

# Resolution Refutation.

$$F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge F_3 \wedge \dots \wedge F_n \rightarrow G.$$

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CNF

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$$(C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3 \dots \wedge \neg G) \rightarrow \alpha$$

CNF

$$A \rightarrow B = (\neg A \vee B)$$

$$\alpha \in \{ \}$$

$$\neg G \in \{ F \}$$

G is true

FOL:

$\{ \forall, \exists \}$

→ Universal Quantifiers

→ Existential Quantifiers.

$$\forall x \{ p(x) \} = p(k)$$

where  $k \in C$ .

All Man are mortal =  $\forall x (m(x) \rightarrow mortal(x))$

$$\frac{\text{Socrates is a man}}{\text{Socrates is mortal.}} = m(\text{Socrates}).$$

$$\begin{array}{l} S_1 \quad \forall x (m(x) \rightarrow mortal(x)) \\ S_2 \quad \underline{\underline{m(\text{Socrates})}} \end{array} \quad \Bigg\} \quad p.$$

$G$  :- mortal (Socrates)  $(A \rightarrow B \rightarrow \neg A \vee B)$

$\begin{cases} S_1 :- \forall x ( \neg (m(\underline{x})) \vee mortal(\underline{x}) ) \\ S_2 :- m(\underline{Socrates}) \end{cases}$   $(\neg (m(\underline{?x})) \vee mortal(\underline{?x}))$

$S'_1 :- \cancel{\forall x} ( \neg m(Socrates) \vee mortal(Socrates) )$

$S_2 :- m(Socrates)$  Modus Ponens

mortal (Socrates)  $G$

Universal Instantiation

$\forall x ( P(\dots x \dots) )$

Skolemization  $\Downarrow$   $P(K)$  where  $K \in C$

$\forall x \exists y ( P(x, y) ) \Rightarrow \forall x ( P(x, \underline{f(x)}) )$

$\boxed{y = f(x)}$   $\neg ( P(\underline{x}, \underline{f(x)}) )$

$$\underline{\exists x} \forall y (p(\underline{x}, y)) \rightarrow \underline{\forall y} (p(\underline{k}, y))$$

$\downarrow$   
 $p(\underline{k}, y)$

# Predicate Logic

Wherever Mary goes, so does the lamb. Mary goes to school. So the lamb goes to school.

No contractors are dependable. Some engineers are contractors. Therefore some engineers are not dependable.

All dancers are graceful. Ayesha is a student. Ayesha is a dancer. Therefore some student is graceful.

Every passenger is either in first class or second class. Each passenger is in second class if and only if he or she is not wealthy. Some passengers are wealthy. Not all passengers are wealthy. Therefore some passengers are in second class.

New Additions in Proposition (First Order Logic)

Variables, Constants, Predicate Symbols and New Connectors:  $\exists$  (there exists),  $\forall$  (for all)

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Predicate:  $\text{goes}(x,y)$  to represent  $x$  goes to  $y$

New Connectors:  $\exists$  (there exists),  $\forall$  (for all)

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F2:  $\text{goes}(\text{Mary}, \text{School})$

G:  $\text{goes}(\text{Lamb}, \text{School})$

To prove:  $(F1 \wedge F2) \rightarrow G$  is always true

# Resolution Refutation for Propositional Logic

To prove validity of

$F = ((F1 \wedge F2 \wedge \dots \wedge F_n) \rightarrow G)$

we shall attempt to prove that

$\sim F = (F1 \wedge F2 \wedge \dots \wedge F_n \wedge \sim G)$

is unsatisfiable

## Steps for Proof by Resolution Refutation:

1. Convert of Clausal Form / Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF, Product of Sums).
2. Generate new clauses using the resolution rule.
3. At the end, either False will be derived if the formula  $\sim F$  is unsatisfiable implying  $F$  is valid.

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$F1: (a \rightarrow (b \wedge c)) = (\sim a \vee b) \wedge (\sim a \vee c)$

$F2: \sim b, G: \sim a, \sim G: a$

Clauses of Clause Form:  $\sim F = (C1 \wedge C2 \wedge C3 \wedge C4)$

where:  $C1: (\sim a \vee b)$

$C2: (\sim a \vee c)$

$C3: \sim b$

$C4: a$

To prove that  $\sim F$  is False

Let  $C1 = a \vee b$  and  $C2 = \sim a \vee c$   $= b \vee c$ .

then a new clause  $C3 = b \vee c$  can be derived.

*(Proof by showing that  $((C1 \wedge C2) \rightarrow C3)$  is a valid formula).*

To prove unsatisfiability use the Resolution Rule repeatedly to reach a situation where we have two contradictory clauses of the form  $C1 = a$  and  $C2 = \sim a$  from which **False** can be derived.

If the propositional formula is satisfiable then we will not reach a contradiction and eventually no new clauses will be derivable.

For propositional logic the procedure terminates.

Resolution Rule is **Sound** and **Complete**



$$F1: a \rightarrow (b \wedge c) = \underbrace{(\neg a \vee b)}_{C_1} \wedge \underbrace{(\neg a \vee c)}_{C_2}$$

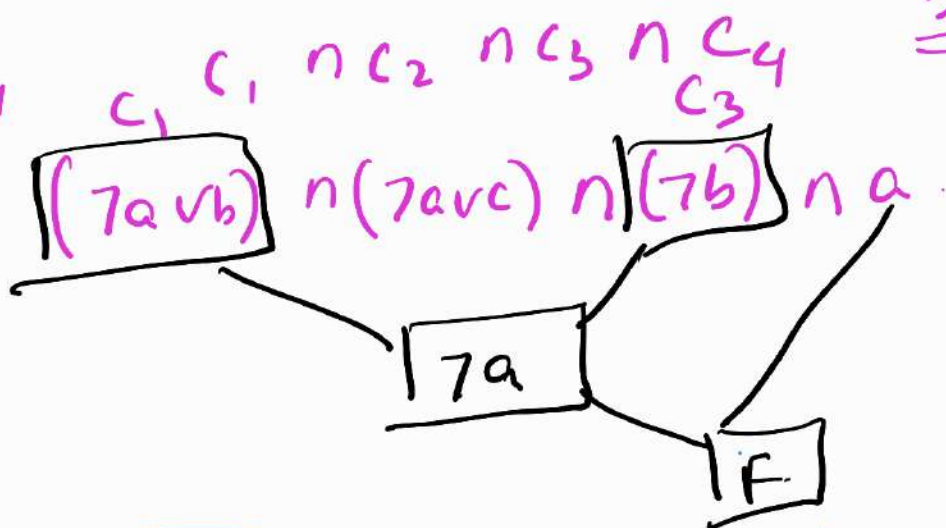
$$F2: \neg b \wedge c_3$$

$$G: \neg a$$

$$\neg G: a \wedge c_4$$

$$\frac{a \wedge \neg a}{b \wedge \neg b}$$

$$\frac{\neg a \vee b}{\neg b} \neg a$$



$$\frac{b}{\neg b}$$

G is valid

$\neg G$  is true.  
( $\sim G$ )

# Applying Resolution Refutation

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$\sim G$ :  $a$

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 $= (C1 \wedge C2 \wedge C3 \wedge C4)$

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To prove that  $\sim F$  is False

New Clauses Derived

**C5:**  $\neg a$  (Using C1 and C3)

**C6:** **False** (using C4 and C5)

→ SEMI-DECIDABLE

# Example

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Rajesh either took the bus or came by cycle to class. If he came by cycle or walked to class he arrived late. Rajesh did not arrive late. Therefore he took the bus to class.

Symbolic:  $\text{bus}(R) ; \text{cycle}(R) ; \text{late}(R) ; \text{walk}(R)$

$S1:- (\text{bus}(R) \wedge \neg \text{cycle}(R)) \vee (\neg \text{bus}(R) \wedge \text{cycle}(R))$

After ~~iteration~~  $\Rightarrow \text{bus}(R) \vee \text{cycle}(R)$   
 $C1$   $C2$

$S1:- (\text{bus}(R) \vee \text{cycle}(R)) \wedge (\neg \text{cycle}(R) \vee \neg \text{bus}(R))$

$S2:- (\text{cycle}(R) \vee \text{walk}(R) \rightarrow \text{late}(R))$



$$S_2 \doteq (\text{Cycle}(R) \vee \text{walk}(R) \rightarrow \text{late}(R))$$

$$\neg((\text{Cycle}(R) \vee \text{walk}(R)) \vee \text{late}(R))$$

$$(\neg(\text{Cycle}(R)) \wedge \neg(\text{walk}(R))) \vee \neg \text{late}(R)$$

$$S_2 \doteq \boxed{(\neg(\text{Cycle}(R)) \vee \text{late}(R))} \wedge \boxed{(\neg(\text{walk}(R)) \vee \neg \text{late}(R))}$$

$C_3 \qquad \qquad \qquad C_4$

$$S_3 \doteq \boxed{\neg \text{late}(R)} \quad C_5$$

$$G_1 \doteq \text{bus}(R)$$

$$\neg G_1 \doteq \boxed{\neg \text{bus}(R)} \quad C_6$$

$$C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3 \wedge C_4 \wedge C_5 \wedge C_6 \rightarrow \text{True}$$

$$G_2 \wedge C_6 \doteq (\neg \text{bus}(R)) \wedge (\text{bus}(R) \vee \text{Cycle}(R))$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\text{Cycle}(R)} \quad C_7$$



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$F1: \rightarrow \text{CNF}$        $G$  is valid

$S1: \text{goes}(\text{Mary}, \text{School}) \rightarrow \text{goes}(\text{Lamb}, \text{School})$

$S1: (\exists x)(\text{goes}(\text{Mary}, x) \rightarrow \text{goes}(\text{Lamb}, x))$

$S2: (\text{goes}(\text{Mary}, \text{School}))$        $S3: \text{goes}(\text{Lamb}, \text{School})$

# Substitution, Unification, Resolution

Consider clauses:

- C1:  $\sim \text{studies}(x,y) \vee \text{passes}(x,y)$
- C2:  $\text{studies}(\text{Madan},z)$
- C3:  $\sim \text{passes}(\text{Chetan}, \text{Physics})$
- C4:  $\sim \text{passes}(w, \text{Mechanics})$

What new clauses can we derive by the resolution principle?

Ground Clause and a more general clause

Concept of substitution / unification and the Most General Unifier (mgu)

Resolution Rule for Predicate Calculus: Repeated Application of Resolution using mgu



goes (lamb, school)  
 $\sim$  *hint*

Q is valid

# Examples

F1:  $\forall x(\text{contractor}(x) \rightarrow \sim \text{dependable}(x))$

F2:  $\exists x(\text{engineer}(x) \wedge \text{contractor}(x))$

G:  $\exists x(\text{engineer}(x) \wedge \sim \text{dependable}(x))$

$$S_1 := (\neg(\text{Contractor}(A)) \vee \neg \text{dependable}(A))$$

$$S_3 := \text{Engineer}(A) \wedge \text{Contractor}(A)$$

$c_2$                        $c_3$

$$G_1 \exists x (\text{Engineer}(A) \wedge \neg \text{dependable}(A))$$

$$c_5 \quad | \quad \text{dependable}(A)$$

F1:  $\forall x(\text{dancer}(x) \rightarrow \text{graceful}(x))$

F2: student(Ayesha), F3: dancer(Ayesha)

G:  $\exists x(\text{student}(x) \wedge \text{graceful}(x))$

$$\sim G_1 := \neg \exists x (\text{Engineer}(x) \wedge \neg \text{dependable}(x))$$

$$G_2 := (\neg \text{Engineer}(A) \vee \text{dependable}(A))$$

$c_4$

$$| \quad \neg \text{Contractor}(A)$$



$x$  is a student.

$\forall x (\text{Exam}(x, \text{pass}) \rightarrow \text{Course}(x, \text{happy}))$   
Effect

$\text{Faculty}(x, \text{happy})$  ✓

$\text{SAC}(x, \text{w})$