APPLICATIONS OF PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC

Section 1.3 (Chapter 1.2)







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APPLICATIONS OF PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC: SUMMARY

- Translating English to Propositional Logic
- Boolean Search
- Logic Puzzles
- Logic Circuits





TRANSLATING ENGLISH SENTENCES

- Steps to convert an English sentence to a statement in propositional logic
 - Identify atomic propositions and represent using propositional variables.
 - Determine appropriate logical connectives
- "If I go to Harry's or to the country, I will not go shopping."

Solution

- *p*: I go to Harry's
- q: I go to the country.
- r: I will go shopping.
- If *p* or *q* then not *r*. $(p \lor q) \to \neg r$

MORE EXAMPLES

Write these system specifications in symbols using the propositions

- *v*: "The user enters a valid password,"
- *a*: "Access is granted to the user,"
- c: "The user has contacted the network administrator,"

and logical connectives. Then determine if the system specifications are consistent.

(Definition: A list of propositions is consistent if it is possible to assign truth values to the proposition variables so that each proposition is true.)

- (i) "The user has contacted the network administrator, but does not enter a valid password."
- (ii) "Access is granted whenever the user has contacted the network administrator or enters a valid password."
- (iii) "Access is denied if the user has not entered a valid password or has not contacted the network administrator."



BOOLEAN SEARCH

- Logical connectives are used extensively in searches of large collections of information
 - AND, OR, NOT
- Search engines
 - Baidu. AND: "", OR: "|", NOT: "-"
 - Google.
- Academic search
 - CNKI (<u>www.cnki.net</u>)
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- An island has two kinds of inhabitants, *knights*, who always tell the truth, and *knaves*, who always lie.
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- If A is a knight, then p is true. Since knights tell the truth, q must also be true. Then (p ∧ ¬ q)∨ (¬ p ∧ q) would have to be true, but it is not. So, A is not a knight and therefore ¬ p must be true.
- If A is a knave, then B must not be a knight since knaves always lie. So, then both ¬p and ¬q hold since both are knaves.



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Solution with propositional satisfiability:

- B is knight:
- The two of us are of opposite types
- A knight always tells true and a knave always tells false:
 - If A is a knight, then 'B is a knight' is T; If A is knave then "B is a knight" is F:
 - Similarly, for B:
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- We are not both truthtellers: $\neg(p \land q)$
- A knight always tells true and a knave always tells false: \leftrightarrow (Equivalence)
- Final Proposition:

DISJUNCTIVE NORMAL FORM 析取 范式

• Please fill in the compound proposition the meets the truth table.

p	q	?	
T	Т	Τ	
Т	F	Т	5
F	Т	F	
F	F	Т	

DISJUNCTIVE NORMAL FORM 析取 范式

- A propositional formula is in *disjunctive normal form* if it consists of a disjunction of (1, ..., n) disjuncts where each disjunct consists of a conjunction of (1, ..., m) atomic formulas or the negation of an atomic formula.
 - $(p \land \neg q) \lor (p \land q)$ Yes
 - $p \land (p \lor q)$ No
- Disjunctive Normal Form is important for the circuit design methods.



DISJUNCTIVE NORMAL FORM

Example: Show that every compound proposition can be put in disjunctive normal form.

Solution: Construct the truth table for the proposition.

- 1. An equivalent proposition is the disjunction with *n* disjuncts (where *n* is the number of rows for which the formula evaluates to **T**).
- 2. Each disjunct has *m* conjuncts where *m* is the number of distinct propositional variables.
- 3. Each conjunct includes the **positive form** of the propositional variable if the variable is assigned **T** in that row and the **negated form** if the variable is assigned **F** in that row.
- 4. This proposition is in disjunctive normal from.

CONJUNCTIVE NORMAL FORM 合取范式

- A compound proposition is in *Conjunctive Normal Form* (CNF) if it is a conjunction of disjunctions.
- Every proposition can be put in an equivalent CNF.
- Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF) can be obtained by eliminating implications, moving negation inwards and using the distributive and associative laws.
- Important in resolution theorem proving used in artificial Intelligence (AI).
- A compound proposition can be put in conjunctive normal form through repeated application of the logical equivalences covered earlier.

LOGIC CIRCUITS

• Electronic circuits; each input/output signal can be viewed as a 0 or 1.

- 0 represents False
- 1 represents **True**
- Complicated circuits are constructed from three basic circuits called gates.



- InverterOR gateAND gate• The inverter(NOT gate)takes an input bit and produces the negation of that bit.
- The **OR gate** takes two input bits and produces the value equivalent to the disjunction of the two bits.
- The **AND gate** takes two input bits and produces the value equivalent to the conjunction of the two bits.
- More complicated digital circuits can be constructed by combining these basic circuits to produce the desired output given the input signals by building a circuit for each piece of the output expression and then combining them. For example:



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ADDERS (CONT)

• A *full adder* is used to compute the sum bit and the carry bit when two bits and a carry are added.



ADDERS (CONT)

 A half adder and multiple full adders can be used to produce the sum of *n* bit integers.

Example: Here is a circuit to compute the sum of two three-bit integers.





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