

# Parte III

## Approximating Classical Logic “From Above”

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# 1. Approximation of Logics

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- Interesting problems such as SAT and Theorem Proving have no known efficient algorithm.
  - ▶ **Approximation of Logics** is a possible way to face NP-complete and coNP-complete problems.
- Idealised agents are logically omniscient.
  - ▶ Real agents are **limited**.
  - ▶ Each step in an approximation models a **limited agent**.
- Approximations implicitly define **a notion of relevance**.

## 2. Schaerf & Cadoli's Proposal

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- Restricted to Clausal Form (later NNF)
- Based on a **context set**  $S$ .
- If  $p \in S$ ,  $p$  behaves classically

$$v(p) = 1 \quad \text{iff} \quad v(\neg p) = 0$$

- If  $p \notin S$ ,  $p$  has a special behaviour:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v(p) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad v(\neg p) = 1 \\ v(p) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad v(\neg p) = 1 \\ v(p) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad v(\neg p) = 1 \end{array} \right\} S_3(S)$$
$$v(p) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad v(\neg p) = 0 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} v(p) = 0 \\ v(p) = 1 \\ v(p) = 1 \end{array}} \right\} S_1(S)$$

## 2.1 Approximate Entailment

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- Logics  $S_3$  are useful to approximate Theorem Proving:

$$B \models_S^3 \alpha \implies B \models \alpha$$

- Logics  $S_1$  are useful to approximate “Theorem Disproving” or SAT:

$$B \not\models_S^1 \alpha \implies B \not\models \alpha$$

- When  $S = \mathcal{P}$ ,  $S_1(S) = S_3(S) = CL$ .
- **Theorem 1** *There exists an algorithm for deciding if  $B \models_S^3 \alpha$  and deciding  $B \models_S^1 \alpha$  which runs in  $O(|B| \cdot |\alpha| \cdot 2^{|S|})$  time.*

## 2.2 $S_1$ Example

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Check whether  $B \not\models \beta$ , where  $\beta = \neg \text{child} \vee \text{pensioner}$  and

$$B = \{ \neg \text{person} \vee \text{child} \vee \text{youngster} \vee \text{adult} \vee \text{senior}, \\ \neg \text{adult} \vee \text{student} \vee \text{worker} \vee \text{unemployed}, \\ \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \text{senior}, \quad \neg \text{youngster} \vee \text{student} \vee \text{worker}, \\ \neg \text{senior} \vee \text{pensioner} \vee \text{worker}, \quad \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \neg \text{student}, \\ \neg \text{student} \vee \text{child} \vee \text{youngster} \vee \text{adult}, \\ \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \neg \text{worker} \}.$$

## 2.3 $S_1$ Example (solution)

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For  $S = \{\text{child}, \text{worker}, \text{pensioner}\}$ .

We have that  $B \not\models_S^1 \beta$ , and hence  $B \not\models \beta$ .

### 3. The Notion of Approximation from Above

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- We say that a family of parameterised logics  $L(S)$  is an **approximation of classical logic from above** if for

$$\emptyset \subseteq S' \subseteq S'' \subseteq \dots \subseteq S'^n \subseteq \mathcal{P}$$

we have that:

$$\models_{\emptyset}^L \supseteq \models_{S'}^L \supseteq \dots \supseteq \models_{S'^n}^L \supseteq \models_{\mathcal{P}}^L = \models_{\text{CL}}$$

Logics  $L(S)$  have to contain *all* classical tautologies.



## 3.1 Problems with $S_1$

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- $S_1$  does not approximate classical logic from above for:

$$\not\models_S^1 p \vee \neg p, \quad \text{if } p \notin S.$$

- $S_1$  cannot be extended to full propositional logic
- No strategy to compute  $S$  is suggested.
- $\models_S^1$  is not a **local entailment**:
  - ▶ To show that  $B \not\models_S^1 \alpha$ , many irrelevant atoms have to be added to  $S$ , so that  $v(B) = 1$ .

## 4. The Family of Logics $s_1$

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- $s_1(s)$  is parameterised by the set  $s \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ .
- The language of  $s_1$  is the **full propositional language**.
- $s_1(s)$  has a 3-valued semantics.
- $v_s^1(\alpha) \subseteq \{0, 1\}$ , but  $v_s^1(\alpha) \neq \emptyset$ .
- $v_p$ : classical valuation  $v_p$ . For atomic symbols,  $v_s^1$  extends  $v_p$ :

$$0 \in v_s^1(p) \Leftrightarrow v_p(p) = 0$$

$$1 \in v_s^1(p) \Leftrightarrow v_p(p) = 1 \text{ or } p \notin s$$

## 4.1 Semantics of $s_1$

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- We write  $\alpha \in s$  iff  $atoms(\alpha) \subseteq s$ .
- Idea: If  $\alpha \notin s$  then  $1 \in v_s^1(\alpha)$ .
- This the dual of  $S_1$ : If  $\alpha \notin S$  then  $v(\alpha) = 0$ .
- The semantics of  $s_1$  has to extend classical logic if we want it to be an approximation “from above”.

## 4.2 Definition of Semantics of $s_1$

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Classical semantics for 0:

$$0 \in v_s^1(\neg\alpha) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 1 \in v_s^1(\alpha)$$

$$0 \in v_s^1(\alpha \wedge \beta) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 0 \in v_s^1(\alpha) \text{ or } 0 \in v_s^1(\beta)$$

$$0 \in v_s^1(\alpha \vee \beta) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 0 \in v_s^1(\alpha) \text{ and } 0 \in v_s^1(\beta)$$

$$0 \in v_s^1(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 1 \in v_s^1(\alpha) \text{ and } 0 \in v_s^1(\beta)$$

“Extended” classical semantics for 1:

$$1 \in v_s^1(\neg\alpha) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 0 \in v_s^1(\alpha) \quad \text{or } \neg\alpha \notin s$$

$$1 \in v_s^1(\alpha \wedge \beta) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 1 \in v_s^1(\alpha) \text{ and } 1 \in v_s^1(\beta) \quad \text{or } \alpha \wedge \beta \notin s$$

$$1 \in v_s^1(\alpha \vee \beta) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 1 \in v_s^1(\alpha) \text{ or } 1 \in v_s^1(\beta) \quad \text{or } \alpha \vee \beta \notin s$$

$$1 \in v_s^1(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 0 \in v_s^1(\alpha) \text{ or } 1 \in v_s^1(\beta) \quad \text{or } \alpha \rightarrow \beta \notin s$$

## 4.3 Properties of $s_1$

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- $v_s^1(\alpha) \neq \emptyset$ .
- If  $\alpha \notin s$  then  $1 \in v_s^1(\alpha)$ .
- Let  $v_c$  classically extend  $v_p$ . Then,  $v_c(\alpha) \in v_s^1(\alpha)$ .
- If  $\alpha \in s$ ,  $v_s^1(\alpha) = \{v_c(\alpha)\}$ .
- If  $s \subseteq s'$  then  $v_s^1(\alpha) \supseteq v_{s'}^1(\alpha)$ .

## 5. $s_1$ Entailment

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- We want to extend  $B \models \alpha$
- If  $v_s^1(\alpha) = \{1\}$  then we say that  $\alpha$  is **strictly satisfied** by  $v_s^1$ .
- If  $1 \in v_s^1(\alpha)$  then we say that  $\alpha$  is **relaxedly satisfied** by  $v_s^1$ .
- Properties:
  - ▶  $\alpha$  is strictly satisfiable  $\implies$   $\alpha$  is classically satisfiable.
  - ▶  $\alpha$  is classically satisfiable  $\implies$   $\alpha$  is relaxedly satisfiable.
- Definition:  $B \models_s^1 \alpha$  iff every  $v_s^1$  that strictly satisfies all  $\beta_i \in B$  also relaxedly satisfies  $\alpha$ .
- That is, whenever  $v_s^1(B) = \{1\}$  then  $1 \in v_s^1(\alpha)$ .

## 5.1 Properties of $s_1$ Entailment

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- $B \models_{\emptyset}^1 \alpha$ , for every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$ .
- $\models_{\mathcal{P}}^1 = \models_{\text{CL}}$
- If  $s \subseteq s'$ ,  $\models_s^1 \supseteq \models_{s'}^1$ .
- It follows that the family of  $s_1$ -logics approximates classical entailment from above, that is:

$$\models_{\emptyset}^1 \supseteq \models_{s'}^1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq \models_{s'^n}^1 \supseteq \models_{\mathcal{P}}^1 = \models_{\text{CL}}$$

for

$$\emptyset \subseteq s' \subseteq s'' \subseteq \dots \subseteq s'^n \subseteq \mathcal{P}$$

## 5.2 Example Revisited in $s_1$

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Check whether  $B \not\models \beta$ , where  $\beta = \neg \text{child} \vee \text{pensioner}$  and

$$B = \{ \neg \text{person} \vee \text{child} \vee \text{youngster} \vee \text{adult} \vee \text{senior}, \\ \neg \text{adult} \vee \text{student} \vee \text{worker} \vee \text{unemployed}, \\ \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \text{senior}, \quad \neg \text{youngster} \vee \text{student} \vee \text{worker}, \\ \neg \text{senior} \vee \text{pensioner} \vee \text{worker}, \quad \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \neg \text{student}, \\ \neg \text{student} \vee \text{child} \vee \text{youngster} \vee \text{adult}, \\ \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \neg \text{worker} \}.$$

For  $s = \{ \text{child}, \text{pensioner} \}$  ( $\text{worker} \notin s$ )



## 5.3 Example Revisited (cont.)

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In this case, it suffices to examine just the following.

$$B = \{ \neg \text{person} \vee \text{child} \vee \text{youngster} \vee \text{adult} \vee \text{senior}, \\ \neg \text{adult} \vee \text{student} \vee \text{worker} \vee \text{unemployed}, \\ \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \text{senior}, \quad \neg \text{youngster} \vee \text{student} \vee \text{worker}, \\ \neg \text{senior} \vee \text{pensioner} \vee \text{worker}, \quad \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \neg \text{student}, \\ \neg \text{student} \vee \text{child} \vee \text{youngster} \vee \text{adult}, \\ \neg \text{pensioner} \vee \neg \text{worker} \}.$$

Take  $v_p(\text{pensioner}) = 0$  and  $v_p(p) = 1$  otherwise.

The corresponding  $v_s^1$  gives:  $v_s^1(B) = \{1\}$  and  $v_s^1(\beta) = \{0\}$ , so  $B \not\models_s^1 \beta$ .

Hence,  $B \not\models \beta$ .

## 5.4 Locality and Relevance

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Consider the following example, representing beliefs about a young student.

$$B = \{ \text{student, student} \rightarrow \text{young, young} \rightarrow \neg \text{pensioner,} \\ \text{worker, worker} \rightarrow \neg \text{pensioner,} \\ \text{blue-eyes, likes-dancing, six-feet-tall} \}.$$

We want to know whether  $B \models \text{pensioner}$ .

- In  $S_1$ ,  $S$  must contain at least one atom of each clause, even irrelevant ones such as likes-dancing.
- In  $s_1$ , with  $s = \{ \text{pensioner} \}$ , fix  $v_p(\text{pensioner}) = 0$  and  $v_p(p) = 1$  otherwise.
- This makes  $B \not\models \text{pensioner}$ .

## 6. Tableaux for $s_1$

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- KE tableaux deal with  $T$ - and  $F$ -signed formulas:  $T \alpha$  and  $F \alpha$ .
- $KE_{s_1}$ -Tableaux extend classical KE-tableaux.
- $KE_{s_1}$  deals with  $T$  and  $F$  signs, and also with two new signs: 1 and 0.

$$T \alpha \implies v(A) = \{1\}$$

$$F \alpha \implies v(A) = \{0\}$$

$$1 \alpha \implies 1 \in v(A)$$

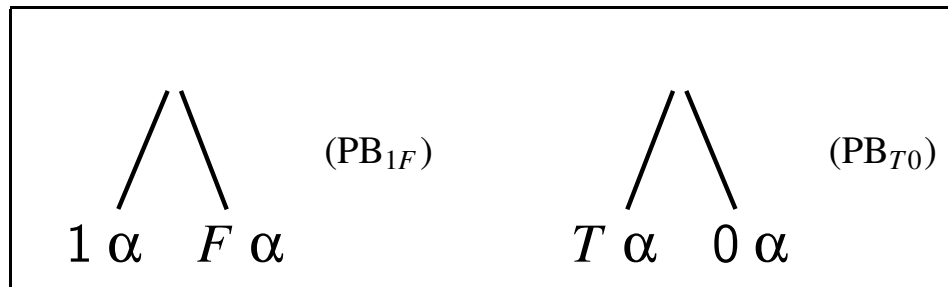
$$0 \alpha \implies 0 \in v(A)$$

These four signs are not mutually exclusive.

# Branching Rules and Promotion Rules

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Two versions of the Principle of Bivalence:



Promotion Rules

$\frac{1 \alpha}{T \alpha} \alpha \in s$	$\frac{0 \alpha}{F \alpha} \alpha \in s$
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# Connective Rules

$\frac{T \alpha \rightarrow \beta}{0 \beta}$	$\frac{F \alpha \rightarrow \beta}{T \alpha}$	$\frac{1 \alpha \rightarrow \beta}{T \alpha}$	$\frac{0 \alpha \rightarrow \beta}{1 \alpha}$
$F \alpha$	$F \beta$	$1 \beta$	$0 \beta$
$\frac{T \alpha \wedge \beta}{T \alpha}$	$\frac{F \alpha \wedge \beta}{1 \alpha}$	$\frac{1 \alpha \wedge \beta}{1 \alpha}$	$\frac{0 \alpha \wedge \beta}{T \alpha}$
$T \beta$	$F \beta$	$1 \beta$	$0 \beta$
$\frac{T \alpha \vee \beta}{0 \alpha}$	$\frac{F \alpha \vee \beta}{F \alpha}$	$\frac{1 \alpha \vee \beta}{F \alpha}$	$\frac{0 \alpha \vee \beta}{0 \alpha}$
$T \beta$	$F \beta$	$1 \beta$	$0 \beta$
$\frac{T \neg \alpha}{F \alpha}$	$\frac{F \neg \alpha}{T \alpha}$	$\frac{1 \neg \alpha}{0 \alpha}$	$\frac{0 \neg \alpha}{1 \alpha}$

# Strong and Defeasible Closings

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## Strong Closings

$T \alpha$	$1 \alpha$	$0 \alpha$
$F \alpha$	$F \alpha$	$T \alpha$
$\times$	$\times$	$\times$

## Defeasible Closing

$$F \alpha \quad \alpha \notin s$$

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## 6.1 Properties of $\text{KE}_{S_1}$

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- All classical KE connective rules are derivable.
- Soundness and completeness:

$$B \vdash_s^1 \beta \text{ iff } B \models_s^1 \beta.$$

## 6.2 $KE_{s_1}$ -Tableau: an Example

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We want to check whether  $p \rightarrow q, q \vdash_s^1 p$ .

1.  $T p \rightarrow q$  by hypothesis,  $s = \emptyset$
2.  $T q$  by hypothesis
3.  $F p$  by hypothesis
4. — defeasible closure from 3.



## 6.3 $KE_{S_1}$ -Tableau: an Example

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2.  $T q$  by hypothesis
3.  $F p$  by hypothesis
4.  $-$  defeasible closure from 3.  
 $\begin{array}{l} / \quad \backslash \\ 5. \quad 0 q \quad T q \end{array}$   $PB_{0T}$   
 Reopen with  $s = \{p\}$
6.  $F p$  by rule  $(0 \rightarrow)$  on 1 and 5

As usual, an open branch gives us a valuation that refutes the initial sequent. Right branch gives us  $v_s^1(q) = \{1\}, v_s^1(p) = \{0\}$ , which is a classical valuation.

# Conclusions and the Future

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- $s_1$ -entailment is an approximation from above.
- It works for full propositional logic.
- $s_1$  has the locality property and defines a relevance notion.
- $KE_{s_1}$ , an incremental proof method for  $s_1$ .
- Future work:
  - ▶ Complexity of  $s_1$ -SAT.
  - ▶ Applications to belief revision and other logics.