

Resolution derivation rule for propositional logic sentences

Given. The external memory (file) contains a set of propositional logic sentences - knowledge base. Sentences are written in the disjunctive form. The number of propositional logic characters, the number of sentences, and the number of disjunctions in sentences can generally vary.

File example:

$A \vee B$
 $\neg A \vee B \vee C$
 $D \vee \neg Q$
 P
 $\neg R$
 \dots

You can come up with your interpretations of these sentences. As an example, you can take Jones, Smith, and Clark professions problem discussed during the lecture.

Required: Write a program that, with the help of resolution rule (1), would derive from this knowledge base all the other sentences that can be derived. Print newly derived sentences to a file.

$$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta, \neg \beta \vee \gamma}{\alpha \vee \gamma} \quad (1)$$

Notes:

1. Store all knowledge base sentences, both old and newly derived, in one large array of sentences.
2. In the KB sentences array, the indexes of the “parents” of the newly derived sentences (sentences to which the resolution has been applied) should be memorized and printed at the end.
3. Newly derived logic sentences should be simplified if possible.

$\neg Q \vee P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg T$ (needs to be simplified)

$P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg T$ (simplified sentence)

4. A newly derived logic sentence does not need to be included in the knowledge base if it overlaps or says nothing new compared to any existing knowledge base sentence.

$P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg T$ (existing KB sentence)

$P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg T$ (new, overlapping sentence)

$P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg T \vee M$ (new, saying nothing new (weaker), sentence)

5. A newly derived logic sentence does not need to be included in the knowledge base if it is equivalent to an always True sentence, e.g.

$P \vee \neg Q \vee Q$

$P \vee \neg T \vee \neg P \vee \neg M$

Appendix. Tests

Test 1

Knowledge base	Newly derived sentences
$A \vee B \vee \neg C$	$A \vee \neg C \vee D$
$\neg C \vee \neg B \vee A \vee D$	

Test 2

Knowledge base	Newly derived sentences
$A \vee B \vee \neg C$	
$C \vee \neg B$	

Test 3

Knowledge base	Newly derived sentences
$A \vee C \vee D$	$A \vee C$
$A \vee B \vee C$	
$C \vee \neg B$	

Test 4

Knowledge base	Newly derived sentences
$A \vee C$	
$A \vee B \vee C$	
$C \vee \neg B$	

Test 5

Knowledge base	Newly derived sentences
A	
$A \vee B \vee C$	
$C \vee \neg B$	

Test 6

Jones, Smith, and Clark professions problem

We have three people: Jones, Smith and Clark. They work as a programmer, data analyst, and manager (not necessarily in the same order). Jones owes the programmer 10€. The manager's wife forbids her husband from borrowing money. Smith is single. Which person does what job?

Mark the facts with symbols

JP - Jones is a programmer

SP - Smith is a programmer

CP - Clark is a programmer

JA - Jones is a data analyst

SA - Smith is a data analyst

CA - Clark is a data analyst

JM - Jones is a manager

SM - Smith is a manager

CM - Clark is a manager

Knowledge base content

JP \vee SP \vee CP // someone is a programmer
JA \vee SA \vee CA // someone is a data analyst
JM \vee SM \vee CM // someone is a manager
JP \vee JA \vee JM // Jones has a job
SP \vee SA \vee SM // Smith has a job
CP \vee CA \vee CM // Clark has a job
 \neg JP \vee \neg SP // Jones and Smith can not both be programmers
 \neg JP \vee \neg CP // Jones and Clark can not both be programmers
 \neg SP \vee \neg CP
 \neg JA \vee \neg SA
 \neg JA \vee \neg CA
 \neg SA \vee \neg CA
 \neg JM \vee \neg SM
 \neg JM \vee \neg CM
 \neg SM \vee \neg CM
 \neg JP \vee \neg JA // Jones can not both be a programmer and a data analyst
 \neg JP \vee \neg JM // Jones can not both be a programmer and a manager
 \neg JA \vee \neg JM
 \neg SP \vee \neg SA
 \neg SP \vee \neg SM
 \neg SA \vee \neg SM
 \neg CP \vee \neg CA
 \neg CP \vee \neg CM
 \neg CA \vee \neg CM
 \neg JP // Jones owes the programmer 10€.
 \neg JM // The manager's wife forbids her husband from borrowing money.
 \neg SM // Smith is single.

Newly derived sentences

Aprox. 75 new sentences.