

Resolution in Predicate Logic

Exercise 3:

Prove the inconsistency of the following set of clauses using lock resolution

$$2. S_2 = \{ P(x) \vee \neg Q(x), \neg P(a) \vee R(x), Q(x), \\ W(x), \neg R(y) \vee \neg W(y) \}$$

Clauses:

$$C_1 = {}_{(2)} P(x) \vee {}_{(1)} \neg Q(x)$$

$$C_2 = {}_{(3)} \neg P(a) \vee {}_{(4)} R(x)$$

$$C_3 = {}_{(5)} Q(x)$$

$$C_4 = {}_{(6)} W(x)$$

$$C_5 = {}_{(8)} \neg R(y) \vee {}_{(7)} \neg W(y)$$

The following resolvents are obtained:

$$C_6 = \text{Res}_{\theta_1}^{Pr} (C_1, C_3) = {}_{(2)} P(x)$$

$$C_7 = \text{Res}_{\theta_1}^{Pr} (C_4, C_5) = {}_{(8)} \neg R(y)$$

$$C_8 = \text{Res}_{\theta_2}^{Pr} (C_2, C_6) = {}_{(4)} R(a)$$

$$C_9 = \text{Res}_{\theta_3}^{Pr} [y \leftarrow a] (C_7, C_8) = \square$$

Conclusion;

$S \vdash_{\text{Res}}^{\text{lock}, Pr} \square$ and thus S is inconsistent