

# Resolution Principle. Examples

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**Example 1** Prove by resolution that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  where

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 : & \quad \forall_x (C[x] \Rightarrow (W[x] \wedge R[x])) \\ F_2 : & \quad \exists_x (C[x] \wedge O[x]) \\ G : & \quad \exists_x (O[x] \wedge R[x]) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** We show that  $F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge \neg G$  is unsatisfiable by resolution. We transform  $F_1, F_2, \neg G$  into Skolem standard form. We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 : & \quad \forall_x (C[x] \Rightarrow (W[x] \wedge R[x])) \\ \iff & \quad \forall_x (\neg C[x] \vee (W[x] \wedge R[x])) \\ \iff & \quad \forall_x (\neg C[x] \vee W[x]) \wedge (\neg C[x] \vee R[x]) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2 : & \quad \exists_x (C[x] \wedge O[x]) \\ \rightsquigarrow & \quad C[a] \wedge O[a] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \neg G : & \quad \neg \left( \exists_x (O[x] \wedge R[x]) \right) \\ \iff & \quad \forall_x (\neg O[x] \vee \neg R[x]) \end{aligned}$$

We have the following set of clauses

- (1)  $\neg C[x] \vee W[x]$
- (2)  $\neg C[x] \vee R[x]$
- (3)  $C[a]$
- (4)  $O[a]$
- (5)  $\neg O[x] \vee \neg R[x]$

By resolution we obtain also the following clauses

- (6)  $\neg R[a]$  (4)  $\wedge$  (5),  $\{x \rightarrow a\}$
- (7)  $\neg C[a]$  (6)  $\wedge$  (2),  $\{x \rightarrow a\}$
- (8)  $\emptyset$  (7)  $\wedge$  (3)

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**Example 2** Prove by resolution that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  where

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 : & \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (D[y] \Rightarrow L[x, y]) \right) \\ F_2 : & \forall_x \left( P[x] \Rightarrow \forall_y (Q[y] \Rightarrow \neg L[x, y]) \right) \\ G : & \forall_x (D[x] \Rightarrow \neg Q[x]) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** We show that  $F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge \neg G$  is unsatisfiable by resolution. We transform  $F_1, F_2, \neg G$  into Skolem standard form. We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 : & \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (D[y] \Rightarrow L[x, y]) \right) \\ \iff & \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (\neg D[y] \vee L[x, y]) \right) \\ \iff & \exists_x \forall_y (P[x] \wedge (\neg D[y] \vee L[x, y])) \\ \rightsquigarrow & \forall_y (P[a] \wedge (\neg D[y] \vee L[a, y])) \\ \\ F_2 : & \forall_x \left( P[x] \Rightarrow \forall_y (Q[y] \Rightarrow \neg L[x, y]) \right) \\ \iff & \forall_x \left( P[x] \Rightarrow \forall_y (\neg Q[y] \vee \neg L[x, y]) \right) \\ \iff & \forall_x \left( \neg P[x] \vee \forall_y (\neg Q[y] \vee \neg L[x, y]) \right) \\ \iff & \forall_x \forall_y (\neg P[x] \vee \neg Q[y] \vee \neg L[x, y]) \\ \\ \neg G : & \neg \left( \forall_x (D[x] \Rightarrow \neg Q[x]) \right) \\ \iff & \neg \left( \forall_x (\neg D[x] \vee \neg Q[x]) \right) \\ \iff & \exists_x (D[x] \wedge Q[x]) \\ \rightsquigarrow & D[a] \wedge Q[a] \end{aligned}$$

We have the following set of clauses

- (1)  $P[a]$
- (2)  $\neg D[y] \vee L[a, y]$
- (3)  $\neg P[x] \vee \neg Q[y] \vee \neg L[x, y]$
- (4)  $D[a]$
- (5)  $Q[a]$

By resolution we obtain also the following clauses

- (6)  $L[a, a]$
- (7)  $\neg P[a] \vee \neg Q[a]$
- (8)  $\neg Q[a]$
- (9)  $\emptyset$
- (2)  $\wedge$  (4),  $\{y \rightarrow a\}$
- (3)  $\wedge$  (6),  $\{x \rightarrow a, y \rightarrow a\}$
- (1)  $\wedge$  (7)
- (5)  $\wedge$  (8)

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**Example 3** Prove by resolution that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F$  where

$$\begin{aligned} F : \quad & \forall_x \exists_y (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \Rightarrow \exists_y (I[y] \wedge E[x, y]) \\ G : \quad & \neg \exists_x I[x] \Rightarrow \forall_{x, y} (S[x, y] \Rightarrow \neg M[y]) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** We show that  $F \wedge \neg G$  is unsatisfiable. First we transform the formulas into standard form. We have

$$\begin{aligned} F : \quad & \forall_x \left( \exists_y (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \right) \Rightarrow \exists_y (I[y] \wedge E[x, y]) \\ \iff & \forall_x \neg \left( \exists_y (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \right) \vee \exists_y (I[y] \wedge E[x, y]) \\ \iff & \forall_x \left( \forall_y (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \right) \vee \exists_y (I[y] \wedge E[x, y]) \\ \iff & \forall_x \left( \forall_y (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \right) \vee (I[f[x]] \wedge E[x, f[x]]) \\ \iff & \forall_{x, y} (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \vee (I[f[x]] \wedge E[x, f[x]]) \\ \iff & \forall_{x, y} ((\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y] \vee I[f[x]]) \wedge (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y] \vee E[x, f[x]])) \\ \neg G : \quad & \neg \left( \neg \exists_x I[x] \Rightarrow \forall_{x, y} (S[x, y] \Rightarrow \neg M[y]) \right) \\ \iff & \neg \left( \neg \exists_x I[x] \Rightarrow \forall_{x, y} (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \right) \\ \iff & \neg \left( \exists_x I[x] \vee \forall_{x, y} (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \right) \\ \iff & \left( \forall_x \neg I[x] \wedge \exists_{x, y} (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \right) \\ \iff & \forall_z \neg I[z] \wedge \exists_{x, y} (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \\ \rightsquigarrow & \forall_z \neg I[z] \wedge S[a, b] \wedge M[b] \end{aligned}$$

We have the following set of clauses

- (1)  $\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y] \vee I[f[x]]$
- (2)  $\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y] \vee E[x, f[x]]$
- (3)  $\neg I[z]$
- (4)  $S[a, b]$
- (5)  $M[b]$

By resolution we obtain also the following clauses

- (6)  $\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]$     (1)  $\wedge$  (3),  $\{z \rightarrow f[x]\}$
- (7)  $\neg M[b]$     (4)  $\wedge$  (6),  $\{x \rightarrow a, y \rightarrow b\}$
- (8)  $\emptyset$     (5)  $\wedge$  (7)

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**Example 4** Prove by resolution that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F_1, F_2$ , and  $F_3$  where

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 : & \quad \forall_x (Q[x] \Rightarrow \neg P[x]) \\ F_2 : & \quad \forall_x \left( (R[x] \wedge \neg Q[x]) \Rightarrow \exists_y (T[x, y] \wedge S[y]) \right) \\ F_3 : & \quad \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (T[x, y] \Rightarrow P[y]) \wedge R[x] \right) \\ G : & \quad \exists_x (S[x] \wedge P[x]) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** We show that  $F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge F_3 \wedge \neg G$  is unsatisfiable. First we transform the formulas into standard form.

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 : & \quad \forall_x (Q[x] \Rightarrow \neg P[x]) \iff \forall_x (\neg Q[x] \vee \neg P[x]) \\ F_2 : & \quad \forall_x \left( (R[x] \wedge \neg Q[x]) \Rightarrow \exists_y (T[x, y] \wedge S[y]) \right) \\ & \iff \forall_x \left( \neg (R[x] \wedge \neg Q[x]) \vee \exists_y (T[x, y] \wedge S[y]) \right) \\ & \iff \forall_x \left( \neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee \exists_y (T[x, y] \wedge S[y]) \right) \\ & \iff \forall_{xy} (\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee (T[x, y] \wedge S[y])) \\ & \iff \forall_{xy} ((\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee T[x, y]) \wedge (\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee S[y])) \\ & \rightsquigarrow \forall_x ((\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee T[x, f[x]]) \wedge (\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee S[f[x]])) \\ F_3 : & \quad \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (T[x, y] \Rightarrow P[y]) \wedge R[x] \right) \\ & \iff \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (\neg T[x, y] \vee P[y]) \wedge R[x] \right) \\ & \iff \exists_{xy} (P[x] \wedge (\neg T[x, y] \vee P[y]) \wedge R[x]) \\ & \rightsquigarrow \forall_y (P[a] \wedge (\neg T[a, y] \vee P[y]) \wedge R[a]) \\ \neg G : & \quad \neg \left( \exists_x (S[x] \wedge P[x]) \right) \\ & \iff \forall_x (\neg S[x] \vee \neg P[x]) \end{aligned}$$

We have the following set of clauses

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|------|---------------------------------------|--|
| (1)  | $\neg Q[x] \vee \neg P[x]$            |  |
| (2)  | $\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee T[x, f[x]]$ |  |
| (3)  | $\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee S[f[x]]$    |  |
| (4)  | $P[a]$                                |  |
| (5)  | $\neg T[a, y] \vee P[y]$              |  |
| (6)  | $R[a]$                                |  |
| (7)  | $\neg S[x] \vee \neg P[x]$            |  |
| (8)  | $\neg Q[a]$                           | $(1) \wedge (4), \{x \rightarrow a\}$    |
| (9)  | $\neg R[a] \vee T[a, f[a]]$           | $(8) \wedge (2), \{x \rightarrow a\}$    |
| (10) | $\neg R[a] \vee P[f[a]]$              | $(9) \wedge (5), \{y \rightarrow f[a]\}$ |
| (11) | $P[f[a]]$                             | $(10) \wedge (6)$                        |
| (12) | $\neg S[f[a]]$                        | $(11) \wedge (7)$                        |
| (13) | $\neg R[a] \vee Q[a]$                 | $(12) \wedge (3)$                        |
| (14) | $Q[a]$                                | $(13) \wedge (6)$                        |
| (15) | $\emptyset$                           | $(14) \wedge (8)$                        |

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