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# First Order Logic (Examples #2)

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## Skolemization. Example #1



$$\exists u \forall v \exists w \exists x \forall y \exists z ((P(h(u, v)) \vee Q(w)) \wedge R(x, h(y, z)))$$

Eliminate the  $\exists u$  using the Skolem constant  $c$ :

$$\forall v \exists w \exists x \forall y \exists z ((P(h(c, v)) \vee Q(w)) \wedge R(x, h(y, z)))$$

Eliminate the  $\exists w$  using the 1-place Skolem function  $f$ :

$$\forall v \exists x \forall y \exists z ((P(h(c, v)) \vee Q(f(v))) \wedge R(x, h(y, z)))$$

Eliminate the  $\exists x$  using the 1-place Skolem function  $g$ :

$$\forall v \forall y \exists z ((P(h(c, v)) \vee Q(f(v))) \wedge R(g(v), h(y, z)))$$

Eliminate the  $\exists z$  using the 2-place Skolem function  $j$  (note that function  $h$  is already used!):

$$\forall v \forall y ((P(h(c, v)) \vee Q(f(v))) \wedge R(g(v), h(y, j(v, y))))$$

Finally drop the universal quantifiers, getting a set of clauses:

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### Skolemization. Example #2



- ▶ Every philosopher writes at least one book.  
 $\forall x[Philo(x) \rightarrow \exists y[Book(y) \wedge Write(x, y)]]$
- ▶ Eliminate Implication:  
 $\forall x[\neg Philo(x) \vee \exists y[Book(y) \wedge Write(x, y)]]$
- ▶ Skolemize: substitute  $y$  by  $g(x)$   
 $\forall x[\neg Philo(x) \vee [Book(g(x)) \wedge Write(x, g(x))]]$

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### Skolemization. Example #3



- ▶ All students of a philosopher read one of their teacher's books.  
 $\forall x \forall y[Philo(x) \wedge StudentOf(y, x) \rightarrow \exists z[Book(z) \wedge Write(x, z) \wedge Read(y, z)]]$
- ▶ Eliminate Implication:  
 $\forall x \forall y[\neg Philo(x) \vee \neg StudentOf(y, x) \vee \exists z[Book(z) \wedge Write(x, z) \wedge Read(y, z)]]$
- ▶ Skolemize: substitute  $z$  by  $h(x, y)$   
 $\forall x \forall y[\neg Philo(x) \vee \neg StudentOf(y, x) \vee [Book(h(x, y)) \wedge Write(x, h(x, y)) \wedge Read(y, h(x, y))]]$

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### Skolemization. Example #4



- ▶ There exists a philosopher with students.  
 $\exists x \exists y [Philo(x) \wedge StudentOf(y, x)]$
- ▶ Skolemize: substitute  $x$  by  $a$  and  $y$  by  $b$   
 $Philo(a) \wedge StudentOf(b, a)$

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### Substitutions. Example #1



$P(x, f(y), B)$

$P(z, f(w), B)$

$s = \{x/z, y/w\}$

$P(x, f(A), B)$

$s = \{y/A\}$

$P(g(z), f(A), B)$

$s = \{x/g(z), y/A\}$

$P(C, f(A), A)$

no substitution !

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### Must General Unifier (MGU). Example #2



$$W = \{P(a, x, f(g(y))), P(z, f(z), f(u))\}$$

$$\text{Sol. MGU} = \{[u/g(y)], [x/f(a)], [z/a]\}$$

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### Unification. Examples



$$\{P(x, f(y), B), P(x, f(B), B)\}$$

$$s = \{y/B, x/A\} \text{ not the simplest unifier}$$

$$s = \{y/B\} \text{ most general unifier (mgu)}$$

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### Resolution principle. Example #1



Prove the **validity** of:

$$F = \exists x[(P(x) \rightarrow P(a)) \wedge (P(x) \rightarrow P(b))]$$

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### Resolution principle. Example #2



Show that  $F_1 \wedge F_2 \models G$ , where

- $F_1 \triangleq (\forall x)(C(x) \rightarrow (W(x) \wedge R(x)))$
- $F_2 \triangleq (\exists x)(C(x) \wedge O(x))$
- $G \triangleq (\exists x)(O(x) \wedge R(x))$

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### Resolution principle. Example #3



Prove that  $F1 \wedge F2 \wedge F3 \wedge F4 \models F5$ , where

$F1 = \forall x(\text{allergies}(x) \rightarrow \text{sneeze}(x))$

$F2 = \forall y \forall x(\text{cat}(y) \wedge \text{allergicToCats}(x) \rightarrow \text{allergies}(x))$

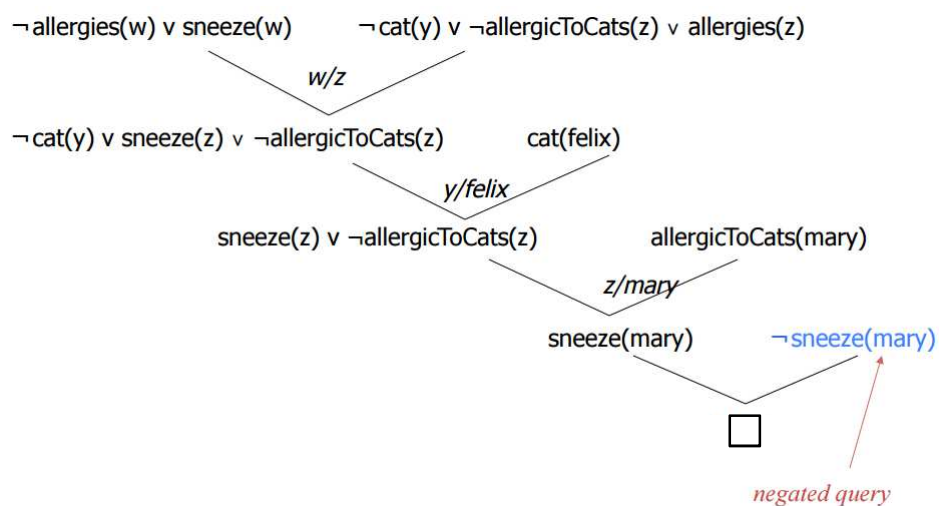
$F3 = \text{cat}(\text{felix})$

$F4 = \text{allergicToCats}(\text{mary})$

$F5 = \text{sneeze}(\text{mary})$

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### Resolution principle. Example #3 (cont...)



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## Resolution principle. Exercises (HW)



Prove by resolution that:

$$(a) \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \models \forall y(\neg Q(y) \rightarrow \neg P(y))$$

$$(b) \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \models \exists xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xQ(x)$$

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## Resolution principle. Example #3



Prove that  $\exists y \forall x R(x, y) \models \forall x \exists y R(x, y)$

- The antecedent is  $\exists y \forall x R(x, y)$ ; replacing  $y$  by the Skolem constant  $a$  yields the clause  $\{R(x, a)\}$ .
- In  $\neg(\forall x \exists y R(x, y))$ , pushing in the negation produces  $\exists x \forall y \neg R(x, y)$ . Replacing  $x$  by the Skolem constant  $b$  yields the clause  $\{\neg R(b, y)\}$ .

Unifying  $R(x, a)$  with  $R(b, y)$  detects the contradiction  $R(b, a) \wedge \neg R(b, a)$ .

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## Resolution principle. Exercise (HW)



### Doctors and Quacks

Show that  $F_1 \wedge F_2 \models F_3$ , where

- Some patients like all doctors  
 $F_1 \triangleq \exists x(P(x) \wedge \forall y(D(y) \rightarrow L(x, y)))$
- No patient likes any quack  
 $F_2 \triangleq \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow \forall y(Q(y) \rightarrow \neg L(x, y)))$
- No doctor is a quack  
 $F_3 \triangleq \forall x D(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)$