

Exercises: FOL Resolution

(a)

$\forall x y \text{ horse}(x) \wedge \text{rabbit}(y) \Rightarrow \text{faster}(x, y)$

$\forall x y \text{ dog}(x) \wedge \text{rabbit}(y) \Rightarrow \text{faster}(x, y)$

$\text{horse}(F) \vee \text{dog}(F)$

$\text{rabbit}(B)$

$\text{greyhound}(A)$

(b) CNF:

$\neg \text{horse}(x), \neg \text{rabbit}(y), \text{faster}(x, y)$

$\neg \text{dog}(x), \neg \text{rabbit}(y), \text{faster}(x, y)$

$\text{horse}(F) \vee \text{dog}(F)$

$\text{rabbit}(B)$

$\text{greyhound}(A)$

GOAL: $\neg \text{faster}(F, B)$

(c)

$\forall x \text{ greyhound}(x) \Rightarrow \text{dog}(x)$

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Given:

1. *The textbooks of class CA are easy*
2. *The textbooks of class CB are difficult*
3. *Mary studies (all and only) easy books*
4. *Mary passes the exam of a class if she studies at least a textbook for that class*
5. *Russel&Norvig is a textbook for class CA*
6. *Tenenbaum is a textbook for class CB*

- 1 Translate the sentences in FOL, in CNF and tell if it is Horn
- 2 Prove, using **Resolution**, that *Mary passes an exam*, by adding the appropriate knowledge (if needed)

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A straightforward translation is:

1. $\forall x \text{ text}(CA, x) \Rightarrow \text{easy}(x)$
2. $\forall x \text{ text}(CB, x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{easy}(x)$
3. $\forall x \text{ study}(Mary, x) \Leftrightarrow \text{easy}(x)$
4. $\forall x [\exists y \text{ text}(x, y) \wedge \text{study}(Mary, y)] \Rightarrow \text{pass}(Mary, x)$
5. $\text{text}(CA, \text{Russel\&Norvig})$
6. $\text{text}(CB, \text{Tenenbaum})$

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A straightforward translation in CNF is:

1. $\neg \text{text}(CA, x) \vee \text{easy}(x)$
2. $\neg \text{text}(CB, x) \vee \neg \text{easy}(x)$
- 3.1. $\neg \text{study}(\text{Mary}, x) \vee \text{easy}(x)$
- 3.2. $\text{study}(\text{Mary}, x) \vee \neg \text{easy}(x)$
4. $\neg \text{text}(x, y) \vee \neg \text{study}(\text{Mary}, y) \vee \text{pass}(\text{Mary}, x)$
5. $\text{text}(CA, \text{Russel\&Norvig})$
6. $\text{text}(CB, \text{Tenenbaum})$

It is Horn (at most one positive atom).

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Knowledge base for the **Resolution**:

$$\{\neg \text{text}(CA, x) \vee \text{easy}(x)\}_1,$$

$$\{\neg \text{text}(CB, x) \vee \neg \text{easy}(x)\}_2,$$

$$\{\neg \text{study}(\text{Mary}, x) \vee \text{easy}(x)\}_{3.1},$$

$$\{\text{study}(\text{Mary}, x) \vee \neg \text{easy}(x)\}_{3.2},$$

$$\{\neg \text{text}(x, y) \vee \neg \text{study}(\text{Mary}, y) \vee \text{pass}(\text{Mary}, x)\}_4,$$

$$\{\text{text}(CA, \text{Russel\&Norvig})\}_5,$$

$$\{\text{text}(CB, \text{Tenenbaum})\}_6,$$

$$\{\neg \text{pass}(\text{Mary}, z)\}_7$$

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From (4) and (7) with $\sigma = \{z/x\}$:

$$\{\neg \text{text}(z, y) \vee \neg \text{study}(\text{Mary}, y)\}_8$$

From (5) and (8) with $\sigma = \{z/CA; y/Russel\&Norvig\}$:

$$\{\neg \text{study}(\text{Mary}, \text{Russel\&Norvig})\}_9$$

From (3.2) and (9) with $\sigma = \{x/Russel\&Norvig\}$:

$$\{\neg \text{easy}(\text{Russel\&Norvig})\}_{10}$$

From (1) and (5) with $\sigma = \{x/Russel\&Norvig\}$:

$$\{\text{easy}(\text{Russel\&Norvig})\}_{11}$$

From (10) and (11) $\Rightarrow \{\}$

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Transform into normal form the original formulas plus the negation of the thesis (A, B, C are Skolem constants):

- 1) $Equal(x_1, x_1)$
- 2) $Equal(x_2, x_3) \vee \neg Equal(x_3, x_2)$
- 3) $Equal(x_4, x_5) \vee \neg Equal(x_4, x_6) \vee \neg Equal(x_6, x_5)$
- 4) $Equal(A, B)$
- 5) $\neg Equal(B, C)$
- 6) $Equal(A, C)$

We can get the empty clause, for instance, as follows:

- 7) $Equal(B, A)$ resolution from (2) and (4) (substitution $\{x_3/A, x_2/B\}$)
- 8) $\neg Equal(A, x_5) \vee Equal(B, x_5)$ resolution from (3) and (7) (substitution $\{x_6/A, x_4/B\}$)
- 9) $Equal(B, C)$ resolution from (6) and (8) (substitution $\{x_5/C\}$)
- 10) $\{\}$ resolution from (5) and (9)

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The three sentences can be expressed as:

- 1) $\forall x(Rose(x) \rightarrow \exists y(Thorn(y) \wedge Has(x, y)))$
- 2) $\forall t(Thorn(t) \rightarrow Dangerous(t))$
- 3) $\forall x((\exists y(Has(x, y) \wedge Dangerous(y))) \rightarrow Dangerous(x))$

while the last sentence as:

$$\forall r(Rose(r) \rightarrow Dangerous(r))$$

The transformation of the formulas of KB into clauses (where $F()$ is a Skolem function) gives :

- 1a) $\neg Rose(x) \vee Thorn(F(x))$
- 1b) $\neg Rose(x) \vee Has(x, F(x))$
- 2) $\neg Thorn(t) \vee Dangerous(t)$
- 3) $\neg Has(x, y) \vee \neg Dangerous(y) \vee Dangerous(x)$

The negation of (4) (where R is a Skolem constant) gives :

- 4a) $Rose(R)$
- 4b) $\neg Dangerous(R)$

The empty clause can be derived:

- 5) $\neg Rose(x) \vee Dangerous(F(x))$ Res. 1a,2 $\langle t/F(x) \rangle$
- 6) $\neg Rose(x) \vee \neg Dangerous(F(x)) \vee Dangerous(x)$ Res. 1b,3 $\langle y/F(x) \rangle$
- 7) $\neg Rose(x) \vee Dangerous(x)$ Res. 5,6
- 8) $Dangerous(R)$ Res. 4a,7 ($\times R$)
- 9) $\{\}$ Res. 4b,8

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1. $\forall x (HOUND(x) \rightarrow HOWL(x))$
 2. $\forall x \forall y (HAVE(x,y) \wedge CAT(y) \rightarrow \neg \exists z (HAVE(x,z) \wedge MOUSE(z)))$
 3. $\forall x (LS(x) \rightarrow \neg \exists y (HAVE(x,y) \wedge HOWL(y)))$
 4. $\exists x (HAVE(John,x) \wedge (CAT(x) \vee HOUND(x)))$
 5. $LS(John) \rightarrow \neg \exists z (HAVE(John,z) \wedge MOUSE(z))$
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1. $\neg HOUND(x) \vee HOWL(x)$
 2. $\neg HAVE(x,y) \vee \neg CAT(y) \vee \neg HAVE(x,z) \vee \neg MOUSE(z)$
 3. $\neg LS(x) \vee \neg HAVE(x,y) \vee \neg HOWL(y)$
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4.
 1. $HAVE(John,a)$
 2. $CAT(a) \vee HOUND(a)$
 5.
 1. $LS(John)$
 2. $HAVE(John,b)$
 3. $MOUSE(b)$

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- [1.,4.(b):] 6. $CAT(a) \vee HOWL(a)$
[2,5.(c):] 7. $\neg HAVE(x,y) \vee \neg CAT(y) \vee \neg HAVE(x,b)$
[7,5.(b):] 8. $\neg HAVE(John,y) \vee \neg CAT(y)$
[6,8:] 9. $\neg HAVE(John,a) \vee HOWL(a)$
[4.(a),9:] 10. $HOWL(a)$
[3,10:] 11. $\neg LS(x) \vee \neg HAVE(x,a)$
[4.(a),11:] 12. $\neg LS(John)$
[5.(a),12:] 13. \square