

FIRST-ORDER LOGIC 2

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- First-order Logic inference
- Resolution-based inference
- Forward chaining
- Backward chaining
- Questions?

The **simplest possible** approach is FOL inference to use what we know about Propositional Logic inference.

- Resolution-based inference
 - Use **Refutation** to confirm or refute a sentence p (but not to generate all entailed sentences)
 - Requires FOL KB to be reduced to CNF
- Forward chaining
 - Uses Generalize Modus Ponens to add new atomic sentences
 - Useful for systems that make inferences as information streams in
 - Requires KB to be in form of first-order definite clauses
- Backward chaining
 - Works backwards from a query to try to construct a proof
 - Can suffer from repeated states and incompleteness
 - Useful for query-driven inference

Reduction to Propositional form

Herbrand (1930) postulated that if a sentence p is entailed by a FOL knowledge base, then it is also **entailed** but a finite subset of the propositionalized version.

Every FOL KB can be propositionalized so that entailment is preserved.

Three problems in applying PL algorithms to FOL sentences:

- 1. The Existential quantifier \exists
- 2. The Universal quantifier \forall
- 3. Ground terms of functions

Get rid of the existential quantifiers: in an **Existential instantiation** the variable is replaced by a new constant symbol (not in the domain):

CONSTANTS

{Robot, Sq12, Sq23, Sq21}

PREDICATES

 $\{\exists x : radioactive(x)\}\$

RESULT

radioactive(C1)

The constant C1 is called **Skolem constant**.

Get rid of the universal quantifiers: in a **Universal instantiation** k copies of the universally quantified sentences are added:

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PREDICATES

 $\{\forall x : \text{radioactive}(x) \rightarrow \text{unsafe}(x)\}$

RESULT

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radioactive(Robot) \rightarrow unsafe(Robot) radioactive(Sq12) \rightarrow unsafe(Sq12) radioactive(Sq23) \rightarrow unsafe(Sq23) radioactive(Sq21) \rightarrow unsafe(Sq21)
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radioactive_robot → unsafe_robot
radioactive_sq12 → unsafe_sq12
radioactive_sq23 → unsafe_sq23
radioactive_sq21 → unsafe_sq21
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An issue raises with function symbols, ground terms are infinitely many, e.g., father(father(John))).

For n=0 to ∞ , create a propositional KB by instantiating with **depth-n** terms see if is entailed by this KB.

BAD

The problem is that it works if the sentence is **entailed**; it does not work if is **not entailed**

Resolution-based inference

A **resolution-based inference** uses the same PL refutation method:

- It does not generate all entailed sentences (all the new facts)
- It only confirms or refute the query
- It requires to:
 - Propositionalize the KB from a FOL form to a PL form (with specified depth)
 - The PL form of the KB must be reduced to a CNF form



Forward chaining

Generalized Modus Ponens (GMP) combines And-Introduction, Universal-Elimination, and Modus Ponens when the Knowledge Base contains only **Implications clauses**:

For $\{p_i, p_i', q\}$, a substitution θ such that Substitution $(\theta, p_i') =$ Substitution (θ, p_i) for all i, then:

$$\frac{p'_1, p'_2, \dots, p'_n, (p_1 \land p_2 \land \dots \land p_n \to q)}{\text{Substitution}(\theta, q)}$$

CONSTANTS

{Robot, Sq12, Sq23, Sq21}

PREDICATES

 $\{\forall x : radioactive(x) \land empty(x) \rightarrow unsafe(x)\}$ radioactive(Sq12) empty(Sq12)

RESULT

radioactive(Sq12), empty(Sq12) (radioactive(x) \land empty(x) \rightarrow unsafe(x))

unsafe(Sq12)

There is an implicit assumption that all variables are universally quantified.

Unification is a pattern matching procedure that takes two atomic sentences and returns a failure if they do not match and a substitution list if they do.

The substitution list is called the **most general unifier**.

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PREDICATES

 $\{\forall x : radioactive(x) \rightarrow unsafe(x)\}$ Radioactive(Sq12) windy(Sq12) empty(Sq21)

RESULT

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radioactive(x) U radioactive(sq12) {x/sq12}
radioactive(x) U windy(sq12) FAILURE
radioactive(x) U empty(sq21) FAILURE
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```
function Unify(p, q, θ) return a solution, or FAILURE
scan p and q left-to-right to find where p and q are not equal
if there is no disagreement
   return θ
let r and s be the different terms
if Variable(r) then
   θ = Unify-var(θ, {r/s})
   return Unify(Substitution(θ, p), Substitution(θ, q), θ)
else if Variable(s) then
   θ = Unify-var(θ, {s/r})
   return Unify(Substitution(θ, p), Substitution(θ, q), θ)
lese return FAILURE
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EXAMPLES

adjacent($\operatorname{Sq12}, x$) \cup adjacent($\operatorname{Sq12}, \operatorname{Sq13}$) adjacent($\operatorname{Sq12}, x$) \cup adjacent($y, \operatorname{Sq13}$) adjacent($\operatorname{Sq12}, x$) \cup adjacent($y, \operatorname{free}(\operatorname{Sq13})$) adjacent($\operatorname{Sq12}, x$) \cup adjacent($x, \operatorname{Sq13}$)

RESULT

 ${x/Sq13}$ ${x/Sq13, y/Sq12}$ ${y/Sq12, x/free(Sq13)}$ **Standardizing sentences** means renaming the variables in a sentence to avoid some unnecessary failures:

EXAMPLES

adjacent($\mathbf{Sq12}$, x) \cup adjacent(x, $\mathbf{Sq13}$) adjacent($\mathbf{Sq12}$, x) \cup adjacent(x_{23} , $\mathbf{Sq13}$)

RESULT

 $\{x/\text{Sq13}, x_{23}/\text{Sq12}\}$

Like in **Propositional Logic** inference, the algorithm answers queries using the KB to determine new facts until it finds that the query is **true**, or until we've run out of new facts to generate.

Forward chaining works very much like **Breath-first Search**.

```
function Forward-Chaining (KB, q) return a substitution, or FAILURE
       repeat until new is empty
          new = \{ \}
          for each (p_1 \land p_2 \land \cdots \land p_n \rightarrow c) in KB
             for each \theta such that Substitution (\theta, p_1 \land \cdots \land p_n) = \text{Substitution}(\theta, p'_1 \land \cdots \land p'_n)
                            for some p'_1, ..., p'_n in KB do
               c' = Substitution(\theta, c)
               if c' does not unify with any sentence in KB + new then
                  new = new + c'
                  \phi = \overline{\text{Unify}(c', q)}
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             if \phi is not failure then
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                 return \phi
13
          KB = KB + new
14
       return FAILURE
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Criminal(West): YES

Backward chaining

Like in Propositional Logic, the basic idea behind **Backward chaining** is to work backward from the goal to the facts that must be asserted for the goal to hold.

Backward chaining proceeds in a **Depth-first Search**.

```
function Backward-chaining(KB, goals, θ) return substitution
if goals is empty then
    return θ

goal = pop from goals

q'= Substitution(θ, goal)

θ" = {}

for each r in KB such that (p<sub>1</sub> ∧ p<sub>2</sub> ∧ ··· ∧ p<sub>n</sub> -> q) do

r' = Standardize(r)

θ' = Unify(q, q')

if θ' succeded then

θ" = θ" + Backward-chaining(KB, (p<sub>1</sub> ... p<sub>n</sub>) + goals, Compose(θ,θ'))

return θ"
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Criminal(West)

QUERY

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Criminal(West)

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- 5 owns(Nono, M1)
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- ' american(**West**)
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Criminal(West) $\{x/\text{West}\}$

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KNOWLEDGE BASE

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 - missile(M1)

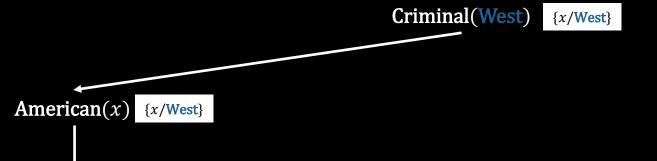
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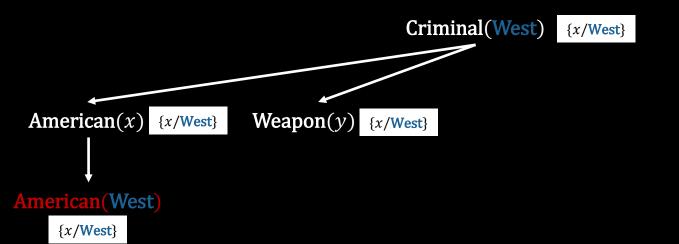
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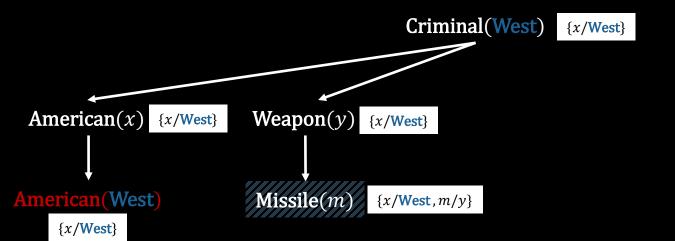
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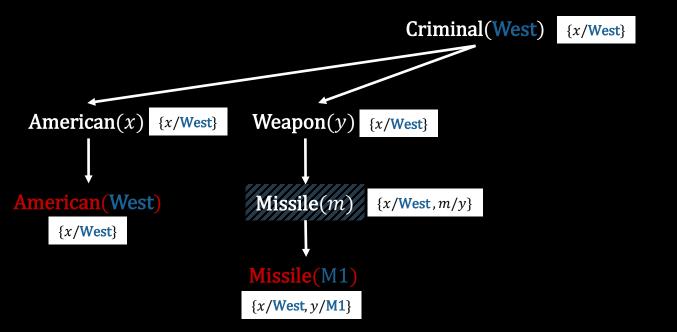
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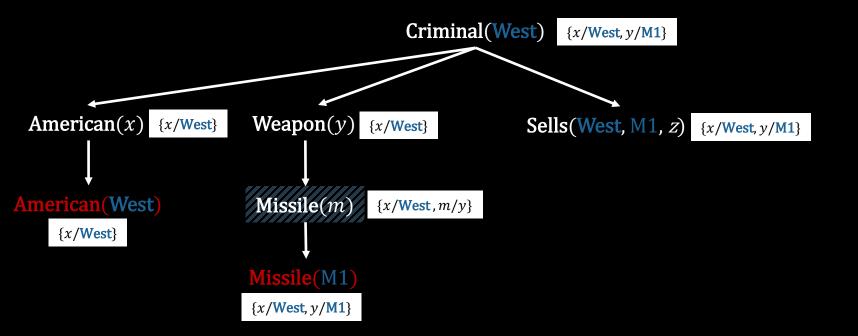
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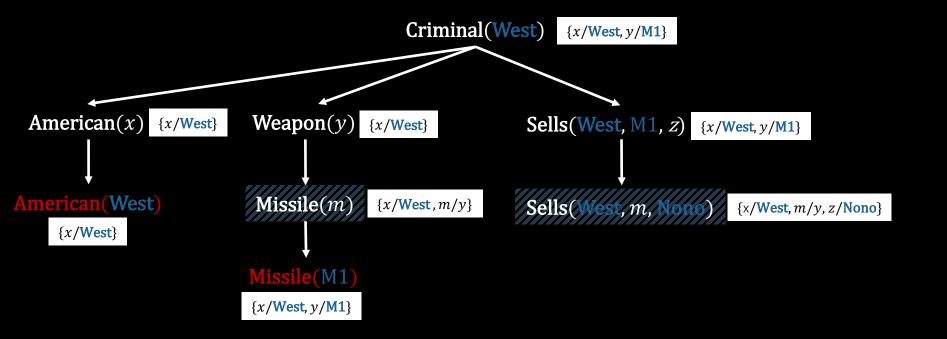


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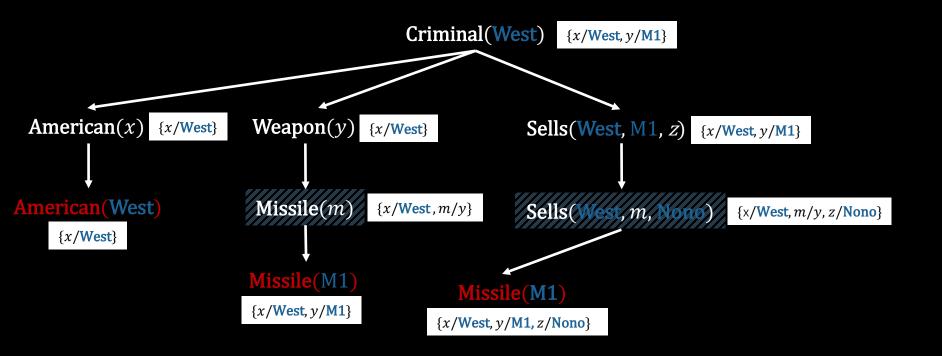
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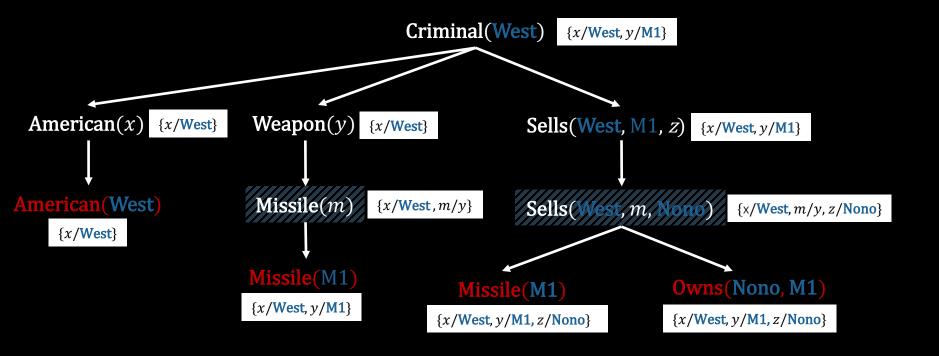
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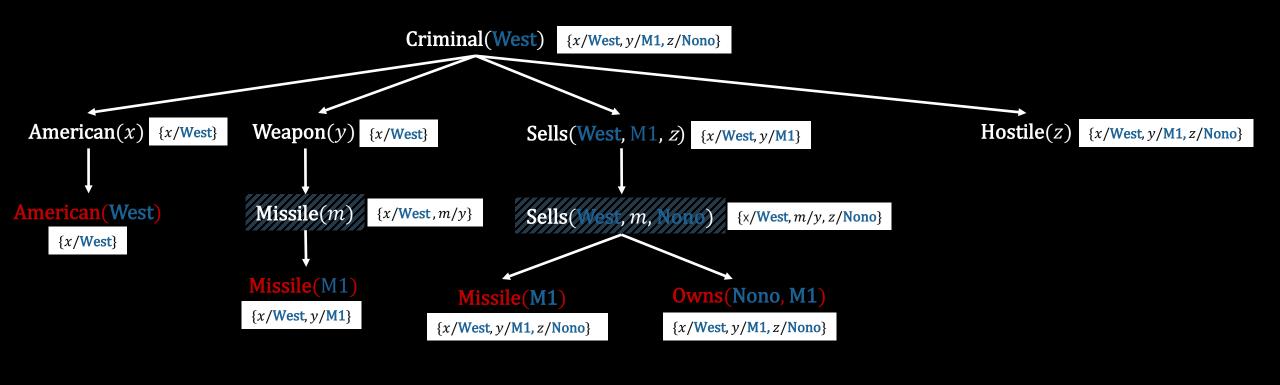


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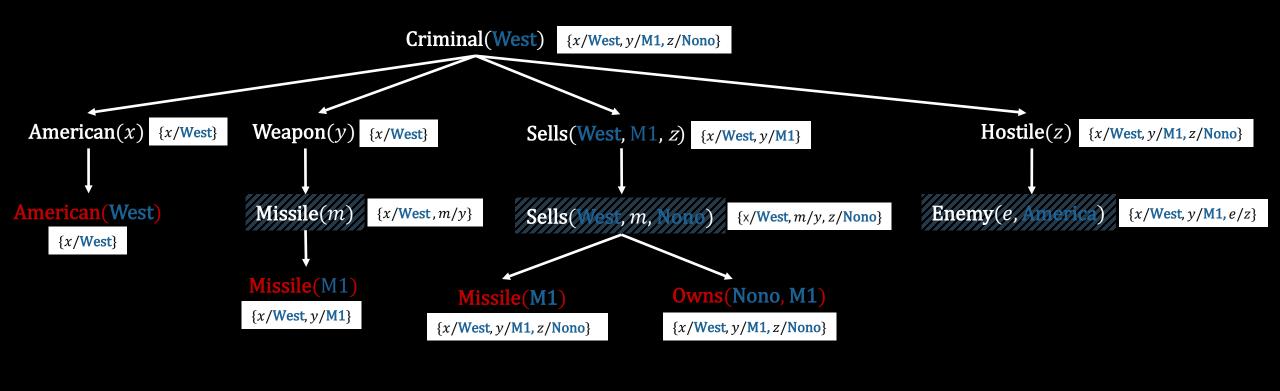
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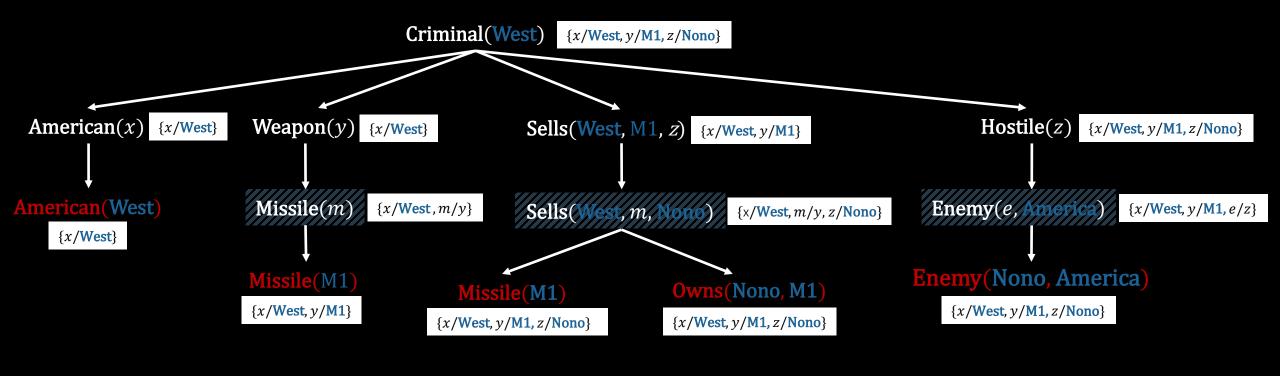
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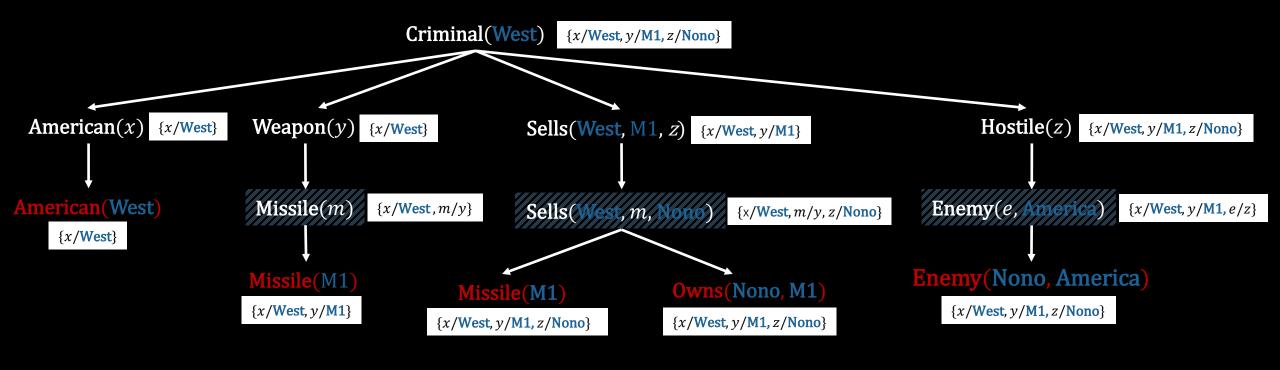
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