

# Propositional Calculus

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# Calculus?

## Definition: Calculus

A well defined method for mathematical reasoning employing axioms and rules of inference or transformation. A **formal system** or **rewrite system**.

*Examples:*

- ▶ Differential calculus
- ▶ Lambda ( $\lambda$ ) calculus
- ▶ Propositional calculus (Boolean/Propositional logic)
- ▶ Predicate calculus (First-Order logic)

*Etymology:* from the Latin “calx” (limestone) + “-ulus” (dimutive).  
A pebble or stone used for counting.

# Outline

## Boolean Logic

### Forward and Backward Chaining

- Horn Clauses

- Forward Chaining

- Backward Chaining

### Satisfiability

- Conjunctive Normal Form

- Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland

### Tools

- Logic Programming

- Constraint Solvers

# Boolean Variables

(propositions)

Values:  $\mathbb{B} \equiv \{0, 1\}$

true:  $1, T, \top$

false:  $0, F, \perp$

Variables:  $p \in \mathbb{B}$

$p_1, \dots, p_n \in \mathbb{B}^n$

# Boolean Operators

## Basic

Unary:  $f : \mathbb{B} \mapsto \mathbb{B}$

Binary:  $g : \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \mapsto \mathbb{B}$

### Not

- ▶  $\neg 0 = 1$
- ▶  $\neg 1 = 0$

### And

- ▶  $0 \wedge 0 = 0$
- ▶  $0 \wedge 1 = 0$
- ▶  $1 \wedge 0 = 0$
- ▶  $1 \wedge 1 = 1$

### Or

- ▶  $0 \vee 0 = 0$
- ▶  $0 \vee 1 = 1$
- ▶  $1 \vee 0 = 1$
- ▶  $1 \vee 1 = 1$

# Boolean Operators

Extended

## Xor

$$(a \oplus b) \triangleq (a \vee b) \wedge \neg(a \wedge b)$$

$$\triangleq (a \wedge \neg b) \vee (\neg a \wedge b)$$

- ▶  $0 \oplus 0 = 0$
- ▶  $0 \oplus 1 = 1$
- ▶  $1 \oplus 0 = 1$
- ▶  $1 \oplus 1 = 0$

## Implies

$$(a \implies b) \triangleq (\neg a \vee b)$$

- ▶  $(0 \implies 0) = 1$
- ▶  $(0 \implies 1) = 1$
- ▶  $(1 \implies 0) = 0$
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## Biconditional (iff)

$$(a \iff b) \triangleq (a \implies b) \wedge (b \implies a)$$

$$\triangleq \neg(a \oplus b)$$

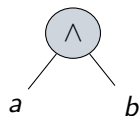
$$\triangleq (a \wedge b) \vee (\neg a \wedge \neg b)$$

- ▶  $(0 \iff 0) = 1$
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# Example: Boolean Formulae as S-expressions

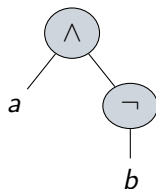
$$a \wedge b$$

(and a b)



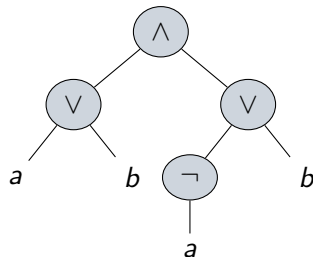
$$a \wedge \neg b$$

(and a (not b))



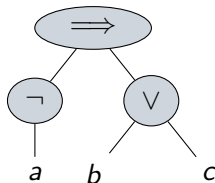
$$(a \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee b)$$

(and (or a b)  
(or (not a) b))



$$(\neg a) \Rightarrow (b \vee c)$$

(implies (not a)  
(or b c))



## Exercise: Boolean Formulae as S-expressions

$$(a \wedge b) \implies c$$

$$\neg(a \wedge b) \vee c$$

$$\neg a \vee \neg b \vee c$$

*All these formulae are equivalent*



# N-ary Boolean Operators

## AND

Infix	S-exp.
$\alpha \wedge \beta$	$= (\text{AND } \alpha \beta)$
$\alpha \wedge \beta \wedge \gamma$	$= (\text{AND } \alpha \beta \gamma)$
$\alpha$	$= (\text{AND } \alpha)$
$?$	$= (\text{AND})$

## OR

Infix	S-exp.
$\alpha \vee \beta$	$= (\text{OR } \alpha \beta)$
$\alpha \vee \beta \vee \gamma$	$= (\text{OR } \alpha \beta \gamma)$
$\alpha$	$= (\text{OR } \alpha)$
$?$	$= (\text{OR})$

# Identity Element

## Arithmetic

Generally:  $f(\alpha, \overset{\text{identity}}{\chi}) = \alpha$

### Multiplication

Infix:  $\triangleright a * \chi = a$   
 $\triangleright \chi = 1$

S-exp.:  $\triangleright (* a_0 \dots a_n 1) =$   
 $(* a_0 \dots a_n)$

### Addition

Infix:  $\triangleright a + \chi = a$   
 $\triangleright \chi = 0$

S-exp.:  $\triangleright (+ a_0 \dots a_n 0) =$   
 $(+ a_0 \dots a_n)$

# Identity Element

## Boolean Algebra

Generally:  $f(\alpha, \overset{\text{identity}}{\chi}) = \alpha$

### AND

Infix:  $\blacktriangleright a \wedge \chi = a$   
 $\blacktriangleright \chi = \top$

S-exp.:  $\blacktriangleright (\text{AND } a_0 \dots a_n \top) =$   
 $(\text{AND } a_0 \dots a_n)$

### OR

Infix:  $\blacktriangleright a \vee \chi = a$   
 $\blacktriangleright \chi = \perp$

S-exp.:  $\blacktriangleright (\text{OR } a_0 \dots a_n \perp) =$   
 $(\text{OR } a_0 \dots a_n)$

# Identity Element

## Cancellation

### AND

$$\chi = \top$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\text{AND } \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-1} \alpha_n) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \left( \text{AND } \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-1} \cancel{\alpha_n} \right) \top \\
 \rightsquigarrow & (\text{AND } \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-1}) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \left( \text{AND } \cancel{\alpha_0} \top \cancel{\alpha_1} \top \dots \cancel{\alpha_{n-1}} \top \right) \top \\
 \rightsquigarrow & (\text{AND}) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \top
 \end{aligned}$$

### OR

$$\chi = \perp$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\text{OR } \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-1} \alpha_n) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \left( \text{OR } \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-1} \cancel{\alpha_n} \right) \perp \\
 \rightsquigarrow & (\text{OR } \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-1}) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \left( \text{OR } \cancel{\alpha_0} \perp \cancel{\alpha_1} \perp \dots \cancel{\alpha_{n-1}} \perp \right) \perp \\
 \rightsquigarrow & (\text{OR}) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \perp
 \end{aligned}$$

*Remove canceled identity terms: base case is identity element*

# Describing Expressions

Literal: A single variable or its negation

Conjunction: An AND ( $\wedge$ ) expression

Disjunction: An OR ( $\vee$ ) expression

# Definitions

## Literal

### Definition (Literal)

A single variable or its negation.

Positive Literal:  $p$

Negative Literal:  $\neg p$

## Examples

positive:  $p_i$

negative:  $\neg p_i$

## Counter Examples

$$\blacktriangleright \cancel{p_i \wedge p_j}$$

$$\blacktriangleright \cancel{p_i \vee p_j}$$

$$\blacktriangleright \cancel{\neg(p_i \wedge p_j)}$$

# Definitions

## Conjunction

### Definition (Conjunction)

An n-ary AND. True when ALL of its arguments are true.

#### Examples

- ▶  $(p_i) = (p_i \wedge \perp)$
- ▶  $p_i \wedge p_j$
- ▶  $p_i \wedge p_j \wedge p_k$
- ▶  $p_i \wedge (p_j \vee p_k)$

#### Counter Examples

- ▶  ~~$p_i \vee p_j$~~
- ▶  ~~$p_i \vee (p_j \wedge p_k)$~~
- ▶  ~~$(p_i \wedge p_j) \vee p_k$~~

# Definitions

## Disjunction

### Definition (Disjunction)

An n-ary OR. True when ANY of its arguments are true.

### Examples

- ▶  $\left( p_i \right) = \left( p_i \vee \perp \right)$
- ▶  $p_i \vee p_j$
- ▶  $p_i \vee p_j \vee p_k$
- ▶  $p_i \vee (p_j \wedge p_k)$

### Counter Examples

- ▶  ~~$p_i \wedge p_j$~~
- ▶  ~~$p_i \wedge p_j \wedge p_k$~~
- ▶  ~~$p_i \wedge (p_j \vee p_k)$~~



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# Horn Clauses

## Definition: Horn Clause

An implication whose premise (body) is a conjunction ( $\wedge$ ) of positive literals and whose conclusion (head) is a single positive literal:

$$\overbrace{(b_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge b_n)}^{\text{body}} \implies \overbrace{h}^{\text{head}}$$

Equivalently, a disjunction  $\vee$  with at most one positive literal:

$$\overbrace{\neg b_0 \vee \neg b_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg b_n}^{\text{body}} \vee \overbrace{h}^{\text{head}}$$

*Horn clause reasoning is more efficient than general Boolean formulae.*

*Many real-world domains can be expressed with only Horn clauses.*

# Examples: Horn Clauses

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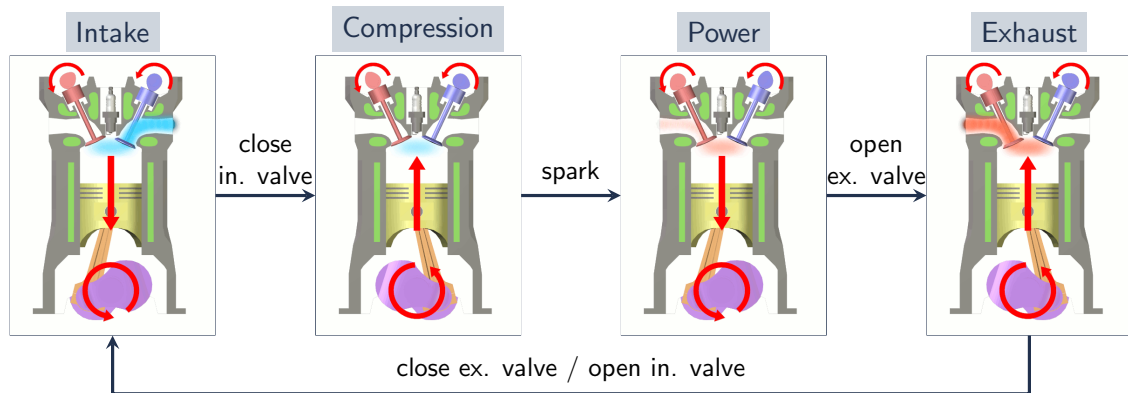
- ▶  $(a) = (\top \implies a)$
- ▶  $(\neg a \vee b) = (a \implies b)$
- ▶  $(\neg a \implies \neg b) = (a \vee \neg b)$   
 $= (b \implies a)$
- ▶  $(\neg a \vee \neg b) = ((a \wedge b) \implies \perp)$

## Counterexamples

- ▶  $(a \vee b) = (\neg a \implies b)$
- ▶  $(\neg a \vee b \vee c) = (a \implies (b \vee c))$

# Example: Engine Troubleshooting

## Four-cycle Engine Operation



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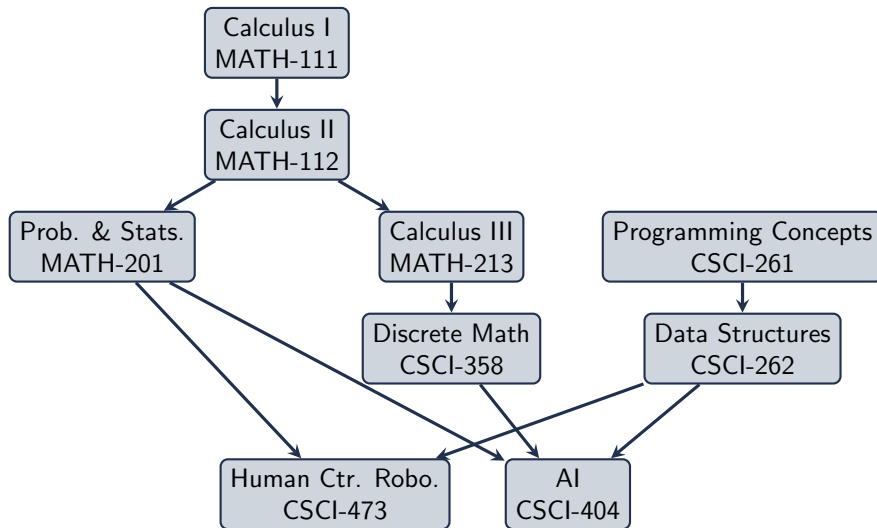
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# Example: Engine Troubleshooting

## Troubleshooting Knowledge Base

- ▶  $\text{ignition} \iff (\text{fuel} \wedge \text{compression} \wedge \text{spark})$
- ▶  $\text{fuel} \iff (\text{full-tank} \wedge \text{clean-carbs})$
- ▶  $\text{compression} \iff (\text{clean-air-filter} \wedge \text{good-piston-rings})$
- ▶  $\text{spark} \iff (\text{battery-charged} \wedge \text{good-connection} \wedge \text{good-plugs})$
- ▶  $\text{turns-over} \implies \text{battery-charged}$

## Exercise: Course Prerequisites



# Exercise: Course Prerequisites

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# Overview: Forward Chaining

1. Start with known propositions,  $\top \implies p$
2. Derive new propositions and add to knowledgebase
  - 2.1 For  $(p_0 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n) \implies p_h$
  - 2.2 When all  $p_0 \dots p_n$  are known true
  - 2.3  $p_h$  must be true
3. Terminate when either we prove the query proposition true or we can derive no more



## Example: Forward Chaining

*The engine turns over but won't start. I just cleaned the carbs and filled the gas tank. Should I check the spark plugs?*

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# Algorithm: Forward Chaining

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**Procedure** forward-chain( $K, q$ )
 

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```

1  $W \leftarrow \{c \in K \mid c \text{ is a literal}\};$ 
2  $V \leftarrow \emptyset;$ 
3 while  $\neg \text{empty}(W)$  do
4   let  $x = \text{pop}(W)$  in
5     if  $\text{head}(c) = q$  then return  $\top;$ 
6     else if  $x \notin V$  then
7        $V \leftarrow V \cup \{x\};$ 
8       foreach  $c \in K$  where  $x \in \text{body}(c)$  do
9         Remove  $x$  from  $\text{body}(c);$ 
10        if  $\text{empty}(\text{body}(c))$  then
11           $W \leftarrow \text{push}(\text{head}(c), W)$ 
12 return  $\perp;$ 
  
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## Efficiency Notes

- ▶ Index  $K$  by variables in its body
- ▶ Track remaining (unproven) terms in body with count
  - ▶ Initialize count to length of body
  - ▶ Decrement count each time we remove a term
  - ▶ When 0, head is true

## Exercise: Forward Chaining

*I want to take Human-Centered Robotics (CSCI-473). Do I need Calculus III (MATH-213)?*

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# Overview: Backward Chaining

1. Start with query proposition  $q$
2. Recursively follow clauses that imply  $q$ :
  - 2.1  $p_0 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \implies q$
  - 2.2  $\ell_0 \wedge \dots \wedge \ell_n \implies p_0$
  - 2.3 etc.
3. Terminate recursion when:
  - 3.1 we arrive at a known proposition ( $\top$ )
  - 3.2 or there are no more clauses that imply the current proposition ( $\perp$ )

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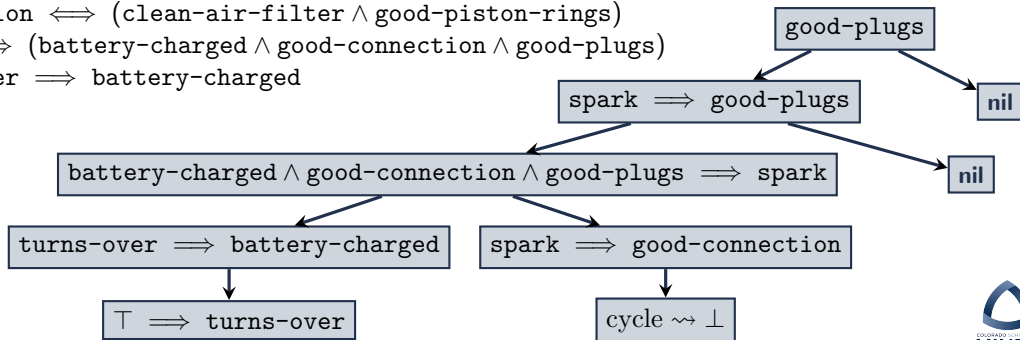
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Simple

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**Procedure** backward-chain( $K, q$ )

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1 function visit( $V, x$ ) is
2   if  $x \in V$  then return  $\perp$ ; // circular definition
3   else //  $\exists c \in K, ((\text{head}(c) = x) \wedge (\text{body}(c)))$ 
4     foreach  $c \in K$  where  $x = \text{head}(c)$  do
5       foreach  $b \in \text{body}(c)$  do //  $\forall b \in \text{body}(c), b$ 
6         if  $\neg \text{visit}(V \cup \{x\}, b)$  then return  $\perp$ ;
7       return  $\top$ ;
8     return  $\perp$ ;
9 return visit( $\emptyset, q$ );
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# Algorithm: Backward Chaining

Memoizing

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## Procedure backward-chain( $K, q$ )

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1   $M \leftarrow \emptyset$ ; // Cached set of true propositions
2  function visit( $V, x$ ) is
3      if  $x \in M$  then return  $\top$ ; // cached result
4      else if  $x \in V$  then return  $\perp$ ; // circular definition
5      else //  $\exists c \in K, ((\text{head}(c) = x) \wedge (\text{body}(c)))$ 
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# Knowledge Base Indexing

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## Exercise: Knowledge base Indexing

### Forward Chaining

foreach  $c \in K$  where  $x \in \text{body}(c)$

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**Procedure** forward-chain-index( $K$ )

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### Backward Chaining

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**Procedure** backward-chain-index( $K$ )

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# SAT Problem

Given: A Boolean formula:

- ▶ Variables  $P = p_1 \dots p_n$
- ▶ Formula  $\phi : \mathbb{B}^n \mapsto \mathbb{B}$

Find: Is  $\phi(P)$  satisfiable?

- ▶  $\exists P, (\phi(P) = 1)$
- ▶ What is  $P$ ?

Solution: Davis-Putnam-Logeman-Loveland (DPLL)  
Backtracking Search

*General and efficient reasoning over propositional logic.*

# So what?

- ▶ Software verification
- ▶ AI / Robot Planning
- ▶ Combinatorial Design



# Conjunctive Normal Form

S-Expression

## Definition (Conjunctive Normal Form)

A conjunction of disjunction of literals:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{AND } (\text{OR } \ell_{0,0} \ell_{0,1} \dots \ell_{0,n}) \\ &\quad (\text{OR } \ell_{1,0} \ell_{1,1} \dots \ell_{1,n}) \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad (\text{OR } \ell_{n,0} \ell_{n,1} \dots \ell_{n,n})) \end{aligned}$$

where each  $\ell_{i,j}$  is a literal, that is one of  $p$ ,  $(\text{NOT } p)$ .

# Conjunctive Normal Form

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### Examples

- ▶  $p_i \rightsquigarrow (\text{AND } (\text{OR } p_i))$
- ▶  $\neg p_i \vee p_j \rightsquigarrow$   
 $(\text{AND } (\text{OR } (\text{NOT } p_i) p_j))$
- ▶  $p_i \wedge (p_j \vee p_k)$
- ▶  $(p_i \vee p_j) \wedge (\neg p_i \vee p_k)$

### Counter Examples

- ▶  ~~$p_i \vee (p_j \wedge p_k)$~~
- ▶  ~~$\neg(p_i \vee p_j)$~~
- ▶  ~~$p_i \implies p_j$~~

# Conversion to CNF

1. **Eliminate**  $\iff$  :  $\left( \alpha \iff \beta \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( (\alpha \implies \beta) \wedge (\beta \implies \alpha) \right)$
2. **Eliminate**  $\implies$  :  $\left( \alpha \implies \beta \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \neg \alpha \vee \beta \right)$
3. **Eliminate**  $\oplus$  :  $\left( a \oplus b \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( (a \vee b) \wedge \neg(a \wedge b) \right)$
4. **Move in**  $\neg$  :
  - ▶  $\left( \neg(\neg \alpha) \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \alpha \right)$
  - ▶  $\left( \neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( (\neg \alpha \vee \neg \beta) \right)$
  - ▶  $\left( \neg(\alpha \vee \beta) \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( (\neg \alpha \wedge \neg \beta) \right)$
5. **Distribute**  $\vee$  **over**  $\wedge$  :  $\left( \alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma) \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( (\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma) \right)$

## Example: CNF Conversions

- ▶  $\left( a \iff b \right) \xrightarrow[\text{Elim.}]{\iff} \left( (a \implies b) \wedge (b \implies a) \right) \xrightarrow[\text{Elim.}]{\implies} \left( (\neg a \vee b) \wedge (\neg b \vee a) \right)$
- ▶  $\left( a \implies \neg(b \vee c) \right) \xrightarrow[\text{Elim.}]{\implies} \left( \neg a \vee \neg(b \vee c) \right) \xrightarrow[\text{move } \neg]{\implies} \left( \neg a \vee (\neg b \wedge \neg c) \right)$   
 $\xrightarrow[\text{dist. } \vee]{\implies} \left( (\neg a \vee \neg b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg c) \right)$

## Exercise: CNF Conversions 0

- ▶  $\left( \neg(a \vee b) \implies c \right)$
- ▶  $\left( \neg(a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c) \right)$

## Exercise: CNF Conversions 1

►  $\left( \neg(a \vee b) \oplus (a \wedge c) \right)$

# DPLL Outline

For  $\phi$  in conjunctive normal form:

- Base Case:
1. If  $\phi$  has all true clauses ( $\forall$ ), return true.
  2. If  $\phi$  has any false clauses ( $\exists$ ), return false.

- Recursive Case:
1. Propagate values from unit (single-variable) clauses.
  2. Choose a branching variable  $v$ .
  3. Branch (recurse) for  $v = 1$  or  $v = 0$ .

# Unit Propagation

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**Procedure** unit-propagate( $\phi$ )

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```
1 if  $\phi$  has some unit clause with variable  $v$  then  
2   |  $\phi' \leftarrow$  replace  $v$  in  $\phi$  with value to make unit clause true;  
3   | return unit-propagate( $\phi$ );  
4 else  
5   | return  $\phi$ ;
```

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## Example: Unit Propagation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \blacktriangleright \left( \overbrace{a}^{\text{unit}} \wedge (a \vee b) \wedge (\neg b \vee c) \right) &\xrightarrow[\sim]{a=1} \left( 1 \wedge (\cancel{1} \vee b) \wedge \overset{1}{(\neg b \vee c)} \right) \xrightarrow[\sim]{\text{simplify}} \left( (\neg b \vee c) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise: Unit Propagation

- ▶  $\left( \overbrace{\neg a}^{\text{unit}} \wedge (a \vee b \vee c) \right)$
- ▶  $\left( (a \vee \neg b) \wedge b \wedge (b \vee c) \right)$
- ▶  $\left( (a \vee \neg b \vee \neg c) \wedge (b \vee \neg c) \wedge c \right)$
- ▶  $\left( a \wedge (\neg a \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b) \right)$

# DPLL Algorithm

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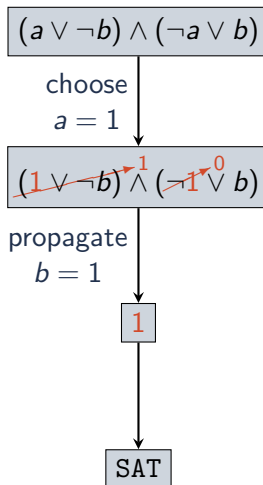
**Procedure** DPLL( $\phi$ )

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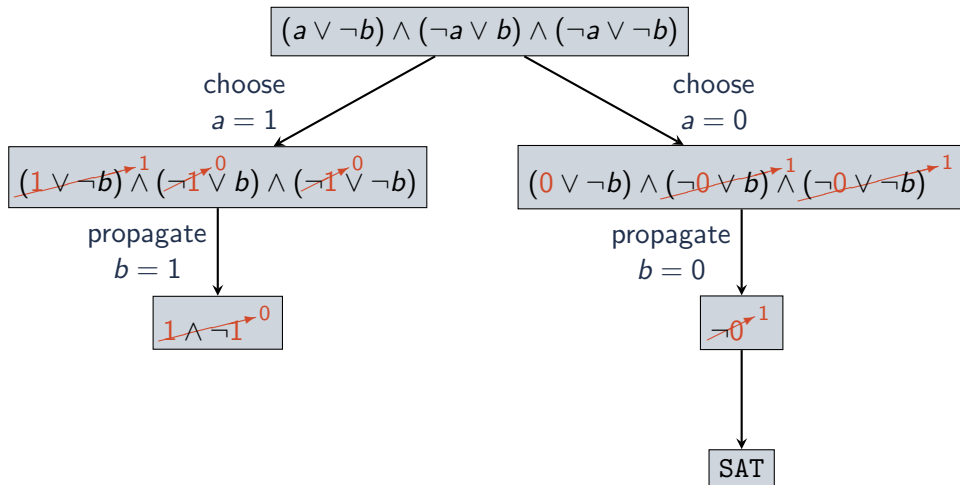
```
1  $\phi' \leftarrow \text{unit-propagate}(\phi);$ 
2 if  $\phi' = \text{true}$  then
3   return true;
4 else if  $\phi' = \text{false}$  then
5   return false;
6 else // Recursive case
7    $v \leftarrow \text{choose-variable}(\phi');$ 
8   if DPLL( $\phi' \wedge v$ ) then
9     return true;
10  else
11    return DPLL( $\phi' \wedge \neg v$ );
```

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## Example 0: DPLL



## Example 1: DPLL



# Exercise 0: DPLL

# Exercise 1: DPLL

## Exercise 2: DPLL



## Exercise 3: DPLL

## Exercise 4: DPLL

# Outline

Boolean Logic

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# Logic Programming and Constraint Solvers

## Logic Programming

Statements:   ▶ Logical Expressions  
                 ▶ Query

Execution: Logical Inference

Output: Query true/false

## Constraint Solvers

Algorithm: DPLL + heuristics

Input:   ▶ Set of variables  
         ▶ Constraint equations  
          (assertions)

Output: Satisfying variable assignment

*Different view, similar operation and capabilities*

# Prolog

- ▶ Statements are Horn clauses

Horn:  $\text{body} \implies \text{head}$

Prolog:  $\text{head} \text{ :- } \text{body}$

- ▶ Example:

Horn:  $(a \wedge b) \implies c$

Prolog:  $c \text{ :- } a, b.$

- ▶ Evaluation:

- ▶ Query:  $?x$
- ▶ Backward Chaining

# Answer-Set Programming

► Horn Clauses:

Math:  $(a \wedge b) \implies c$

ASP:  $c \text{ :- } a, b.$

► Choice Rule:

Math:  $p \implies (s \vee t)$

ASP:  $\{s, t\} \text{ :- } p.$

► Constraint:

Math:  $\left( (s \wedge \neg t) \implies \perp \right) = \left( \neg(s \wedge \neg t) \right) = \left( \neg s \vee t \right)$

ASP:  $\text{:- } s, \text{ not } t.$

► Evaluation: DPLL

# Satisfiability Solvers

## Math

$$(a \vee b) \wedge (a \wedge \vee \neg c)$$

## DIMACS

```
c Problem Definition (p):
c * problem type (cnf)
c * variable count (3)
c * clause count (2)
```

```
p cnf 3 2
1 2 0
1 -3 0
```

## Output

```
s SATISFIABLE
v 1 2 -3 0
```

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# Satisfiability Modulo Theories

## Math

$$(a \vee b) \wedge (a \wedge \vee \neg c)$$

(SMT also handles  
non-Boolean types.)

## SMTLib

```
(declare-fun a () Bool)
(declare-fun b () Bool)
(declare-fun c () Bool)

(assert (or a b))
(assert (or a (not c)))

(check-sat)

(get-value (a b c))
```

## Output

```
sat
((a false)
 (b true)
 (c false))
```

<http://smtlib.cs.uiowa.edu/>

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