

# An example on Predicate Logic inference for the class.

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## 1 The setting

We will give a very simplistic setting with just two implications that attempt to describe when somebody becomes fit. Table 1 details all propositional logic rules that we can use on ground predicates (or ground statements corresponding to combinations of those ground predicates) and table 2 outlines the “lifted” versions of modus ponens and modus tollens that predicate logic uses.

| Modus Ponens          | Modus Tollens                | Disjunctive addition  | Conjunctive addition    | Conjunctive Simplification |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| $p$                   | $\neg q$                     | $p$                   | $p, q$                  | $p \wedge q$               |
| $p \Rightarrow q$     | $p \Rightarrow q$            | $\therefore p \vee q$ | $\therefore p \wedge q$ | $\therefore p, q$          |
| $\therefore q$        | $\therefore \neg p$          |                       |                         |                            |
| Disjunctive syllogism | Hypothetical syllogism       | Unit Resolution       | Resolution              |                            |
| $p \vee q$            | $p \Rightarrow q$            | $p \vee q$            | $p \vee q$              |                            |
| $\neg p$              | $q \Rightarrow r$            | $\neg q$              | $\neg q \vee z$         |                            |
| $\therefore q$        | $\therefore p \Rightarrow r$ | $\therefore p$        | $p \vee z$              |                            |

Table 1: Propositional Logic inference rules we can use.

| Universal Modus Ponens                   | Universal Modus Tollens                  |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| $(\forall x \in D)P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$ | $(\forall x \in D)P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$ |
| $P(A)$ for some $A \in D$                | $\neg Q(A)$ for some $A \in D$           |
| $Q(A)$                                   | $\neg P(A)$                              |

Table 2: Predicate Logic inference rules we can use.

## 2 Predicates

Table 3 describes the predicates that we will use.

| <b>Predicate</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                         |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $Eats(p, m)$     | Person $p$ eats in mode $m$ ( <i>Healthily</i> or <i>Unhealthily</i> ) |
| $Vegetarian(p)$  | Person $p$ is a vegetarian.                                            |
| $Exercises(p)$   | Person $p$ exercises.                                                  |
| $Fit(p)$         | Person $p$ is fit.                                                     |

Table 3: The predicates we will use when translating English language statements to Predicate Logic statements.

### 3 Knowledge base

#### 3.1 In English

- (i) Everybody who eats healthily and exercises is fit.
- (ii) If somebody is a vegetarian, this means that they eat healthily.

#### 3.2 In Predicate Logic

(The students should be doing this.)

- (i)  $(\forall p)Eats(p, Healthily) \wedge Exercises(p) \Rightarrow Fit(p)$
- (ii)  $(\forall p)Vegetarian(p) \Rightarrow Eats(p, Healthily)$

### 4 The input and the derivation goal

Given the statement “Mary is a vegetarian who exercises”, we want to derive that she is fit.

## 5 The proof

### 5.1 Formulation of input and derivation goal

We translate the input into predicate logic to get:

$$Vegetarian(Mary) \wedge Exercises(Mary) \tag{1}$$

Our goal is to derive  $Fit(Mary)$ .

### 5.2 Derivation steps

By conjunctive simplification on (1), we can derive

$$Vegetarian(Mary) \tag{2}$$

and

$$Exercises(Mary). \tag{3}$$

By Universal Modus Ponens between (ii) and (2), we can derive

$$Eats(Mary, Healthily) \tag{4}$$

By conjunctive addition between (4) and (3), we can derive:

$$Eats(Mary, Healthily) \wedge Exercises(Mary) \tag{5}$$

Finally, by Universal Modus Ponens between (i) and (5) we can derive  $Fit(Mary)$ , which is our desired conclusion. This concludes our proof.