

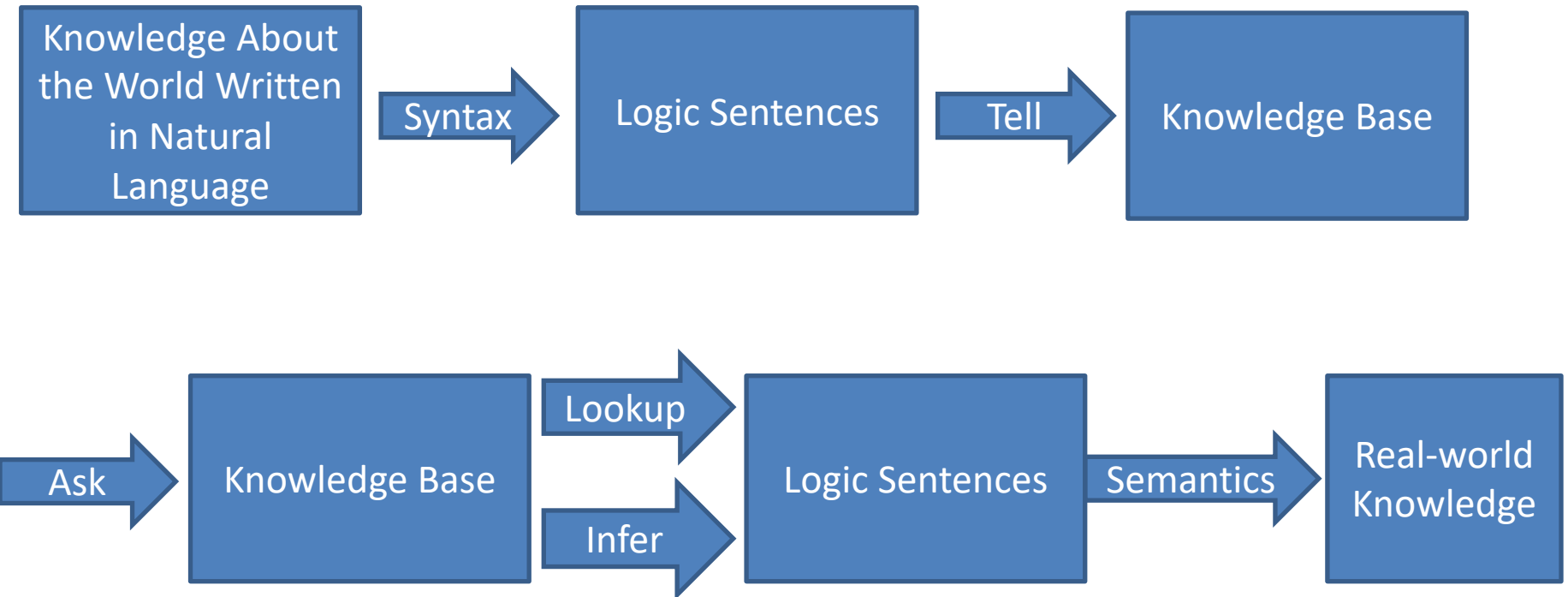
**COSC76/276 Artificial Intelligence**  
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**Logical Inference**

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# Reminders

- PA4 due tonight!
- X-hours today!

# Logic Flow



# Logical inference

- $KB \vdash_i \alpha$  means  $KB$  derives a sentence  $\alpha$  using inference procedure  $i$
- Sound (or *truth preserving*):  
The algorithm only derives entailed sentences.  
 *$i$  is sound iff whenever  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$  it is also true that  $KB \models \alpha$*
- Complete:  
The algorithm can derive every entailed sentence.  
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# Validity and satisfiability

A sentence is **valid** if it is true in **all** models,

e.g., *True*,  $A \vee \neg A$ ,  $A \Rightarrow A$ ,  $(A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow B$

A sentence is **satisfiable** if it is true in **some** model

e.g.,  $A \vee B$ ,  $C$

A sentence is **unsatisfiable** if it is false in **all** models

e.g.,  $A \wedge \neg A$

# Example: College life

- $\neg \text{Dinner} \Leftrightarrow \text{FridgeEmpty} \vee (\text{AssignmentDue} \wedge \text{Procrastinated})$
- $\text{Winter} \wedge \text{NiceWeatherSunday} \Rightarrow \text{Procrastinated}$
- $\text{FridgeEmpty} \Rightarrow \text{HousemateMad}$
- ask: if it is not winter, and I did not eat dinner, does that imply that my housemate is mad?
- $\text{KnowledgeBase} \wedge \neg W \wedge \neg D \models H?$

# Naïve Logical Inference

# Model checking

## Method #1 for inference

- Seven symbols: D, F, P, A, W, H, N.
- Each symbol can take the value true or false.
- Consider all assignments of true/false values.
- If H is true for all models in which all sentences in (KB and  $\neg W \neg D$ ) are true, then H is entailed.



# Sophisticated Logical Inference

First convert logic sentences into  
conjunctive normal form (CNF)

# Logical equivalence

- To manipulate logical sentences we need some rewrite rules.
- Two sentences are **logically equivalent** iff they are true in same models:  $\alpha \equiv \beta$  iff  $\alpha \models \beta$  and  $\beta \models \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \wedge \\(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \vee \\((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \wedge \\((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \vee \\\neg(\neg\alpha) &\equiv \alpha && \text{double-negation elimination} \\(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) && \text{contraposition} \\(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) && \text{implication elimination} \\(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) &\equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) && \text{biconditional elimination} \\\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee \\(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \vee \text{ over } \wedge\end{aligned}$$

These are  
important to know

# CNF rules

1. Eliminate  $\Leftrightarrow$ , replace with  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$ .
2. Eliminate  $\Rightarrow$ , replace with  $\neg \alpha \vee \beta$
3. Move  $\neg$  inwards:
  - $\neg(\neg \alpha) : \alpha$
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4. Distribute  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$ :
  - $\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma) \rightarrow (\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)$

Now we have a conjunction of disjunctions of literals:

- $(A \vee \neg B \vee C) \wedge$
- $(C \vee \neg D) \wedge \dots$

# The deduction theorem

For any sentences  $\alpha, \beta$ ,

$\alpha \models \beta$  iff  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)$  is valid.

- Entailment is a concept, and involves two sentences.
- $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  is a single sentence in PL.

How do we prove that  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  is valid?

Model checking? What would happen if we added hundreds of symbols, none of which appear in the KB or in  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ ? Model checking would look silly

# Proof by contradiction

Goal: prove that  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  is valid.

Maybe easy to prove a sentence unsatisfiable:

$A \wedge \neg A$  is unsatisfiable, even if we add new sentences.

So prove  $\neg(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta)$  is unsatisfiable. In CNF:

- $\neg(\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$  unsatisfiable
- $\alpha \wedge \neg\beta$  unsatisfiable

So, add  $\neg\beta$  to KB and show there are no models for which this is true. (Proof by contradiction.)

# Inference rules: AND elimination

- If in the KB there are  $\alpha \wedge \beta$ , then any of the conjuncts can be inferred

$$\frac{\alpha \wedge \beta}{\alpha}$$

# Inference rules

- All logical equivalences can be applied as inference rules
  - Example:

$$\frac{\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta}{(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)}{\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta}$$

# Resolution rule

- One specific resolution rule will be the base of our procedure for inference

$$\frac{l_1 \vee l_2 \dots \vee l_k, \quad m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_n}{l_1 \dots l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots l_k \vee m_1 \dots m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots m_n},$$

where  $l_i$  and  $m_j$  are complementary literals



# Resolution Examples

$(A \vee B \vee C)$

$(\neg A)$

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“If A or B or C is true, but not A, then B or C must be true.”

$(A \vee B \vee C)$

$(\neg A \vee D \vee E)$

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“If A is false then B or C must be true, or if A is true then D or E must be true, hence since A is either true or false, B or C or D or E must be true.”

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$(\neg A \vee B)$

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← Factoring

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$$\therefore (B \vee C)$$

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$$\therefore (B \vee B) \equiv B \quad \longleftarrow \text{Factoring}$$

“If A or B is true, and not A or B is true, then B must be true.”

# Resolution rule typical error

The resolution rule resolves only ONE Literal Pair.

If more than one pair, result always = TRUE.

$$\begin{array}{l} (\text{OR } A \ B \ C \ D) \\ (\text{OR } \neg A \ \neg B \ F \ G) \end{array}$$

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(OR C D F G)

**This is wrong**

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(OR D)

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# Resolution Algorithm

- The resolution algorithm tries to prove:  $KB \models \alpha$  equivalent to  $KB \wedge \neg \alpha$  unsatisfiable
- Generate all new sentences from KB and the (negated) query.
- One of two things can happen:
  1. We find  $P \wedge \neg P$  which is unsatisfiable. i.e.\* we can entail the query.
  2. We find no contradiction: there is a model that satisfies the sentence  $KB \wedge \neg \alpha$  and hence we cannot entail the query.

# Inference by Resolution

- KB is represented in CNF
  - KB = AND of all the sentences in KB
  - KB sentence = clause = OR of literals
  - Literal = propositional symbol or its negation
- Find two clauses in KB, one of which contains a literal and the other its negation
  - Cancel the literal and its negation
  - Bundle everything else into a new clause
  - Add the new clause to KB
  - Repeat

# Pseudo-code for resolution

**function** PL-RESOLUTION( $KB, \alpha$ ) **returns** *true* or *false*

**inputs:**  $KB$ , the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic  
 $\alpha$ , the query, a sentence in propositional logic

$clauses \leftarrow$  the set of clauses in the CNF representation of  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$

$new \leftarrow \{ \}$

**loop do**

**for each** pair of clauses  $C_i, C_j$  **in**  $clauses$  **do**

$resolvents \leftarrow$  PL-RESOLVE( $C_i, C_j$ )

**if**  $resolvents$  contains the empty clause **then return** *true*

$new \leftarrow new \cup resolvents$

**if**  $new \subseteq clauses$  **then return** *false*

$clauses \leftarrow clauses \cup new$

Proof by contradiction, i.e., show  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$ : unsatisfiable

# Resolution example

## Stated in Propositional Logic

- “Laws of Physics” in the Wumpus World:
  - “A breeze in B11 is equivalent to a pit in P12 or a pit in P21.”

$$(B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}))$$

- Particular facts about a specific instance:
  - “There is no breeze in B11.”

$$(\neg B_{1,1})$$

- Goal or query sentence:
  - “Is it true that P12 does not have a pit?”

$$(\neg P_{1,2})$$

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together



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1. Eliminate  $\Leftrightarrow$  by replacing  $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  with  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$ .  
 $= (B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$
2. Eliminate  $\Rightarrow$  by replacing  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  with  $\neg\alpha \vee \beta$  and simplify.  
 $= (\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})$
3. Move  $\neg$  inwards using de Morgan's rules and simplify.  
 $\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta), \neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$   
 $= (\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge ((\neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})$
4. Apply distributive law ( $\wedge$  over  $\vee$ ) and simplify.  
 $= (\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1})$

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From the previous slide we had:

$$= (\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1})$$

5. KB is the conjunction of all of its sentences (all are true),  
so write each clause (disjunct) as a sentence in KB:

KB =

...

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

$$(\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1})$$

$$(\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1})$$

...



(same)

Often, Won't Write “ $\vee$ ” or “ $\wedge$ ”  
(we know they are there)

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \quad P_{1,2} \quad P_{2,1})$$

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# Resolution example

## Resulting Knowledge Base stated in CNF

- “Laws of Physics” in the Wumpus World:

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- Particular facts about a specific instance:

$$(\neg B_{1,1})$$

- Negated goal or query sentence:

$$(P_{1,2})$$

# Resolution example

## A Resolution proof ending in ( )

- Knowledge Base at start of proof:

$(\neg B_{1,1} \quad P_{1,2} \quad P_{2,1})$

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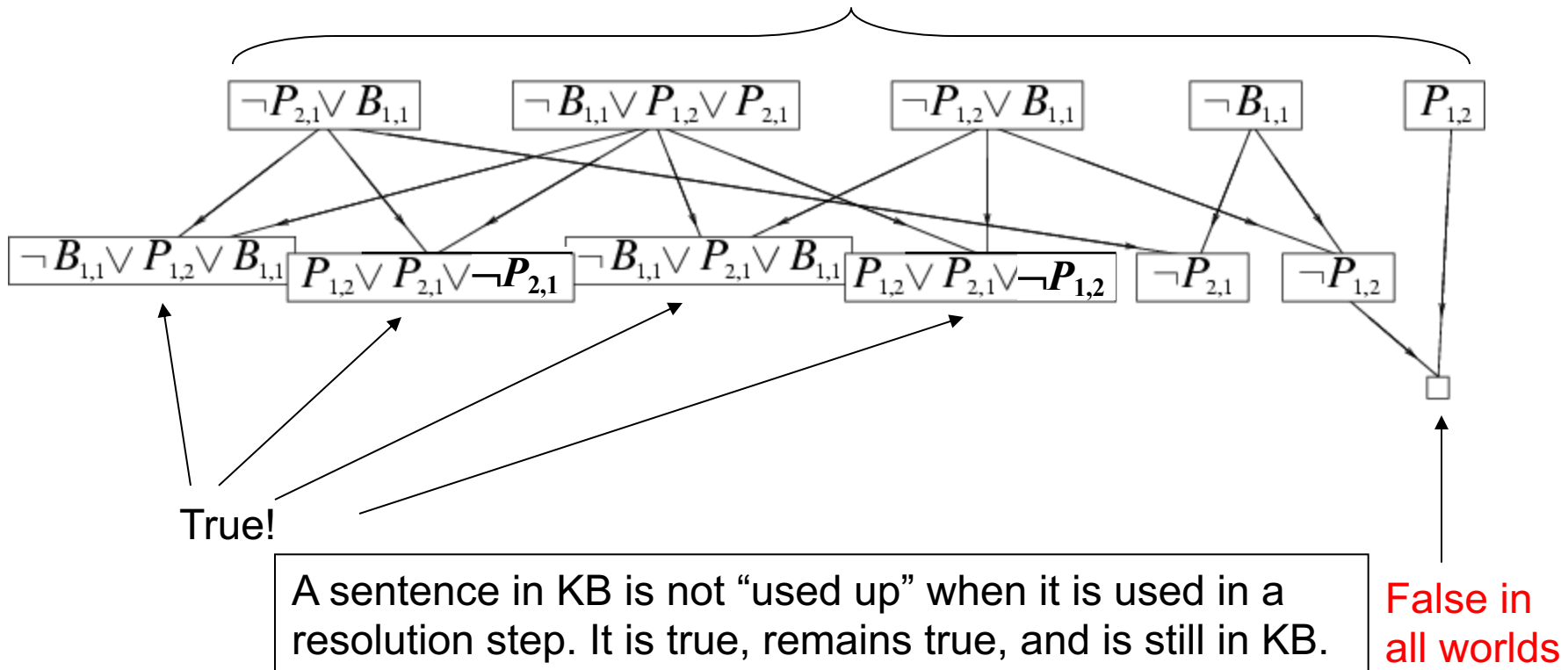
- Resolve  $(\neg P_{1,2} \quad B_{1,1})$  and  $(\neg B_{1,1})$  to give  $(\neg P_{1,2})$
- Resolve  $(\neg P_{1,2})$  and  $(P_{1,2})$  to give ( )
- Consequently, the goal or query sentence is entailed by KB.

# Resolution example

## Graphical view of the proof

- $KB = (B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge \neg B_{1,1}$
- $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$

$KB \wedge \neg \alpha$



# Search

- States: current CNF KB + new clauses
- Operators: resolution
- Initial state: KB + negated goal
- Goal State: a database containing the empty clause
- Search using any search method

# Exercise on applying resolution inference procedure

Consider the following formulas in propositional logic:

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Then we apply resolution inference:

1.  $A$
  2.  $B \vee Q$
  3.  $\neg A \vee \neg B$
  4.  $\neg A \vee \neg Q$
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5.  $\neg B$  (1,3)
6.  $\neg Q$  (1,4)
7.  $\neg A \vee Q$  (2,3)

$$8. \neg A \vee B \quad (2,4)$$

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$$9. Q \quad (1,7)$$

$$10. B \quad (1,8)$$

$$11. \neg A \quad (3,8)$$

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$$12. \{\} \quad (1,11)$$



# Algorithms to check satisfiability

What could work here from what we have learned so far?

# Algorithms to check satisfiability

Two families of efficient algorithms:

- Complete backtracking search algorithms:
  - E.g., DPLL algorithm
- Incomplete local search algorithms
  - E.g., WalkSAT algorithm

# The DPLL algorithm

Determine if an input propositional logic sentence (in CNF) is satisfiable.

This is just model checking using CSP with backtracking search.

Improvements:

1. Early termination

A clause is true if any literal is true.

A sentence is false if any clause is false.

2. Pure symbol heuristic

Pure symbol: always appears with the same "sign" in all clauses.

e.g., In the three clauses  $(A \vee \neg B)$ ,  $(\neg B \vee \neg C)$ ,  $(C \vee A)$ , A and B are pure, C is impure.

3. Unit clause heuristic

Unit clause: only one in the clause

The only literal in a unit clause must be true.

For example, if the model contains  $B = \text{true}$ ,

then  $(\neg B \vee \neg C)$  simplifies to  $\neg C$

# DPLL algorithm

**function** DPLL-SATISFIABLE?(*s*) **returns** *true* or *false*

**inputs:** *s*, a sentence in propositional logic

*clauses*  $\leftarrow$  the set of clauses in the CNF representation of *s*

*symbols*  $\leftarrow$  a list of the proposition symbols in *s*

**return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols*, { })

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**function** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols*, *model*) **returns** *true* or *false*

**if** every clause in *clauses* is true in *model* **then return** *true*

**if** some clause in *clauses* is false in *model* **then return** *false*

*P*, *value*  $\leftarrow$  FIND-PURE-SYMBOL(*symbols*, *clauses*, *model*)

**if** *P* is non-null **then return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols* - *P*, *model*  $\cup$  { *P*=*value* })

*P*, *value*  $\leftarrow$  FIND-UNIT-CLAUSE(*clauses*, *model*)

**if** *P* is non-null **then return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols* - *P*, *model*  $\cup$  { *P*=*value* })

*P*  $\leftarrow$  FIRST(*symbols*); *rest*  $\leftarrow$  REST(*symbols*)

**return** DPLL(*clauses*, *rest*, *model*  $\cup$  { *P*=*true* }) **or**

DPLL(*clauses*, *rest*, *model*  $\cup$  { *P*=*false* })

# Same exercise solved with the resolution inference procedure with DPLL

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# The WalkSAT algorithm

- Incomplete, local search algorithm
  - In many problems, like the CSP ones, just a consistent assignment is enough
- Evaluation function: The min-conflict heuristic of minimizing the number of unsatisfied clauses
- Balance between greediness and randomness

## Walksat Procedure

Start with random initial assignment.

Pick a random unsatisfied clause.

Select and flip a variable from that clause:

With probability  $p$ , pick a **random** variable.

With probability  $1-p$ , pick **greedily**

a variable that minimizes the number of unsatisfied clauses

Repeat to predefined maximum number flips;  
if no solution found, restart.

# Summary

- Resolution inference procedure starting from CNF sentences and the negated query sentence to prove unsatisfiability
- Model checking
  - DPLL: deterministic algorithm based on backtracking search
  - WalkSAT: local search algorithm, to find one satisfiable assignment



# Next

- How to make the logic capable of expressing more than facts as in the propositional logic?

First order logic