

# FLEA

first order proving with equality  
master project

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# Project overview

## Goals and requirements

- Goals
  - ATP for FOL with equality
  - Master thesis
- Requirements
  - Input: problems in clausal normal form
  - Data: clauses, literals, terms, indices, etc.
  - Algorithms: substitution, unification, etc.
  - **Proof search** (strategies)
- Non-Goals and Non-Requirements
  - CASC
  - $\text{FOF} \approx \text{CNF}$

# Clausal normal form

## TPTP Syntax

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`cnf(same_hates, hypothesis, ( ~hates(agatha,X) | hates(butler,X) )).`

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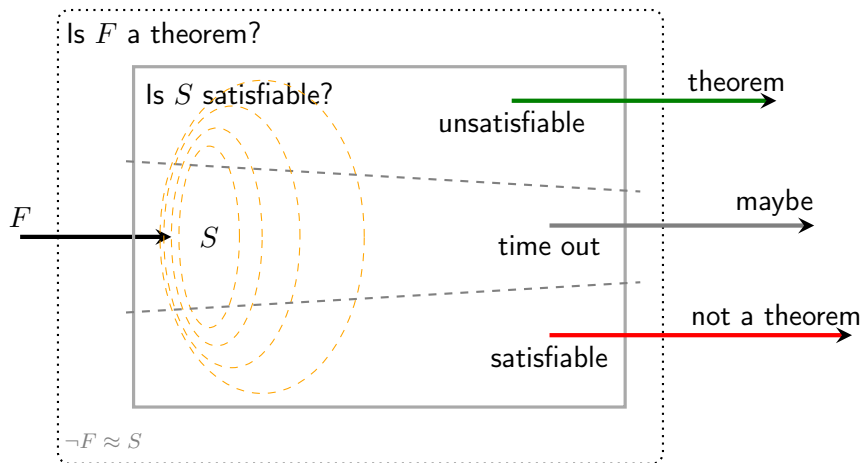
$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \dots, \neg \text{hates}(\text{agatha}, x) \vee \text{hates}(\text{butler}, x), \dots \} \\ & \quad \equiv \\ & \dots \wedge \forall x (\neg \text{hates}(\text{agatha}, x) \vee \text{hates}(\text{butler}, x)) \wedge \dots \end{aligned}$$



G. Sutcliffe, *The TPTP Problem Library and Associated Infrastructure: The FOF and CNF Parts, v3.5.0*, Journal of Automated Reasoning **43** (2009), no. 4, 337–362.

# Refutation

## Proof search



## Ordered Resolution

$$\frac{L \vee C \quad \neg L' \vee D}{(C \vee D)\sigma}$$

where

$L\sigma$  strictly maximal in  $C\sigma$ ,  $\neg L'\sigma$  maximal in  $D\sigma$ ,  $\sigma = \text{mgu}(L, L')$ .

$$S = \{P(x) \vee \neg P(y), \neg P(a), P(b)\}$$

$$\frac{\frac{P(x) \vee \neg P(y) \quad \neg P(a)}{\neg P(y)} \quad x \mapsto a \quad P(b)}{\square} \quad y \mapsto b$$

## Inst-Gen

$$\frac{L \vee C \quad \neg L' \vee D}{(L \vee C)\sigma \quad (\neg L' \vee D)\sigma}$$

where

$$\text{sel}(L \vee C) = L \quad \text{sel}(\neg L' \vee D) = \neg L' \quad \sigma = \text{mgu}(L, L')$$

## Selection

$$S = \{P(x) \vee \neg P(y), \neg P(a), P(b)\}$$

unsatisfiable

$$P = (p_* \vee \neg p_*) \wedge \neg p_a \wedge p_b$$

satisfiable

$$S_0 = \{P(x) \vee \neg P(y), \neg P(a), P(b)\}$$

unsatisfiable

$$P_0 = (p_* \vee \neg p_*) \wedge \neg p_a \wedge p_b$$

satisfiable

$$\frac{P(x) \vee \neg P(y) \quad \neg P(a)}{P(a) \vee \neg P(y)} \quad x \mapsto a$$

$$P_1 = (p_* \vee \neg p_*) \wedge \neg p_a \wedge p_b \wedge (p_a \vee \neg p_*)$$

satisfiable

$$\frac{P(b) \quad P(a) \vee \neg P(y)}{P(a) \vee \neg P(b)} \quad y \mapsto b$$

$$P_2 = (p_* \vee \neg p_*) \wedge \neg p_a \wedge p_b \wedge (p_a \vee \neg p_*) \wedge (p_a \vee \neg p_b)$$

unsatisfiable

Equality as predicate

$$S = \{P(a), \neg P(f(x, b)), f(x, b) = x\}$$

saturated

$$P = p \wedge \neg q \wedge e$$

satisfiable

$$S_0 = \{P(a), \neg P(f(a, b)), f(x, b) = x\}$$

unsatisfiable

$$P_0 = p_a \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge e_1$$

satisfiable

$$a \neq y \vee \neg P(a) \vee P(y)$$

P(a), congruence

$$P_1 = p_a \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge e_1 \wedge (\neg e_2 \vee \neg p_a \vee p_*)$$

## Schemata

$$x = x$$

$$s \neq s$$

reflexivity

$$x \neq y \vee y = x$$

$$s \neq t$$

symmetry

$$x \neq y \vee y \neq z \vee x = z$$

$$s \neq t$$

transitivity

$$x_1 \neq y_1 \vee x_2 \neq y_2 \vee f(x_1, x_2) = f(y_1, y_2)$$

$$f(s_1, s_2) \neq f(t_1, t_2)$$

$$x \neq y \vee \neg P(x) \vee P(y)$$

$$P(s)$$

$$x \neq y \vee \neg P(x) \vee P(y)$$

$$\neg P(s)$$

congruence



## Lemma

*Symmetry and transitivity are consequences of reflexivity and congruence.*

## Symmetry.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{x_1 = y_1 \wedge x_2 = y_2 \wedge x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow y_1 = y_2}{x = y \wedge x = x \wedge x = x \rightarrow y = x} \text{congruence} \\
 \frac{\phantom{x = y \wedge x = x \wedge x = x \rightarrow y = x}}{x = y \rightarrow y = x} \text{reflexivity}
 \end{array}$$



## Transitivity.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{x_1 \neq y_1 \vee x_2 \neq y_2 \vee x_1 \neq x_2 \vee y_1 = y_2}{x \neq x \vee y \neq z \vee x \neq y \vee x = z} \text{congruence} \\
 \frac{\phantom{x \neq x \vee y \neq z \vee x \neq y \vee x = z}}{x \neq y \vee y \neq z \vee x = z} \text{reflexivity}
 \end{array}$$



# Run-loop

