
Artificial Intelligence I

Resolution - A simple example

Resolution

Given the following knowledge base KB

$$KB \equiv (\neg Q \vee \neg P) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R \vee \neg S) \wedge (Q \vee \neg S) \wedge (R \vee \neg S)$$

and $\alpha = \neg S$, show $KB \models \alpha$.

To prove $KB \models \alpha$ add the negated goal $\neg\alpha = S$.

$$S_1 : \neg Q \vee \neg P.$$

$$S_2 : P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R \vee \neg S.$$

$$S_3 : Q \vee \neg S.$$

$$S_4 : R \vee \neg S.$$

$$S_5 : S.$$

- Resolve S_2 with S_5 , giving $S_6: P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R$.
- Resolve S_3 with S_5 , giving $S_7: Q$.
- Resolve S_4 with S_5 , giving $S_8: R$.
- Resolve S_6 with S_7 , giving $S_9: P \vee \neg R$.
- Resolve S_8 with S_9 , giving $S_{10}: P$.
- Resolve S_1 with S_{10} , giving $S_{11}: \neg Q$.
- Resolve S_7 with S_{11} giving the empty clause.