

First Order Logic– Arguments (5A)

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Contemporary Artificial Intelligence,
R.E. Neapolitan & X. Jiang

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Arguments

An **argument** consists of a set of formula :

The **premises** formula

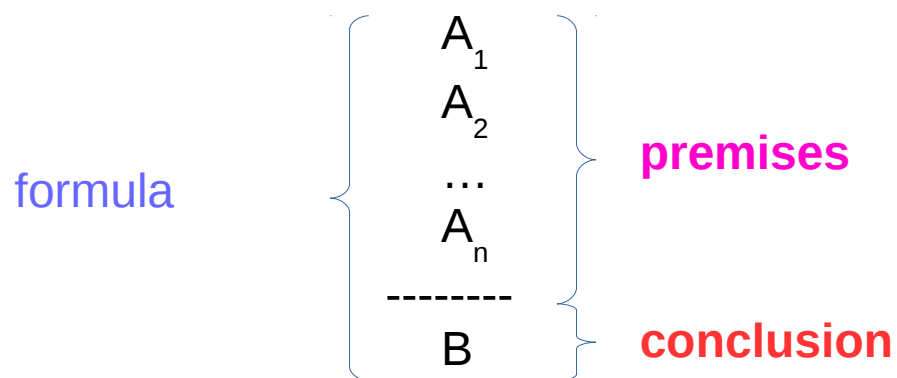
The **conclusion** formula

propositions

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proposition

List of **premises** followed by the **conclusion**



Formulas and Sentences

An **formula**

- A **atomic formula**
- The operator \neg followed by a **formula**
- Two formulas separated by \wedge , \vee , \Rightarrow , \Leftrightarrow
- A **quantifier** following by a variable followed by a formula

A **sentence**

- A **formula** with **no free variables**

$\forall x \text{ love}(x,y)$: free variable y	: not a sentence
$\forall x \text{ tall}(x)$: no free variable	: a sentence

Entailment Definition

If the truth of a statement **P** **guarantees** that another statement **Q** must be **true**,

then we say that **P** **entails** **Q**, or that **Q** is **entailed** by **P**.

the key term, “**must be true**”

“**Must be**” is stating that

something is **necessary**,

something for which **no other option** or **possibility** exists.

“**Must be**” encodes the concept of **logical necessity**.

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Entailment Examples

P: “Mary knows all the capitals of **the United States**”

Q: “Mary knows the capital of **Kentucky**”

P: “**Every one** in the race ran the mile in under 5 minutes”

Q: “**John**, a runner in the race, ran the mile in less than 5 minutes”

P: “The questionnaire had a total of 20 questions, and Mary **answered only 13**”

Q: “The questionnaire answered by Mary had **7 unanswered questions**”

P: “The **winning** ticket starts with **3 7 9**”

Q: “Mary's ticket starts with **3 7 9** so Mary's ticket is the **winning** ticket”

conceptually familiarity

true conditional statements, or true implications are examples of **entailment**.

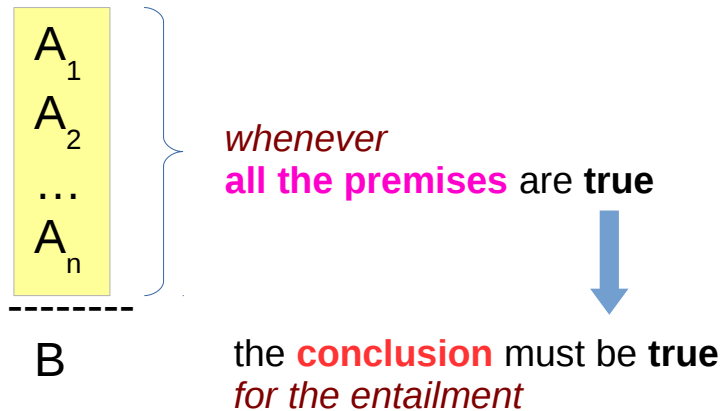
any conditional statement, (“if . . . then”) which is true, is an example of **entailment**.
In Mathematics, the more familiar term is “**implication**”.

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Entail

The **premises** is said to **entail** the **conclusion**
If in **every model** in which **all the premises** are **true**,
the **conclusion** is also **true**

List of **premises** followed by the **conclusion**



Entailment Notation

Suppose we have *an argument*
whose **premises** are A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n
whose **conclusion** is B

Then

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \models B$ if and only if
 $A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B$ (**logical implication**)

logical implication: if $A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B$ is **tautology** (*always true*)

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Entailment and Logical Implication

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \models B$$

$$\iff A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \implies B$$

$$\iff A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \implies B \text{ is a tautology}$$

(logical implication)

If all the premises are true,
then the conclusion must be true

$$T \wedge T \wedge \dots \wedge T \implies T$$

$$T \wedge T \wedge \dots \wedge T \implies \text{F}$$

$$F \wedge X \wedge \dots \wedge X \implies T$$

Sound Argument and Fallacy

A **sound** argument

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \models B$

If the **premises** entails the **conclusion**

A **fallacy**

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \not\models B$

If the **premises** does not entail the **conclusion**

Valid Argument Criteria

- If all the **premises** are true, then the **conclusion** must be **true**.
- the truth of the **conclusion** is **guaranteed**
*if all the **premises** are **true***
- It is **impossible** to have a **false conclusion**
*if all the **premises** are **true***
- The **premises** of a valid argument **entail** the **conclusion**.

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Valid Argument Examples

If John makes this **field goal**, then the U of A will **win**.
John makes the **field goal** .
Therefore the U of A wins

Modus Ponens

If **P** then **Q**
P
Therefore **Q**

If the patient has **malaria**, then a blood test will indicate that his blood harbors at least one of these **parasites**: P. falciparum, P. vivax , P. ovale and P. malaria
Blood test indicate that the patient harbors **none** of these **parasites**
Therefore the patient does **not** have **malaria**.

Modus Tollens

If **P** then **Q**
Not **Q**
Therefore Not **P**

Either The **Patriots** or the Philadelphia **Eagles** will **win** the Superbowl
The **Patriots** **lost**
Therefore The **Eagles** **won**

Disjunctive Syllogism (Process of Elimination)

Either **P** or **Q**
Not **P**
Therefore **Q**

If John gets a **raise**, then he will buy a **house**.
If John buys a **house**, he will run for a **position** on the neighborhood council.
Therefore, if John gets a **raise**, he will run for a **position** on the neighborhood council

Hypothetical Syllogism

If **P** then **Q**
If **Q** then **R**
Therefore If **P** then **R**

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Valid Arguments

An argument form is **valid** if and only if

whenever the **premises** are **all true**, then **conclusion** is **true**.

An argument is valid if its argument form is valid.

If	premises : true	→	then conclusion : true
	false		true
	false		false
If	true	→	then <u>never</u>
			false

<http://math.stackexchange.com/questions/281208/what-is-the-difference-between-a-sound-argument-and-a-valid-argument>

Sound Arguments

An argument is **sound** if it is **valid** and all the **premises** are actually **true**.

for an argument to be sound, two conditions must be met:

- 1) the argument must be **valid**, and
- 2) the argument must actually have **all true premises**.

What can be said about the conclusion to a sound argument?

Since the argument is **sound**, then it is both **valid** and actually has **all true premises**, so the **conclusion must be true**, by definition of validity.

an example of a sound argument:

If a number is greater than 7 it is greater than 3.

8 is greater than 7.

Therefore 8 is greater than 3.

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/val-snd/>

Soundness

A deductive argument is **sound** if and only if it is both **valid**, and all of its **premises** are **actually true**.
Otherwise, a deductive argument is **unsound**.

Always **premises** : true \Rightarrow **therefore** **conclusion** : true

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Models and Interpretations

First specify a **signature**

Constant Symbols

Predicate Symbols

Function Symbols

Determines the **language**

Given a language

A **model** is specified

A **domain of discourse**

a set of entities

An **interpretation**

constant assignments

function assignments

truth value assignments - predicate

Satisfiability of a sentence

If a sentence s evaluates to **True** under a given interpretation I

I satisfies s ; $I \models s$

A sentence is **satisfiable**

if there is some interpretation under which it is **true**.

Valid Formulas and Sentences

A **formula** is **valid**
if it is **satisfied** by **every** interpretation

Every **tautology** is a **valid formula**

A **valid** sentence: $\text{human}(\text{John}) \vee \neg \text{human}(\text{John})$

A **valid** sentence: $\exists x (\text{human}(x) \vee \neg \text{human}(x))$

A **valid** formula: $\text{loves}(\text{John}, y) \vee \neg \text{loves}(\text{John}, y)$
True regardless of which individual
in the domain of discourse is assigned to y
This formula is true in every interpretation

Validity and Satisfiability of Formulas

A formula is **valid** if it is **true** for all values of its terms.

Satisfiability refers to the existence of a combination of values to make the expression **true**.

So in short, a proposition / a formula is
satisfiable if there is at least one true result in its truth table,
valid if all values it returns in the truth table are true.

Contradiction

A sentence is a **contradiction** if there is no interpretation that satisfies it

$$\exists x (\text{human}(x) \wedge \neg \text{human}(x))$$

not satisfiable under any interpretation

Well-formed Strings

A **term**

- A **constant** symbol
- A **variable** symbol
- A **function** symbol with comma separated list

An **atomic formula**

- A **predicate** symbol
- A **predicate** symbol with comma separated list
- **Two terms** separated by the $=$ symbol

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And a formula called the **conclusion**

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If the **premises entail** the **conclusion**,
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otherwise, it is a **fallacy**

A **set of inference rules** : a deductive system

A deductive system is **sound** if it only derives sound arguments

A deductive system is **complete** if it can derive every sound argument

Quantifiers

Universal Quantifier

$\forall x$ for all entity e in the *domain of discourse*

Existential Quantifier

$\exists x$ for some entity e in the *domain of discourse*

Instantiation and Generalization

Universal Instantiation

$\forall x A(x)$ for all entities e in the *domain of discourse* $\models A(c)$ for any *constant* term c

Universal Generalization

$A(e)$ for every entity e in the *domain of discourse* $\models \forall x A(x)$

Existential Instantiation

$\exists x A(x)$ $\models A(e)$ for some entity e in the *domain of discourse*

Existential Generalization

$A(e)$ for an entity e in the *domain of discourse* $\models \exists x A(x)$

Universal Instantiation

$\forall x A(x)$ for all entities x in the *domain of discourse* $\models A(c)$ for any *constant* term c

If $A(x)$ has value **T** for all entities in the domain of discourse,
then it must have value **T** for term t

man(John)
 $\forall x \text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \text{human}(x)$
human(John)

man(John)
 $\forall x \text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \text{human}(x)$
 $\text{man}(\textit{John}) \Rightarrow \text{human}(\textit{John})$
human(*John*)

Universal Generalization

$A(e)$ for every entity e in the *domain of discourse* $\models \forall x A(x)$

If $A(e)$ has value **T** for every entity e ,
Then $\forall x A(x)$ has value **T**

The rule is ordinarily applied by showing that $A(e)$ has value **T**
for an arbitrary entity e

$\forall x (\text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \text{human}(x))$

$\forall x (\neg \text{human}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{man}(x))$

$\forall x (\text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \text{human}(x))$

$\text{man}(e) \Rightarrow \text{human}(e)$

$\neg \text{human}(e)$

$\neg \text{man}(e)$

$\neg \text{human}(e) \Rightarrow \neg \text{man}(e)$

$\forall x (\neg \text{human}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{man}(x))$

Modus Tolens

$A \Rightarrow B$

$\neg B$

$\neg A$

Existential Instantiation

$\exists x A(x) \models A(e)$ for some entity e in the *domain of discourse*

If $\exists x A(x)$ has value **T**,
then $A(e)$ has value **T** for some entity e

$\exists x \text{man}(x)$
 $\forall x \text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \text{human}(x)$
 $\exists x \text{human}(x)$

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 $\forall x \text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \text{human}(x)$
 $\text{man}(e)$
 $\text{man}(e) \Rightarrow \text{human}(e)$
 $\text{human}(e)$
 $\exists x \text{human}(x)$

Existential Generalization

$A(e)$ for an entity e in the *domain of discourse* $\models \exists x A(x)$

If $A(e)$ has value T for some entity e ,
Then $\exists x A(x)$ has value T

man(John)

$\forall x \text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \text{human}(x)$

$\exists x \text{human}(x)$

man(John)

$\forall x \text{man}(x) \Rightarrow \text{human}(x)$

man(*John*) \Rightarrow human(*John*)

human(*John*)

$\exists x \text{human}(x)$

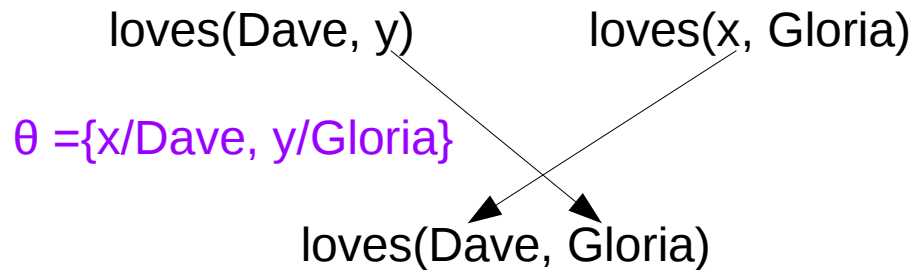
Unification

Two sentences **A** and **B**

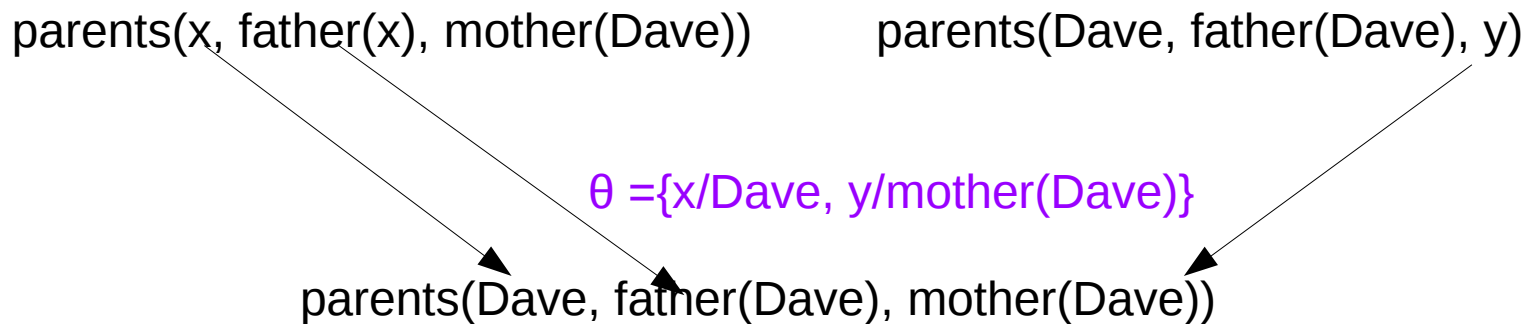
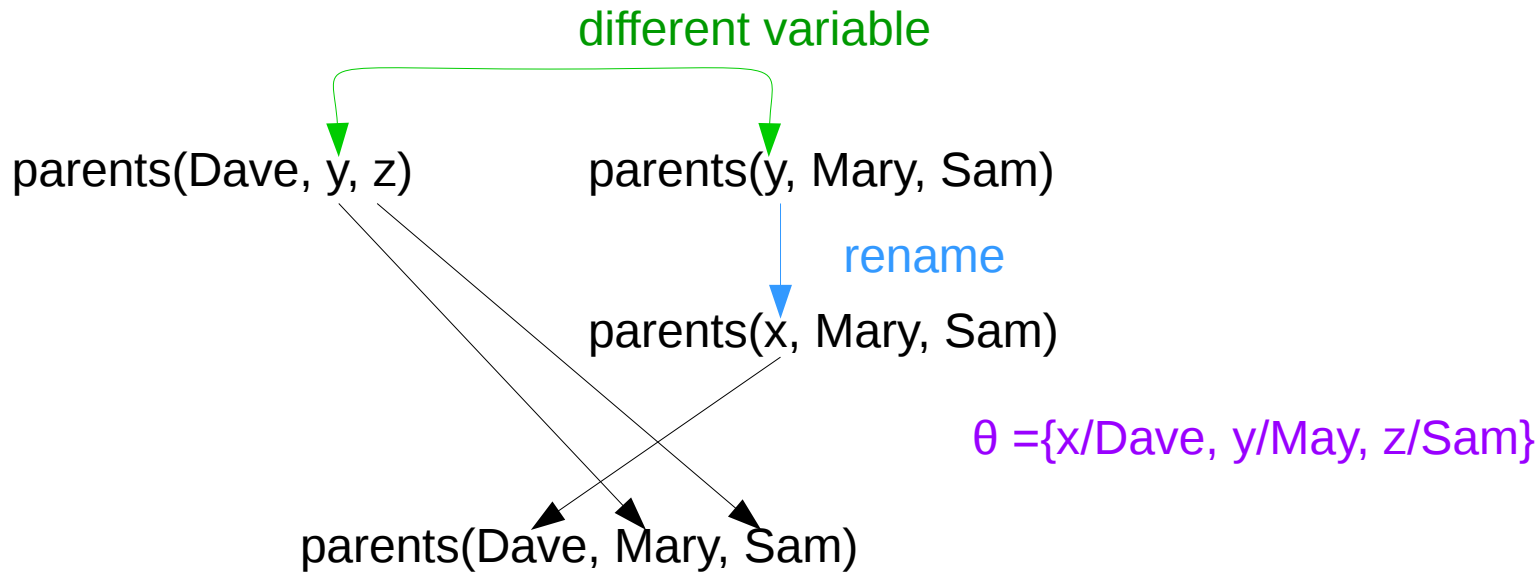
A **unification** of **A** and **B**

A **substitution** θ of values for some of the **variables** in **A** and **B** that make the sentences *identical*

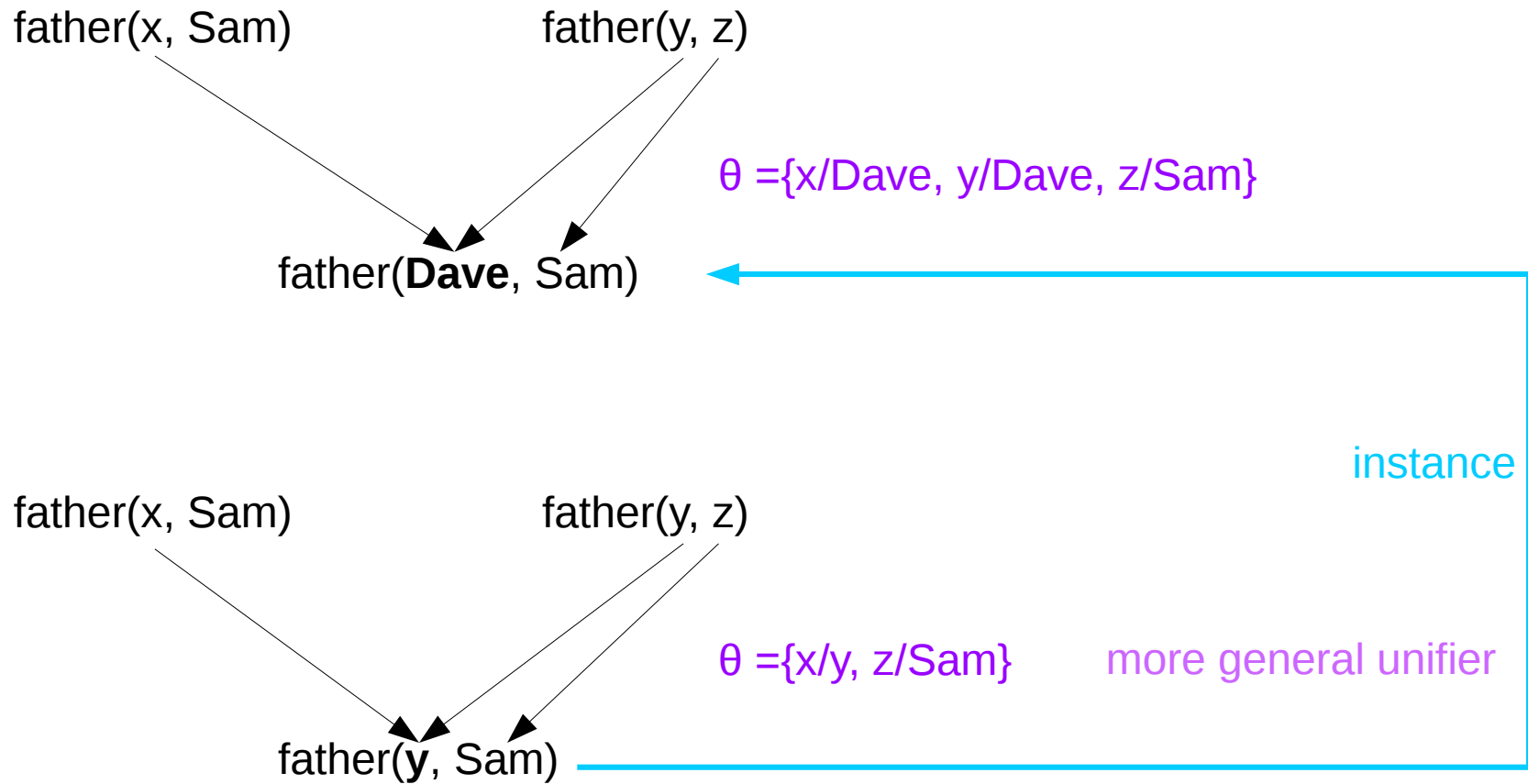
The **set** of substitutions θ is called the **unifier**



Unification

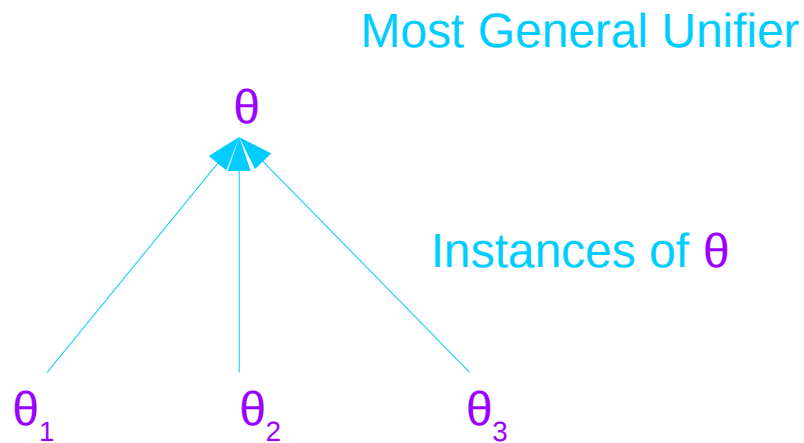


Unifier Instance



Most General Unifier

If every other unifier θ' is
an instance of θ
in the sense that θ' can be derived
by making substitutions in θ



father(y, Sam)

y/Dave

father(**Dave**, Sam)

Unification Algorithm

Input : Two sentences A and B; an empty set of substitution theta

Output : a most general unifier of the sentences if they can be unified;
otherwise failure.

Procedure unify (A, B, var theta)

Scan A and B from left to right

Until A and B disagree on a symbol or A and B are exhausted

If A and B are exhausted

Let x and y be the symbols where A and B disagree

If x is a variable

Theta = theta U {x/y}

unify(subst(theta, A), subst(theta, B), theta)

Else if y is a variable

Theta = theta U {y/x}

unify(subst(theta, A), subst(theta, B), theta)

Else

Theta = failure;

Endif

endif

Subst

Procedure subst

Input : a set of substitutions θ and a sentence A

Applies the substitutions θ in to A

A: parents(Dave, y, z)

$\theta = \{x/\text{Dave}, y/\text{Mary}, z/\text{Sam}\}$

subst(A, θ)

parents(Dave, May, Sam)

Generalized Modus Ponens

Suppose we have sentences A , B , and C , and the the sentence $A \Rightarrow B$, which is implicitly universally quantified for all variables in the sentence.

The Generalized Modus Ponens (GMP) rule is as follows

$A \Rightarrow B, C, \text{unify}(A, C, \theta) \models \text{subst}(B, \theta)$

Modus Ponens

1. $\text{mother}(\text{Mary}, \text{Scott})$
2. $\text{sister}(\text{Mary}, \text{Alice})$
3. $\forall x \forall y \forall z \text{mother}(x,y) \wedge \text{sister}(x,z) \Rightarrow \text{aunt}(z,y)$
4. $\text{mother}(\text{Mary}, \text{Scott}) \wedge \text{sister}(\text{Mary}, \text{Alice})$
5. $\forall y \forall z \text{mother}(\text{Mary},y) \wedge \text{sister}(\text{Mary},z) \Rightarrow \text{aunt}(z,y)$
6. $\forall z \text{mother}(\text{Mary},\text{Scott}) \wedge \text{sister}(\text{Mary},z) \Rightarrow \text{aunt}(z,\text{Scott})$
7. $\text{mother}(\text{Mary},\text{Scott}) \wedge \text{sister}(\text{Mary},\text{Alice}) \Rightarrow \text{aunt}(\text{Alice},\text{Scott})$
8. $\text{aunt}(\text{Alice},\text{Scott})$

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4. $\text{mother}(\text{Mary}, \text{Scott}) \wedge \text{ sister}(\text{Mary}, \text{Alic})$
5. $\theta = \{x/\text{Mary}, y/\text{Scott}, z/\text{Alice}\}$
6. $\text{aunt}(\text{Alice}, \text{Scott})$

Logical Equivalences

$\neg, \wedge,$
 \vee

$\wedge \vee \neg \neg \Rightarrow$
 $\Leftrightarrow \equiv \Rightarrow \vDash$

$\neg, \wedge,$
 \vee

$\wedge \vee \neg \neg \Rightarrow$
 $\Leftrightarrow \equiv \Rightarrow \vDash$

\Rightarrow
 \Leftrightarrow
 \equiv

\Rightarrow
 \Leftrightarrow
 \equiv

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