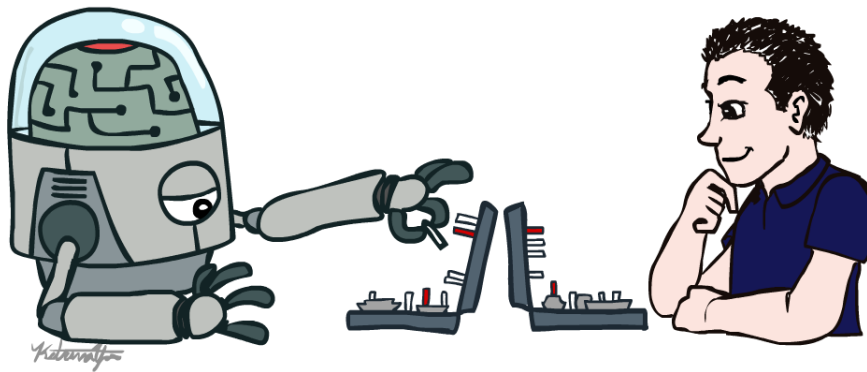


# CSE 3521: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence



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# FOPC

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- First-order logic

- Increased expressive power over Propositional Logic
- Objects and relations are semantic primitives
- Syntax: constants, functions, predicates, equality, quantifiers
  - Two standard quantifiers
    - Universal  $\forall$
    - Existential  $\exists$

# Universal Quantifiers

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- $\forall x \forall y$  is same as  $\forall y \forall x ( \forall x, y )$
- $\exists x \exists y$  is same as  $\exists y \exists x ( \exists x, y )$
- $\exists x \forall y$  is not same as  $\forall y \exists x$ 
  - $\exists y \text{ Person}(y) \wedge (\forall x \text{ Person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Loves}(x,y))$ 
    - “There is someone who is loved by everyone”
  - $\forall x \text{ Person}(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \text{ Person}(y) \wedge \text{Loves}(x,y)$ 
    - “Everybody loves somebody”  
(not guaranteed to be the same person)

# How to do inference in FOPC

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- Reduction of first-order inference to propositional inference
- First-order inference algorithms
  - Generalized Modus Ponens
  - Forward chaining \*\*\*
  - Backward chaining \*\*\*
  - Resolution-based theorem proving \*\*\*

# Topics

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# Propositional vs. FOL Inference

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- First-order inference can be done by converting KB to propositional logic and using propositional inference
  - Using modus ponens, etc.
- Specifically, what to do with quantifiers?
- Substitution:  $\{variable/Object\}$ 
  - Remove quantifier by substituting *variable* with specific object

Think about C or Python → assembly language!

# Reduction to Propositional Inference

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- Universal Quantifiers ( $\forall$ )

- Recall: Sentence must be true *for all* objects in the world (all values of variable)
- So substituting any object must be valid (Universal Instantiation, UI)

- Example

- $\forall x \text{ Person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Likes}(x, \text{IceCream})$ 
  - Substituting: (1),  $\{x/\text{Jack}\}$
- $\text{Person}(\text{Jack}) \Rightarrow \text{Likes}(\text{Jack}, \text{IceCream})$

# Reduction to Propositional Inference (con't)

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- Existential Quantifiers ( $\exists$ )

- Recall: Sentence must be true *for some* object in the world (or objects)
- Assume we know this object and give it an arbitrary (unique!) name (Existential Instantiation, EI)
- Known as Skolem constant (SK1, SK2, ...)

- Example

- $\exists x \text{ Person}(x) \wedge \text{Likes}(x, \text{IceCream})$ 
  - Substituting: (1),  $\{x/\text{SK1}\}$
- $\text{Person}(\text{SK1}) \wedge \text{Likes}(\text{SK1}, \text{IceCream})$

- We don't know who "SK1" is (and usually can't), but we know they must exist



# Reduction to Propositional Inference (con't)

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- Multiple Quantifiers

- No problem if same type ( $\forall x,y$  or  $\exists x,y$ )
- Also no problem if:  $\exists x \forall y$ 
  - There must be some  $x$  for which the sentence is true with every possible  $y$
  - Skolem constant still works (for  $x$ )

- Problem with  $\forall x \exists y$

- For every possible  $x$ , there must be some  $y$  that satisfies the sentence
- Could be different  $y$  value to satisfy for each  $x$ !

# Reduction to Propositional Inference (con't)

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- Problem with  $\forall x \exists y$  (con't)
  - The value we substitute for  $y$  must depend on  $x$
  - Use a Skolem function instead
- Example
  - $\forall x \exists y \text{ Person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Loves}(x,y)$ 
    - Substitute: (1),  $\{y/\text{SK1}(x)\}$
  - $\forall x \text{ Person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Loves}(x,\text{SK1}(x))$ 
    - Then: (2),  $\{x/\text{Jack}\}$
  - $\text{Person}(\text{Jack}) \Rightarrow \text{Loves}(\text{Jack},\text{SK1}(\text{Jack}))$
- $\text{SK1}(x)$  is *effectively* a function which returns a person that  $x$  loves. But, again, we can't generally know the specific value it returns.

# Reduction to Propositional Inference (con't)

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- Internal Quantifiers
  - Previous rules only work if quantifiers are external (left-most)
  - Consider:  $\forall x (\exists y \text{ Loves}(x,y)) \Rightarrow \text{Person}(x)$
  - “For all  $x$ , if there is some  $y$  that  $x$  loves, then  $x$  must be a person”
  - A Skolem function limits the values  $y$  could take (to one) and we can't know what it is.
- Need to move the quantifier outward
  - $\forall x (\exists y \text{ Loves}(x,y)) \Rightarrow \text{Person}(x)$
  - $\forall x \neg(\exists y \text{ Loves}(x,y)) \vee \text{Person}(x)$  (convert to  $\neg, \vee, \wedge$ )
  - $\forall x \forall y \neg \text{Loves}(x,y) \vee \text{Person}(x)$  (move  $\neg$  inward)
  - $\forall x \forall y \text{ Loves}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{Person}(x)$
- Now we can see that we can actually substitute *anything* for  $y$
- May need to rename variables before moving quantifier left

# Reduction to Propositional Inference (con't)

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- Once have non-quantified sentences (from quantified sentences using UI, EI), possible to reduce first-order inference to propositional inference
- Suppose KB contains:

$$\forall x \text{ King}(x) \wedge \text{Greedy}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(x)$$

$$\text{King}(\text{John})$$

$$\text{Greedy}(\text{John})$$

$$\text{Brother}(\text{Richard}, \text{John})$$

- Using UI with  $\{x/\text{John}\}$  and  $\{x/\text{Richard}\}$ , we get

$$\text{King}(\text{John}) \wedge \text{Greedy}(\text{John}) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(\text{John})$$

$$\text{King}(\text{Richard}) \wedge \text{Greedy}(\text{Richard}) \Rightarrow \text{Evil}(\text{Richard})$$

# Reduction to Propositional Inference (con't)

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- Now the KB is essentially propositional:

$King(John) \wedge Greedy(John) \Rightarrow Evil(John)$

$King(Richard) \wedge Greedy(Richard) \Rightarrow Evil(Richard)$

$King(John)$

$Greedy(John)$

$Brother(Richard, John)$

- Then can use propositional inference algorithms to obtain conclusions
  - Modus Ponens yields  $Evil(John)$

$$\frac{\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow \beta}{\beta}$$

$$\frac{King(John) \wedge Greedy(John), King(John) \wedge Greedy(John) \Rightarrow Evil(John)}{Evil(John)}$$

# Topics

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- Reduction of first-order inference to propositional inference
- First-order inference algorithms
  - Generalized Modus Ponens
  - Forward chaining \*\*\*
  - Backward chaining \*\*\*
  - Resolution-based theorem proving \*\*\*

# Forward and Backward Chaining

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- Have language representing knowledge (FOL) and inference rules (Generalized Modus Ponens)
  - Now study how a reasoning program is constructed
- Generalized Modus Ponens can be used in two ways:
  - Start with sentences in KB and generate new conclusions (forward chaining)
    - **“Used when a new fact is added to database and want to generate its consequences”**

*or*
  - Start with something want to prove, find implication sentences that allow to conclude it, then attempt to establish their premises in turn (backward chaining)
    - **“Used when there is a goal to be proved”**

# Forward Chaining

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- Forward chaining normally triggered by addition of new fact to KB (using TELL)
- When new fact  $p$  added to KB:
  - For each rule such that  $p$  unifies with a premise
    - If the other premises are known, then add the conclusion to the KB and continue chaining
  - Premise: Left-hand side of implication
    - Or, each term of conjunction on left hand side
  - Conclusion: Right-hand side of implication
- Forward chaining uses unification
  - Make two sentences (fact + premise) match by substituting variables (if possible)
- Forward chaining is data-driven
  - Inferring properties and categories from percepts



# Forward Chaining Example

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- Add sentences gradually
  1.  $\forall x, y \text{ Buffalo}(x) \wedge \text{Pig}(y) \Rightarrow \text{Faster}(x, y)$
  2.  $\forall y, z \text{ Pig}(y) \wedge \text{Slug}(z) \Rightarrow \text{Faster}(y, z)$
  3.  $\forall x, y, z \text{ Faster}(x, y) \wedge \text{Faster}(y, z) \Rightarrow \text{Faster}(x, z)$

Now we need to find rule(s) that can use this fact...

# Forward Chaining Example

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2.  $Pig(y) \wedge Slug(z) \Rightarrow Faster(y, z)$
3.  $Faster(x, y) \wedge Faster(y, z) \Rightarrow Faster(x, z)$
4.  $Buffalo(Bob)$

Note:  $\forall x, y, z$   
dropped



Add new facts one at a  
time



Now we need to find rule(s) that can use this fact...

# Forward Chaining Example

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- Add facts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 in turn

- Number in [] is unification literal

1.  $Buffalo(x) \wedge Pig(y) \Rightarrow Faster(x, y)$

2.  $Pig(y) \wedge Slug(z) \Rightarrow Faster(y, z)$

3.  $Faster(x, y) \wedge Faster(y, z) \Rightarrow Faster(x, z)$

4.  $Buffalo(Bob) [1]$

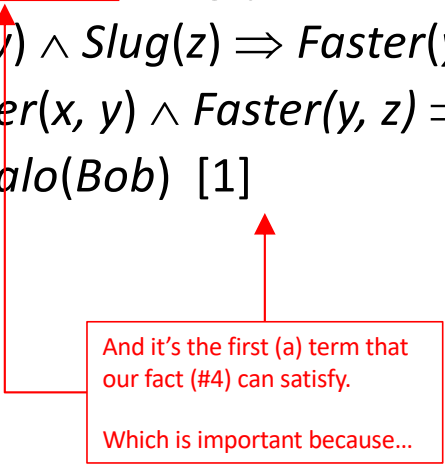
Check each rule in turn...

Rule 1 can make use of the fact  
that something (x) is a Buffalo

# Forward Chaining Example

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- Add facts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 in turn
  - Number in [] is unification literal;  $\checkmark$  rule firing
  - 1. Buffalo(x)  $\wedge$  Pig(y)  $\Rightarrow$  Faster(x, y)
  - 2. Pig(y)  $\wedge$  Slug(z)  $\Rightarrow$  Faster(y, z)
  - 3. Faster(x, y)  $\wedge$  Faster(y, z)  $\Rightarrow$  Faster(x, z)
  - 4. Buffalo(Bob) [1]



And it's the first (a) term that  
our fact (#4) can satisfy.

Which is important because...

# Forward Chaining Example

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- Add facts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 in turn
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  - 3.  $Faster(x, y) \wedge Faster(y, z) \Rightarrow Faster(x, z)$
  - 4.  $Buffalo(Bob) [1]$

...we need to check to see if the rule can be satisfied and fired.

BUT we are missing a fact to fill in the second (b) part of the rule, so NO, we fail to fire the rule.

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3.  $Faster(x, y) \wedge Faster(y, z) \Rightarrow Faster(x, z)$

4.  $Buffalo(Bob)$  [1]

5.  $Pig(Pat)$  [1]

6.  $Faster(Bob, Pat)$

From (#4) we also can satisfy (1), so we can fire the rule!

Firing the rule gets us a new fact! But we treat it the same, so check against all rules...

# Forward Chaining Example

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- Add facts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 in turn
  - Number in [] is unification literal;  $\vee$  rule firing
  - 1.  $Buffalo(x) \wedge Pig(y) \Rightarrow Faster(x, y)$
  - 2.  $Pig(y) \wedge Slug(z) \Rightarrow Faster(y, z)$
  - 3.  $Faster(x, y) \wedge Faster(y, z) \Rightarrow Faster(x, z)$
  - 4.  $Buffalo(Bob)$  [1]
  - 5.  $Pig(Pat)$  [1]
  - 6.  $Faster(Bob, Pat)$  [3]

# Forward Chaining Example

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- Add facts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 in turn
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  - 2.  $Pig(y) \wedge Slug(z) \Rightarrow Faster(y, z)$
  - 3.  $Faster(x, y) \wedge Faster(y, z) \Rightarrow Faster(x, z)$
  - 4.  $Buffalo(Bob)$  [1]
  - 5.  $Pig(Pat)$  [1]
  - 6.  $Faster(Bob, Pat)$  [3]
  - 7.  $Slug(Steve)$  [2]
  - 8.  $Faster(Pat, Steve)$  [3]
  - 9.  $Faster(Bob, Steve)$  [3]



# Another Example

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## Knowledge Base

$A \Rightarrow B$

$A \Rightarrow D$

$D \Rightarrow C$

$A \Rightarrow E$

$D \Rightarrow F$

$E \Rightarrow G$

Add A:

A,  $A \Rightarrow B$  gives B [done]

A,  $A \Rightarrow D$  gives D

D,  $D \Rightarrow C$  gives C [done]

D,  $D \Rightarrow F$  gives F [done]

A,  $A \Rightarrow E$  gives E

E,  $E \Rightarrow G$  gives G [done]

[done]

Order of generation B, D, C, F, E, G

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# Backward Chaining

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- Backward chaining designed to find all answers to a question posed to KB (using ASK)
- When a query  $q$  is asked:
  - If a matching fact  $q'$  is known, return the unifier
  - For each rule whose consequent  $q'$  matches  $q$ 
    - Attempt to prove each premise of the rule by backward chaining
- Added complications
  - Keeping track of unifiers, avoiding infinite loops
- Two versions
  - Find any solution
  - Find all solutions
- Backward chaining is basis of logic programming
  - Prolog

# Backward Chaining Example

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Given facts/rules 1-5 in KB:

1.  $Pig(y) \wedge Slug(z) \Rightarrow Faster(y, z)$
2.  $Slimy(z) \wedge Creeps(z) \Rightarrow Slug(z)$
3.  $Pig(Pat)$
4.  $Slimy(Steve)$
5.  $Creeps(Steve)$

Prove: *Faster(Pat, Steve)*

*Faster(Pat, Steve)*

Start with what we want to prove.

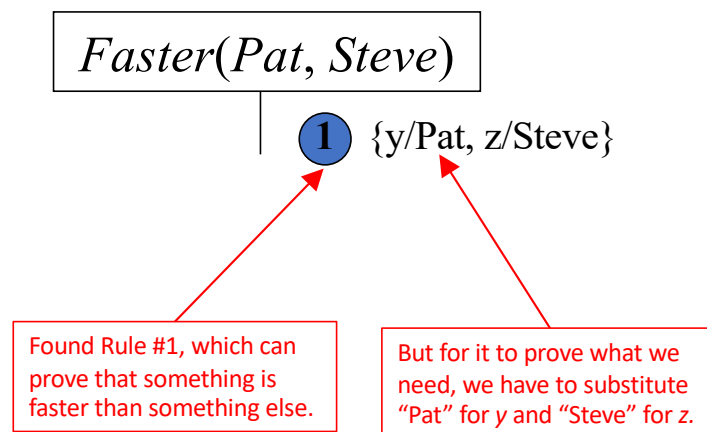
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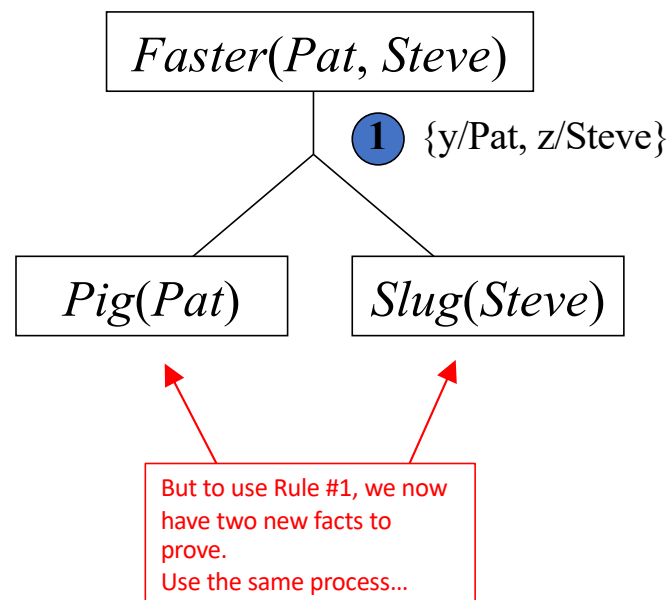
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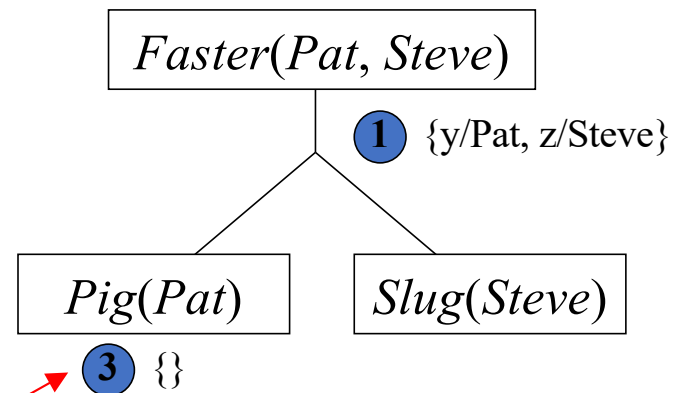


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This fact we already know is true from #3 in our knowledge-base.

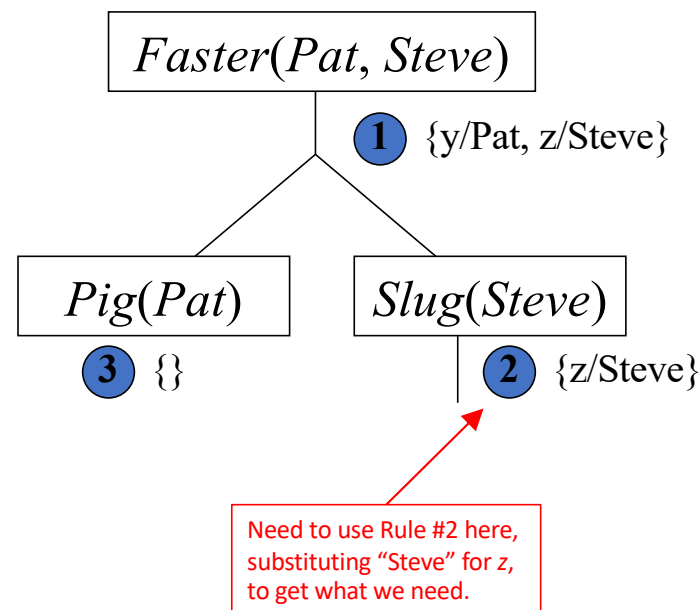
(And no substitution needed, so empty.)

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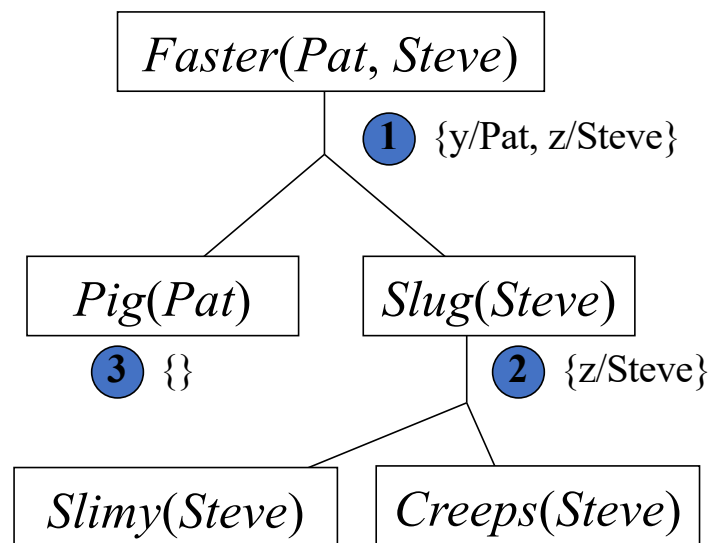


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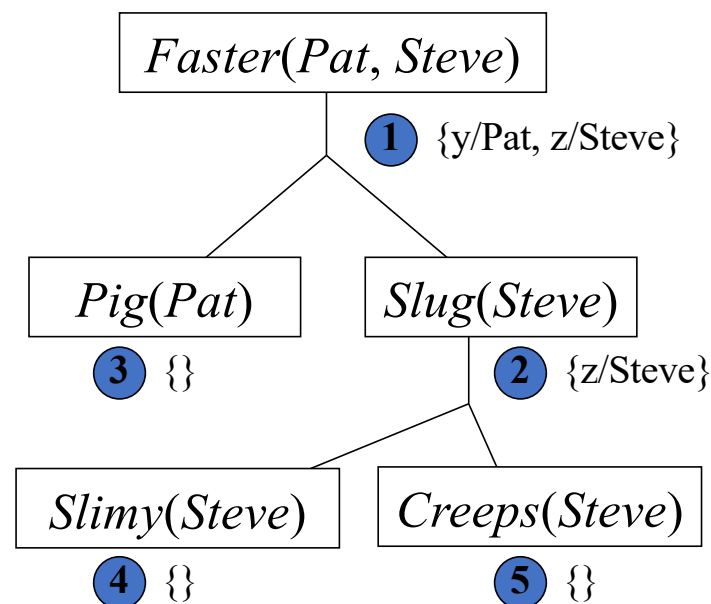
And Rule #2 requires  
these two facts...

# Backward Chaining Example

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Which we know are true directly from our knowledge-base.

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# Resolution

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- Uses proof by contradiction
  - Referred to by other names
    - Refutation
    - Reductio ad absurdum
- Inference procedure using resolution
  - To prove  $P$ :
    - Assume  $P$  is FALSE
    - Add  $\neg P$  to KB
    - Prove a contradiction
  - Given that the KB is known to be True, we can believe that the negated goal is in fact False, meaning that the original goal must be True

# Simple Example

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- Given: “All birds fly”, “Peter is a bird”
- Prove: “Peter flies”
- Step #1: have in FOL

$$\forall x \text{ Bird}(x) \rightarrow \text{Flies}(x)$$
$$\text{Bird}(\text{Peter})$$

- Step #2: put in normal form

$$\neg \text{Bird}(x) \vee \text{Flies}(x)$$
$$\text{Bird}(\text{Peter})$$

# Simple Example (con't)

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- Step #3: Assume contradiction of goal

**GOAL TO TEST:**  $\neg \text{Flies}(\text{Peter})$

- Step #4: Unification  $\{x/\text{Peter}\}$

$$\neg \text{Bird}(\text{Peter}) \vee \text{Flies}(\text{Peter})$$

- Step #5: Resolution (unit)

$$\frac{\alpha, \neg\alpha \vee \beta}{\beta} \quad \frac{\neg \text{Flies}(\text{Peter}), \text{Flies}(\text{Peter}) \vee \neg \text{Bird}(\text{Peter})}{\neg \text{Bird}(\text{Peter})}$$

- Step #6: Contradiction

- The result of Step #5 says that “Peter is not a bird”, but this is in contrast to KB containing  $\text{Bird}(\text{Peter})$
- Therefore, we can conclude that “Peter does indeed fly”

KB:

$\neg \text{Bird}(x) \vee \text{Flies}(x)$

$\text{Bird}(\text{Peter})$

# Another Example

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KB:

kb-1:  $A(x, \text{bar}) \vee B(x) \vee C(x)$

kb-2:  $D(y, \text{foo}) \vee \neg B(y)$

kb-3:  $E(z) \vee \neg A(z, \text{bar})$

kb-4:  $\neg D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$

kb-5:  $\neg A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar})$

Goal: prove  $C(\text{Minsky})$

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Goal: prove  $C(\text{Minsky})$

0:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky})$

*Start off using our negated goal (proof by contradiction)*



# Another Example

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kb-5:  $\neg A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar})$

Goal: prove  $C(\text{Minsky})$

0:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky})$

1:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}) \vee C(\text{Minsky})$  [kb-1]  
 $\{x/\text{Minsky}\}$

*Look for a rule that has  $C(\text{Minsky})$  to oppose  $\neg C(\text{Minsky})$  from #0.  
This rule (kb-1) needed a substitution for it to work, giving us the new sentence #1.*

# Another Example

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0:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky})$

1:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}) \vee C(\text{Minsky})$  [kb-1]  
 $\{x/\text{Minsky}\}$

2:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky}), A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}) \vee C(\text{Minsky})$   
2.a:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky})$  [resolution: 0, 1]

*Now that we have #0 and #1 with opposing terms, use resolution to eliminate them.*

# Another Example

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kb-4:  $\neg D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$

kb-5:  $\neg A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar})$

Goal: prove  $C(\text{Minsky})$

0:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky})$

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3:  $D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo}) \vee \neg B(\text{Minsky})$  [kb-2]  
 $\{y/\text{Minsky}\}$

4:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}), D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo}) \vee \neg B(\text{Minsky})$   
4.a:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$  [resol: 2a, 3]

*And repeat to find and eliminate other opposing terms.*

# Another Example

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KB:

kb-1:  $A(x, \text{bar}) \vee B(x) \vee C(x)$

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Goal: prove  $C(\text{Minsky})$

0:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky})$

1:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}) \vee C(\text{Minsky})$  [kb-1]  
 $\{x/\text{Minsky}\}$

2:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky}), A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}) \vee C(\text{Minsky})$   
2.a:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky})$  [resolution: 0, 1]

3:  $D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo}) \vee \neg B(\text{Minsky})$  [kb-2]  
 $\{y/\text{Minsky}\}$

4:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}), D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo}) \vee \neg B(\text{Minsky})$   
4.a:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$  [resol: 2a, 3]

5:  $\neg A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}), A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$   
5.a:  $D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$  [resol: 4a, kb-5]

*And again...*

# Another Example

KB:

kb-1:  $A(x, \text{bar}) \vee B(x) \vee C(x)$

kb-2:  $D(y, \text{foo}) \vee \neg B(y)$

kb-3:  $E(z) \vee \neg A(z, \text{bar})$

kb-4:  $\neg D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$

kb-5:  $\neg A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar})$

Goal: prove  $C(\text{Minsky})$

0:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky})$

1:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}) \vee C(\text{Minsky})$  [kb-1]  
 $\{x/\text{Minsky}\}$

2:  $\neg C(\text{Minsky}), A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}) \vee C(\text{Minsky})$   
2.a:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky})$  [resolution: 0, 1]

3:  $D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo}) \vee \neg B(\text{Minsky})$  [kb-2]  
 $\{y/\text{Minsky}\}$

4:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee B(\text{Minsky}), D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo}) \vee \neg B(\text{Minsky})$   
4.a:  $A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$  [resol: 2a, 3]

5:  $\neg A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}), A(\text{Minsky}, \text{bar}) \vee D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$   
5.a:  $D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$  [resol: 4a, kb-5]

6:  $D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo}) \wedge \neg D(\text{Minsky}, \text{foo})$

**FALSE, CONTRADICTION!!!**  
**must be  $C(\text{Minsky})$**

# FOPC Inference

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- Reduction of first-order inference to propositional inference
  - Universal and Existential Instantiation
- Forward chaining
  - Infer properties in data-driven manner
- Backward chaining
  - Proving query of a consequent by proving premises
- Resolution using proof by contradiction