

CS 7180: Behavioral Modeling and Decision-making in AI

First-order Logic & Situation Calculus

Guest Lecturer: Prof. Thomas Wahl

September 14, 2012

Outline

- Propositional logic (review of the review)
- First-order logic (review)
- Actions and events in FOL
 - Situation calculus
 - Frame problem

Warning!

“Logic, like whiskey, loses its beneficial effect when taken in too large quantities.”

—Lord Dunsany

Review: clauses and inference

- **Literal** is an atomic sentence or negated atom ($P, \neg P$)
- **Clause** is a **disjunction** of literals (i.e., $P \vee \neg Q \vee R$)
- **Knowledge base** is a set of true propositional sentences, i.e., conjunction of sentences (\wedge is implicit)
- KB is in **conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)** if written as a conjunction of disjunctions, i.e., conjunction of clauses
- With KB in CNF, resolution is **sound and complete** inference procedure in a single rule!!
- **Theorem**: any set of sentences can be transformed into CNF

Horn clauses

- **Horn clause**—clause with at most one positive literal
$$\neg P_1 \vee \neg P_2 \vee \dots \vee \neg P_n$$
- **Definite clause**—Horn clause with exactly one positive literal
$$\neg P_1 \vee \neg P_2 \vee \dots \vee \neg P_n \vee R$$
- **Goal clause**—Horn clause with no positive literals
$$\neg P_1 \vee \neg P_2 \vee \dots \vee \neg P_n$$
- Closed under resolution (i.e., resolution of Horn clauses will return Horn clause)
- Special properties of KBs with Horn clauses
 1. Definite clauses can be written as implication rules $\langle \text{body} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{head} \rangle$
$$P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \Rightarrow R$$
 2. Two inference methods that work for Horn clauses
 - **Forward chaining** (data driven)
 - **Backward chaining** (goal driven)
 3. Entailment can be decided in linear time w.r.t. size of KB

Forward chaining

- Determines if query q is entailed by KB of definite clauses
 - Starts with known facts and derives new knowledge

- **Horn clauses:**

$$C1. \neg P_1 \vee \neg P_2 \vee P_4$$

$$C2. \neg P_4 \vee P_5$$

- **Rules:**

$$P_1 \wedge P_2 \Rightarrow P_4$$

$$P_4 \Rightarrow P_5$$

- **Facts:** P_1, P_2

- Step 1: Facts P_1 and P_2 resolve with C1 to get P_4
(Add P_4 to KB)
- Step 2: Resolve P_4 with C2 to get P_5
 - This is called **rule chaining**
- Derive conclusions from incoming **facts**

Backward chaining

- Goal-driven reasoning triggered by a **query**
- Basis of backward chaining

$P \wedge R \Rightarrow Q$ is an assertion in our KB

Q is a query we want to prove (or disprove)

Set up P and R as sub-queries, if true then Q is proved

- What if we cannot find Q or a rule that proves Q ?
 - Answer False—**negation by failure**
(not the same as a real proof of $\neg Q$)
- Note: $P \Rightarrow \neg Q$ is not a Horn clause
 - Normalizes to $P \vee Q$, which has two positive literals

Backward chaining example

- Works backward to determine if the query q is true

- **Horn clauses:**

C1. $\neg P_1 \vee \neg P_2 \vee P_4$

C2. $\neg P_4 \vee P_5$

- **Rules:**

$$P_1 \wedge P_2 \Rightarrow P_4$$

$$P_4 \Rightarrow P_5$$

- **Facts:** P_1, P_2

- **Goal:** P_5

- Subgoal: prove P_4

- Sub-sub goal: prove P_2

- Sub-sub goal: prove P_1

- Very efficient—only touches relevant facts/rules

Pros and cons of propositional logic

- Propositional logic is **declarative**
- PL allows **partial/disjunctive/negated** information
 - Horn clauses are a nice intermediate form
- Propositional logic is **compositional**
 - Meaning of $L_{1,1} \wedge up$ is derived from the meaning of $L_{1,1}$ and of up
- Meaning in PL is **context-independent**
 - Unlike natural language, where meaning depends on context
- Propositional logic has very **limited expressive power**
 - Unlike natural language...
 - Can become impractical even for simple worlds

First-order logic

- Propositional logic limits world models to atomic facts
E.g. $P_{1,2} \Rightarrow B_{2,2}$
- First-order logic (like natural language) can manipulate world models that include
 - **Objects**, which are things with individual identities
 - **Properties** of objects that distinguish them from other objects
 - **Relations** that hold among sets of objects
 - **Functions**, which are a subset of relations where there is only one “value” for any given “input”
- Examples:
 - Objects: Students, lectures, companies, cars ...
 - Relations: Brother of, bigger than, outside, part of, has color, occurs after, owns, visits, precedes, ...
 - Properties: blue, oval, even, large, ...
 - Functions: father, nationality, one more than, plus...

Basic syntax of FOL

- **Constant symbols** *KingJohn, 2, NEU, ...*
- **Predicate symbols** *IsHappy, Likes, >, ...*
- **Function symbols** *Sqrt, Nationality, ...*
- **Variables** *x, y, a, b, ...*
- **Connectives** $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$
- **Equality** $=$
- **Quantifiers** \forall, \exists

- Constant, predicate, and function symbols called a **logical language**—provided by user

Atomic sentences in FOL

- Term = $function(term_1, \dots, term_n)$
or constant or variable
- A term with no variables is a **ground term**
- Examples
 - Brother(KingJohn, RichardTheLionheart)
 - >(AgeOf(Richard), AgeOf(John))
 - Brother(AgeOf(Richard), AgeOf(John))
- Atomic sentence = $predicate(term_1, \dots, term_n)$
or $term_1 = term_2$
- An **atomic sentence** has value true or false

Complex and quantified sentences

- Complex sentences are made from atomic sentences using connectives
 - Connectives have same semantics as propositional logic
 - $\neg S, S_1 \wedge S_2, S_1 \vee S_2, S_1 \Rightarrow S_2, S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$
- Examples
 - $Sibling(John, Richard) \Leftrightarrow Sibling(Richard, John)$
 - $>(1,2) \wedge \leq(1,2)$
 - $>(1,2) \wedge \neg >(1,2)$
- A **quantified sentence** adds quantifiers \forall and \exists
- A **well-formed formula (wff)** is contains no “free” variables—all variables are “bound” by quantifiers
($\forall x$)P(x,y) has x bound as a universally quantified variable, but y is free

Semantics of FOL

- **Domain M** : the set of all objects in the world (of interest)
- **Interpretation I** :
 - Assigns each constant to object in M
 - Defines each function of n arguments as a mapping $M^n \rightarrow M$
 - Defines each predicate as a mapping $M^n \rightarrow \{True, False\}$
- Every **ground predicate** will have a truth value
- In general there is an infinite number of interpretations because $|M|$ is infinite
- **Model**: interpretation of a set of sentences such that every sentence is *True*
- A sentence is
 - **satisfiable** if it is true under some interpretation
 - **valid** if it is true under all possible interpretations
 - **inconsistent** if there is no interpretation where the sentence is true

Semantics of quantifiers

- **Universal quantification**

- $\forall x P(x)$ means that P holds for **all** values of x
E.g., $\forall x \text{dolphin}(x) \Rightarrow \text{mammal}(x)$

- **Existential quantification**

- $\exists x P(x)$ means that P holds for **some** value of x
E.g., $\exists x \text{mammal}(x) \wedge \text{lays-eggs}(x)$
- Permits one to make a statement about some object without naming it

Universal quantification examples

- $\forall \langle \text{variables} \rangle \langle \text{sentence} \rangle$
- Everyone at NU is smart:
 $\forall x [At(x, NEU) \Rightarrow Smart(x)]$
- $\forall x P$ is true in a model m iff P is true with x being each possible object in the model
- Roughly speaking, equivalent to the **conjunction** of all **instantiations** of P

$$\begin{aligned} & At(KingJohn, NEU) \Rightarrow Smart(KingJohn) \\ \wedge & At(Richard, NEU) \Rightarrow Smart(Richard) \\ \wedge & At(NEU, NEU) \Rightarrow Smart(NEU) \\ \wedge & \dots \end{aligned}$$

A common mistake to avoid

- Typically, \Rightarrow is the main connective with \forall
- Common mistake: using \wedge as the main connective with \forall :

$$\forall x At(x, NEU) \wedge Smart(x)$$

means “Everyone is at NEU and everyone is smart”

Existential quantification examples

- $\exists \langle \text{variables} \rangle \langle \text{sentence} \rangle$
- Someone at NEU is smart:
 $\exists x [At(x, NEU) \wedge Smart(x)]$
- $\exists x P$ is true in a model m iff P is true with x being some possible object in the model
- Roughly speaking, equivalent to the **disjunction** of all **instantiations** of P
 - $At(KingJohn, NEU) \wedge Smart(KingJohn)$
 - $\vee At(Richard, NEU) \wedge Smart(Richard)$
 - $\vee At(NEU, NEU) \wedge Smart(NEU)$
 - $\vee \dots$

Another common mistake to avoid

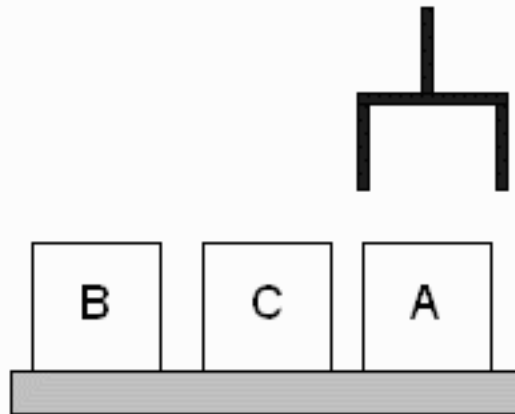
- Typically, \wedge is the main connective with \exists
- Common mistake: using \Rightarrow as the main connective with \exists :

$$\exists x At(x, NEU) \Rightarrow Smart(x)$$

is true if there is no one at NEU!

Blocks world in FOL

- Constants: Block, Table, A, B, C, Cube, Brick, Sphere, Pyramid, Red, Blue, Large, Small
- Functions: Size
- Relations: Cleartop, Color, Loc, On, Held, Above...
- Atomic sentences:
Loc(y,z), On(x,y); Cleartop(x); Held(x); Isa(x, z), Color(x, c)



Blocks world sentences

- Axioms for general world knowledge:

$$\forall x [Isa(x, Block) \Rightarrow \\ (\exists y Isa(y, Block) \wedge On(x, y)) \vee On(x, Table)]$$

- To prevent something silly (we need “common sense”):

$$\forall x, y [On(x, y) \Rightarrow \neg = (x, y)]$$

- Axioms for specific state of the world:

Isa(A, Block)

Isa(B, Block)

Isa(C, Block)

On(A, Table)

On(B, Table)

On(C, Table)

Substitution of variables

- A **substitution** is a set of variable-term pairs: $\{x/\text{term}, y/\text{term}, \dots\}$
 - Often referred to using the symbol θ [theta]
 - No variable can occur more than once.
- For any term or formula A :
 - $Subst(\theta, A)$ also written $A\theta$ is result of replacing each variable with the corresponding term
(Remember a term is a constant, variable symbol, or function)
 $S = Smarter(x,y)$
 $\theta = \{x/Hillary, y/Bill\}$
 $S\theta = S \{x/Hillary, y/Bill\} = Smarter(Hillary, Bill)$
- Given set of sentences KB , return some/all θ s.t. $KB \models S\theta$

Unification

- Two formulas A and B **unify** if there is a substitution θ such that $A\theta = B\theta$.
 - **θ is not unique!**
- Example—unify $A = \text{Knows}(\text{John}, x)$ and $B = \text{Knows}(y, z)$
 $\theta_1 = \{y/\text{John}, x/z\}$ or $\theta_2 = \{y/\text{John}, x/\text{Sue}, z/\text{Sue}\}$
- The first unifier is **more general** than the second
- There is a single **most general unifier** (MGU) that is unique up to renaming variables
MGU = $\{y/\text{John}, x/z\}$ or $\{y/\text{John}, z/x\}$

Most general unifier

- If θ_1 is a unifier for formulas A and B , it is a **MOST GENERAL UNIFIER** (MGU) iff:

There is no other unifier θ_2 for A and B s.t. $A\theta_2$ subsumes $A\theta_1$

- A formula F **subsumes** a formula G if there is a non-trivial substitution Π s.t. $F\Pi = G$

- **Example**

$A = \text{Knows}(\text{John}, x)$ and $B = \text{Knows}(y, z)$

$\theta_1 = \{y/\text{John}, x/z\}$ or $\theta_2 = \{y/\text{John}, x/\text{Sue}, z/\text{Sue}\}$

$A\theta_1 = \text{Knows}(\text{John}, z)$ $A\theta_2 = \text{Knows}(\text{John}, \text{Sue})$

$A\theta_1$ subsumes $A\theta_2$ so $\theta_2 = \{y/\text{John}, x/\text{Sue}, z/\text{Sue}\}$ is not an MGU

NOTE: What is Π ?

Unification examples

Unify(α, β) = θ if $\alpha\theta = \beta\theta$

- Find the unifier θ

p	q	θ
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (John,Jane)	
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (y ,Barak)	
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (y ,Mother(y))	
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (x ,Barak)	

Unification examples

Unify(α, β) = θ if $\alpha\theta = \beta\theta$

- Find the unifier θ

p	q	θ
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (John,Jane)	<i>{x/Jane}</i>
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (y ,Barak)	
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (y ,Mother(y))	
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (x ,Barak)	

Unification examples

Unify(α, β) = θ if $\alpha\theta = \beta\theta$

- Find the unifier θ

p	q	θ
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (John,Jane)	<i>{x/Jane}</i>
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (y ,Barak)	<i>{x/Barak,y/John}</i>
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (y ,Mother(y))	
<i>Knows</i> (John, x)	<i>Knows</i> (x ,Barak)	

Unification examples

Unify(α, β) = θ if $\alpha\theta = \beta\theta$

- Find the unifier θ

p	q	θ
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(John, Jane)$	$\{x/Jane\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(y, Barak)$	$\{x/Barak, y/John\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(y, Mother(y))$	$\{x/Mother(John), y/John\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(x, Barak)$	

Unification examples

Unify(α, β) = θ if $\alpha\theta = \beta\theta$

- Find the unifier θ

p	q	θ
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(John, Jane)$	$\{x/Jane\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(y, Barak)$	$\{x/Barak, y/John\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(y, Mother(y))$	$\{x/Mother(John), y/John\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(x, Barak)$	$\{fail\}$

Unification examples

Unify(α, β) = θ if $\alpha\theta = \beta\theta$

- Find the unifier θ

p	q	θ
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(John, Jane)$	$\{x/Jane\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(y, Barak)$	$\{x/Barak, y/John\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(y, Mother(y))$	$\{x/Mother(John), y/John\}$
$Knows(John, x)$	$Knows(x, Barak)$	$\{fail\}$

- Last one fails because we need to **standardize apart** the variables
 - Rename x in $Knows(x, Barak)$ to a
 - Unify with $\theta = \{x/Barak, a/John\}$

Inference in FOL

- **Rules of inference** same as in propositional logic in ground cases
- **Generalize (lift)** rules to FOL case with variables and quantifiers
- Universal instantiation (UI)—every **instantiation** of a universally quantified sentence is entailed by it

$$\frac{\forall v \alpha}{\text{Subst}(\{v/g\}, \alpha)}$$

for any variable v and ground term g

- Existential instantiation (EI)—for any sentence α , variable v , and constant symbol k that does **NOT** appear elsewhere in the knowledge base

$$\frac{\exists v \alpha}{\text{Subst}(\{v/k\}, \alpha)}$$

- Apply EI followed by UI to get fully ground version of KB

Quantifier inference examples

- **Universal instantiation**

$\forall x \text{ King}(x) \wedge \text{Greedy}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(x)$ yields:

$\text{King}(\text{John}) \wedge \text{Greedy}(\text{John}) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(\text{John})$

$\text{King}(\text{Richard}) \wedge \text{Greedy}(\text{Richard}) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(\text{Richard})$

$\text{King}(\text{Father}(\text{John})) \wedge \text{Greedy}(\text{Father}(\text{John})) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(\text{Father}(\text{John}))$

- **Existential instantiation**

$\exists x \text{ Crown}(x) \wedge \text{OnHead}(x, \text{John})$ yields:

$\text{Crown}(C_1) \wedge \text{OnHead}(C_1, \text{John})$

where C_1 is a **brand-new** constant not occurring in any sentence

- Also known as skolemization—constant is a **skolem constant**

Implementing universal instantiation

All humans are mortal

Jack is human

Jack is mortal

- How do we represent this in FOL?

R1. $\forall x \text{ Human}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Mortal}(x)$

F1. $\text{Human}(\text{Jack})$

- **Modus ponens** for FOL

- Let R1 be $p \Rightarrow q$, Let F1 be p'

- If p and p' **unify**, conclude q' —find the substitution θ

Applying unification to reasoning

- **Modus ponens** says:

Given $p \Rightarrow q$ and p

Conclude q

- In FOL

Given $p \Rightarrow q$, and p' (where p and p' unify by θ)

Conclude q' s.t. $q' = q\theta$

- Suppose our KB includes:

$\forall x \text{ King}(x) \wedge \text{Greedy}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(x)$

$\text{King}(\text{John})$

- Modus ponens won't quite work since we have $p_1 \wedge p_2 \Rightarrow q$
 - But we can see using human reasoning that it should!

Generalized Modus Ponens (GMP)

$$\frac{(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q), p_1', p_2', \dots, p_n'}{q\theta} \text{ where } p_i'\theta = p_i\theta \text{ for all } i$$

- **Example**

p_1' is *King(John)*

p_2' is *Greedy(y)*

θ is $\{x/\text{John}, y/\text{John}\}$

p_1 is *King(x)*

p_2 is *Greedy(x)*

q is *Evil(x)*

$q\theta$ is *Evil(John)*

- GMP uses **definite clauses** (**exactly** one positive literal)
- All variables assumed universally quantified
- Follows from the resolution rule for FOL...

Resolution in FOL

- First-order resolution rule:

$$\frac{l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_k, m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_k}{\phantom{(l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee l_k \vee m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n) \theta}}$$

$$(l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee l_k \vee m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n) \theta$$

where $Unify(l_i, \neg m_j) = \theta$

- The two clauses are assumed to be **standardized apart**

$$\frac{\neg Rich(x) \vee Unhappy(x)}{Rich(Ken)}$$

$$Unhappy(Ken)$$

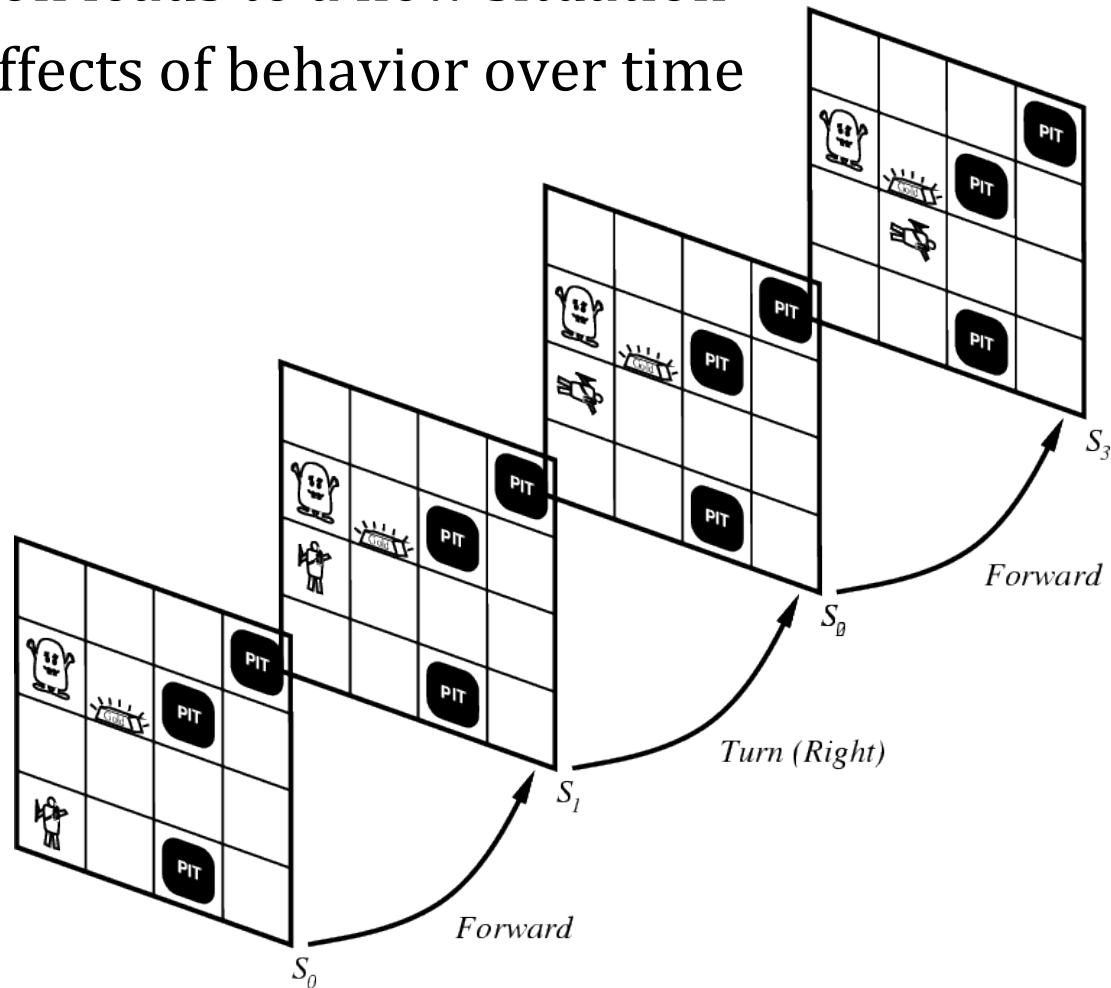
with $\theta = \{x/Ken\}$

Logic of events—the situation calculus

- We can model dynamic behavior with logic and resolution
 - FOL representation of the events over time
 - Resolution to find a solution
- **Key idea:** represent a snapshot of the world, called a “situation” explicitly
- **Fluents**—statements that are true or false in any given situation, e.g., “I am at home”
- Actions map situations to situations
 - When an agent performs action A in situation S_1 , the result is a new situation S_2

Situations in the Wumpus world

- Each action leads to a new situation
- Models effects of behavior over time



Describing actions and effects

- **Situation**—snapshot of the world at an interval of time where nothing changes
- Every true or false statement is made w.r.t. a particular situation
 - Add **situation variables** to every predicate
 - $At(Agent,1,1)$ becomes $At(Agent,1,1,s_0)$ — $At(Agent,1,1)$ is true in situation (i.e., state) s_0
- Result function, **$result(a,s)$** , mapping situation s into a new situation as a result of performing action a
 - E.g., $result(forward, s)$ is a function that returns the successor state (situation) to s after we move forward

Blocks world example

- A move action:

$Move(x, loc)$

- Use of the Result function:

$Result(Move(x, loc), state) \rightarrow$ the state resulting from
doing the $Move$ action

- An axiom about moving:

$\forall x \forall loc \forall s [At(x, loc, Result(Move(x, loc), s))]$

If you move some object to a location, then in the
resulting state that object is at that location

- $At(B1, Table, S0)$
- $At(B1, Top(B2), Result(Move(B1, Top(B2))), S0)$
using the axiom

Monkeys and bananas problem

- The **monkey-and-bananas problem** is faced by a **monkey** standing under some **bananas** which are hanging out of reach from the ceiling. There is a box in the corner of the room that will enable the **monkey** to reach the **bananas** if he climbs on it.
- Use situation calculus to represent this problem
- Once we have a representation, we can solve it using resolution—i.e., determine

Representation of Monkey/banana problem

- **Fluents**

At(x, loc, s)

On(x, y, s)

Reachable(x, Bananas, s)

Has(x, y, s)

- **Other predicates**

Moveable(x), Climbable(x)

Can-move(x)

- **Actions**

Climb-on(x, y)

Reach(x, y)

Move(x, loc)

Push(x, y, loc)

- **Constants**

BANANAS

MONKEY

BOX

S0

CORNER

UNDER-BANANAS

Monkey/bananas axioms

1. $\forall x1, s1 [\text{Reachable}(x1, \text{BANANAS}, s1) \Rightarrow \text{Has}(x1, \text{BANANAS}, \text{Result}(\text{Reach}(x1, \text{BANANAS}), s1))]$
If a person (or monkey!) can reach the bananas ,then the result of reaching them is to have them
2. $\forall s2 [\text{At}(\text{BOX}, \text{UNDER-BANANAS}, s2) \wedge \text{On}(\text{MONKEY}, \text{BOX}, s2) \Rightarrow \text{Reachable}(\text{MONKEY}, \text{BANANAS}, s2)$
If a box is under the bananas and the monkey is on the box then the monkey can reach the bananas
3. $\forall x3, loc3, s3 [\text{Can-move}(x3) \Rightarrow \text{At}(x3, loc, \text{Result}(\text{Move}(x3, loc3), s3))]$
The result of moving to a location is to be at that location

Monkey/bananas axioms (cont.)

4. $\forall x4, y4, s4 [\exists loc4 [At(x4, loc4, s4) \wedge At(y4, loc4, s4)] \wedge$
 $Climbable(y4) \Rightarrow On(x4, y4, Result(Climb-on(x4, y4), s4))]$

The result of climbing on an object is to be on the object

5. $\forall x5, y5, loc5, s5 [\exists loc [At(x5, loc, s) \wedge At(y5, loc, s)] \wedge$
 $Moveable(y5) \Rightarrow At(y5, loc5, Result(Push(x5, y5, loc5), s5))]$

The result of x pushing y to a location is y is at that location

6. $\langle same \rangle \Rightarrow At(x6, loc6, Result(Push(x6, y6, loc6), s6))]$

The result of x pushing y to a location is x is at that location

Monkey/bananas problem (cont.)

- **Initial state** (S_0)

F1. *Moveable*(*BOX*)

F2. *Climbable*(*BOX*)

F3. *Can-move*(*MONKEY*)

F4. *At*(*BOX*, *CORNER*, S_0)

F5. *At*(*MONKEY*, *UNDER-BANANAS*, S_0)

- **Goal**

Has(*MONKEY*, *BANANAS*, s)

- **How to solve?**

- Apply resolution to prove

Has(*MONKEY*, *BANANAS*, ***Result*(*Reach*(...), *Result*(. . .)), S_0)**

- Will give the actions from s_0 to goal in reverse order

- For the proof to work, we need two additional **frame axioms**...

Frame axioms for monkey/bananas problem

- Frame axioms keep track of what **does not** change from one situation to the next

7. $\forall x, y, loc, s [At(x, loc, s) \Rightarrow$
 $At(x, loc, Result(Move(y, loc), s))]$

The location of an object does not change as a result of someone moving to the same location

8. $\forall x, y, loc, s [At(x, loc, s) \Rightarrow$
 $At(x, loc, Result(Climb-on(y, x), s))]$

The location of an object does not change as a result of someone climbing on it

Limitation of situation calculus

- **Frame problem** (it's back again!!)
- I go from home to the store—new situation S'
- In S'
 - The store still sells chips
 - My age is still the same
 - Los Angeles is still the largest city in California...
- How can we efficiently represent everything that doesn't change?

Successor state axioms...

Successor state axioms

- Normally, things stay true from one state to the next— unless an action **changes** them

$At(p, loc, Result(a, s))$ iff $a = Go(p, x)$

or $[At(p, loc, s) \text{ and } a \neq Go(p, y)]$

- We need one or more of these for every fluent
- Now we can use theorem proving (or possibly backward chaining) to infer an agent's course of action
 - Still not very practical
- Need for **effective heuristics** for situation calculus