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## Propositional Logic Tutorial

# Grammar for CNF

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$CNFSentence \rightarrow Clause_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Clause_n$

$Clause \rightarrow Literal_1 \vee \dots \vee Literal_m$

$Fact \rightarrow Symbol$

$Literal \rightarrow Symbol \mid \neg Symbol$

$Symbol \rightarrow P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots$

$HornClauseForm \rightarrow DefiniteClauseForm \mid GoalClauseForm$

$DefiniteClauseForm \rightarrow Fact \mid (Symbol_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Symbol_l) \Rightarrow Symbol$

$GoalClauseForm \rightarrow (Symbol_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Symbol_l) \Rightarrow False$

**Figure 7.12** A grammar for conjunctive normal form, Horn clauses, and definite clauses. A CNF clause such as  $\neg A \vee \neg B \vee C$  can be written in definite clause form as  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$ .

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- $L_2 : \neg P \vee R$  (given)
- $L_3 : \neg P \vee \neg R$  (given)
- $L_4 : P \vee \neg Q$  (given)
- $L_5 : P$  ( $L_1, L_4$ , resolution)
- $L_6 : R$  ( $L_2, L_5$ , resolution)
- $L_7 : \neg R$  ( $L_3, L_5$ , resolution)
- $L_8 : \text{false}$  ( $L_6, L_7$ , resolution)

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- $L_1 : \neg P \vee Q$  (given)
- $L_2 : \neg R \vee P$  (given)
- $L_3 : \neg Q$  (premise)
- $L_4 : R \vee P \vee S$  (given)
- $L_5 : \neg S$  (negation of conclusion)
- $L_6 : R \vee P$  ( $L_4, L_5$ , resolution)
- $L_7 : P$  ( $L_2, L_6$ , resolution)
- $L_8 : Q$  ( $L_1, L_7$ , resolution)
- $L_9 : \text{false}$  ( $L_3, L_8$ , resolution)

3. Consider the following Horn clauses:

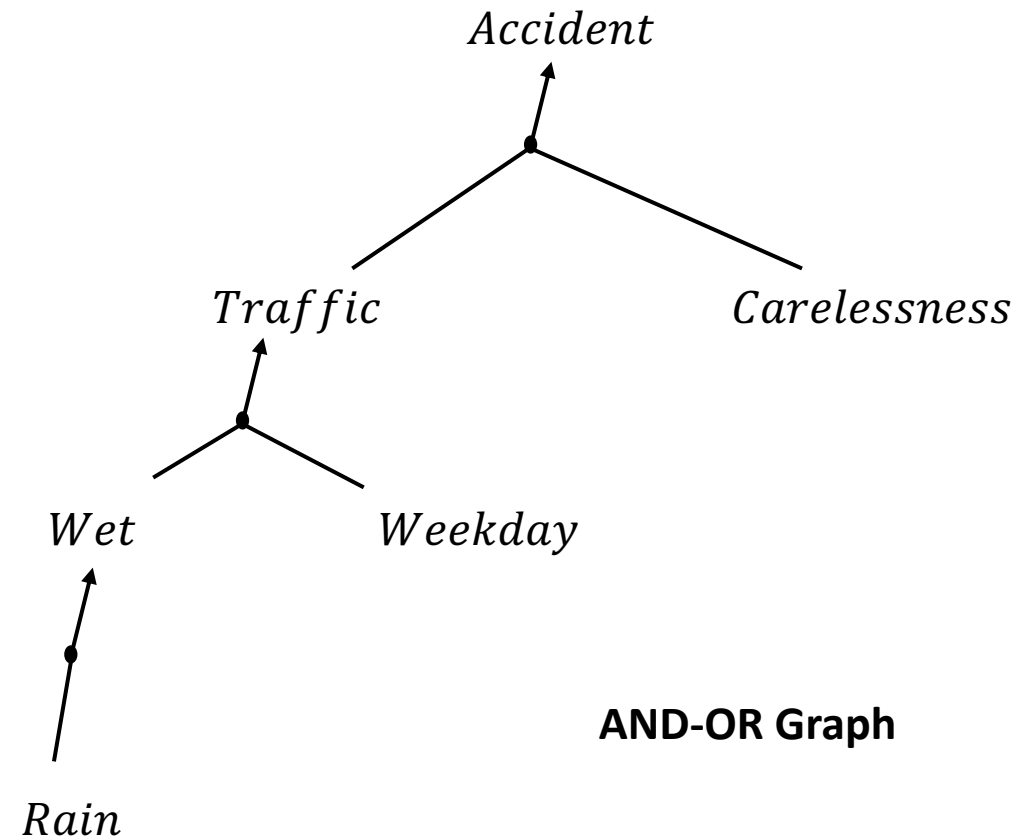
- $P_1 : Rain$
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Prove *Traffic* with both forward and backward chaining algorithms

Could you prove *Accident* for the given *KB*?

**KB**

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# Forward Chaining

**function** PL-FC-ENTAILS?( $KB, q$ ) **returns** *true* or *false*

**inputs:**  $KB$ , the knowledge base, a set of propositional definite clauses

$q$ , the query, a proposition symbol

$count \leftarrow$  a table, where  $count[c]$  is initially the number of symbols in clause  $c$ 's premise

$inferred \leftarrow$  a table, where  $inferred[s]$  is initially *false* for all symbols

$queue \leftarrow$  a queue of symbols, initially symbols known to be true in  $KB$

**while**  $queue$  is not empty **do**

$p \leftarrow \text{POP}(queue)$

**if**  $p = q$  **then return** *true*

**if**  $inferred[p] = \text{false}$  **then**

$inferred[p] \leftarrow \text{true}$

**for each** clause  $c$  in  $KB$  where  $p$  is in  $c$ .PREMISE **do**

decrement  $count[c]$

**if**  $count[c] = 0$  **then** add  $c$ .CONCLUSION to  $queue$

**return** *false*

Clause	c	count(c) = # of antecedents of c
<i>Rain</i>	1	0
<i>Weekday</i>	2	0
<i>Rain</i> $\Rightarrow$ <i>Wet</i>	3	1
<i>Wet</i> $\wedge$ <i>Weekday</i> $\Rightarrow$ <i>Traffic</i>	4	2
<i>Traffic</i> $\wedge$ <i>Careless</i> $\Rightarrow$ <i>Accident</i>	5	2

**Query:** *Traffic*

Queue	p=Pop(Queue)	p=Query	Remark
[ <i>Rain</i> , <i>Weekday</i> ]	<i>Rain</i>	No	<i>Rain</i> is already in KB; inferred( <i>Rain</i> ) = True; count(3) = 1-1 = 0; so we can derive <i>Wet</i> = True Add <i>Wet</i> to queue
[ <i>Weekday</i> , <i>Wet</i> ]	<i>Weekday</i>	No	<i>Weekday</i> is already in KB; inferred( <i>Weekday</i> ) = True; count(4) = 2-1=1
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[ <i>Traffic</i> ]	<i>Traffic</i>	Yes	Inferred[ <i>Traffic</i> ] = <i>True</i> count(5) = 1
[]			Queue is empty and return <i>Accident</i> = <i>False</i>

# Backward Chaining (Pseudocode)

**function**  $PL - BC - ENTAILS? (KB, q)$  returns true or false

inputs:  $KB$ , the knowledge base, a set of propositional definite clauses

$q$ : the query, a propositional symbol

**If**  $q$  matches a fact, **then return** true

**If** there is no premise with a consequent that matches  $q$ , **then return** false

**for each** clause  $c$  in  $KB$  where  $q$  is in  $c.CONCLUSION$  **do**

$count$  = Number of symbols in  $c.PREMISE$

**for all** premises  $p$  in  $c.PREMISE$  **do**

**if**  $PL - BC - ENTAILS? (KB, p)$

**if**  $p$  not in  $KB$  **then** add  $p$  to  $KB$

$count = count - 1$

**else break**

**if**  $count == 0$ , **then return** true

**return** false

# Backward Chaining

**Query:** *Traffic*

The query *Traffic* is not a fact

The query *Traffic* is a consequent in  $P_4$ . To prove *Traffic*, both *Wet* and *Weekday* needs to be proved, i.e.,  $count(Traffic) = 2$ ; make recursive calls to check whether *Wet* and *Weekday* are true

**Recursive call to check *Wet*:**

*Wet* is not a fact

*Wet* is a consequent in  $P_3$ . To prove *Wet* we need to prove *Rain*, i. e.,  $count(Wet) = 1$

**Recursive call to check *Rain*:**

*Rain* is a fact and the function returns  $Rain = True$

$count(Wet) = 0$  and returns  $Wet = True$

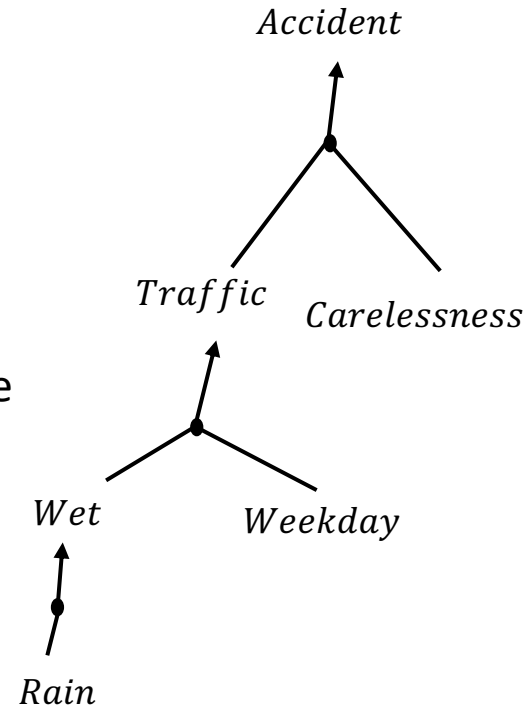
Add *Wet* to KB; and  $count(Traffic) = 2 - 1 = 1$

**Recursive call to check *Weekday*:**

*Weekday* is a fact and the call returns  $Weekday = True$

$count(Traffic) = 0$ ;

returns  $Traffic = True$



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# Backward Chaining

**Query:** *Accident*

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The query *Accident* is a consequent in  $P_5$ . To prove *Accident*, both *Traffic* and *Carelessness* needs to be proved, i.e.,  $count(Accident) = 2$ ; make recursive calls to check whether *Traffic* and *Carelessness* are true

**Recursive call to check *Traffic*:**

returns *Traffic* = *True*

(Trace is shown in the previous question)

Add *Traffic* to KB

$count(Accident) = 2 - 1 = 1$

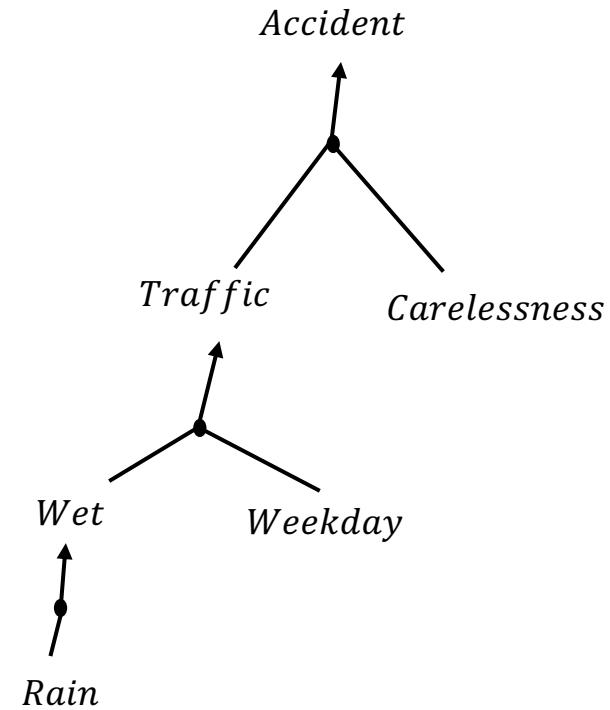
**Recursive call to check *Carelessness*:**

The query *Carelessness* is not a fact

There is no premise with consequent that matches the query *Carelessness*;

return *Carelessness* = *False*

Returns *Accident* = *False*



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4. Consider the following knowledge base (KB) with propositional symbols  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ . The KB contains two sentences **P1** and **P2**:

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Identify the models of the sentence **P2**.

$A$	$B$	$C$	$(A \wedge B) \Rightarrow C$	$B \Rightarrow ((A \wedge B) \Rightarrow C)$
true	true	true	true	true
true	true	false	false	false
true	false	true	true	true
true	false	false	true	true
false	true	true	true	true
false	true	false	true	true
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false	false	false	true	true

Except

{ $A = \text{true}$ ,  $B = \text{true}$ ,  $C = \text{false}$ ,  $D = \text{false}$ }

And

{ $A = \text{true}$ ,  $B = \text{true}$ ,  $C = \text{false}$ ,  $D = \text{true}$ },

all other assignments to the variables  
 $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  are models of the KB.

Total number of models: 14



5. Using logic, you need to determine whether the following statement is true: “The vase was broken”. The following clues are given:

- **R1**: Charlie was outside.
- **R2**: The vase was broken if and only if the cat was in the house or Bob was playing indoors.
- **R3**: If Bob was playing indoors, then Charlie was outside.
- **R4**: If Charlie was outside, then cat was in the house.

Use the propositional symbols shown in Table 1 to represent the sentences in the puzzle. Answer the following questions:

Table 1: Propositional Symbols

<b>O</b> : Charlie was outside.	<b>B</b> : The vase was broken.
<b>H</b> : The cat was in the house.	<b>I</b> : Bob was playing indoors.

- Translate the clues **R1** to **R4** into propositional form.
- Convert the above sentences in propositional form to CNF.
- Check whether the statement “The vase was broken” is true or not using resolution-refutation algorithm.

(a) Propositional Form

- **R1:**  $O$
- **R2:**  $B \iff H \vee I$
- **R3:**  $I \Rightarrow O$
- **R4:**  $O \Rightarrow H$

(b) Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

- **R1:**  $O$
- **R2:**  $(\neg B \vee H \vee I) \wedge (\neg H \vee B) \wedge (\neg I \vee B)$
- **R3:**  $\neg I \vee O$
- **R4:**  $\neg O \vee H$

(c) Resolution-Refutation

Query: The vase is broken:  $B$

- **R1:**  $O$  (given)
- **R2a:**  $(\neg B \vee H \vee I)$ . (given)
- **R2b:**  $(\neg H \vee B)$ . (given)
- **R2c:**  $(\neg I \vee B)$  (given)
- **R3:**  $\neg I \vee O$  (given)
- **R4:**  $\neg O \vee H$  (given)
- **R5:**  $\neg B$ . (Negation of Query)
- **R6:**  $H$ . (Resolution of **R1** and **R4**)
- **R7:**  $\neg H$ . (Resolution of **R5** and **R2b**)
- **R8:** Contradiction (from **R6** and **R7**)