression  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , where  $R \in \mathbf{R}$  is a predicate symbol of arity  $n$  and each  $t_i$  is a  $\Sigma$ -term, is a formula. It is called an *atomic formula*.
- $\top$  and  $\perp$  are formulae.
- If  $F$  is a formula then  $\neg F$  is a formula.
- If  $F$  and  $G$  are formulae, then  $F * G$  is a formula, for any binary propositional connective  $*$ .
- If  $F$  is a formula then so are  $\forall x.F$  and  $\exists x.F$ .

The symbol  $\forall$  is the **universal quantifier** and  $\exists$  is the **existential quantifier**.

## Notational convention

To simplify presentation, certain alphabet symbols are associated with certain syntactic categories:

- Variables:  $x, y, z$ .
- Constants:  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ .
- Function symbols:  $f, g, h$ .
- Predicate symbols:  $P, Q, R$ .
- Terms:  $s, t$  and  $u$ .
- Formulae:  $A, B, C, D, F$  and  $G$ .

We also use descriptive words such as “plus”, “minus”, “equal”, etc. to represent function/predicate symbols.

## Some example formulae

- “All men are mortal”: Define a signature  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{R} = \{man/1, mortal/1\} \quad \mathbf{F} = \{\} \quad \mathbf{C} = \{\}$$

Then the sentence can be represented as the first-order formula:

$$\forall x.(man(x) \rightarrow mortal(x)).$$

- Consider the signature  $\Sigma$  defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{R} = \{equal/2\} \quad \mathbf{F} = \{plus/2\} \quad \mathbf{C} = \{\}$$

Suppose that *plus* denotes the addition operator, and *equal* denotes equality on natural numbers. Then commutativity of addition can be stated as the formula:

$$\forall x \forall y.equal(plus(x, y), plus(y, x)).$$

Alternatively, we can use more familiar symbols, written in infix notation, e.g.,

$$\forall x \forall y.(x + y = y + x).$$

## Free and bound variables

- The variable  $x$  in the formula  $\forall x.P(x)$  is a *bound variable*, whose *scope* is  $P(x)$ .
- The two occurrences of  $x$  in

$$(\forall x.P(x)) \wedge Q(x)$$

must be distinguished. The right-most occurrence of  $x$  is called a *free variable*, since it is not under the scope of any quantifier.

- The free variables of a formula is defined inductively as follows:
  - ▶ The free variables of an atomic formula are all the variables occurring in that formula.
  - ▶ The free variables of  $\neg F$  are the free variables of  $F$ .
  - ▶ The free variables of  $F * G$ , where  $*$  is a binary connective, are the free variables of  $F$  together with the free variables of  $G$ .
  - ▶ The free variables of  $\forall x.F$  and  $\exists x.F$  are the free variables of  $A$ , except for  $x$ .

## Variable-naming convention

- Bound variables in formulae can be renamed without changing its meaning: for example,

$$\forall x.P(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \forall y.P(y)$$

have the same meaning, i.e., they state that the predicate  $P$  holds for all individual.

- To simplify discussions, we adopt the following naming conventions in writing formulae:  
Bound variables are always chosen so that they are distinct from free variables.

## Semantics: models

A **model** for the first-order language determined by  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$  is a pair  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  where:

- $\mathbf{D}$  is a non-empty set, called the **domain** of  $\mathbf{M}$ , and
- $\mathbf{I}$  is a mapping, called an **interpretation** that associates:
  - ▶ every constant symbol  $c \in \mathbf{C}$  with some element  $c^{\mathbf{I}} \in \mathbf{D}$ ;
  - ▶ every  $n$ -ary function symbol  $f \in \mathbf{F}$  with some  $n$ -ary function  $f^{\mathbf{I}} : \mathbf{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ ; and
  - ▶ every  $n$ -ary relation symbol  $P \in \mathbf{R}$  with some  $n$ -ary relation  $P^{\mathbf{I}} \subseteq \mathbf{D}^n$ .

# Semantics: assignments and valuation of terms

Let  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  be a model for the first-order language determined by  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$ .

- An **assignment** in the model  $\mathbf{M}$  is a mapping  $\mathbf{A}$  from the set of variables to the domain  $\mathbf{D}$ .
- Given an assignment  $\mathbf{A}$ , to each  $\Sigma$ -term  $t$ , we associate a value  $t^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}}$  in  $\mathbf{D}$  as follows:
  - 1 for a constant symbol  $c$ ,  $c^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = c^{\mathbf{I}}$ ;
  - 2 for a variable  $v$ ,  $v^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A}(v)$ ;
  - 3 for a function symbol  $f$ ,

$$[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)]^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = f^{\mathbf{I}}(t_1^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}}, \dots, t_n^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}}).$$



## Example

Suppose  $\Sigma$  is the signature defined by:

$$\mathbf{R} = \{\} \quad \mathbf{F} = \{s/1, +/2\} \quad \mathbf{C} = \{0\}$$

Consider the term  $s(s(0) + s(x))$  (where  $+$  is written in infix notation). Several choices of model  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  and assignment  $\mathbf{A}$ :

- $\mathbf{D} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $0^{\mathbf{I}} = 0$ ,  $s^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the successor function and  $+^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the addition operation. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an assignment such that  $\mathbf{A}(x) = 3$  then

$$[s(s(0) + s(x))]^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = 6.$$

- $\mathbf{D}$  is the collection of words over alphabet  $\{a, b\}$ ,  $0^{\mathbf{I}} = a$ , and  $s^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the operation of appending  $a$  to the end of a word, and  $+^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the concatenation. If  $\mathbf{A}(x) = aba$  then

$$[s(s(0) + s(x))]^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = aaabaaa.$$

# Semantics: assigning truth values to formulae

- **Variants:** Let  $x$  be a variable. The assignments  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $x$ -variants if they assign the same value to every variable, except possibly  $x$ .
- Let  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  be a model for  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$  and let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an assignment in  $\mathbf{M}$ . To each  $\Sigma$ -formula  $G$ , we associate a truth value  $G^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}}$  (**t** or **f**) as follows:
  - ▶  $[P(t_1, \dots, t_n)]^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{t}$  if and only if  $\langle t_1^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}}, \dots, t_n^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} \rangle \in P^{\mathbf{I}}$ .
  - ▶  $\top^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{t}$ ,  $\perp^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{f}$ .
  - ▶  $[\neg G]^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \neg[G^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}}]$ ,  $[G * H]^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = G^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} * H^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}}$ , for any binary connective  $*$ .
  - ▶  $[\forall x. G]^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{t}$  if and only if  $G^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{t}$  for every assignment  $\mathbf{B}$  that is an  $x$ -variant of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  - ▶  $[\exists x. G]^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{t}$  if and only if  $G^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{t}$  for some assignment  $\mathbf{B}$  that is an  $x$ -variant of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Satisfiability and validity

Let  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$ .

- A  $\Sigma$ -formula  $G$  is **true in the model**  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  if  $G^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{t}$  for all assignments  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- A  $\Sigma$  formula  $G$  is **valid** if  $G$  is true in all models of the language.
- A set  $S$  of  $\Sigma$ -formulae is **satisfiable** in  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  if there is some assignment  $\mathbf{A}$  (called a **satisfying assignment**) such that  $G^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{t}$  for all  $G \in S$ .  $S$  is **satisfiable** if it is satisfiable in some model.

## Example

Let  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$  where  $\mathbf{R} = \{R/2, \oplus/2\}$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  be a model for  $\Sigma$ .

Suppose  $\mathbf{D} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $\oplus^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the addition operator. Consider the following interpretations of  $R$ :

- $R^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the equality relation and let  $G = \exists y.R(x, y \oplus y)$ . Then  $G^{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{A}}$  is true if and only if  $\mathbf{A}(x)$  is an even number.
- $R^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the greater-than relation and  $G = \forall x \forall y \exists z.R(x \oplus y, z)$ . Then  $G$  is true in  $\mathbf{M}$ .
- $R^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the greater-than-by-4-or-more relation and  $G = \forall x \forall y \exists z.R(x \oplus y, z)$ . Then the formula  $G$  is not true in this model.

## Example

Let  $\Sigma = \langle \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C} \rangle$  where  $\mathbf{R} = \{R/2, \oplus/2\}$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  be a model for  $\Sigma$ .

- Suppose  $\mathbf{D}$  is the set of real numbers and  $R^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the greater-than relation. Then the formula

$$\forall x \forall y [R(x, y) \rightarrow \exists z (R(x, z) \wedge R(z, y))]$$

is true in  $\mathbf{M}$  (it expresses the denseness of the reals).

- Suppose  $\mathbf{D} = \{7, 8\}$  and  $R^{\mathbf{I}} = \{(7, 8)\}$ . Then the formula  $\forall x \forall y [R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)]$  (symmetry) is not true in  $\mathbf{M}$ .

## Example

**Drinkers paradox:** There is someone in the pub such that if he/she is drinking then everybody in the pub is drinking.

More formally:

$$\exists x.(drinks(x) \rightarrow \forall y.drinks(y)).$$

This formula is valid.

Proof: ...

## Example: Peano axioms

G. Peano introduced an axiomatization of natural number (1889). Some of the axioms are given below. We assume the following signature:

$$\mathbf{R} = \{= /2\} \quad \mathbf{F} = \{s/1\} \quad \mathbf{C} = \{0\}$$

- 1  $\forall x. x = x.$
- 2  $\forall x \forall y. x = y \rightarrow y = x.$
- 3  $\forall x \forall y \forall z. (x = y \wedge y = z) \rightarrow x = z.$
- 4  $\forall x. \neg (s(x) = 0).$
- 5  $\forall x \forall y. s(x) = s(y) \rightarrow x = y.$

## Example: the standard model for Peano axioms

The “standard model”:  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$  where

- $\mathbf{D}$  is the set of natural numbers  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,
- $0^{\mathbf{I}} = 0$ ,  $s^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the successor function (i.e.,  $s^{\mathbf{I}}(n) = n + 1$ )
- $=^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the equality relation on natural numbers.

Each of the axioms is true in  $\mathbf{M}$ .



## Example: no finite model for Peano axioms

There cannot be a model  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is finite, satisfying all the Peano axioms.

### Proof.

Suppose otherwise, i.e.,  $\mathbf{D} = \{a_0, \dots, a_n\}$  for some  $n \geq 0$ . Suppose  $0^{\mathbf{I}} = a_0$ . Consider the following “contrapositive” form of Axiom 5:

$$\forall x \forall y. \neg(x = y) \rightarrow \neg(s(x) = s(y)).$$

It says that the successor function must be injective. But Axiom 4:  $\forall x. \neg(s(x) = 0)$  implies that  $s$  is a mapping from

$$\{a_0, \dots, a_n\} \quad \text{to} \quad \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}.$$

Therefore, there must be  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  in  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $a_i \neq a_j$  and

$$s^{\mathbf{I}}(a_i) = s^{\mathbf{I}}(a_j),$$

contradicting the injectivity of  $s^{\mathbf{I}}$ . □

## Example: a non-standard model for Peano axioms

A “non-standard model”:  $\mathbf{M} = \langle \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{I} \rangle$

- $\mathbf{D}$  is the set of natural numbers plus a new element  $\omega$  (representing an “infinite number”).
- $0^{\mathbf{I}} = 0$ ,  $s^{\mathbf{I}}$  is the successor function on natural numbers, but

$$s^{\mathbf{I}}(\omega) = \omega.$$

- $=^{\mathbf{I}}$  is an equality relation on  $\mathbf{D}$ , with the additional requirements that:
  - ▶  $s^{\mathbf{I}}(\omega) = \omega$
  - ▶  $\omega \neq n$ , for any natural number  $n$ .

Note: natural numbers cannot be characterized by finitely many first-order formulae. We need a “second-order” formula expressing the *induction principle* on natural numbers:

$$\forall P. [P(0) \wedge (\forall x. P(x) \rightarrow P(s(x)))] \rightarrow \forall x. P(x).$$

## Some tautologies

- All propositional tautologies are also first-order tautologies.
- Some tautologies involving quantifiers:

- ▶  $(\forall x.F) \wedge G \equiv \forall x(F \wedge G),$        $(\exists x.F) \wedge G \equiv \exists x(F \wedge G)$
- ▶  $(\forall x.F) \vee G \equiv \forall x(F \vee G),$        $(\exists x.F) \vee G \equiv \exists x(F \vee G)$
- ▶  $G \rightarrow \forall x.F \equiv \forall x(G \rightarrow F)$
- ▶  $G \rightarrow \exists x.F \equiv \exists x(G \rightarrow F)$
- ▶  $(\forall x.F) \rightarrow G \equiv \exists x(F \rightarrow G)$
- ▶  $(\exists x.F) \rightarrow G \equiv \forall x(F \rightarrow G)$

provided that  $x$  is not free in  $G$ .

- De Morgan law for quantifiers:
  - ▶  $\neg(\forall x.F) \equiv \exists x.\neg F$
  - ▶  $\neg(\exists x.F) \equiv \forall x.\neg F$

# Prenex Normal Form

- A formula is in *prenex normal form* if it is of the form

$$Q_1x_1 \cdots Q_nx_n.F$$

where each  $Q_i$  is either  $\forall$  or  $\exists$  and  $F$  is a quantifier-free formula.

- Every formula is equivalent a formula in prenex normal form. This is done as follows:
  - ▶ Rename the bound variables so that they are pairwise distinct and also distinct from the free variables.
  - ▶ Apply the tautologies (in the previous slide) to bring each quantifier to the outer level of the formula.
- Prenex normal form transformation is often used as a pre-processing step for first-order automated theorem proving.

## Example

Let  $F$  be the formula

$$\neg[P(x) \wedge \forall x.(Q(x) \rightarrow \exists y.R(x, y))].$$

To transform  $F$  into prenex normal form, first rename the bound variables:

$$\neg[P(x) \wedge \forall z.(Q(z) \rightarrow \exists y.R(z, y))].$$

Then apply first-order equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg[P(x) \wedge \forall z.(Q(z) \rightarrow \exists y.R(z, y))] \\ \equiv & \neg[P(x) \wedge \forall z \exists y (Q(z) \rightarrow R(z, y))] \\ \equiv & \neg[\forall z (P(x) \wedge \exists y (Q(z) \rightarrow R(z, y)))] \\ \equiv & \neg[\forall z \exists y (P(x) \wedge (Q(z) \rightarrow R(z, y)))] \\ \equiv & \exists z. \neg[\exists y (P(x) \wedge (Q(z) \rightarrow R(z, y)))] \\ \equiv & \exists z \forall y. \neg[P(x) \wedge (Q(z) \rightarrow R(z, y))] \end{aligned}$$

# Metatheory: compactness

## Theorem

*Let  $S$  be a set of first-order formulae. If every finite subset of  $S$  is satisfiable, then so is  $S$ .*

## Corollary

*Any set  $S$  of first-order formulae that is satisfiable in an arbitrary large finite model is satisfiable in some infinite model.*

An important consequence of compactness theorem is that *the notion of being finite cannot be captured using the machinery of first-order logic.*

# Metatheory: Löwenheim-Skolem Theorem

## Theorem

*Let  $S$  be a set of first-order formulae. If  $S$  is satisfiable, then  $S$  is satisfiable in a countable model.*

Note: since the set of real numbers is uncountable, it has no first-order characterization.

## Part III

# Modal Logic



# Modal logic

- Modal logic was originally developed to study reasoning about notions of “necessity” and “possibility”.
- However, it is often used to describe a family of logics that capture different “modes” of truth:
  - ▶ Modal logic: “It is necessary that ..”, “It is possible that ..”
  - ▶ Deontic logic: “It is obligatory that ...”, “Its permitted that ...”
  - ▶ Temporal logic: “It will always be the case that ..”, “It has always been the case that ...”
  - ▶ Epistemic logic: “Alice knows that ...”, “Bob knows that Alice knows that ..”
  - ▶ Dynamic logic: “Every execution of a program  $P$  leads to a state such that ...”

# Possible worlds semantics

- A commonly used mathematical model of truth in modal logic is that of Kripke semantics (also called possible worlds semantics).
- Truth of a propositional statement is relative to the “world” it lives in.
- Different interpretation of worlds: A world can describe
  - ▶ a point in time;
  - ▶ the state of a running computer program;
  - ▶ knowledge of an (autonomous) agent;
  - ▶ etc.
- In general, worlds can be understood abstractly as a *relational structure*, i.e., a set with some defined relations on its elements.

# Syntax

- Modal logic extends propositional logic with two modal operators:  $\Box$  ('necessity') and  $\Diamond$  ('possibility').
- The language of basic modal logic:

$$F ::= p \mid \top \mid \perp \mid \neg F \mid F \wedge F \mid F \vee F \mid F \rightarrow F \mid \Box F \mid \Diamond F.$$

- Some examples:
  - ▶  $\Diamond A$ : "A is possible"
  - ▶  $\neg \Diamond A$ : "A is impossible"
  - ▶  $\neg \Diamond (\neg A)$ : "not-A is impossible"
  - ▶  $\Box A$ : "A is necessary"

# Kripke Semantics: Frames and Models

- A **frame** is a pair  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$  such that
  - ▶  $\mathcal{W}$  is a non-empty set, also called the *worlds*, and
  - ▶  $\mathcal{R}$  is a binary relation on  $\mathcal{W}$ .

A frame is basically just a (possibly infinite) directed graph, where  $\mathcal{W}$  is the set of vertices and  $\mathcal{R}$  the set of edges.

- A **model** for the basic modal language is a pair  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{V} \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a frame, and  $\mathcal{V}$  is a function assigning each propositional variable to a subset of  $\mathcal{W}$ .

Intuitively,  $\mathcal{V}(p)$  is the set of worlds in which  $p$  is true.

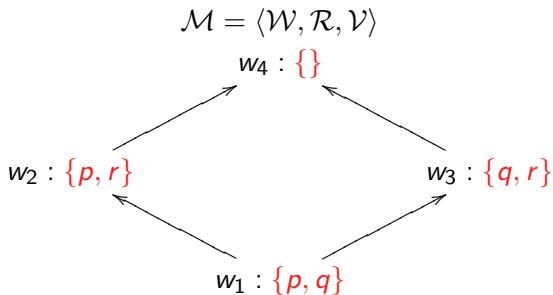
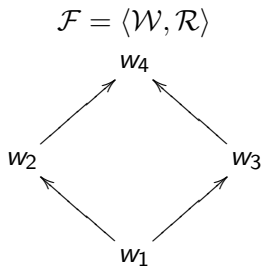
- Notation: We shall sometimes write  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{V} \rangle$  if  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$ .

## Kripke Semantics: Graphical Representation

Let  $\mathcal{W} = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \{(w_1, w_2), (w_1, w_3), (w_2, w_4), (w_3, w_4)\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  be a valuation such that

$$\mathcal{V}(p) = \{w_1, w_2\} \quad \mathcal{V}(q) = \{w_1, w_3\} \quad \mathcal{V}(r) = \{w_2, w_3\}$$

and  $\mathcal{V}(u) = \emptyset$  for any  $u$  other than  $p, q, r$ .



## Kripke Semantics: Satisfiability

Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{V} \rangle$ . The relation  $\mathcal{M}, w \models G$  means:  $G$  is *true* (or *satisfied*) in  $\mathcal{M}$  at world  $w$ . We write  $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models G$  to mean that  $\mathcal{M}, w \models G$  does not hold.

The relation  $\models$  is defined more precisely as follows:

- $\mathcal{M}, w \models p$  if and only if  $w \in \mathcal{V}(p)$ , where  $p$  is a propositional variable.
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \perp$  never.
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \top$  always.
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \neg G$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models G$ .
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models F \wedge G$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M}, w \models F$  and  $\mathcal{M}, w \models G$ .
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models F \vee G$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M}, w \models F$  or  $\mathcal{M}, w \models G$ .
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models F \rightarrow G$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models F$  or  $\mathcal{M}, w \models G$ .

# Kripke Semantics: Satisfiability

- Satisfiability of modal operators:
  - ▶  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \Box G$  if and only if for all  $v \in \mathcal{W}$ , if  $wRv$  then  $\mathcal{M}, v \models G$ . ( $G$  is true in all successor worlds).
  - ▶  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \Diamond G$  if and only if there exists  $v \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $wRv$  and  $\mathcal{M}, v \models G$ .
- A formula  $G$  is **universally true** in a model  $\mathcal{M}$  if it is satisfied in all worlds in  $\mathcal{M}$ :

for all  $w \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, w \models G$ .

- A formula  $G$  is **satisfiable** in a model  $\mathcal{M}$  if it is true in  $\mathcal{M}$  in some world:

there exists  $w \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, w \models G$ .

## Example

Consider the model  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{V} \rangle$  where

- $\mathcal{W} = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5\}$
- $\mathcal{R} = \{(w_i, w_j) \mid j = i + 1\}$
- $V(p) = \{w_2, w_3\}$ ,  $V(q) = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5\}$  and  $V(r) = \{\}$ .

Then

- $\mathcal{M}, w_1 \models \diamond \Box p$ .
- $\mathcal{M}, w_1 \not\models (\diamond \Box p) \rightarrow p$
- $\mathcal{M}, w_2 \models \diamond(p \wedge \neg r)$
- $\mathcal{M}, w_1 \models q \wedge \diamond(q \wedge \diamond(q \wedge \diamond(q \wedge \diamond q)))$ .



## Validity in a frame

- A formula  $G$  is **valid in a frame**  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$  if for every valuation  $\mathcal{V}$  and for every world  $w \in \mathcal{W}$

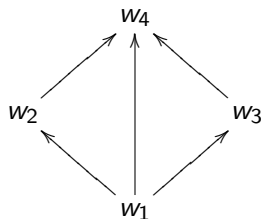
$$\langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{V} \rangle, w \models G.$$

We write  $\mathcal{F} \models G$  to mean “ $G$  is valid in  $\mathcal{F}$ ”.

- Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a *class of frames*. A formula  $G$  is **valid in the class of frames  $\mathbf{F}$** , written  $\models_{\mathbf{F}} G$ , if  $G$  is valid in every frame in  $\mathbf{F}$ .
- A formula  $G$  is **valid**, written  $\models G$ , if it is valid in the class of all frames.
- Obviously, all propositional tautologies are valid.

## Example

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$  be the frame



Then the formula  $\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p$  is valid in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

## Example

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$  be a frame where  $\mathcal{W}$  is the set of natural numbers and  $\mathcal{R}$  is the less-than relation on  $\mathcal{W}$ .

Then the formula  $\Box\Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond\Box p$  is **not** valid in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Proof: Construct a countermodel by choosing a valuation  $\mathcal{V}$  such that  $\mathcal{V}(p)$  is the set of even numbers. Then show that there exists an  $n \in \mathcal{W}$  such that

$$\langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{V} \rangle, n \models \Box\Diamond p \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{V} \rangle, n \not\models \Diamond\Box p.$$

This is the case for any natural number  $n$ .

## Example

- Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be the class of all **reflexive frames**, i.e., every frame  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$  satisfies

$$\forall u \in \mathcal{W}. u\mathcal{R}u.$$

Then the formula  $p \rightarrow \diamond p$  is valid in  $\mathbf{F}$ .

- Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be the class of all **transitive frames**, i.e., every frame  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$  satisfies: for every  $u, v, w \in \mathcal{W}$ , if  $u\mathcal{R}v$  and  $v\mathcal{R}w$  then  $u\mathcal{R}w$ . Then the formula  $\Box p \rightarrow \Box\Box p$  is valid in  $\mathbf{F}$ .
- The formula

$$\Box(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\Box p \rightarrow \Box q)$$

is valid in all frames.

## Axiomatic definition of modal logic

Another way of defining a logic is to define the set of formulae which are **theorems** of the logic.

### Modal logic **K**

① All instances of propositional tautologies are theorems of **K**.

② All instances of the **modal axioms**

$$(K) \quad \Box(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\Box p \rightarrow \Box q)$$

$$(Dual) \quad \Diamond p \equiv \neg \Box \neg p.$$

are theorems of **K**.

③ **Modus ponens**: If  $F$  is a **K**-theorem and  $F \rightarrow G$  is a **K**-theorem, then  $G$  is a **K**-theorem.

④ **Substitution**: If  $G$  is a **K**-theorem and  $H$  is obtained from  $G$  by uniformly replacing propositional variables in  $G$  with arbitrary formulae, then  $H$  is a **K**-theorem.

⑤ **Generalization**: If  $G$  is a **K**-theorem then  $\Box G$  is a **K**-theorem.

# Soundness and completeness of modal logic $\mathbf{K}$

The modal logic  $\mathbf{K}$  is *sound* and *complete* with respect to the Kripke semantics.

## Theorem

*Soundness.* Every theorem of  $\mathbf{K}$  is valid.

## Theorem

*Completeness.* Every valid formula is a theorem of  $\mathbf{K}$ .

## Normal modal logics

- Normal modal logics are a family of logics that extend the modal logic  $\mathbf{K}$ .
- A normal modal logic is defined by extending  $\mathbf{K}$  with a set of *modal axioms*.
- Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a set of modal axioms. The set of theorems of the normal logic defined by  $\mathbf{L}$  is defined as in  $\mathbf{K}$ , but with the additional condition:
  - ▶ All instances of the axioms in  $\mathbf{L}$  are theorems of the modal logic  $\mathbf{L}$ .

## Some modal axioms

Several well-known modal axioms:

$$(T) \quad \Box p \rightarrow p \text{ (or equivalently, } p \rightarrow \Diamond p).$$

$$(B) \quad p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p.$$

$$(4) \quad \Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p.$$

$$(5) \quad \Diamond \Box p \rightarrow \Box p.$$

$$(D) \quad \Box p \rightarrow \Diamond p.$$

**Naming convention:** A normal modal logic that is obtained by extending **K** with a set of axioms  $S$  is named by listing the axioms next to **K**.

For example, **KT4** is the logic extending **K** with axioms **T** and **4**.



## Modal axioms and conditions on frames

- Modal axioms have a close correspondence with the “shape” of the frames that validate the axioms.
- For example, if the axiom  $T$  is valid in a frame  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  must be reflexive, i.e., for all  $u \in \mathcal{W}$ , we have  $u\mathcal{R}u$ .
- Conversely, if a frame  $\mathcal{F}$  is reflexive, then  $T$  must be valid in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

# Shapes of frames

A frame  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$  is

- **reflexive** if for every  $w \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $w\mathcal{R}w$ .
- **symmetric** if for every  $u, v \in \mathcal{W}$ ,  $u\mathcal{R}v$  implies  $v\mathcal{R}u$ .
- **transitive** if for every  $u, v, w \in \mathcal{W}$ , if  $u\mathcal{R}v$  and  $v\mathcal{R}w$ , then  $u\mathcal{R}w$ .
- **euclidean** if for every  $u, v, w \in \mathcal{W}$ , if  $u\mathcal{R}v$  and  $u\mathcal{R}w$  then  $v\mathcal{R}w$ .
- **serial** if for every  $w \in \mathcal{W}$ , there exists  $v \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $w\mathcal{R}v$ .

## Modal axioms and shapes of frames

Name	Axiom	Frame shape
T	$\Box p \rightarrow p$	Reflexive
B	$p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p$	Symmetric
4	$\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p$	Transitive
5	$\Diamond \Box p \rightarrow \Box p$	Euclidean
D	$\Box p \rightarrow \Diamond p$	Serial

### Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$ . Then the axiom T (resp. B, 4, 5, D) is valid in  $\mathcal{F}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{F}$  is reflexive (resp. symmetric, transitive, euclidean, serial).

Proof: ...

## Some normal modal logics

- **KT**
- **KD**: also known as **deontic logic**; logic about “obligations”
- **KT4** : also known as **S4**.
- **KT5** : also known as **S5**.

Note 1: **S5** can be equivalently defined as **S4** plus the axiom B.

Note 2: This means that axiom 4 is also a theorem of **S5**.

# Multi-modal logic

- Multi-modal logic generalizes modal logic by allowing a family of modal operators.
- Each modal operator in the family can be used to describe different modes of truth according to an agent.
- Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a set of *agents*. To each agent  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  we introduce two modal operators  $\Box_a$  and  $\Diamond_a$ .
- The language of multi-modal logic:

$$F ::= p \mid \top \mid \perp \mid \neg F \mid F \wedge F \mid F \vee F \mid F \rightarrow F \mid \Box_a F \mid \Diamond_a F.$$

where  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

# Semantics of multimodal logic: frames and models

- The notions of frames and models are similar to modal logic.
- Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  be a set of agents. Then an **frame** is the tuple

$$\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_n \rangle$$

where  $\mathcal{W}$  is a set of worlds, and each  $\mathcal{R}_i$  is a binary relation on  $\mathcal{W}$ .

- Valuations are defined as previously. A **model** is a pair  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{V} \rangle$  of frame and valuation.

## Semantics of multi-modal logic: satisfiability

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_n, \mathcal{V} \rangle$  be a model.

The notion of a formula  $G$  being true in  $\mathcal{M}$  at world  $w$  is defined analogously to the single agent case, with the following modification:

- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \Box_{a_i} G$  if and only if for all  $v \in \mathcal{W}$ , if  $w\mathcal{R}_i v$  then  $\mathcal{M}, v \models G$ .
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \Diamond_{a_i} G$  if and only if there exists  $v \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $w\mathcal{R}_i v$  and  $\mathcal{M}, v \models G$ .

## Semantics of multi-modal logic: validity

- Validity (in a frame) is defined similarly to the single agent case (left as exercise).
- The notion of a “shape” of a frame must now be defined with respect to all the relations  $\mathcal{R}_i$ .
- For example, a reflexive frame  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_n \rangle$  satisfies: for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and for every  $u \in \mathcal{W}$ , we have  $u\mathcal{R}_i u$ .



## Correspondence between modal axioms and shapes of frames

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{a_1, \dots, a_i\}$ . The axioms are stated for each modal operator for each agent. For every  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ :

$$(T) \quad \Box_a p \rightarrow p.$$

$$(B) \quad p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond_a p.$$

$$(4) \quad \Box_a p \rightarrow \Box_a \Box_a p.$$

$$(5) \quad \Diamond_a \Box_a p \rightarrow \Box_a p.$$

$$(D) \quad \Box_a p \rightarrow \Diamond_a p.$$

The correspondence between the axioms and the shapes of frames also holds for multi-modal logic.

# Epistemic logic

- Epistemic logic is a term used to describe a family of logics about 'knowledge' and 'belief'.
- The epistemic reading of multi-modal formulae:

$\Box_a G$      agent  $a$  'knows'  $G$ .

- There are several axiomatizations of epistemic logic. Two of the better known ones are **S4** and **S5**.

## Epistemic logic **S5**

Recall that **S5** is an extension of (multi-modal) **K** with

$$(T) \quad \Box_a p \rightarrow p, \text{ for every agent } a.$$

$$(5) \quad \Diamond_a \Box_a p \rightarrow \Box_a p, \text{ for every agent } a.$$

Recall also that Axiom 4 is a theorem in **S5**

$$(4) \quad \Box_a p \rightarrow \Box_a \Box_a p.$$

Epistemic reading of the axioms 4 and 5:

- Axiom 4: If agent  $a$  knows  $p$  then it knows that it knows  $p$ .
- Axiom 5: consider the contrapositive form of 5:

$$\neg \Box_a p \rightarrow \Box_a \neg \Box_a p.$$

If agent  $a$  does not know  $p$ , then it knows that it does not know  $p$ .

# The Unknown

*As we know, there are known knowns. There are things we know we know.*

*We also know there are known unknowns. That is to say we know there are some things we do not know.*

*But there are also unknown unknowns, the ones we don't know we don't know.*

(Donald Rumsfeld, Former US Secretary of Defense)

**Exercise:** Show why Rumsfeld is contradicting **S5**.

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