

FAIP - Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence Programme

Symbolic methods in AI - Practicum

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This practicum focuses on three main skills.

1. Knowing how to read a formula in propositional logic and give an explanation in natural language (in this course, English).
2. Knowing how to model a natural language description of a situation in the real world into one or several formulas in propositional logic.
3. Compute the truth value of a formula given an interpretation (an assignment of the propositional variables that are in the formula).

Exercise 1: from propositional logic to natural language. Write an explanation in English of each of the following propositional formulas. Do you think they accurately model real world situations?

- 1.1. $robot \wedge \neg can_move$
- 1.2. $(perceiving \vee moving) \wedge metal \leftrightarrow robot$
- 1.3. $organic \wedge robot \rightarrow biorobot$
- 1.4. $robot_is_moving \wedge (operator_in_danger \vee (operator_requests_stop \wedge operator_has_clearance)) \rightarrow \neg robot_is_moving$

Exercise 2: from natural language to propositional logic. Write a formula of propositional logic for each of the following sentences in natural language.

- 2.1. A robot with a working arm can pick up fruit.
- 2.2. Philosophers are defined as people who love wisdom.
- 2.3. Spot¹ is a robot made by Boston Dynamics.
- 2.4. Every robot has a designer.

Exercise 3: truth values and interpretation of a formula.

- 3.1. How many propositional variables are there in the following formula?

$$robot \wedge broken_wheels \wedge can_move \wedge (broken_wheels \rightarrow \neg can_move)$$

Compute its truth table. How many rows are there in the truth table? What can you say about the number of rows of a truth table of a formula with n propositional variables?

- 3.2. Is the formula satisfiable? If so, give an assignment of variables that makes it true. What can you conclude about the situation it models?

¹<https://www.bostondynamics.com/products/spot>