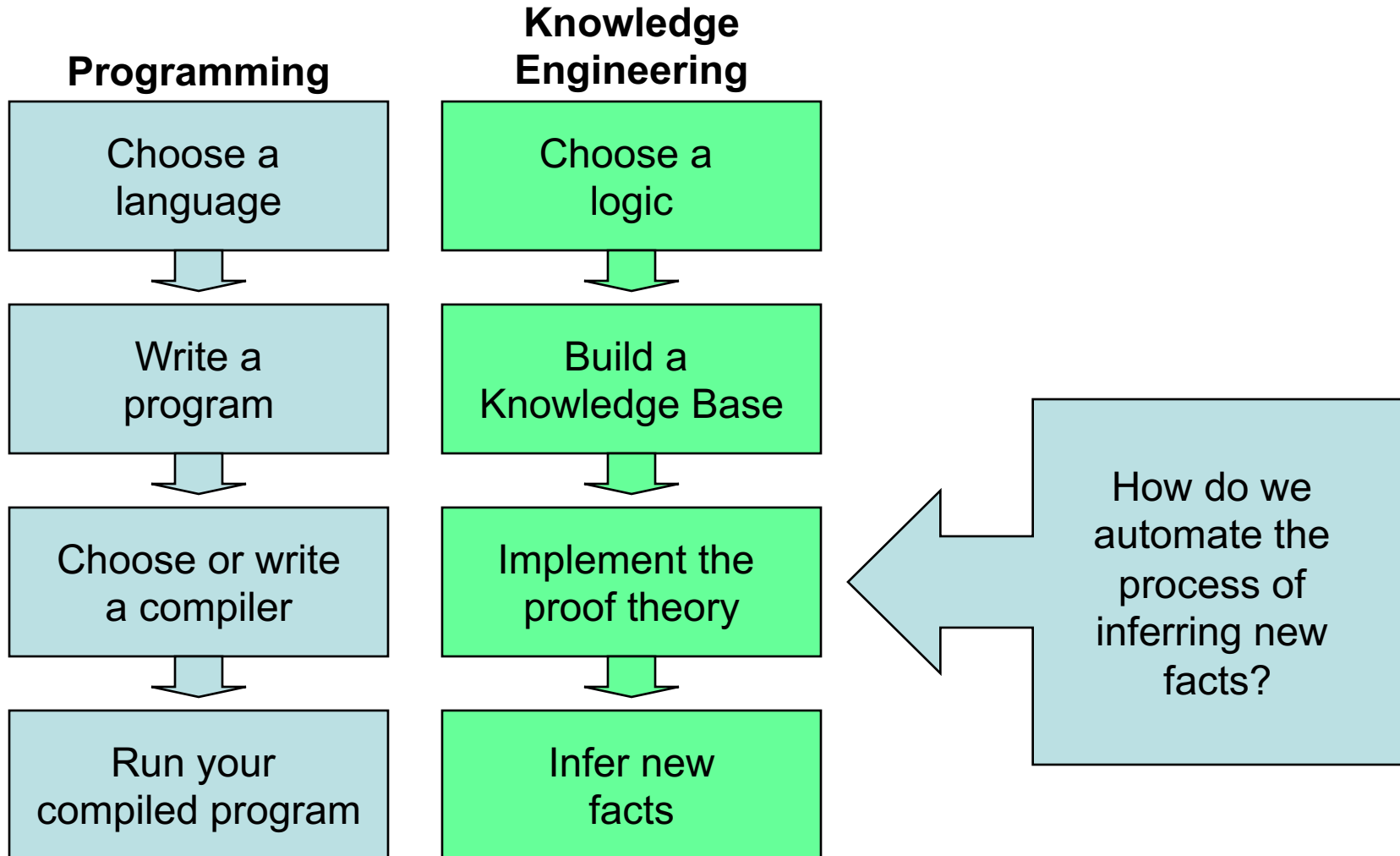


Inference

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Analogies to Programming



Review of Inference in Propositional Logic

Inference Rules for Propositional Logic

- Modus Ponens (Implication-Elimination)
 - From an implication and its premise, infer conclusion

$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta , \alpha}{\beta}$$

- And-Elimination
 - From a conjunction, you can infer any conjunct

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \alpha_3 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}{\alpha_i}$$

Inference Rules for Propositional Logic

- And-Introduction

- From a list of sentences, you can infer the conjunct

$$\frac{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n}{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}$$

- Or-Introduction

- From a sentence, infer its disjunction with anything

$$\frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2 \vee \dots \vee \alpha_n}$$

Inference Rules for Propositional Logic

- Double-Negative Elimination

- From a double negation, infer the positive sentence

$$\frac{\neg\neg\alpha}{\alpha}$$

- Unit Resolution

- From a disjunction in which one is false, then you can infer the other is true

$$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta, \neg\beta}{\alpha}$$

Inference Rules for Propositional Logic

- Resolution

- Since beta cannot be both true and false, one of the disjuncts must be true

$$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta , \neg \beta \vee \gamma}{\alpha \vee \gamma}$$

- Implication is transitive

$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta , \beta \Rightarrow \gamma}{\alpha \Rightarrow \gamma}$$

First-Order Logic Requires Additional Rules of Inference

Inference involving Quantifiers

- Remove variables using a substitution function

$\text{Subst}(\theta, \alpha)$: apply the binding list θ to the sentence α

$\text{Subst}(\{x/\text{Tom}, y/\text{Jerry}\}, \text{Chases}(x,y)) = \text{Chases}(\text{Tom}, \text{Jerry})$

Inference involving Quantifiers

- Universal Elimination
 - For any sentence α , variable v , and ground term g

$$\frac{\forall v \alpha}{\text{Subst}(\{v / g\}, \alpha)}$$

- For example, from $\forall x \text{ Likes}(x, \text{FrenchFries})$ we can substitute $\{x/\text{Ben}\}$ to conclude $\text{Likes}(\text{Ben}, \text{FrenchFries})$

Inference involving Quantifiers

- Existential Elimination

- For any sentence α , variable v , and constant symbol k that does not appear elsewhere

$$\frac{\exists v \alpha}{\text{Subst}(\{v / k\}, \alpha)}$$

- For example, $\exists x \text{ Kill}(x, \text{Victim})$ we can infer $\text{Kill}(\text{Murderer}, \text{Victim})$
- ONLY works when **Murderer** does not already appear in the KB

Inference involving Quantifiers

- Existential Introduction
 - For any sentence α , variable v that does **not** occur in α and ground term g that does appear in α

$$\frac{\alpha}{\exists v \text{ Subst}(\{g / v\}, \alpha)}$$

- For example, from **Speaks(Jim,German)** we can infer $\exists x$ **Speaks(x,German)**

An Example Proof

It is a crime for an American to sell alcohol to a minor.
Jimmy, a minor, has some beer. All of Jimmy's beer was sold to him by Nathan, an American.

Prove that Nathan is a criminal.

Goal: Criminal(Nathan)

1. $\forall x,y,z \text{ American}(x) \wedge \text{Alcohol}(y) \wedge \text{Minor}(z) \wedge \text{Sells}(x,y,z) \Rightarrow \text{Criminal}(x)$
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Can we perform inference as a search problem?

- Our example proof has 6 initial sentences and 9 additional proof steps
 - Initial state: 6 sentences
 - Operators: ~10 inference rules
 - But can be applied multiple ways
 - Goal: obtain the sentence Criminal(Nathan)
- Branching factor increases as the knowledge base grows
- Universal elimination can have a large branching factor on its own (any ground term can be used)

Unification

- **Unification** is the process of finding substitutions that match a set of conditions
- The **UNIFY** algorithm takes two sentences and returns a unifier (a binding list) for them if one exists:

$\text{UNIFY}(p,q)=\Theta$ where $\text{SUBST}(\Theta,p)=\text{SUBST}(\Theta,q)$

Unification Examples

- Example using $\text{Knows}(x, y)$
 - $\text{UNIFY}(\text{Knows}(\text{John}, x), \text{Knows}(\text{John}, \text{Jane}))$
 $= \{x/\text{Jane}\}$
 - $\text{UNIFY}(\text{Knows}(\text{John}, x), \text{Knows}(y, \text{Bill}))$
 $= \{x/\text{Bill}, y/\text{John}\}$
 - $\text{UNIFY}(\text{Knows}(\text{John}, x), \text{Knows}(y, \text{Mother}(y)))$
 $= \{y/\text{John}, x/\text{Mother}(\text{John})\}$
 - $\text{UNIFY}(\text{Knows}(\text{John}, x), \text{Knows}(x, \text{Elizabeth}))$
 $= \text{FAILURE}$
 - $\text{UNIFY}(\text{Knows}(\text{John}, x_1), \text{Knows}(x_2, \text{Elizabeth}))$
 $= \{x_1/\text{Elizabeth}, x_2/\text{John}\}$

Using Inference Rules

We can use these rules in two ways

- We can generate new inferences from existing sentences to expand the knowledge base
 - Used when a new sentence is added to KB
 - From premises to implications
 - Forward chaining
- We can try to prove a given sentence
 - From implications to premises
 - Backward chaining

Forward Chaining

- Forward-Chaining:
 - Until no rule produces a new assertion
 - For each rule,
 - For each set of possible variable bindings
 - » Instantiate the consequent
 - » If the instantiated consequent is not already asserted, then assert it.
- Data-driven process (not driven toward any particular goal)

Forward Chaining Example

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- Consider all the base terms: Nathan, Jimmy, B1, B2,
- Start instantiating #6

$\text{Beer}(\text{Nathan}) \Rightarrow \text{Alcohol}(\text{Nathan})$ using $\{x/\text{Nathan}\}$

$\text{Beer}(\text{Jimmy}) \Rightarrow \text{Alcohol}(\text{Jimmy})$ using $\{x/\text{Jimmy}\}$

$\text{Beer}(\text{B1}) \Rightarrow \text{Alcohol}(\text{B1})$ using $\{x/\text{B1}\}$

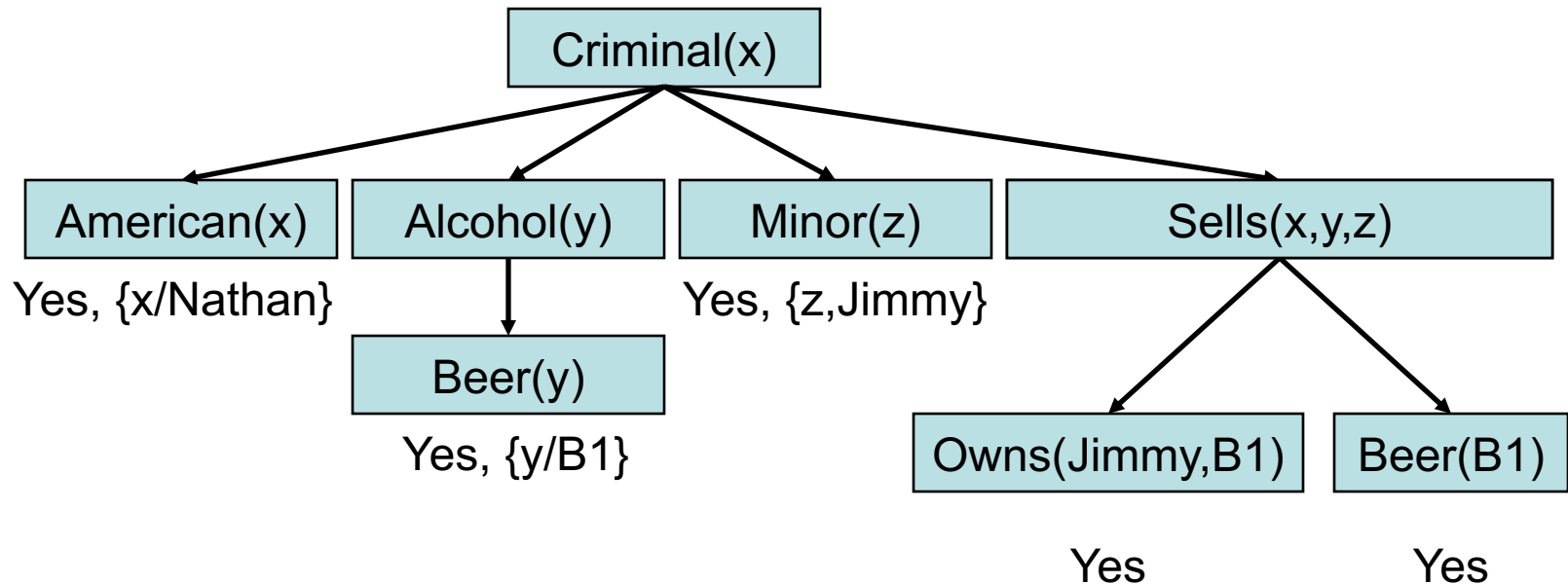
$\text{Beer}(\text{B2}) \Rightarrow \text{Alcohol}(\text{B2})$ using $\{x/\text{B2}\}$

Leads to a very disorganized (and full) knowledge base!

Backward Chaining

- Goal-directed
- Starts with a goal state
- Moves backward through implications
- Attempts to construct a set of basic sentences in the KB

Backward Chaining



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Failures of Modus Ponens

- We've been using modus ponens as the primary tool for inference

- But modus ponens does not allow us to deduce new implications, it only derives atomic conclusions

$$P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$$

$$Q(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$$

$$\neg P(x) \Rightarrow R(x)$$

$$R(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$$

Show that $S(A)$ is true

- Problem is that $\neg P(x) \Rightarrow R(x)$ cannot be converted into Horn form
- We need a more powerful inference rule!
 - Resolution!

Resolution

- Since beta cannot be both true and false, one of the disjuncts must be true

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Modus Ponens is a Simplified version of Resolution

- Resolution

$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta \quad , \quad \beta \Rightarrow \gamma}{\alpha \Rightarrow \gamma}$$

- Modus Ponens

$$\frac{\alpha, \alpha \Rightarrow \beta}{\beta} \quad \text{is the same as} \quad \frac{True \Rightarrow \alpha, \alpha \Rightarrow \beta}{True \Rightarrow \beta}$$

- Thus, resolution is a more general (and more powerful) format than modus ponens

Resolution has a Canonical Form

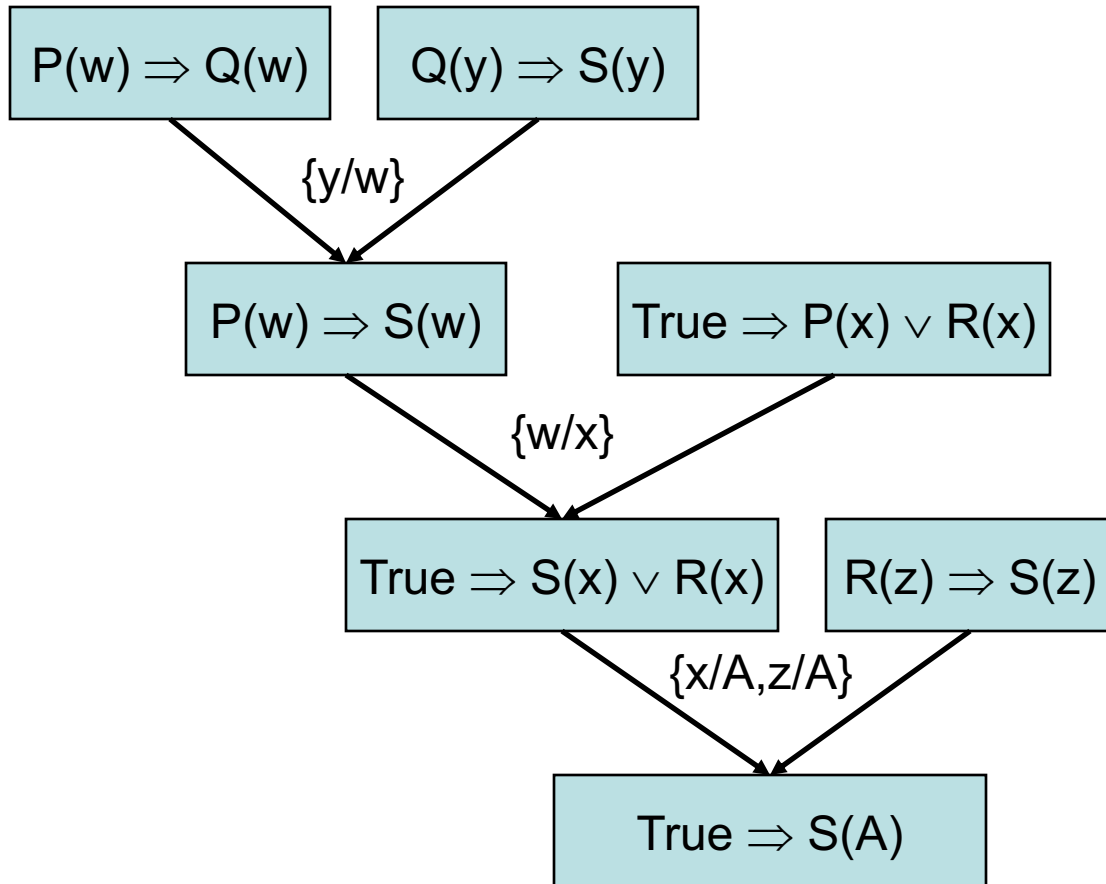
- Using this variant of resolution:

$$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta, \neg\beta \vee \gamma}{\alpha \vee \gamma}$$

- We define the conjunctive normal form as the conjunction of all sentences in the knowledge base, where each sentence is a disjunction of literals

$$(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n) \wedge (q_1 \vee q_2 \vee \dots \vee q_n) \wedge \dots$$

Resolution Proofs



- KB:

$P(w) \Rightarrow Q(w)$
 $Q(y) \Rightarrow S(y)$
 $\neg P(x) \Rightarrow R(x)$
 $R(z) \Rightarrow S(z)$

- Could be rewritten in CNF

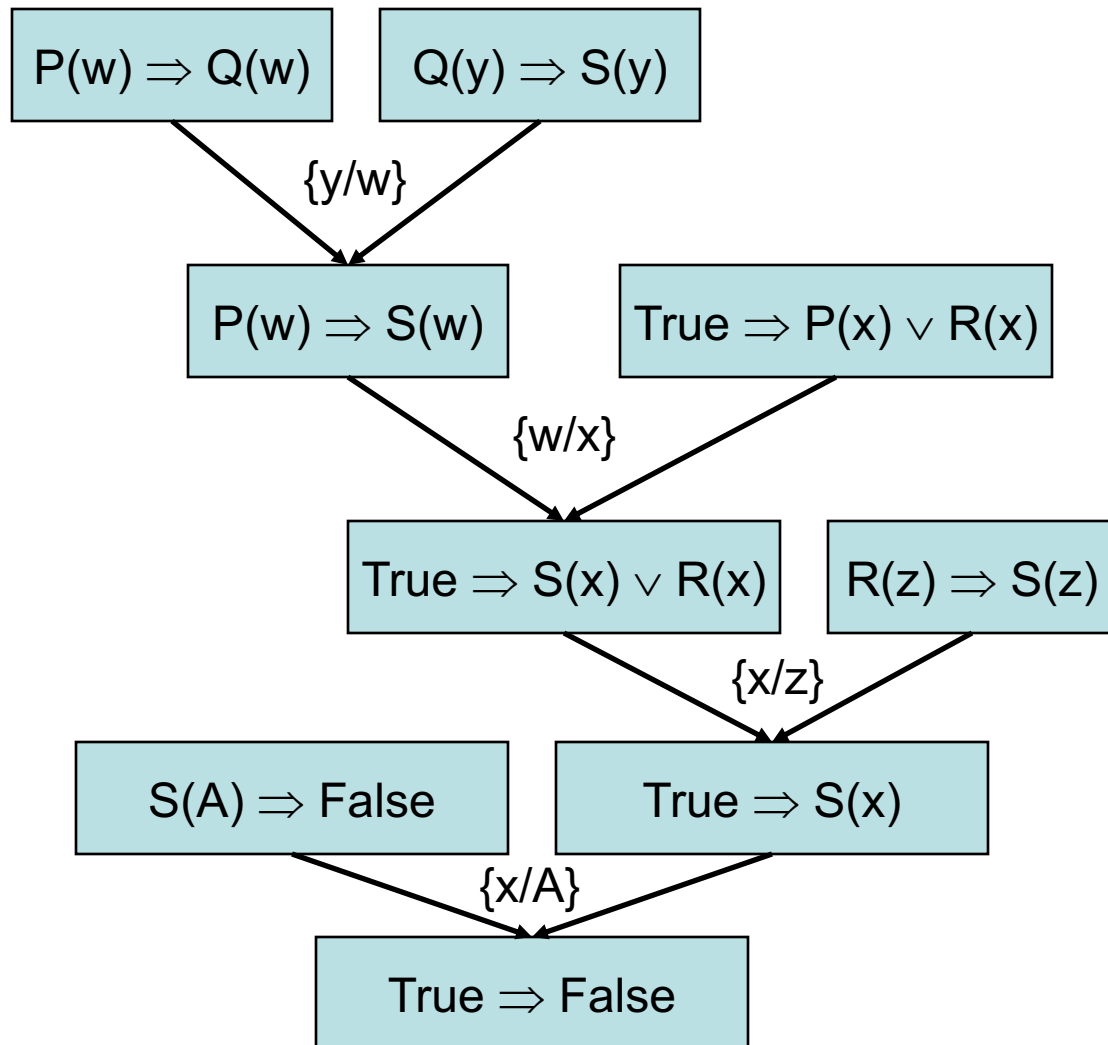
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- Or more simply as:

$P(w) \Rightarrow Q(w)$
 $Q(y) \Rightarrow S(y)$
 $\text{True} \Rightarrow P(x) \vee R(x)$
 $R(z) \Rightarrow S(z)$

- Prove $S(A)$ follows

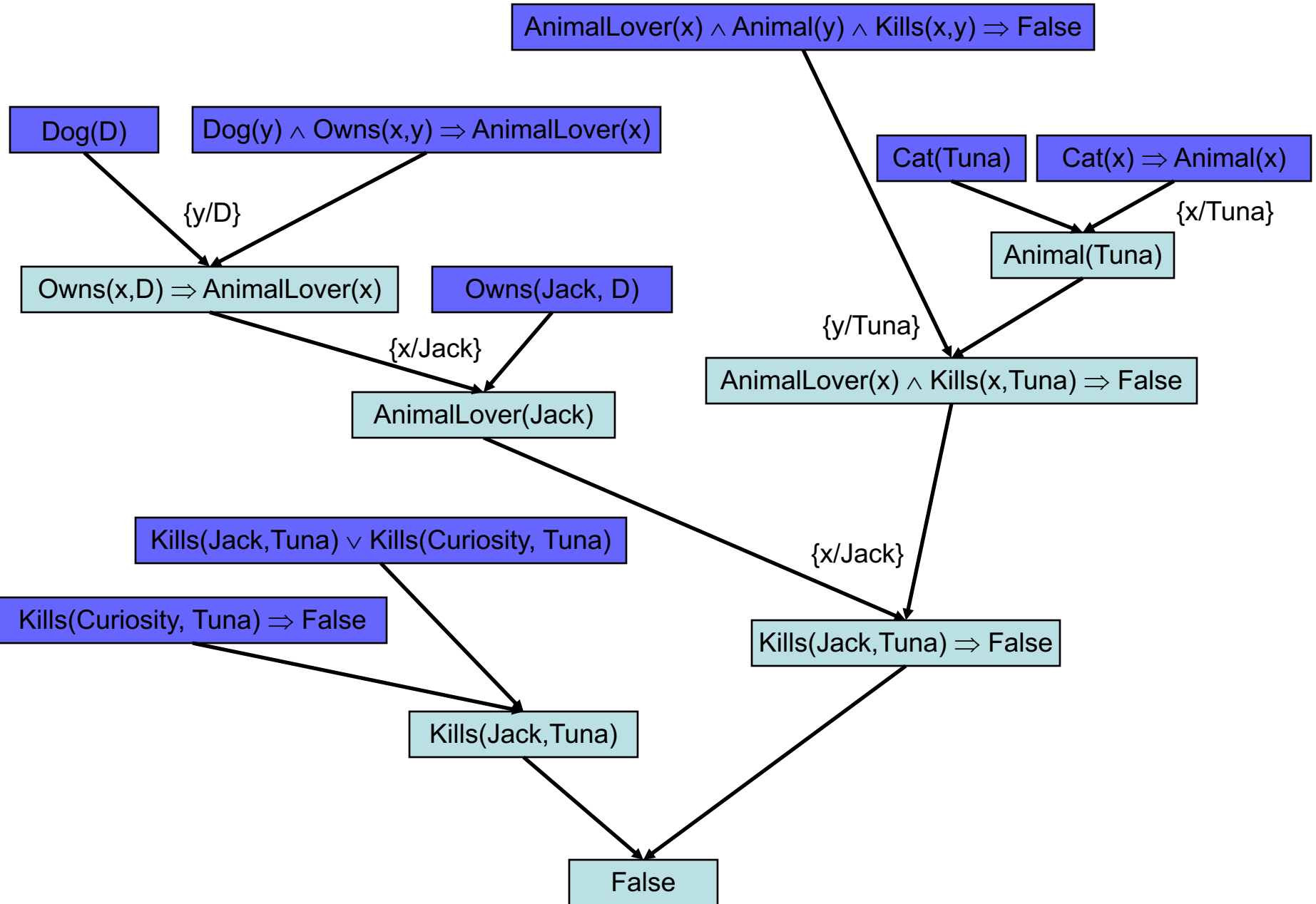
Resolution Proofs



- Some statements are valid, but cannot be shown using resolution
 $P \vee \neg P$
- Refutation (proof by contradiction)
 - To prove $S(A)$ is true, assume $S(A)$ is false and show a contradiction

One last Example

- Every dog owner is an animal lover
- No animal lover kills an animal
- Either Jack or Curiosity killed the cat, who is named Tuna
- A cat is an animal
- Jack owns a dog
- Did Curiosity kill the cat?
- $\text{Dog}(y) \wedge \text{Owns}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{AnimalLover}(x)$
- $\text{AnimalLover}(x) \wedge \text{Animal}(y) \wedge \text{Kills}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{False}$
- $\text{Kills}(\text{Jack}, \text{Tuna}) \vee \text{Kills}(\text{Curiosity}, \text{Tuna})$
- $\text{Cat}(\text{Tuna})$
- $\text{Cat}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Animal}(x)$
- $\text{Dog}(D)$
- $\text{Owns}(\text{Jack}, D)$
- $\text{Kills}(\text{Curiosity}, \text{Tuna}) \Rightarrow \text{False}$



Coming Up

- Friday: Practical uses for Logical Inference Systems
- Problem Set #3 out today!
- Special Guest Lecture on Monday!