The Logics of Program Verification

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method factorial (n: int) returns (v:int)
  requires n >= 0;
                                    Specification
  ensures v = fact(n);
  v := 1;
  if (n <= 1) { return v; }
  var i := 2;
  while (i <= n)
    invariant i <= n + 1</pre>
                                            Inductive
    invariant v = fact(i - 1)
                                            Invariant
    v := i * v;
    i := i + 1;
  return v;
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Program Verification

How can we *argue* that a given program is correct

i.e., satisfies its formal specifications?

Such an argument must combine

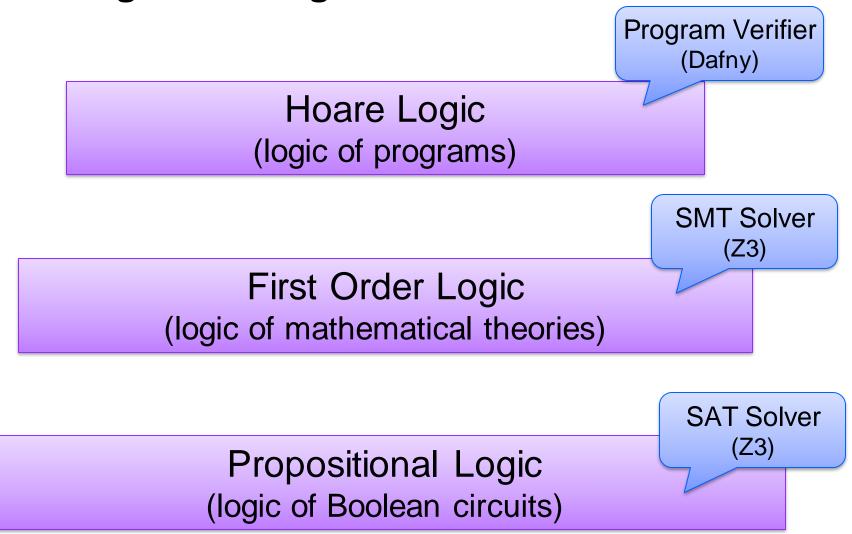
- Operational Semantics to understand different programming constructs
- Propositional Reasoning to break the problem into sub-goals that can be reasoned individually and combined later
- Mathematical Reasoning properties of numbers, arithmetic, factorial, etc...
- Formal argument style to mechanically check the flow of reasoning

All of this requires a **LOGIC**

A formal language with well-defined semantics and strict reasoning rules



Three Logics of Program Verification





Plan for the next few weeks

Week	Monday	Friday	
Week 7 (Oct 30)	Propositional Logic (1)	Propositional Logic (2)	
Week 8 (Nov 6)	First Order Logic (Part 1)	First Order Logic (Part 2)	
Week 9 (Nov 13)	Hoare Logic (Part 1)	Hoare Logic (Part 2)	

Understanding formal logic can be boring hard.

Don't ignore suggested reading material!!!



Propositional Logic

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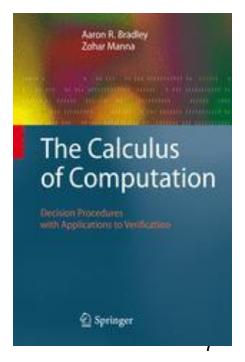
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Uwe Schöning

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What is Logic

According to Merriam-Webster dictionary logic is: **a** (1): a science that deals with the principles and criteria of validity of <u>inference</u> and demonstration

d: the arrangement of circuit elements (as in a computer) needed for computation; also: the circuits themselves



What is Formal Logic

Formal Logic consists of

- syntax what is a legal sentence in the logic
- semantics what is the meaning of a sentence in the logic
- proof theory formal (syntactic) procedure to construct valid/true sentences

Formal logic provides

- a language to precisely express knowledge, requirements, facts
- a formal way to reason about consequences of given facts rigorously



Propositional Logic (or Boolean Logic)

Explores simple grammatical connections such as *and*, *or*, and *not* between simplest "atomic sentences"

A = "Paris is the capital of France"

B = "mice chase elephants"

The subject of propositional logic is to declare formally the truth of complex structures from the truth of individual atomic components

A and B

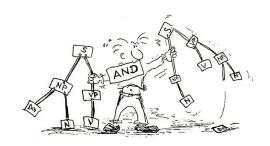
A or B

if A then B

A and not A

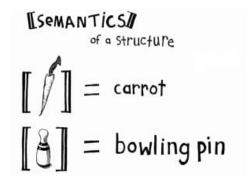


Syntax and Semantics



Syntax

- MW: the way in which linguistic elements (such as words) are put together to form constituents (such as phrases or clauses)
- Determines and restricts how things are written



Semantics

- MW: the study of meanings
- Determines how syntax is interpreted to give meaning



Syntax of Propositional Logic

An atomic formula has a form A_i , where i = 1, 2, 3 ...

Formulas are defined inductively as follows:

- All atomic formulas are formulas
- For every formula F, ¬F (called not F) is a formula
- For all formulas F and G, F ∧ G (called and) and F ∨ G (called or) are formulas

Abbreviations

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• use A, B, C, ... instead of A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, ...
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• use F_1 \rightarrow F_2 instead of \neg F_1 \lor F_2 (implication)
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• use $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ instead of $(F_1 \to F_2) \land (F_2 \to F_1)$ (iff)



Formal Syntax of Propositional Logic

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constant ::= true | false | 0 | 1 | ⊤ | ⊥
variable ::= p | q | r | A | B | C | A_0 | A_1 | ...
       ::= constant | variable
atom
literal ::= atom | ¬ atom
formula ::= literal
                - formula
               formula ∧ formula |
               formula V formula
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Example

$$F = \neg((A_5 \land A_6) \lor \neg A_3)$$

Sub-formulas are

$$F, ((A_5 \land A_6) \lor \neg A_3),$$

$$A_5 \land A_6, \neg A_3,$$

$$A_5, A_6, A_3$$



Semantics of propositional logic

1/2

Start with two truth values: {0, 1}

• 0 stands for false, and 1 stands for true

Let **D** be any subset of the *atomic* formulas An *assignment* **A** is a map $\mathbf{D} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

A assigns true/false to every atomic in D

Let **E** ⊇ **D** be a set of formulas built from **D** using propositional connectives

Extended assignment A': $E \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ extends A from atomic formulas to all formulas

Semantics of propositional logic

2/2

For an atomic formula A_i in **D**: $A'(A_i) = A(A_i)$

$$A'(F \land G) = 1$$
 if $A'(F) = 1$ and $A'(G) = 1$
= 0 otherwise

$$A'(F \lor G) = 1$$
 if $A'(F) = 1$ or $A'(G) = 1$
= 0 otherwise

$$A'(\neg F)$$
 = 1 if $A'(F) = 0$
= 0 otherwise

Exercise: Define Extended Assignment

$$F = \neg((A \land B) \lor C)$$

$$\mathcal{A}(A) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(C) = 0$$

Is F true or false under A'?



Truth Tables for Basic Operators

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(G)$	$\mathcal{A}((F \wedge G))$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(\neg F)$
0	1
1	0

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(G)$	$\mathcal{A}((F \vee G))$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1



Formula

$$F = \neg((A \land B) \lor C)$$

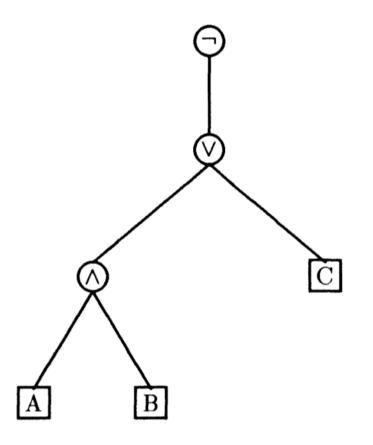
Assignment

$$\mathcal{A}(A) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{A}(C) = 0$$

Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)





Propositional Logic: Semantics

An assignment A is *suitable* for a formula F if A assigns a truth value to every atomic proposition of F

An assignment A is a *model* for F, written A⊧ F, iff

- A is suitable for F
- A(F) = 1, i.e., F *holds* under A

A formula F is *satisfiable* iff F has a model, otherwise F is *unsatisfiable* (or contradictory)

A formula F is *valid* (or a tautology), written ⊧ F, iff every suitable assignment for F is a model for F



Determining Satisfiability via a Truth Table

A formula F with n atomic sub-formulas has 2ⁿ suitable assignments Build a truth table enumerating all assignments F is satisfiable iff there is at least one entry with 1 in the output

	A_1	A_2	• • •	A_{n-1}	A_n	$oldsymbol{F}$
\mathcal{A}_1 :	0	0		0	0	$\mathcal{A}_1(F)$
\mathcal{A}_2 :	0	0		0	1	$egin{array}{c} \mathcal{A}_1(F) \ \mathcal{A}_2(F) \end{array}$
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\mathcal{A}_{2^n} :	1	1		1	1	$\mathcal{A}_{2^n}(F)$



An example

$$F = (\neg A \to (A \to B))$$

A	B	$\neg A$	$(A \rightarrow B)$	F
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	1



Validity and Unsatisfiability

Theorem:

A formula F is valid if and only if ¬F is unsatifsiable

Proof:

F is valid \Leftrightarrow every suitable assignment for F is a model for F

⇔ every suitable assignment for F is not a model for ¬ F

⇒ ¬ F does not have a model

⇔ ¬ F is unsatisfiable



Semantic Equivalence

Two formulas F and G are (semantically) equivalent, written $F \equiv G$, iff for every assignment A that is suitable for both F and G, A'(F) = A'(G)

For example, $(F \land G)$ is equivalent to $(G \land F)$

Formulas with different atomic propositions can be equivalent

- e.g., all tautologies are equivalent to true
- e.g., all unsatisfiable formulas are equivalent to false



Substitution Theorem

Theorem: Let F and G be equivalent formulas. Let H be a formula in which F occurs as a sub-formula. Let H' be a formula obtained from H by replacing every occurrence of F by G. Then, H and H' are equivalent.

In symbols:

$$F \equiv G \Rightarrow H \equiv H[F \rightarrow G]$$

Proof:

(Let's talk about proof by induction first...)



Structural Induction on the formula structure

The definition of a syntax of a formula is an *inductive* definition

• first, define atomic formulas; second, define more complex formulas from simple ones, each next definition uses previous definition recursively

The definition of the semantics of a formula is also inductive

 first, determine value of atomic propositions; second, define values of more complex formulas

The same principle works for proving properties of formulas!

- To show that every formula F satisfies some property S:
- (base case) show that S holds for atomic formulae
- (induction step) assume S holds for an arbitrary fixed formulas F and G.
 Show that S holds for (F ∧ G), (F ∨ G), and (¬ F)



Substitution Theorem

Theorem: Let F and G be equivalent formulas. Let H be a formula in which F occurs as a sub-formula. Let H' be a formula obtained from H by replacing every occurrence of F by G. Then, H and H' are equivalent.

Proof: by induction on formula structure (base case) if H is atomic, then F = H, H' = G, and $F \equiv G$ (inductive step)

(case 1)
$$H = \neg H_1$$

(case 2)
$$H = H_1 \wedge H_2$$

(case 3)
$$H = H_1 \vee H_2$$





Useful Equivalences (1/2)



Useful Equivalences (2/2)

$$\neg(F \land G) \equiv (\neg F \lor \neg G)$$
 $\neg(F \lor G) \equiv (\neg F \land \neg G)$
(deMorgan's Laws)

 $(F \lor G) \equiv F, \text{ if } F \text{ is a tautology}$
($F \land G$) $\equiv G, \text{ if } F \text{ is a tautology}$
(Tautology Laws)

 $(F \lor G) \equiv G, \text{ if } F \text{ is unsatisfiable}$
($F \land G$) $\equiv F, \text{ if } F \text{ is unsatisfiable}$
(Unsatisfiability Laws)

Don't believe in these laws. Prove them ...



Bool: Exercise 18: Children and Doctors

Formalize and show that the two statements are equivalent

 If the child has temperature or has a bad cough and we reach the doctor, then we call him

$$((T \lor C) \land R) \Rightarrow D$$

• If the child has temperature, then we call the doctor, provided we reach him, and, if we reach the doctor then we call him, if the child has a bad cough

$$(R \Rightarrow (T \Rightarrow D)) \land (C \Rightarrow (R \Rightarrow D))$$



Equivalence proof

$$((T \lor C) \land R) \Rightarrow D$$

$$((T \land R) \lor (C \land R) \Rightarrow D)$$

$$((T \land R) \Rightarrow D) \land ((C \land R) \Rightarrow D)$$

$$(R \Rightarrow (T \Rightarrow D)) \land (C \Rightarrow (R \Rightarrow D))$$

Law:

$$(a \lor b) \Rightarrow c$$

 $(a \Rightarrow c) \land (b \Rightarrow c)$



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normal form

DICTIONARY

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normal form noun

Definition of *normal form*

logic

: a canonical or standard fundamental form of a statement to which others can be reduced

especially: a compound statement in the propositional calculus consisting of nothing but a conjunction of disjunctions whose disjuncts are either elementary statements or negations thereof

https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/normal%20form



Negation Normal Form (NNF)

A formula F is in Negation Normal Form (NNF) if every occurrence of negation (¬) in F is applied to an atomic sub-formula of F.

For example,

- ¬ a V ¬ b V c is in NNF
- \neg (a \land b \land \neg c) is NOT in NNF (why?)

Theorem (NNF): For every formula F there is a semantically equivalent form G in NNF. In symbols

• For every F, exists G in NNF, such that $F \equiv G$



Normal Form: DNF

A *literal* is either an atomic proposition v or its negation ¬v

A *cube* is a conjunction of literals

A formula F is in *Disjunctive Normal Form* (DNF) if F is a disjunction of conjunctions of literals

$$\bigvee_{i=1}^{n} \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j} \right)$$

(Fun) Fact: determining whether a DNF formula F is satisfiable is easy

easy == linear in the size of the formula



Normal Form: CNF

A *literal* is either an atomic proposition v or its negation ¬v

A *clause* is a disjunction of literals

A formula F is in *Conjunctive Normal Form* (CNF) if F is a conjunction of disjunctions of literals

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} (\bigvee_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j})$$

(Fun) Fact: determining whether a CNF formula F is satisfiable is hard

• hard == NP-complete



Normal Form Theorem

Theorem: For every formula F_1 , there is an equivalent formula F_1 in CNF, and an equivalent formula F_2 in DNF.

That is, CNF and DNF are normal forms:

• Every propositional formula can be converted to CNF and to DNF without affecting its meaning (i.e., semantics)!

Proof: (by induction on the structure of the formula F)

Details are left as an exercise!



Example: From Truth Table to CNF and DNF

DNF

$$(\neg A \land \neg B \land \neg C) \lor (A \land \neg B \land \neg C) \lor (A \land \neg B \land C)$$

CNF

$$(A \lor B \lor \neg C) \land \\ (A \lor \neg B \lor C) \land \\ (A \lor \neg B \lor \neg C) \land \\ (\neg A \lor \neg B \lor C) \land \\ (\neg A \lor \neg B \lor \neg C)$$

Truth table

A	B	C	$\mid F \mid$
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0



From Truth Table to DNF / CNF

From a truth table T to DNF formula F

- For every row i of T with value 1, construct a conjunction F_i that characterizes the row. That is, F_i is a formula that is true exactly for the assignment of row I
- Let F = ∨ F_i, then F is equivalent to T and is in DNF
- Fact: F has as many disjuncts as rows with value 1 in T
- Question: How big can F be? How small can F be?

From a truth table T to CNF formula G

- For every row i of T with value 0, construct a conjunction F_i that characterizes the row
- Let G_i be NNF of ¬F_i
- Let $G = \wedge G_i$, then G is equivalent to T and is in CNF
- Fact: F has as many disjuncts as rows with value 0 in T
- Question: How big can F be? How small can F be?

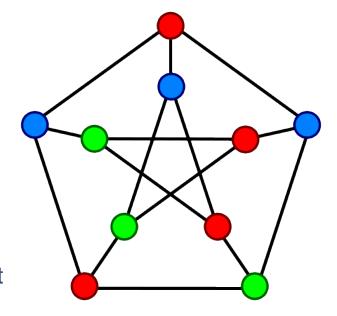


ENCODING PROBLEMS INTO CNF-SAT



Graph k-Coloring

Given a graph G = (V, E), and a natural number k > 0 is it possible to assign colors to vertices of G such that no two adjacent vertices have the same color.



Formally:

- does there exists a function $f: V \rightarrow [0..k)$ such that
- for every edge (u, v) in E, f(u) != f(v)

Graph coloring for k > 2 is NP-complete

Problem: Encode k-coloring of G into CNF

 construct CNF C such that C is SAT iff G is kcolorable





k-coloring as CNF

Let a Boolean variable f_{v,i} denote that vertex v has color i

if f_{v,i} is true if and only if f(v) = i

Every vertex has at least one color

$$\bigvee_{0 \le i \le k} f_{v,i} \qquad (v \in V)$$

No vertex is assigned two colors

$$\bigwedge_{0 \le i < j < k} (\neg f_{v,i} \lor \neg f_{v,j}) \qquad (v \in V)$$

No two adjacent vertices have the same color

$$\bigwedge_{\text{UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO}} (\neg f_{v,i} \vee \neg f_{u,i}) \qquad \qquad ((v,u) \in E)$$

PROPOSITIONAL REASONING



Explaining Satisfiability and Unsatisfiability

Let F be a propositional formula (large)

Assume that F is satisfiable. What is a short proof / certificate to establish satisfiability without a doubt?

provide a model. The model is linear in the size of the formula

Assume that F is unsatisfiable. What is a short proof / certificate to establish **UNSATISFIABILITY** without a doubt?

For example, is the following formula SAT or UNSAT? How do you explain your answer?

$$\neg b \land (\neg a \lor b \lor \neg c) \land a \land (\neg a \lor c)$$



What is a proof?

Egoroff's theorem in Royden Fitzpatrick (comparison with lemma 10)

I find it little clear, but still I am unable to understand the proof of the lemma 10,

Egoroff's Theorem Assume E has finite measure. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on E that converges pointwise on E to the real-valued function f. Then for each $\epsilon > 0$, there is a closed set F contained in E for which

$$\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$$
 uniformly on F and $m(E \sim F) < \epsilon$.

Lemma 10 Under the assumptions of Egoroff's Theorem, for each $\eta > 0$ and $\delta > 0$, there is a measurable subset A of E and an index N for which

$$|f_n - f| < \eta$$
 on A for all $n \ge N$ and $m(E \sim A) < \delta$.

Proof For each k, the function $|f - f_k|$ is properly defined, since f is real-valued, and it is measurable, so that the set $\{x \in E \mid |f(x) - f_k(x)| < \eta\}$ is measurable. The intersection of a countable collection of measurable sets is measurable. Therefore

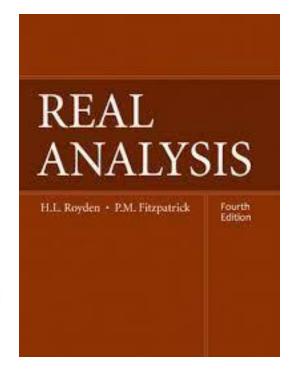
$$E_n = \left\{ x \in E \mid |f(x) - f_k(x)| < \eta \text{ for all } k \ge n \right\}$$

is a measurable set. Then $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is an ascending collection of measurable sets, and $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$, since $\{f_n\}$ converges pointwise to f on E. We infer from the continuity of measure that

$$m(E)=\lim_{n\to\infty}m(E_n).$$

Since $m(E) < \infty$, we may choose an index N for which $m(E_N) > m(E) - \epsilon$. Define $A = E_n$ and observe that, by the excision property of measure, $m(E \sim A) = m(E) - m(E_N) < \epsilon$.

Any help guys!



What is a proof?

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SECTION B] ARITHMETICAL SUM OF TWO CLASSES AND TWO CARDINALS
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 must hold in any type, and therefore, in particular, in that type for which we
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Pivot

$$C \vee p$$

 $D \vee \neg p$

 $C \vee D$

Resolvent

Res(
$$\{C, p\}, \{D, \neg p\}$$
) = $\{C, D\}$

Given two clauses {C, p} and {D, ¬p} that contain a literal p of different polarity, create a new clause by taking the union of literals in C and D



Resolution Lemma

F is a CNF formula; X and Y are two clauses in F

R be a resolvent of X and Y

Then,

F ∪ { R } is semantically equivalent to F

- R is implied by F
- Any model that makes F true, also makes R true
- Adding R to F does not make F any harder to satisfy



Proof System

$$P_1,\ldots,P_n\vdash C$$

An inference rule is a tuple $(P_1, ..., P_n, C)$

- where, P₁, ..., P_n, C are formulas
- P_i are called premises and C is called a conclusion
- intuitively, the rules says that the conclusion is true if the premises are

A proof system P is a collection of inference rules

A proof in a proof system P is a tree (or a DAG) such that

- nodes are labeled by formulas
- for each node n, (parents(n), n) is an inference rule in P



Resolution Theorem

F be a set of clauses (i.e., a formula in CNF)

 $Res(F) = F \cup \{R \mid R \text{ is a resolvent of two clauses in } F\}$

Resⁿ is defined recursively as follows:

$$Res^{0}(F) = F$$

$$Res^{n+1}(F) = Res(Res^{n}(F)), \text{ for } n \ge 0$$

$$Res^{*}(F) = \bigcup_{n \ge 0} Res^{n}(F)$$

Theorem: A CNF F is UNAT iff Res*(F) contains an empty clause



Exercise from LCS

For the following set of clauses determine Resⁿ for n=0, 1, 2

$$A \vee \neg B \vee C$$

$$B \vee C$$

$$\neg A \vee C$$

$$B \vee \neg C$$

$$\neg C$$



Resolution Proof Example

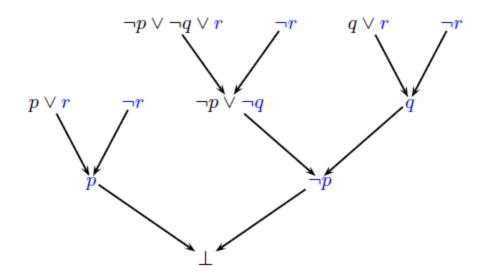
Show by resolution that the following CNF is UNSAT

$$\neg b \land (\neg a \lor b \lor \neg c) \land a \land (\neg a \lor c)$$



Example of a resolution proof

A refutation of $\neg p \lor \neg q \lor r$, $p \lor r$, $q \lor r$, $\neg r$:





Proof of the Resolution Theorem

1/3

(Soundness) By Resolution Lemma, F is equivalent to Resi(F) for any i.

Let n be such that Resⁿ⁺¹(F) contains an empty clause, but Resⁿ(F) does not

such n must exist because an empty clause was added at some point

Then, Resn(F) must contain two unit clauses L and ¬L

 because the only way to construct an empty clause is to resolve two unit clauses

Hence, F is UNSAT

- every clause added by resolution is implied (entailed) by F
- hence, F → L and F → ¬L
- Therefore, $F \rightarrow (L \land \neg L)$, and $F \rightarrow False$



Proof of the Resolution Theorem

2/3

(Completeness) By **induction** on the number of different atomic propositions in F.

(base case) if F has 0 atomic propositions and has a clause, then F contains an empty clause

empty clause is the only clause without any atomic propositions



(inductive case):

Assume F is UNSAT and F has atomic propositions $A_1, \dots A_{n+1}$

Let F_0 be the result of replacing atomic proposition A_{n+1} by 0 Let F_1 be the result of replacing atomic proposition A_{n+1} by 1

Since F is UNSAT, so are F_0 and F_1

• e.g., if F_0 is SAT with assignment M, then extend M to $A_{n+1} \rightarrow 0$, ...

By IH, both F₀ and F₁ derive an empty clause

• Hence, Res*(F) contains (A_{n+1}) (or empty clause) and Res*(F) contains $(\neg A_{n+1})$ (or empty clause)

Therefore, Res*(F) contains an empty clause!

Example for the last step of Pf of Res Theorem

$$F = (a) \wedge (\neg a \vee b) \wedge (\neg b \vee c) \wedge (\neg c)$$

$$F_0 = (a) \wedge (\neg a) \wedge (\neg c)$$

- Res*(F₀) contains an empty clause
- By following the same resolution steps in F, we show that Res*(F) contains the clause (b)

$$F_1 = (a) \wedge (c) \wedge (\neg c)$$

- Res*(F₁) contains an empty clause
- By following the same resolution steps in F, we show that Res*(F) contains the clause (¬ b)

Therefore, Res*(F) contains an empty clause!



Propositional Resolution as an Inference Rule

$$C \lor p$$
 $C \lor D$

Propositional resolution is a sound inference rule

Proposition resolution proof system consists of a single propositional resolution rule



Entailment and Derivation

A set of formulas F entails a set of formulas G iff every model of F and is a model of G

$$F \models G$$

A formula G is derivable from a formula F by a proof system P if there exists a proof whose leaves are labeled by formulas in F and the root is labeled by G

$$F \vdash_P G$$



Soundness and Completeness

A proof system P is sound iff

$$(F \vdash_P G) \implies (F \models G)$$

A proof system P is complete iff

$$(F \models G) \implies (F \vdash_P G)$$



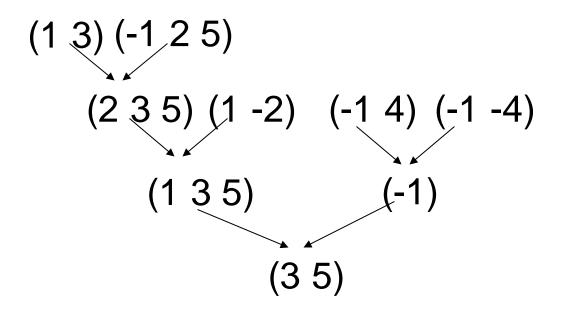
Completeness of Propositional Resolution

Theorem: Propositional resolution is sound and complete proof system for propositional logic!



Proof by resolution

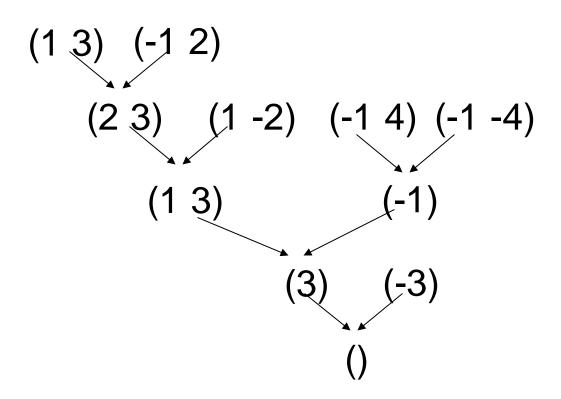
Notation: positive numbers mean variables, negative mean negation Let ϕ = (1 3) \wedge (-1 2 5) \wedge (-1 4) \wedge (-1 -4) \wedge (1 -2) We'll try to prove $\phi \rightarrow$ (3 5)





Example: UNSAT Derivation

Notation: positive numbers mean variables, negative mean negation Let $\varphi = (1\ 3)\ \land\ (-1\ 2)\ \land\ (1\ -2)\ \land\ (-1\ 4)\ \land\ (-1\ -4)\ \land\ (-3)$





Logic for Computer Scientists: Ex. 33

Using resolution show that

$$A \wedge B \wedge C$$

is a consequence of

$$\neg A \lor B$$

$$\neg B \lor C$$

$$A \lor \neg C$$

$$A \lor B \lor C$$



Logic for Computer Scientists: Ex. 34

Show using resolution that F is valid

$$F = (\neg B \land \neg C \land D) \lor (\neg B \land \neg D) \lor (C \land D) \lor B$$

$$\neg F = (B \lor C \lor \neg D) \land (B \lor D) \land (\neg C \lor \neg D) \land \neg B$$

