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## Precedence

$\neg$	highest	$A \vee B \wedge C$	$A \vee (B \wedge C)$
$\wedge$			
$\vee$		$A \wedge B \rightarrow C \vee D$	$(A \wedge B) \rightarrow (C \vee D)$
$\rightarrow$			
$\leftrightarrow$	lowest	$A \rightarrow B \vee C \leftrightarrow D$	$(A \rightarrow (B \vee C)) \leftrightarrow D$

- Precedence rules enable “shorthand” form of sentences, but formally only the fully parenthesized form is legal.
- Syntactically ambiguous forms allowed in shorthand only when semantically equivalent:  $A \wedge B \wedge C$  is equivalent to  $(A \wedge B) \wedge C$  and  $A \wedge (B \wedge C)$

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Note that implication is not "causality", if P is **f** then  $P \rightarrow Q$  is **t**

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  - constraint propagation
  - stochastic search

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  - propositional variables represent state of the program
  - use logic to describe how the program works and to assert there is a bug
  - if the sentence is satisfiable, you've found a bug!



# A Good Lecture?



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Imagine we knew that:

- If today is sunny, then Tomas will be happy ( $S \rightarrow H$ )
- If Tomas is happy, the lecture will be good ( $H \rightarrow G$ )
- Today is sunny ( $S$ )

Should we conclude that the lecture will be good?



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good  
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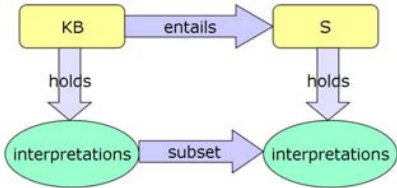


## Adding a Variable

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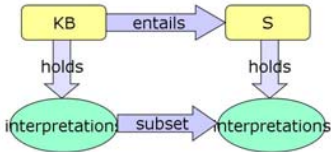
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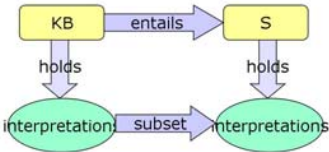
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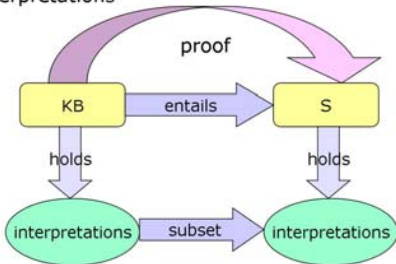
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Way too many interpretations, in general!!

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A **proof** is a way to test whether a KB entails a sentence, without enumerating all possible interpretations



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- In general, you need to do “proof by cases” which introduces even more branching.

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# Propositional Resolution

- Resolution rule:

$$\frac{\alpha \vee \beta \quad \neg \beta \vee \gamma}{\alpha \vee \gamma}$$

- Single inference rule is a sound and complete proof system
- Requires all sentences to be converted to conjunctive normal form

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## CNF Conversion Example

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3. Distribute

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



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  - If we can't apply any more, then the conclusion cannot be proved from the axioms.

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Any conclusion follows from a contradiction – and so strict logic systems are very brittle.

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# Resolution Proof Example

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2	$P \vee R$	
3	$\neg P \vee R$	
4	$R \vee S$	
5	$R \vee \neg Q$	
6	$\neg S \vee \neg Q$	
7	$\neg R$	Neg

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5	$R \vee \neg Q$	
6	$\neg S \vee \neg Q$	
7	$\neg R$	Neg
8	S	4,7
9	$\neg Q$	6,8
10	P	1,9
11	R	3,10
12	•	7,11

# Proof Strategies



## Proof Strategies

- Unit preference: prefer a resolution step involving an unit clause (clause with one literal).
  - Produces a shorter clause – which is good since we are trying to produce a zero-length clause, that is, a contradiction.
- Set of support: Choose a resolution involving the negated goal or any clause derived from the negated goal.
  - We're trying to produce a contradiction that follows from the negated goal, so these are "relevant" clauses.
  - If a contradiction exists, one can find one using the set-of-support strategy.