

# Automated Deduction Compendium SS2023

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## 1 Introduction, SAT Solving

### 1.0.1 Proposition, Formulas

**Def** (Proposition). *Proposition is a statement that can be either true or false.*

**Def** (Propositional formula, Atom, Connective). *Atoms are boolean variables (e.g.  $p, q$ ).*

- *Atoms are formulas.*
- $\top, \perp$  *are formulas.*
- *If  $A$  is a formula, then  $\neg A$  is a formula.*
- *If  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are formulas, then  $(A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n)$  and  $(A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n)$  are formulas.*
- *If  $A$  and  $B$  are formulas, then  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $A \leftrightarrow B$  are formulas.*

*The symbols  $\top, \perp, \wedge, \vee, \neg, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$  are called logical connectives.*

### 1.0.2 Precedence

| Connective        | Name        | Precedence |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| $\top$            | verum       |            |
| $\perp$           | falsum      |            |
| $\neg$            | negation    | 5          |
| $\wedge$          | conjunction | 4          |
| $\vee$            | disjunction | 3          |
| $\rightarrow$     | implication | 2          |
| $\leftrightarrow$ | equivalence | 1          |

### 1.0.3 Boolean Values, Interpretation

**Def** (Boolean values, Interpretation). *There are two boolean vales: true (1) and false (0).  
An interpretation for a set  $P$  of boolean variables is a mapping  $I : P \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .*

### 1.0.4 Interpreting formulas

- $I(\top) = 1$  and  $I(\perp) = 0$
- $I(A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n) = 1$  iff  $I(A_i) = 1$  for all  $i$
- $I(A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n) = 1$  iff  $I(A_i) = 1$  for some  $i$
- $I(\neg A) = 1$  iff  $I(A) = 0$
- $I(A_1 \rightarrow A_2) = 1$  iff  $I(A_1) = 0$  or  $I(A_2) = 1$
- $I(A_1 \leftrightarrow A_2) = 1$  iff  $I(A_1) = I(A_2)$

### 1.0.5 Satisfiable, Valid, Model

**Def** (Satisfiable, Model, Valid). *If  $I(A) = 1$  then  $I$  satisfies  $A$  and  $I$  is a model of  $A$ , denoted by  $I \models A$ .  $A$  is satisfiable if some interpretation is a model of  $A$ .  $A$  is valid if every interpretation is a model of  $A$ .  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent, denoted by  $A \equiv B$ , if they have the same models.*

### 1.0.6 Connection valid, satisfiable

- $A$  is valid iff  $\neg A$  is unsatisfiable.
- $A$  is satisfiable iff  $\neg A$  is not valid.

### 1.0.7 Equivalent replacement

**Def** (Equivalent replacement).  *$A[B]$  is a formula  $A$  with a fixed occurrence of subformula  $B$ .  $A[B']$  is the formula  $A$  where every occurrence of  $B$  is replaced by  $B'$ .*

**Lemma 1** (Equivalent Replacement). *Let  $I$  be an interpretation and  $I \models A_1 \leftrightarrow A_2$ . Then  $I \models B[A_1] \leftrightarrow B[A_2]$ .  
Let  $A_1 \equiv A_2$ . Then  $B[A_1] \equiv B[A_2]$ .*

### 1.0.8 Evaluating a formula

**Algorithm 1.** procedure evaluate( $G, I$ )

input: formula  $G$ , interpretation  $I$

output: the boolean value  $I(G)$

begin

  forall atoms  $p$  occurring in  $G$

    if  $I$  models  $p$

      then replace all occurrences of  $p$  in  $G$  by 1;

      else replace all occurrences of  $p$  in  $G$  by 0;

    rewrite  $G$  into a normal form using the rewrite rules

    if  $G = 1$  then return 1 else return 0

end

## 2 Splitting, Polarities

### 2.0.1 Soundness of Splitting

$A_p^\perp$  and  $A_p^\top$  are obtained by replacing in  $A$  all occurrences of  $p$  by  $\perp$  and  $\top$  respectively.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $p$  be an atom,  $A$  be a formula, and  $I$  be an interpretation.*

- *If  $I \not\models p$ , then  $A$  is equivalent to  $A_p^\perp$  in  $I$ .*
- *If  $I \models p$ , then  $A$  is equivalent to  $A_p^\top$  in  $I$ .*

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $A$  be a formula and  $p$  an atom.*

*Then  $A$  is satisfiable iff at least one of the formulas  $A_p^\top$  and  $A_p^\perp$  is satisfiable.*

### 2.0.2 Splitting

**Algorithm 2.** procedure split( $G$ )

parameters: function select

input: formula  $G$

output: ''satisfiable'' or ''unsatisfiable''

begin

$G := \text{simplify}(G)$  # rewrite rules

  if  $G = 1$  then return ''satisfiable''

  if  $G = 0$  then return ''unsatisfiable''

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(p,b) := select(G)
case b of
1 =>
  if split(replace(G,p,1)) = ''satisfiable''
    then return ''satisfiable''
    else return split(replace(G,p,0))
0 =>
  if split(replace(G,p,0)) = ''satisfiable''
    then return ''satisfiable''
    else return split(replace(G,p,1))
end

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### 2.0.3 Polarities

- $A|_{\epsilon} = A$  and  $pol(A, \epsilon) = 1$
- If  $A|_{\pi} = B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_n$  or  $A|_{\pi} = B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_n$  then  $A|_{\pi.i} = B_i$  and  $pol(A, \pi.i) = pol(A, \pi)$ .
- If  $A|_{\pi.i} = \neg B$  then  $A|_{\pi.1} = B$  and  $pol(A, \pi.1) = -pol(A, \pi)$ .
- If  $A|_{\pi} = B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  then  $A|_{\pi.1} = B_1$ ,  $A|_{\pi.2} = B_2$  and  $pol(A, \pi.1) = -pol(A, \pi)$ ,  $pol(A, \pi.2) = pol(A, \pi)$ .
- If  $A|_{\pi} = B_1 \leftrightarrow B_2$  then  $A|_{\pi.1} = B_1$ ,  $A|_{\pi.2} = B_2$  and  $pol(A, \pi.1) = 0 = pol(A, \pi.2)$ .

### 2.0.4 Monotonic replacement

Denote with  $A[B]_{\pi}$  formula  $A$  with the subformula at the position  $\pi$  replaced by  $B$ .

**Lemma 4** (Monotonic Replacement). *Let  $A, B, B'$  be formulas,  $I$  be an interpretation, and  $I \models B \rightarrow B'$ . If  $pol(A, \pi) = 1$ , then  $I \models A[B]_{\pi} \rightarrow A[B']_{\pi}$ . Likewise, if  $pol(A, \pi) = -1$  then  $I \models A[B']_{\pi} \rightarrow A[B]_{\pi}$ .*

### 2.0.5 Pure Atom

**Def.** *Atom  $p$  is pure in a formula  $A$ , if either all occurrences of  $p$  in  $A$  are positive or all occurrences of  $p$  in  $A$  are negative.*

**Lemma 5** (Pure Atom). *Let  $p$  have only positive occurrences in  $A$  and  $I \models A$ . Define  $I' = I + (p \mapsto 1)$ . Then  $I' \models A$ . Likewise, let  $p$  have only negative occurrences in  $A$  and  $I \models A$ . Define  $I' = I + (p \mapsto 0)$ . Then  $I' \models A$ .*

**Lemma 6** (Pure Atom). *Let an atom  $p$  have only positive (respectively, only negative) occurrences in  $A$ . Then  $A$  is satisfiable iff  $A_p^{\top}$  (respectively,  $A_p^{\perp}$ ) is satisfiable.*

### 2.0.6 Splitting with pure atom optimization

**Algorithm 3.** procedure split(G)  
parameters: function select  
input: formula G  
output: ''satisfiable'' or ''unsatisfiable''  
begin  
  G := simplify\_with\_pure\_atoms(G)  
  if G = 1 then return ''satisfiable''  
  if G = 0 then return ''unsatisfiable''  
  (p,b) := select(G)  
  case b of  
  1 =>  
    if split(replace(G,p,1)) = ''satisfiable''  
      then return ''satisfiable''  
      else return split(replace(G,p,0))  
  0 =>

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    if split(replace(G,p,0)) = ''satisfiable''
    then return ''satisfiable''
    else return split(replace(G,p,1))
end

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### 3 CNF, DPLL, MiniSat

#### 3.0.1 Clause

**Def** (Literal, Clause, Empty clause, Unit clause, Horn clause). *A literal is either an atom  $p$  or its negation  $\neg p$ .*

*A clause is a disjunction of literals  $L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_n$ .*

*The empty clause  $\square$  is false in every interpretation.*

*If  $n = 1$  then the clause is called unit clause.*

*A horn clause is a clause with at most one positive literal.*

#### 3.0.2 CNF

**Def** (CNF). *A formula  $A$  is in conjenctive normal form if it is  $\top$ ,  $\perp$  or a conjunction of disjunctions of literals  $\bigwedge_i \bigvee_j L_{i,j}$ .*

#### 3.0.3 Naming

If  $A$  is a non-trivial subformula  $A$ . Introduce a new name  $n$  for it. Add formula  $n \leftrightarrow A$  and replace subformula by its name in the original formula.

**Lemma 7** (Naming). *Let  $S$  be a set of formulas and  $A$  a formula. Let  $n$  be a boolean variable not occurring in  $S$ , nor in  $A$ .*

*Then  $S$  is satisfiable iff the set of formulas  $S \cup \{n \leftrightarrow A\}$  is satisfiable.*

#### 3.0.4 Optimized CNF Transformation

Introduce a new name  $n$  every subformula  $B$  and replace it with the name. If the subformula occurs only positively then add  $n \rightarrow B$ . If it occurs only negatively then add  $B \rightarrow n$  and if it does not occur only positively or negatively than add  $n \leftrightarrow B$ .

**Lemma 8.** *A set of formulas is satisfiable iff the optimized CNF transformation of these formulas is satisfiable.*

#### 3.0.5 Unit propagation

Let  $S$  be a set of clauses. If  $S$  contains a unit clause  $L$  then remove from  $S$  every clause of the form  $L \vee C$  and replace in  $S$  every clause of the form  $\bar{L} \vee C$  by the clause  $C$ .

#### 3.0.6 DPLL = splitting + unit propagation

**Algorithm 4.** procedure DPLL( $S$ )

input: set of clauses  $S$

output: satisfiable or unsatisfiable

parameters: function select\_literal

begin

$S := \text{propagate}(S)$  # unit propagation

    if  $S$  is empty then return satisfiable

    if  $S$  contains 0 then return unsatisfiable

$L := \text{select\_literals}(S)$  # splitting

    if DPLL( $S \cup \{L\}$ ) = satisfiable

        then return satisfiable

    else return DPLL( $S \cup \{\text{not } L\}$ )

end

Tautologies (e.g.  $p \vee \neg p \vee C$ ) can be removed.

### 3.0.7 Pure literals

**Def** (Pure literal). *A literal  $L$  in  $S$  is called pure if  $S$  contains no clauses of the form  $\bar{L} \vee C$ .*

If  $L$  is a pure literal in  $S$  then all clauses containing this literal can be removed.

## 4 Random SAT, Horn clauses

### 4.0.1 Random Clause Generation

Fix a number  $n$  of boolean variables. Fix the length  $k$  of the clause. Choose  $k$  times a random literal  $p_1, \dots, p_n, \neg p_1, \dots, \neg p_n$  with equal probability.

### 4.0.2 k-SAT

We can reduce SAT to 3-SAT by naming: Let  $L_1 \vee L_2 \vee L_3 \vee L_4 \vee \dots$  be a clause with more than 3 literals. Then we can replace it with  $L_1 \vee L_2 \vee n$  and  $\neg n \vee L_3 \vee L_4 \vee \dots$  where  $n$  is a new variable.

SAT is NP-complete. 2-SAT is decidable in linear time. 3-SAT is NP-complete.

### 4.0.3 Chaos Algorithm, GSAT, WSAT

**Algorithm 5.** procedure chaos(S)

input: set of clauses S

output: interpretation I such that I models S or don't know

parameters: positive interger max\_tries

begin

  repeat max\_tries times

    I := random interpretation

    if I models S then return I

  return don't know

end

**Algorithm 6.** procedure GSAT(S)

input: set of clauses S

output: interpretation I such that I models S or don't know

parameters: positive intergers max\_tries, max\_flips

begin

  repeat max\_tries times

    I := random interpretation

    if I models S then return I

    repeat max\_flips times

      p := a variable such that flip(I, p) satisfies the maximal number of clauses in S

      I = flip(I, p)

      if I models S then return I

  return don't know

end

**Algorithm 7.** procedure WSAT(S)

input: set of clauses S

output: interpretation I such that I models S or don't know

parameters: positive intergers max\_tries, max\_flips

begin

  repeat max\_tries times

    I := random interpretation

    if I models S then return I

    repeat max\_flips times

      randomly select a clause C in S such that I does not model C

      randomly select a variable p in C

      I = flip(I, p)

      if I models S then return I

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return don't know
end

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#### 4.0.4 SAT of Horn clauses

Satisfiability of horn clauses can be decided using unit propagation.

## 5 First-Order Logic, Theories

### 5.0.1 Syntax

**Def (Signature).** A signature consists of

- a set of sorts (e.g. integers, arrays of rationals) denoted by  $\alpha, \beta$ .
- constants, denoted by  $a, b, c$ . Each constant  $c$  has a sort  $\alpha$ , written  $c : \alpha$ .
- function symbols, denoted by  $f, g$ . Each function symbol  $f$  has a type  $\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha$ .
- Predicate symbols, denoted by  $p, q$ . Each predicate symbol  $p$  has a type  $\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n$ .

Variables are not part of the signature, but do have sorts.

**Def (Interpretation).** An interpretation  $I$  maps

- each sort to a non-empty set, called the domain of this sort.
- each constant  $c : \alpha$  to an element  $c' \in I(\alpha)$ .
- each variable  $x : \alpha$  to an element  $x' \in I(\alpha)$ .
- each function symbol  $f : \alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha$  to a function  $f' : I(\alpha_1) \times \dots \times I(\alpha_n) \rightarrow I(\alpha)$ .
- each predicate symbol  $p : \alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n$  to a relation  $p'$  on  $I(\alpha_1) \times \dots \times I(\alpha_n)$ .

**Def (Term, Atomic Formula).** Terms of the sort  $\alpha$  are constants  $c : \alpha$  or variables  $x : \alpha$ . If  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms of the sorts  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  and  $f : \alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha$ , then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a term of the sort  $\alpha$ . An atomic formula is an expression  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  where  $p : \alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms of sorts  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ .

Note that  $=$  and  $>$  are interpreted, but other symbols are uninterpreted.

**Def (Formula, Quantifier, Bound, Free, Ground).** Let  $A$  be a formula and  $x$  a variable, then  $\forall xA$  and  $\exists xA$  are formulas.

The symbols  $\forall, \exists$  are called quantifiers.

A variable occurring in a formula  $A$  is called bound, if it is in the scope of a quantifier, otherwise it is called free.

A formula is called ground or quantifier-free if it contains no occurrences of quantifiers.

**Def (x-variants).** Let  $\bar{x}$  be a sequence of variables. We say that two interpretations of the same signature  $\Sigma$  are  $\bar{x}$ -variants if they coincide on all symbols and all variables not occurring in  $\bar{x}$ .

**Def (Extension of interpretation).** Let  $I$  be an interpretation and  $t$  a term of sort  $\alpha$ . Define an element  $t^I \in I(\alpha)$  as follows.

- for constants  $c : \alpha$  and variables  $x : \alpha$  we have  $c^I \iff I(c)$  and  $x^I \iff I(x)$ .
- $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)^I \iff f'(t_1^I, \dots, t_n^I)$ .
- $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)^I = 1 \iff (t_1^I, \dots, t_n^I) \in p^I$ .
- for connectives as before, e.g.  $(A \rightarrow B)^I \iff (A^I = 0 \vee B^I = 1)$
- $(\forall xA)^I = 1$  iff for all  $\bar{x}$ -variants  $I'$  of  $I$  we have  $(A)^{I'} = 1$ .
- $(\exists xA)^I = 1$  iff for some  $\bar{x}$ -variants  $I'$  of  $I$  we have  $(A)^{I'} = 1$ .

**Def** (Satisfiable, Valid). A formula  $A$  with free variables  $\bar{x}$  is said to be satisfiable in an interpretation  $I$  if for some  $\bar{x}$ -variant  $I'$  of  $A$  we have  $I' \models A$ .

$A$  is satisfiable iff it is satisfiable in some interpretation.

A formula  $A$  with free variables  $\bar{x}$  is said to be valid in an interpretation  $I$  if for every  $\bar{x}$ -variant  $I'$  of  $A$  we have  $I' \models A$ .

$A$  is valid iff it is valid in every interpretation.

$A$  is valid iff  $\neg A$  is unsatisfiable.

### 5.0.2 Theory of Equality

The theory of equality is axiomatized by

- reflexivity, symmetry and transitivity:

$$x = x, x = y \rightarrow y = x, x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow x = z$$

- congruence axioms for each function symbol  $f$  in  $\Sigma$ :

$$x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

- congruence axioms for each predicate symbol  $p$  of  $\Sigma$ :

$$x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n \wedge p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow p(y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

## 6 SMT, Theory of Equality, DPLL(T)

### 6.0.1 Sat modulo theory

**Def** (T-interpretation, satisfiable modulo theory). Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a theory axiomatized by  $A_{\mathcal{T}}$ . An interpretation  $I$  with  $I \models A_{\mathcal{T}}$  then  $I$  is called a  $\mathcal{T}$ -interpretation.

A formula  $F$  is valid in  $\mathcal{T}$  if  $F$  is valid in every  $\mathcal{T}$ -interpretation.

A formula  $F$  is satisfiable in  $\mathcal{T}$  if there exists a  $\mathcal{T}$ -interpretation which satisfies  $F$ .

### 6.0.2 Congruence Closure

We can rewrite predicates into formulas (e.g.  $p(x) \wedge \neg q(x, y)$  gets rewritten to  $f_p(x) = t \wedge f_q(x, y) \neq t$ ).

**Def** (congruence class). The congruence class of  $t \in S$  under the congruence relation  $R$  is  $[t]_R = \{t' \in S \mid tRt'\}$ .

**Algorithm 8.** procedure CongruenceClosure(F)  
input: F is  $s_1=t_1 \ \& \ \dots \ \& \ s_n = t_n \ \& \ \sim s_{(n+1)}=t_{(n+1)} \ \& \ \dots \ \& \ \sim s_m=t_m$   
output: satisfiable or unsatisfiable  
parameters: function subterm\_set  
begin  
  SF := subterm\_set(F)  
  R := {sRs | s in SF} union {{s} | s in SF}  
  for every  $s_i = t_i$  in F  
    union  $s_i$  and  $t_i$  in R  
  propagate by function congruence  
  if  $s_j R t_j$  for any  $j=n+1, \dots, m$  then return unsatisfiable  
  else return satisfiable  
end

### 6.0.3 DPLL

For non-unit clauses in any theory:

1. Abstract the problem by renaming every literal in the formulas.
2. Use a SAT solver to find a model.
3. If no model was found return unsat.

4. If a model was found use it to get a unit clause version of the original problem and solve it.
5. If it has a solution return sat.
6. If it does not have a solution rule out the sat model and jump to step 2.

## 7 Theory of Arrays, Theory Combination, Nelson-Oppen, Z3

### 7.0.1 Theory of arrays

The theory of arrays  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is defined by the signature  $\{read, write\}$  and the axioms

$$x = y \rightarrow read(write(A, x, v), y) = v \text{ and } x \neq y \rightarrow read(write(A, x, v), y) = read(A, y).$$

Reduce  $\mathcal{T}_A$  to  $\mathcal{T}_E$  by

- If  $F$  contains no *write* terms, replace  $read(A, x)$  with  $f_A(x)$  in  $F$ .
- If  $F$  contains *write* terms ( $read(write(A, x, v), y)$ )
  1. replace  $F$  by  $x = y \wedge F[v]$  where  $F[v]$  is the formula obtained by replacing  $read(write(A, x, v), y)$  by  $v$  in  $F$ . If this is satisfiable return sat. Else try:
  2. replace  $F$  by  $x \neq y \wedge F[read(A, y)]$  where  $F[read(A, y)]$  is the formula obtained by replacing  $read(write(A, x, v), y)$  by  $read(A, y)$  in  $F$ . If this is satisfiable return sat. Else return unsat.

### 7.0.2 Combining theories

**Algorithm 9.** procedure SeparatingReasoning(F)

input: formula F in T1 union ... union Tn

output: equisatisfiable formulas F1 in T1, ..., Tn in Tn

assumptions: theory signatures S1, ..., Sn are disjoint

parameters: function head(t) returning the root symbol of a term t

begin

  repeat as long as possible

    if f in Si and head(t) in Sj with  $\sim i=j$ :

      rewrite  $F[f(t_1, \dots, t_i, \dots, t_m)]$  into  $F[f(t_1, \dots, c, \dots, t_m)]$  &  $c=t$  where c is a new variable

    if p in Si and head(t) in Sj with  $\sim i=j$ :

      rewrite  $F[p(t_1, \dots, t_i, \dots, t_m)]$  into  $F[p(t_1, \dots, c, \dots, t_m)]$  &  $c=t$  where c is a new variable

    if head(s) in Si and head(t) in Sj with  $\sim i=j$ :

      rewrite  $F[s=t]$  into  $F[s=c]$  &  $c=t$  where c is a new variable

  end repeat

  return modified F as F1 & ... & Fn with each Fi in Ti

This only works if the theories have disjoint signatures and if each theory is stably infinite.

**Def** (stably infinite, convex). A theory  $\mathcal{T}$  with signature  $\Sigma$  is stably infinite if for every satisfiable formula  $F \in \mathcal{T}$  there exists some  $\mathcal{T}$  interpretation such that  $I \models F$  and  $I$  has a domain of infinite cardinality. A theory  $\mathcal{T}$  is convex if for every formula  $F \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $F$  is a conjunction of  $\mathcal{T}$ -literals: if  $F \rightarrow \bigvee_{j=1}^k (u_j = v_j)$  then  $F \rightarrow u_j = v_j$  for some  $j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ .

Both  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_A$  are not convex, but  $\mathcal{T}_E$  and  $\mathcal{T}_Q$  are.

### 7.0.3 Exchange of equality between theories

For a convex theory its decision procedure discovers a new equality  $u = v$  for shared  $u, v$ . Pass this new equality to the decision procedure of the other theories.

For a non-convex theory its decision procedure discovers a disjunction of new equalities  $\bigvee_k u_k = v_k$  for shared  $u_k, v_k$ . Split the disjunction and exchange equalities along multiple branches.



## 8 First-Order Theorem Proving, TPTP, Inference Systems

### 8.0.1 TPTP Syntax

fof(name, axiom/hypothesis/conjecture,  
formula).

| FOL                                   | TPTP                           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $\top, \perp$                         | <code>\$false, \$true</code>   |
| $\neg a$                              | <code>~a</code>                |
| $a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n$         | <code>a1&amp;...&amp;an</code> |
| $a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_n$             | <code>a1 ... an</code>         |
| $a_1 \rightarrow a_2$                 | <code>a1=&gt;a2</code>         |
| $(\forall x_1) \dots (\forall x_n) a$ | <code>![X1,...,Xn]:a</code>    |
| $(\exists x_1) \dots (\exists x_n) a$ | <code>?[X1,...,Xn]:a</code>    |

### 8.0.2 Inference System

**Def** (Inference, Inference rule, Inference system, Derivation, Proof). *An inference has the form*

$$\frac{F_1 \dots F_n}{G}$$

where  $n \geq 0$  and  $F_1, \dots, F_n, G$  are formulas.  $G$  is called the conclusion of the inference.  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are called the premises.

An inference rule  $R$  is a set of inferences. Every inference  $I \in R$  is called an instance of  $R$ .

An Inference system  $\mathbb{I}$  is a set of inference rules.

Axiom is a inference rule with no premises.

A derivation in an inference system  $\mathbb{I}$  is a tree built from inferences in  $\mathbb{I}$ . If the root of this derivation is  $E$ , we say it is a derivation of  $E$ . A derivation of  $E$  from  $E_1, \dots, E_m$  is a finite derivation of  $E$  whose every leaf is either an axiom or one of the expressions  $E_1, \dots, E_m$ .

A proof of  $E$  is a finite derivation whose leaves are axioms.

**Def** (Soundness, Completeness). *An inference is sound if the conclusion is a logical consequence of its premises.*

*An inference system is sound if every inference rule in this system is sound.*

*An inference system is complete, if for every unsatisfiable  $S$  there exists a derivation of  $\square$  from  $S$  in the inference system.*

### 8.0.3 Ground Binary Resolution Inference System

$\mathbb{BR}$  consists of two inference rules:

$$\frac{p \vee C_1 \quad \neg p \vee C_2}{C_1 \vee C_2} (BR) \qquad \frac{L \vee L \vee C}{L \vee C} (Fact)$$

$\mathbb{BR}$  is sound.

$\mathbb{BR}$  with selection:

$$\frac{\underline{p \vee C_1} \quad \underline{\neg p \vee C_2}}{C_1 \vee C_2} (BR) \qquad \frac{\underline{p \vee p \vee C}}{p \vee C} (Fact) \qquad \frac{\underline{\neg p \vee \neg p \vee C}}{\neg p \vee C} (Fact)$$

### 8.0.4 Literal Orderings

**Def** (well-founded, well-behaved).  $>$  is called a well-founded ordering on atoms, if there exists no infinite decreasing chain of atoms.

For a fixed ordering  $>$  a well-behaved selection function selects either a negative literal or all maximal literals w.r.t.  $>$  must be selected.

We can extend an ordering on atoms to one on literals by  $p > q \implies \neg p > p > \neg q > q$ .

$\mathbb{BR}$  with selection is complete for every well-behaved selection function.

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