

Normal forms

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- a variable or negation of a variable \rightarrow literal
 p or $\neg p$
- product of two variables or their negations in a formula.
 \rightarrow elementary product
 $\neg p \wedge q, p \wedge \neg r \wedge s$
- sum of two variables and their negations in a formula
 \rightarrow elementary sum
 $\neg p \vee q, q \vee p \vee s, p$
- sum of elementary products \rightarrow disjunctive normal form (DNF)
 ~~$p \vee q \vee r$~~ \rightarrow disjunction or sum
 $(p \wedge q) \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge r) \vee (\neg q \wedge r)$
- product of elementary sum \rightarrow conjunctive normal form (CNF).
 $((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee q \vee r)) \wedge (\neg r \vee q)$.
- well formed formula of propositional logic
 / propositional form / formula
 \rightarrow a string consisting of propositional variables, connectives & parentheses used in the proper manner.

Example Obtain the DNF of

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow [\neg(\neg(p \wedge q)) \rightarrow (p \vee q)] \wedge [\neg(p \wedge q) \rightarrow$$

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg(p \wedge q)) \wedge (p \vee q)$$

Note A NAC for an elementary product to be identically false (a contradiction) is that it contains at least one pair of literals in which one is the negation of the other.

$$\neg p \wedge \neg q \wedge \dots \Leftrightarrow \neg F \wedge \dots \Leftrightarrow F$$

Example:

Obtain DNF of

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q)$$

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$$\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists (p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\neg(\neg(p \wedge q)) \vee (p \vee q)]$$

$$\wedge [\neg(\neg(p \wedge q)) \vee \neg(p \vee q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg$$

$$s \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s \rightarrow s) \wedge (s \rightarrow p)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s \rightarrow s) \wedge (\neg s \rightarrow \neg p)$$

$$s \rightarrow p$$

$$s \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg s \wedge p) \vee (\neg s \wedge \neg p)$$

$$\text{Using } s \Leftrightarrow p \Leftrightarrow (s \wedge s) \vee (\neg s \wedge \neg s).$$

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\neg(p \wedge q) \wedge (p \vee q)] \vee [\neg(\neg(p \wedge q)) \wedge \neg(p \vee q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(\neg p \vee \neg q) \wedge (p \vee q)] \vee [(p \wedge q) \wedge (\neg p \wedge \neg q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee p) \vee (p \vee q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee (p \vee q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(\neg p \vee \neg q) \wedge p] \vee [(\neg p \vee \neg q) \wedge q]$$

$$\vee [p \wedge q \wedge \neg p \wedge \neg q]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge \neg p) \vee (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p) \vee (q \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\vee \text{ } \text{ } \text{ } \text{ } \neg [p \wedge q \wedge \neg p \wedge \neg q].$$

Note

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A ~~NASC~~ for an elementary sum to be identically from (a tautology) is that it contains at least one ~~literal~~ pair of literals in which one is the negation of the other.

$$\neg p \vee p \vee \neg q \vee q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q \Rightarrow T$$

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- The DNF is not unique

Example: $(p \wedge q) \vee r$ is in DNF.

$$(p \wedge q) \vee r \Leftrightarrow \cancel{p \wedge q} (r \vee p) \wedge (r \vee q)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ \text{DNF} \end{array} \Leftrightarrow (r \wedge p) \vee (r \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r) \vee (q \wedge r) \quad \begin{array}{c} \searrow \\ \text{DNF} \end{array}$$

different
given formula

Note: A DNF is identically false (i.e. a contradiction) if every elementary product in its DNF is identically false.

Example: Bring to conjunctive normal form:

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\neg(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\neg\neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q)]$$

$$\wedge [\neg(p \vee q) \vee \neg(p \wedge q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \vee q)] \wedge [(\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q)]$$

~~$\neg p \vee$~~ $\Leftrightarrow [\neg p \vee (p \vee q)] \wedge [q \vee (p \vee q)]$

~~$\neg p \wedge$~~ $\wedge [(\neg p \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q)) \wedge (\neg q \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q))]$

$$\Leftrightarrow (p \vee p \vee q) \wedge (q \vee p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg p \vee \neg q) \wedge (\neg q \vee \neg p \vee \neg q)$$

Note: A given formula is identically true (a tautology) if every elementary sum appearing in its CNF has at least two literals i.e. has two literals, of which one is the negation of the other.

Defn (DNF) A formula which is equivalent to a given formula and consists of sum of elementary products is called a disjunctive normal form (DNF).

Defn (CNF) A formula which is equivalent to a given formula and consists of a product of elementary sums is called a conjunctive normal form (CNF).

Minterms of P, Q

$$P \wedge Q, \neg P \wedge Q, P \wedge \neg Q, \neg P \wedge \neg Q.$$

In general if there are n variables, we will have 2^n minterms.

Minterm: Each minterm is a conjunction in which each variable occurs once either in the negated form or in the non-negated form.

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Principal Disjunctions Normal form

for a given formula, an equivalent formula consisting of disjunctions of minterms only is known as its principal disjunctive normal form.

Such a normal form is also called Sum-of-products.

Two variable canonical form		m_3	m_2	m_1	m_0	m_3	m_2	m_1	m_0	m_3	m_2	m_1	m_0
p	q	$p \wedge q$	$\neg p \wedge q$	$p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg p \wedge q$	$p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg p \wedge q$	$p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg p \wedge q$	$p \wedge \neg q$
T	T	(T)	F	F	(T)	F	F	(T)	F	F	F	F	(T)
T	F	F	(T)	F	F	F	(T)	F	F	F	F	F	(T)
F	T	F	F	(T)	F	F	F	(T)	F	F	F	F	(T)
F	F	F	F	F	(T)	F	F	F	(T)	F	F	F	(T)

each minterm \rightarrow corresponding column has exactly one entry T & all the other entries are F.

$$p \rightarrow q, p \leftrightarrow q$$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	(T)	(T)
T	F	F	F
F	T	(T)	F
F	F	(T)	(T)

principal DNF

$$\frac{\text{formula}}{p \rightarrow q} \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\frac{\text{formula}}{p \leftrightarrow q} \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q)$$

- A formula which is a tautology, will have all minterms.
- A contradiction will have no minterm.

Any formula which is not a contradiction, we can have a principal DNF.

A formula in which minterms are rearranged is considered as an equivalent formula.

If the literals in a minterm are rearranged, we get an equivalent minterm.

(Literal is a variable or negation of a variable).

If two given formulas are equivalent, then both of them must have identical principal DNFs.

finding principal DNF without constructing its truth table

replace \rightarrow & \leftrightarrow by using \vee, \wedge & \neg .

Use DeMorgan's laws & distributive laws of bringing it to DNF.

An elementary product which is a contradiction is dropped.

Obtain minterms in the disjunctions by introducing the missing factors.

Avoid duplications.

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Example: Obtain principal DNF for $p \vee \neg q$.

$$p \vee \neg q = [p \wedge (\neg q \vee \neg q)] \vee [\neg q \wedge (p \vee \neg p)]$$

$$\text{Cancelling } p \wedge p, \dots = (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\underline{p \wedge \neg q}) \vee (\neg q \wedge p) \vee (\neg q \wedge \neg p).$$

$$= \sum(0, 2, 3) \text{ (Shortened form)}$$

Example: Obtain principal DNF for

$$(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge r) \vee (q \wedge \neg r).$$

Degraded expression

$$p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \wedge (\underline{r \vee \neg r})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge q \wedge \neg r).$$

$$\neg p \wedge r \Leftrightarrow (\neg p \wedge r) \wedge (\underline{q \vee \neg q})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \wedge r \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge r \wedge \neg q).$$

$$q \wedge \neg r \Leftrightarrow (q \wedge \neg r) \wedge (p \vee \neg p)$$

~~$$\Leftrightarrow (q \wedge \neg r) \wedge (p \vee \neg p)$$~~

$$\Leftrightarrow (q \wedge r \wedge p) \vee (q \wedge r \wedge \neg p).$$

Avoiding duplication, the given expression is equivalent to the follow principal DNF:

$$(p \wedge q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \vee (\neg p \wedge r \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge r \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\Downarrow = \sum(1, 3, 6, 7). \text{ (Shortened form).}$$

Two variables p, q (minterms) $\cdot 2^2$ minterms (8)

i	binary i	minterm (m_i)
0	00	$\bar{p} \wedge \bar{q}$
1	01	$\bar{p} \wedge q$
2	10	$p \wedge \bar{q}$
3	11	$p \wedge q$

Three variables p, q, r (minterm) $2^3 = 8$ minterms (3)

i	binary i	minterm (m_i)
0	000	$\bar{p} \wedge \bar{q} \wedge \bar{r}$ \rightarrow minterm 0
1	001	$\bar{p} \wedge \bar{q} \wedge r$ \rightarrow minterm 1
2	010	$\bar{p} \wedge q \wedge \bar{r}$
3	011	$\bar{p} \wedge q \wedge r$
4	100	$p \wedge \bar{q} \wedge \bar{r}$
5	101	$p \wedge \bar{q} \wedge r$
6	110	$p \wedge q \wedge \bar{r}$
7	111	$p \wedge q \wedge r$ \rightarrow minterm 7.

Ordering Criterion

- In the minterm m_i , the variable p_j occurs
- occurs as p_j if $b_j = 1$ for all $j \neq j$
- and occurs as \bar{p}_j if $b_j = 0$

where b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n is the binary representation

$i = (b_1 b_2 \dots b_n)_2$ in n -variables p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n

i.e. 2^n minterms in p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n .

assigned values
0 to $2^n - 1$. ↓
each variable p_j comes either in p_j for or \bar{p}_j for

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• 00...0 corresponds to $\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg p_n$

• 11...1 corresponds to $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n$.

A formula which is disjunction of minterms m_i, m_2, \dots, m_r is denoted by $\sum(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r)$

Principal CNF

for a given formula, an equivalent formula consisting of conjunction of maxterms only is known as its principal ~~CNF~~ conjunctive normal form.

This normal form is also called the product of sums canonical form.

maxterm \rightarrow dual of minterm.

\rightarrow Each maxterm is a conjunction disjunction

in which each variable or its negation, but not both, appears only once.

\rightarrow Each maxterm has truth value F for exactly one combination of the truth value of the variables.

One column corresponding to a maxterm has exactly

ten entries all other entries are T.

one entry F & all the other entries are T.

Two variables $(M_0) \rightarrow 00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11$

$(M_1) \rightarrow 00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11$

$(M_2) \rightarrow 00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11$

$(M_3) \rightarrow 00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11$

$p \vee q \quad p \vee q \quad \neg p \vee q \quad \neg p \vee \neg q$

T	T	T	T	T
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F	T	T	T	F
F	F	F	T	T

- Every ~~maxterm~~ formula which is not a tautology has an equivalent principal \ominus CNF which is unique except for the rearrangement of the factors in the maxterm as well as rearrangement of the maxterms.
- If two given formulas are equivalent, then both of them must have identical principal CNFs.
 - Finding principal CNF without constructing its truth table

→ Similar to ~~the one described earlier for the principal DNF~~.

→ In each disjunction, missing variable is provided in the negated and non-negated forms.

Example: find principal CNF for $p \leftrightarrow q$.

$$\begin{aligned} p \leftrightarrow q &\Leftrightarrow (\phi \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow \phi) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\overline{p} \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee \overline{p}) = \Pi(2,1) \end{aligned}$$

Example: find principal CNF for $[(\phi \vee q) \wedge \neg p] \rightarrow q$

$$[(\phi \vee q) \wedge \neg p] \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \cancel{(\phi \vee \neg p)} \wedge$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(\phi \wedge \neg p) \vee (q \wedge \neg p)] \rightarrow \phi \neg q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (q \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow \phi \neg q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(q \wedge \neg p) \vee \phi \neg q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg q \vee p) \vee \phi \neg q \Leftrightarrow \neg q \vee p \vee \neg q \Leftrightarrow \phi \vee \neg q = \Pi(1)$$

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Two variables p, q (maxterm) 2^2 maxterms
 $= 4$

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4	100	$\neg p \vee q \vee r$
5	101	$\neg p \vee q \vee \neg r$
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7	111	$\neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg r$

Ordering criterion

• n variables p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n

• # maxterms 2^n .

• maxterm M_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1 \rightarrow$ each variable or its negation should appear in it.

• $(i)_{10} = (b_1 b_2 \dots b_n)_2$

if $b_j = 0$, then variable p_j appears in M_i as p_j

if $b_j = 1$, then variable p_j appears in M_i as $\neg p_j$

• A formula which is the conjunction of maxterms $M_{i1}, M_{i2}, \dots, M_{ir}$ is denoted by $\prod (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r)$

- To show two formulas are equivalent, we can bring them to principal conjunctive normal form (or principal disjunctive normal form).

If both the formula given rise to the same principal ~~CNF~~ CNF (or principal DNF), they are equivalent.

- Ordering of variables & representation of minterms & maxterms by integers in the range $0 \text{ to } 2^n - 1$,
is done following different conventions for minterms & maxterms.

$$(i)_{10} = (b_1 b_2 \dots b_n)$$

b_j present in minterm m_i if $b_j = 1$

$\neg b_j$ present in minterm m_i if $b_j = 0$.

In maxterm, it is the other way round.

Note:

Same formula

$$\xrightarrow{\text{p. dnf}} \sum i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{p. cnf}} \prod j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s$$

$$i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s \in \{0, \dots, 2^n - 1\} \setminus \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s\}$$

$$j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s \in \{0, \dots, 2^n - 1\} \setminus \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s\}$$

nos. appearing in \sum will not appear in \prod , and nos. appearing in \prod do not appear in \sum

Example:

$$(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q) \rightarrow (\neg Q \vee P)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg P \vee Q) \vee (\neg Q \vee P)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg Q \vee P)$$

~~$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg Q \vee P) \vee \neg Q$$~~

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee \neg Q \vee P) \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg Q \vee P)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg Q \vee P)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee \neg Q) = \Pi(1), \text{ principal CNF}.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg Q) \vee P$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee [\neg Q \wedge \underline{(P \vee \neg P)}] \vee \underline{[P \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg Q)]}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{(P \wedge \neg Q)}_{10} \vee [\underbrace{(\neg Q \wedge P) \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg P)}_{00}] \vee \underline{[(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)]}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{(P \wedge \neg Q)}_{10} \vee \underbrace{(\neg Q \wedge \neg P)}_{00} \vee \underbrace{(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)}_{11}$$

$$= \sum (2, 0, 3)$$

1st-order logic \rightarrow quantifies only variables
(that range over individuals)

2nd-order logic \rightarrow quantifies over sets.

3rd-order \rightarrow quantifies over sets of sets.

so on.

$(\forall v \phi(v)) \wedge (\forall v \psi(v)) \Leftrightarrow$

Higher order \rightarrow union of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, ..., nth order logic.

\rightarrow admits quantification over sets that are nested arbitrarily deeply.

Example: $\forall P \left(P \text{ is a set} \wedge \left(\text{the principle of } \forall V (V \in P \rightarrow V \subseteq P) \text{ (mathematical induction)} \right) \right)$

$\forall P \left((\forall i \in P \rightarrow \forall j (i < j \rightarrow i + 1 \in P)) \rightarrow \forall n (n \in P)$

(1st-order logic.)

$\exists P \forall V (V \in P \rightarrow V \subseteq P) \vee \neg \exists P \forall V (V \in P \rightarrow V \subseteq P)$ (not unique)

• Every Wff can be converted to DNF/CNF
in some cases may be exponential.

• # of terms in some form.

• Every Wff has unique p-DNF or p-CNF form.
upto rearrangement of literals or minterms.

Normal forms for first order logic

(involved quantified statements)

Def.: (prenex normal form)

Ex.: Socrates is a man (proposition)
1st order logic \rightarrow There exists x s.t. x is Socrates & x is a man

A formula F in the first order logic is said to be in a prenex normal form if and only if the formula F is in the form of

$$(\forall x_1) (\forall x_2) \dots (\forall x_n) (M)$$

where every $(\exists x_i)$, $i=1,2,\dots,n$ is either $(\forall x_i)$ or $(\exists x_i)$, and M is a formula containing no quantifiers.
 $(\forall x_1) \dots (\forall x_n)$ is called the prefix and M is called the matrix of the formula F .

Example: $(\forall x) (\forall y) (P(x,y) \wedge Q(y))$ $\forall x \exists y \forall z (S(x,y) \rightarrow R(z))$ } in prenex normal form.

Converting a given formula in first order logic in prenex normal form.

- Two formulas F, G are equivalent, denoted by $F \leftrightarrow G$, if and only if F and G are the same under every interpretation.

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \neg \forall x P(x) &\leftrightarrow \exists x \neg P(x) \\ \neg \exists x P(x) &\leftrightarrow \forall x \neg P(x) \end{aligned}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

- $\forall x$ distributes over \wedge and \exists over \vee

- if f has a variable x and G does not contain x , then

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} (\forall x) F(x) \vee G &\leftrightarrow \forall x (F(x) \vee G) \\ (\forall x) F(x) \wedge G &\leftrightarrow \forall x (F(x) \wedge G). \end{aligned}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

If F_1, F_2 have variable x ,

$$\cancel{\forall x F_1(x) \vee F_2(x)} \neq \forall x (F_1(x) \vee F_2(x))$$

- $\forall x$ does not distribute over \vee and \exists over \wedge

If F_1, F_2 have variable x ,

$$\cancel{\forall x F_1(x) \vee \forall x F_2(x)} \neq \forall x (F_1(x) \vee F_2(x))$$

- Rename the variable x in $F_2(x)$ by z . Then

$$\forall x F_1(x) \vee \forall z F_2(z) = \forall x \forall z (F_1(x) \vee F_2(z))$$

- as F_1 does not contain z and F_2 does not contain x .

- $\exists x F_1(x) \wedge \exists x F_2(x)$ can be brought to the following form by renaming of variable x as z in F_2 .

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x F_1(x) \cancel{\wedge} \quad \wedge \quad \exists x F_2(x) \\ &= \exists x F_1(x) \wedge \exists z F_2(z) \\ &= \exists x \exists z (F_1(x) \wedge F_2(z)) \end{aligned}$$

- Hence it is possible to bring the quantifiers to the left of the formula. (converting to prenex normal form)

Alg'm. (converting to prenex normal form)

Step 1. Replace \leftrightarrow and \rightarrow using \wedge, \vee, \neg

Step 2. Use double negation & DeMorgan's laws repeatedly and the laws in (1)

Rename variables if necessary.

Step 3. Use rules in (3) to bring the quantifiers to the left.

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Example: Transform the formula into prenex normal form

$$\checkmark \forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x Q(x)$$

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x).$$

$$\exists x \neg P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x).$$

$$\exists x (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x)) \quad \text{as } \exists \text{ distributes over } \vee$$

Example: Obtain prenex normal form for the formula

$$(\forall x)(\forall y)((\exists z)(P(x,z) \wedge P(y,z)) \rightarrow (\exists u)Q(x,y,u))$$

$$\neg (\forall x)(\forall y) ((\exists z) P(x,z) \wedge P(y,z)) \vee (\exists u) Q(x,y,u)$$

$$(\exists x)(\exists y)(\forall z)(\neg P(x,z) \vee \neg P(y,z)) \vee (\exists u) Q(x,y,u).$$

$$(\exists x)(\exists y)(\forall z)(\exists u) (\neg P(x,z) \vee \neg P(y,z)) \vee Q(x,y,u)$$

as \exists distributes over \vee .

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Validity problems for propositional & predicate logic

- A formula (/well formed formula) of ^{ten} propositional logic is an assertion involving propositional variables by using connectives $\wedge, \vee, \neg, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$ in a proper manner.

e.g. $p \wedge q$

- When particular propositions are assigned to p & q , we are giving an interpretation for the formula.

e.g. p denotes "I have exam tomorrow",
 q denotes "I am going to study",

then $p \wedge q$ gets the interpretation

"I have exam tomorrow and I am going to study"

- A formula is a tautology if it always takes the value true whatever interpretation is given to it.

e.g. $p \vee \neg p$ is a tautology.

- A formula is a contradiction if it is always false.

- A formula is a contingency if it is neither a tautology nor a contradiction.

Validity problem in propositional logic

- Given a formula of propositional logic,
does there exist an interpretation which makes
will make the formula take the value true.
- Considering the propositional variables as Boolean variables, this is called the Boolean Satisfiability problem.
- This is decidable problem in the sense that we can give an algm. to find out if the given formula is a contingency or tautology.
 (Use truth table)

First order logic

- a predicate has n arguments c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n .
- a predicate has n arguments c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n and values a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n assigned to each of the individual variables, the result is a proposition.
- Let V be the domain.
- If $P(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$ is true for every choice of argument c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n selected from V , then P is said to be valid in the domain V .

- If $P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ is true for some (but not for all) choices of arguments selected from U , then P is said to be satisfiable in the domain U , if the values a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n which make $P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ true are said to satisfy P .
- If P is not satisfiable in the domain U , then P is unsatisfiable in U .

formula of the first order logic

→ an expression involving predicate variables, quantifiers & connectives included in a proper manner.

e.g. $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$.

- When particular predicates are assigned to P & Q , it is called an interpretation.

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| Top | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A formula is <u>valid</u> if it is true for every domain no matter how the predicate variables are interpreted. • A formula is said to be <u>satisfiable</u> if there exists <u>some</u> a domain and some interpretation of the predicate variables which makes it true. |
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- If a formula is not true for any domain or interpretation, it is unsatisfiable.

\checkmark e.g. 1) $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$ is true for all domains & interpretations of hence is a valid formula.

2) $\exists x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x Q(x)$ may be true for some interpretation but may not be true for some other interpretation.

e.g. $P(x)$ = 'x is a third Semester B.Tech student'.

$Q(x)$ = 'x has taken a course on Discrete Mathematics'.

If Discrete Mathematics is a compulsory course, then $\exists x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x Q(x)$ will be true.

$Q(x)$ = 'x is female student'

$\exists x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x Q(x)$ may not be true, if the class has no female candidates.

3) $\forall x (P(x) \wedge \neg P(x))$ is unsatisfiable.

Validity problem of first order logic

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Given a formula of first order logic,

Find if ~~is~~ it is valid or not.

- This is an undecidable problem.

Formal system

→ has ~~not~~ axioms & rules of inferences explicitly stated.

Theorem → an assertion which ~~is~~ can be derived from the axioms using the rules of inference.

Argument or proof

→ a step-by-step derivation of the theorem from axioms using rules of inferences.

Advantages of a formal system

- a characterization of axioms & rules of inferences implicitly defines the set of theorems.
- possible to distinguish between assertion which are true & those which are probable.
- an assertion is provable if it is a theorem.

- Some assertions are true in some domain, but not in others.

Example

- Set of integers with predicates corresponding to arithmetic identities.

- One can prove
 ↳ all valid assertions ~~can be proved~~ regardless of domain or interpretation
- One can not prove
 ↳ all assertions which are true of some interpretation particular universe with a specified interpretation of predicate symbols.

e.g. Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem