UMBC 471 09b

Propositional and First-Order Logic

Chapter 7.4–7.8, 8.1–8.3, 8.5

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Logic roadmap overview

• Propositional logic

– Problems with propositional logic

• First-order logic

- Properties, relations, functions, quantifiers, ...
- Terms, sentences, wffs, axioms, theories, proofs, ...
- Variations and extensions to first-order logic

• Logical agents

- Reflex agents
- Representing change: situation calculus, frame problem
- Preferences on actions
- Goal-based agents

Disclaimer



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

- Lord Dunsany

Big Ideas

- Logic: great knowledge representation (KR) language for many AI problems
- Propositional logic: simple foundation and fine for many AI problems
- First order logic (FOL): more expressive as a KR language; needed for many AI problems
- Variations on classical FOL are common: horn logic, higher-order logic, modal logic, threevalued logic, probabilistic logic, fuzzy logic, etc.

