

# Knowledge Representation Summary

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## Abstract

This is **free** material! You should not spend money on it.

This notes are about the *Knowledge Representation* part taught by professor Daniele Nardi in the Artificial Intelligence class. Everyone is welcome to contribute to this notes in any relevant form, just ask for a pull request and be patient.

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# 1 Logic based agents

A **knowledge base** [KB] is a set of sentences in a knowledge representation language that express some assertion about the world.

We can either:

- *Tell*: i.e. add new sentences to the KB or
- *Ask*: i.e. query what is known.

We can use both this actions to do **inference** in which we derive new sentences from old ones.

There are two ways of building a KB structure:

- **Declarative**: in which the agent is *told* various aspects of the world <sup>1</sup> until it is capable of working in the environment.
- **Procedural**: which encodes desired behavior directly in the program.

Finally an agent can be viewed at:

- *Knowledge level*, where we specify what the agents knows and what are its goals. Or at
- *Implementation level*, where we need to specify the data structures used in the KB and the way to manipulate them.

## 1.1 Logic

Sentences must follow two principles in order to be considered *correct*:

- **Syntax** holds when a sentence is *well formed*, e.g. in mathematics " $x + y = 4$ " is correct while " $x3y+ =$ " is not.
- **Semantic** that defines the *truth* of a sentence in respect to each possible world. For example the sentence  $x + y = 4$  is true in a world where  $x = 2, y = 2$  but false when  $x = 1, y = 4$ .

Other than saying *each possible world* when referring to the KB, we can use the word **interpretation**. Whereas possible worlds might be thought of as (potentially) real environments that the agent might or might not be in, interpretations are mathematical abstractions, each of which simply fixes the truth or falsehood of every relevant sentence.

Moreover a **model**  $m$  is an interpretation of a sentence  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha$  is true in  $m$  <sup>2</sup>. Given a set of the models of  $\alpha$ ,  $M(\alpha)$ , we can derive the concept of *entailment*:

A KB *entails* a sentence  $\alpha$  <sup>3</sup> if and only if, in every interpretation in which the KB is true <sup>4</sup>,  $\alpha$  is also true:

$$KB \models \alpha \Leftrightarrow M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$$

Note that  $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$  means that KB is a *stronger assertion* than  $\alpha$  since it *rules out* more interpretation or possible worlds <sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>That is the designer add new sentences.

<sup>2</sup>Here the Russell-Norvig has a different concept of *model* which is equal to the above *interpretation* (= *each possible world* = *model*) . But Nardi prefer to make the distinction between the two, so we will go with the Nardi flow (*each possible world=interpretation*  $\neq$  *model=true interpretation*).

<sup>3</sup>That is the sentence  $\alpha$  follows logically/is derived from KB.

<sup>4</sup>That is in every *model* of the KB.

<sup>5</sup>There are less models in KB than in  $\alpha$ .

**Example** Lets make an example to better understand this concepts.

We have the following sentences:

- $\alpha$  = Overwatch is better than Fortnite.
- $\beta$  = Everything is better than Diablo immortal <sup>6</sup>.

Our KB is equal to  $KB = \alpha \wedge \beta$ , that is the KB knows that *Overwatch is better than Fortnite* **and** that *Diablo immortal sucks*. We want to know:

$$KB \models \beta$$

i.e. we can derive from KB that Diablo immortal sucks.

We first need to check if  $M(KB) \subseteq M(\beta)$ , in other words if the KB has fewer true interpretation <sup>7</sup> than  $\beta$ . We know that the entailment holds since:

- The KB has two independent sentences,  $\alpha, \beta$ , correlated by an *and* logic relationship, which result in fewer models.
- We are asking the KB for the truth of a sentence which is directly part of the KB itself; so that the set of models  $M(KB)$  is a *subset* of  $M(\beta)$ .

**Model checking** To know if  $KB \models \beta$  we need to prove that  $M(KB) \subseteq M(\beta)$ . This can be done by **model checking**, that is enumerating all the possible interpretation where  $KB$  is true and check if those are also models of  $\beta$  <sup>8</sup>. For the above example we have:

	KB	$\beta$
$\alpha \wedge \beta$	True	True
$\neg\alpha \wedge \beta$	False	True
$\alpha \wedge \neg\beta$	False	False
$\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta$	False	False

Table 1: Model checking for  $KB \models \beta$

**Deduction** To better understand the difference between entailment and inference we should think of the *set of all consequences* of KB as a haystack and  $\beta$  as a needle. Entailment is like the needle being in the haystack; inference is like finding it.

Another way of computing the knowledge entailed by a KB is by a **deduction procedure**:

$$KB \vdash_i \beta$$

Which denotes that  $\beta$  can be driven from KB by an **inference algorithm**  $i$ .

**Sound and Completeness** Given an inference algorithm  $i$ , if  $i$  derives **only entailed** sentences from KB then it is considered **sound** <sup>9</sup>, otherwise  $i$  would make things up as it goes along (discovering of non-existing needles).

On the other hand **completeness** is also desirable: an inference algorithm is complete if it can derive any sentence that is entailed. For real haystacks, which are finite in extent, it seems obvious that a systematic examination can always decide whether the needle is in the haystack. For many knowledge bases, however, the haystack of consequences is infinite, and completeness becomes an important issue.

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<sup>6</sup>Don't you have phones?

<sup>7</sup>Models.

<sup>8</sup>This is a direct implementation of the definition of entailment.

<sup>9</sup>Or truth preserving.

### Difference between $\models$ and $\vdash$ Having

- $KB \models \alpha$
- $KB \vdash \alpha$

The first symbol  $\models$  is called **entailment** and means that  $\alpha$  must be true in all of KB's models, that is KB are true when  $\alpha$ 's interpretations are true <sup>10</sup>.

The other symbol  $\vdash$  is read **derives** (KB derives  $\alpha$ ) it can be joint with a sign denoting an inference rule, such as  $KB \vdash_{MP} \alpha$  <sup>11</sup> or  $KB \vdash_R \alpha$  <sup>12</sup> or both  $KB \vdash_{R,MP} \alpha$ . You can even ignore the set of inference rules and just write  $KB \vdash \alpha$ , in this case you are saying that *it must exist a derivation* <sup>13</sup> *so that  $\alpha$  is the last element of the chain*. You can verify the entailment with the derivation if and only if the inference rules you are applying are sound and complete.

**Difference between *deduction* and *inference*** Broadly speaking they are the same thing.

More specifically, the *deduction* is always referred to as a syntactic derivation, while *inference* is a more generic term which means that starting from KB we can conclude  $\alpha$ . So *deduction* is tied to the  $\vdash$  symbol, while *infer* is more generic and can be used in both  $\vdash, \models$

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<sup>10</sup>We can have some models of  $\alpha$  which are not model in KB.

<sup>11</sup>Modus Ponens Section 2.1.2.

<sup>12</sup>Resolution Section 2.2.

<sup>13</sup>Obtained with some inference rule.

## 2 Propositional Logic

Propositional logic is the simplest logic! <sup>14</sup>

**Syntax** An **atomic sentence** is made of *one* **propositional symbol** (for example  $S$ ), which can be either *True or False*.

*True and False* are propositional symbols that are always True/False.

**Complex sentences** are propositional symbols joint together by the following **logical connective** (Figure 1) :

- $\neg$  (not):  $\neg S$  is the **negation** of  $S$ .
- $\wedge$  (and):  $S_1 \wedge S_2$  is a **conjunction**.
- $\vee$  (and):  $S_1 \vee S_2$  is a **disjunction**.
- $\Rightarrow$  (implies):  $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$  is an **implication**, where  $S_1$  is the *antecedent/premise* and  $S_2$  is the *consequent/-conclusion*. Implication are known as **if-then** statement <sup>15</sup>.
- $\Leftrightarrow$  (if and only if):  $S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$  is a **biconditional**.

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Sentence  → AtomicSentence | ComplexSentence
AtomicSentence  → True | False | P | Q | R | ...
ComplexSentence → ( Sentence ) | [ Sentence ]
                |  ¬ Sentence
                |  Sentence ∧ Sentence
                |  Sentence ∨ Sentence
                |  Sentence ⇒ Sentence
                |  Sentence ⇔ Sentence

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OPERATOR PRECEDENCE :  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

Figure 1: Syntax summary for propositional logic

**Semantic** The semantic defines the truth of a sentence in respect to a particular interpretation, that assign a truth value to every propositional symbol (Figure 2).

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
false	false	true	false	false	true	true
false	true	true	false	true	true	false
true	false	false	false	true	false	false
true	true	false	true	true	true	true

Figure 2: Truth Table for propositional logic.

For what regard the *implies* symbol ( $P \Rightarrow Q$ ) we need to specify that:

<sup>14</sup>Not to understand...

<sup>15</sup>If premise then conclusion.



- It *does not* need to have any causal/relevance link between the antecedent and the consequent. For example '5 is odd implies Tokyo is the capital of Japan' is syntactically correct.
- Any implication is true whenever the antecedent is false. This because we are saying 'If  $P$  is true, then I am claiming that  $Q$  is true. Otherwise I am making no claim'.
- The only way for  $P \Rightarrow Q$  to be false is if  $P$  is true and  $Q$  is false.

**Inference** Our goal is to prove that

$$KB \models \alpha$$

With the model checking approach we just need to enumerate all the possible interpretation and check that, when there is a model of KB then there is also a model of  $\alpha$ . This is done by assigning either *true* or *false* to every propositional symbol in any interpretation. But given  $n$  symbols there are  $2^n$  interpretations, thus the time complexity is  $O(2^n)$ , while the space complexity is  $O(n)$  since we're using a depth-first approach.

## 2.1 Theorem Proving

We can use a technique known as *theorem proving* that consist in applying rules of inference directly to the sentences in our KB to construct a proof of the desired sentence without consulting models. If the number of models is large but the length of the proof is short, then theorem proving can be more efficient than model checking. We first need to introduce some concepts.

**Logical equivalence** Two sentences  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are logically equivalent if they are true in the same set of interpretations, i.e. they have the **same set of models**. We write this as  $\alpha \equiv \beta$ . We can formalize this propriety by writing:

$$\alpha \equiv \beta \iff \alpha \models \beta \wedge \beta \models \alpha$$

Following there are some standard logic equivalences (Figure 3):

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \wedge \\
(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \vee \\
((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \wedge \\
((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \vee \\
\neg(\neg\alpha) &\equiv \alpha && \text{double-negation elimination} \\
(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) && \text{contraposition} \\
(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) && \text{implication elimination} \\
(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) &\equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) && \text{biconditional elimination} \\
\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) && \text{De Morgan} \\
\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta) && \text{De Morgan} \\
(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee \\
(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \vee \text{ over } \wedge
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 3: Standard logic equivalences.

**Validity** A sentence is *valid* if it is true in all interpretations <sup>16</sup>. For example:  $A \vee \neg A$ , *True*,  $A \Rightarrow A$ ...

Validity can be tied to the deduction problem in the following way:

*For every sentences  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha \models \beta$  if and only if the sentence  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  is valid.*

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<sup>16</sup>Also known as tautologies.

**Satisfiability** A sentence is **satisfiable** <sup>17</sup> if it is true in *some* interpretation, i.e. it has some models. A sentence can be proved to be satisfiable by enumerating the possible implementations until a model is found <sup>18</sup>. We can say that:

- $\alpha$  is valid iff  $\neg\alpha$  is unsatisfiable, or
- $\alpha$  is satisfiable iff  $\neg\alpha$  is not valid.

Hence we can give another interpretation for entailment:

$$\alpha \models \beta \iff (\alpha \wedge \neg\beta) \text{ is unsatisfiable}$$

Which is also known as the **reductio ad absurdum** (proof by contradiction).

**Consistency** A knowledge base KB is consistent iff its negation is not a tautology <sup>19</sup>. That is, KB is inconsistent (not consistent) iff there is no interpretation which entails KB.

Example of an inconsistent knowledge base:

$$KB = \{a, \neg a\}$$

### 2.1.1 Deduction in Propositional Logic

We can use *inference rules* to derive a proof <sup>20</sup> of the interpretation truthfulness. The idea behind finding a proof rather than using model checking is that the proof can ignore irrelevant proposition, no matter how many of them there are.

Usually this kind of rules are written in the form:

$$\frac{\text{premises}}{\text{conclusions}} = \frac{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n}{A}$$

Suppose we want to derive some formula <sup>21</sup>  $\alpha$  from the KB<sup>22</sup> ( $KB \vdash \alpha$ ), there must be a sequence of formulas  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  such that:

- For every  $i$  between  $1 \dots n$  either:
  - $\alpha_i \in KB$ , that is the formula  $\alpha_i$  is in the KB. Or
  - $\alpha_i$  is a *direct derivation* of  $\alpha_{i-k}$ ,  $k \in [1, i-1]$  <sup>23</sup>
- $\alpha = \alpha_n$ , the chain of direct derivations brings to the formula we want to infer.

Hence we can say that  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  is a proof of  $\alpha$  from the KB. Finding a proof for a formula can be implemented as a search where:

- *Initial State*: is the KB .
- *Operators*: are *inference rules* (mentioned earlier).
- *Final state*: is the formula to be proven.

<sup>17</sup>This problem is called SAT and it has been shown to be NP-complete.

<sup>18</sup>Model checking technique.

<sup>19</sup>A tautology is a formula or assertion that is true in every possible interpretation

<sup>20</sup>A proof is a chain of conclusion which leads to a desired goal.

<sup>21</sup>Or sentence.

<sup>22</sup>Which is a set of formulas.

<sup>23</sup> $\alpha_i$  is a direct derivation of the previous formulas. In general  $\alpha_i$  can depend on any subset of previous  $\alpha$ , it depends on the resolution rule used.

**Basic proprieties** We need to describe the proprieties of a inferring method  $\mathcal{R}$  given a set of formulas  $KB$  and a formula  $A$ . It is important to understand that by writing  $\models A$  we are referring to the truthfulness of  $A$  in all its interpretation, thus referring to the *validity* of  $A$ .

- First we need to prove that an infer rule  $\mathcal{R}$  is **sound**, to do so we need to prove that  $A$  is **valid** given the fact that it can be derived with  $\vdash_{\mathcal{R}}$ .  
Notice that there is no KB before the symbol since we want to prove  $A$  being valid regardless of the existence of any KB <sup>24</sup>.  
But if we can derive  $A$  with a deduction  $\vdash$  then  $A$  must be valid, so  $\mathcal{R}$  is **sound** and we have:  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} A$  implies  $KB \models A$ .
- On the other hand, if  $A$  is valid then it exist a derivation  $\vdash_{\mathcal{R}}$  than let me derive it, so that  $KB \models A$  implies  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} A$ , thus  $\mathcal{R}$  is **complete**.

### 2.1.2 Inference and proof

First thing first the truth tables we cited before are not associated with the inference rules. They are associated with the formulas! So you cannot apply any truth table to Modus Ponens, And Elimination or Resolution since it does not make sense.

Moreover atom and literal are the two basic elements for the construction of the formulae, in propositional logic  $A$  is a propositional variable. But since we can have bot  $A$  and  $\neg A$  we say that  $A$  is a literal which can be positive or negative.

The syntax (Section 2) allows you to build a formula regardless of the amount of free variable <sup>25</sup>, when you have a formula with no free variables then its called a **sentence**. For example if we say:

$$A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$$

then its a formula, but if we associate a meaning to each literals:

$$Student \wedge SteamSales \Rightarrow Happy$$

Then it becomes a sentence.

On the other hand we used atom to indicate a formula for the estimations of predicates that has a predicates and some arguments. While in the propositional logic we have the propositional variable as a base element and an atom is a literal, in First Order Logic we have atoms.

**Modus Ponens** We can ether use Modus Ponens:

$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \quad \alpha}{\beta}$$

Which given  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  and  $\alpha$  it can infer  $\beta$ . For example

$$\frac{man \Rightarrow mortal, \quad man}{mortal}$$

or

$$\Gamma = \{feline \Rightarrow animal, cat \Rightarrow feline, cat\}$$

<sup>24</sup>That is a formula which is true in all models, for example  $A \vee \neg A$ .

<sup>25</sup>This is use in general cases.

Result in

$$\Gamma \vdash_{MP} \text{animal}$$

Which mean that *animal* can be derived from  $\Gamma$  using the inference algorithm MP (Modus Ponens).

**And Elimination** On the other hand we can use and elimination:

$$\frac{\alpha \wedge \beta}{\alpha}$$

more in general:

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}{\alpha_i}$$

Which works for any chain of conjunction and means that "if the rule  $A = \{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n\}$  is true, then for any  $\alpha_i \in A$ ,  $\alpha_i$  must be true as well", since we have an *and* logical chain.

**Monotonicity** Finally **monotonicity** is the propriety of logical system which says that the set of entailed sentences can only increase as information is added to the knowledge base:

$$\text{if } KB \models \alpha \text{ then } KB \wedge \beta \models \alpha$$

Which means that inference rules can be applied whenever suitable premises are found in the KB; conclusion of the rule must follow regardless of what else is in the knowledge base <sup>26</sup>.

**Inference rules** We can use any of the equivalences from Figure 3 as inference rules, for example:

$$\frac{\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta}{(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)}{\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta}$$

## 2.2 Resolution

So far we did not provide any algorithm which can be considered **complete**, since the lack of some *inference rules* may prevent the algorithm from reaching the goal. So we introduce the inference rule called **resolution** that yields a complete inference algorithm when coupled with any complete search algorithm (Section 2.4).

**Definitions** Following there are some definitions:

- *Formula*: is a set of literals joint by some logic connectives (e.g. a complex sentence).
- *Literals*: can be either one propositional symbol (or atom) or a negated atom. They are the same as an atomic formulae that is a formula that contains no logical connectives.
- *Clause*, is a *disjunction* of literals, for example  $L_1 \vee L_2 \vee \dots \vee L_n$
- Moreover we introduce the constants  $\perp$  and  $\top$ , that are *False* and *True* respectively.

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<sup>26</sup>Nonmonotonic logics, which violate the monotonicity property, capture a common property of human reasoning: changing one's mind.

### 2.2.1 Conjunctive Normal Form [CNF]

First thing first note that if we have a KB on which we *can* use Modus Ponens *then* we can use Resolution too. On the other hand if we can use Resolution then we may be not able to use Modus Ponent, since generalize Modus Ponens can be only used for definite horn clauses.

**Definition** The key idea is that: *every sentence of propositional logic is logically equivalent to a conjunction of clauses* ( $Formula \equiv CNF(Formula)$ ) ; hence sentences expressed as a conjunction of clauses are said to be in CNF. You can either preserve equivalence when converting to CNF, but the number of clauses will be  $2^n$ , where  $n$  is the number of literals; or you can preserve *satisfiability* introducing new literals and linearly increase the size of the formula.

**Example** Let's make an example using:

$$A \Leftrightarrow (B \vee C)$$

In the following steps we make use of the formulae in Figure 3

1. Use biconditional elimination and get:

$$(A \Rightarrow (B \vee C)) \wedge ((B \vee C) \Rightarrow A)$$

2. Use implication elimination end get :

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

3. CFN requires the negation to be applied only to literals <sup>27</sup>, hence we need to use the De Morgan formula to move  $\neg$  inwards:

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

4. Finally we use the distributive law of  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$  and get:

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

**Alpha-Beta Formulas** There are some cases in which we need to separate dis/conjunction depending on the following formulas:

$C=\{\alpha\}$	$C_1 = \{\alpha_1\}, C_2 = \{\alpha_2\}$	$C=\{\beta\}$	$C=\{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$
$\alpha = A \wedge B$	$\alpha_1 = A, \alpha_2 = B$	$\beta = A \vee B$	$\beta_1 = A, \beta_2 = B$
$\alpha = \neg(A \vee B)$	$\alpha_1 = \neg A, \alpha_2 = \neg B$	$\beta = A \Rightarrow B$	$\beta_1 = \neg A, \beta_2 = B$
$\alpha = \neg(A \Rightarrow B)$	$\alpha_1 = A, \alpha_2 = \neg B$	$\beta = \neg(A \wedge B)$	$\beta_1 = \neg A, \beta_2 = \neg B$

Table 2: Alpha-Beta formulas for CNF

As you can see from Table 2 the alpha formulas result into two clauses <sup>28</sup>  $C_1, C_2$ , while the beta formulas terminate in a single clause  $C$  with two formulas <sup>29</sup>.

<sup>27</sup>When a sentence has negation symbols applied directly to literal then it is in **Negation normal form** [NNF]. For example  $\neg(A \vee B)$  is not in NNF while  $\neg A \wedge \neg B$  is.

<sup>28</sup>That is because there is a conjunction symbol.

<sup>29</sup>Note that I said formulas and not literals since both  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$  can be further simplified if they are not literals.

**Algorithm** Given a formula  $F$  the algorithm for having the latter in CNF is the following:

1. Let  $I = \{F\}$ <sup>30</sup> be the initial state.
2. At the step  $n + 1$  we have that  $I = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$  where  $D_i$  is a disjunction containing some formulas  $\{A_1^i, \dots, A_k^i\}$ .
3. If  $A_j^i$  is not a literal then choose  $D_i$  and do the following  $\forall X_j \in D_i$ :
  - if  $X_j$  is  $\neg\top$  then replace it with  $\perp$ .
  - if  $X_j$  is  $\neg\perp$  then replace it with  $\top$ .
  - if  $X_j$  is  $\neg\neg X_j$  then replace it with  $X_j$ .
  - if  $X_j$  is  $\beta$  formula then replace it with  $\beta_1, \beta_2$ .
  - if  $X_j$  is *alpha* formula then replace  $D_i$  with two clauses  $D_i^1, D_i^2$  and add them to  $I$ .
4. Continue until every  $D_i$  is made of literals.

**Expansion rules** Finally note that the above rules can be written in the form of *expansion rules*<sup>31</sup>:

$$\frac{\neg\neg A}{A} \quad \frac{\neg\top}{\perp} \quad \frac{\neg\perp}{\top} \quad \frac{\beta}{\beta_1, \beta_2} \quad \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_1 | \alpha_2}$$

**Another Example** Given the formula:

$$(P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow (S \vee T))) \Rightarrow (T \Rightarrow Q)$$

We have that:

1. Use implication elimination (from now on it will be taken for granted) and get:

$$\neg(P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow (S \vee T))) \vee (T \Rightarrow Q)$$

2. Use  $\beta$  rule on disjunction:

$$C = \{\beta_1 = \neg(P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow (S \vee T))), \beta_2 = (T \Rightarrow Q)\}$$

3. Use  $\alpha$  rule on  $\beta_1$  (negation of implication) and get:

$$C_1 = \{P, (T \Rightarrow Q)\}, \quad C_2 = \{\neg(Q \Rightarrow (S \vee T)), (T \Rightarrow Q)\}$$

4. Use  $\beta$  rule on  $C_1$ :

$$C_1 = \{P, \neg T, Q\}, \quad C_2 = \{\neg(Q \Rightarrow (S \vee T)), (T \Rightarrow Q)\}$$

5. Use  $\beta$  rule on  $C_2$ :

$$C_1 = \{P, \neg T, Q\}, \quad C_2 = \{\neg(Q \Rightarrow (S \vee T)), \neg T, Q\}$$

6. Use  $\alpha$  rule on  $C_2$ :

$$C_1 = \{P, \neg T, Q\}, \quad C_2 = \{\neg Q, \neg T, Q\} \quad C_3 = \{\neg(S \vee T), \neg T, Q\}$$

7. Use  $\alpha$  rule on  $C_3$ :

$$C_1 = \{P, \neg T, Q\}, \quad C_2 = \{\neg Q, \neg T, Q\} \quad C_3 = \{\neg S, \neg T, Q\} \quad C_4 = \{\neg T, \neg T, Q\}$$

<sup>30</sup>The braces indicates that the  $I$  is a set of clauses which will be joint by conjunctions.

<sup>31</sup>Using the form introduced in Section 2.1.1.

### 2.2.2 Horn clause

**Definitions** The definition for understanding Horn clauses are both reported in Figure 4 as well as in the following list:

- *Definite clause*: is a disjunction of literals of which *exactly one is positive*. For example:

$$(\neg L_1 \vee \neg L_2 \vee L_3)$$

- *Goal clause*: is a disjunction of literals of which *none is positive*. For example:

$$(\neg L_4 \vee \neg L_5 \vee \neg L_6)$$

- *Horn clause*: is a disjunction of literals of which *at most one is positive*. So you can either have *definite clauses* or *goal clauses*. For example:

$$(\neg L_1 \vee \neg L_2 \vee L_3) \quad \text{or} \quad (\neg L_4 \vee \neg L_5 \vee \neg L_6)$$

- *Horn Form*: a KB is in Horn form if it is a conjunction of Horn clauses. For example:

1.  $C \wedge (B \Rightarrow A) \wedge (C \wedge D \Rightarrow B)$
2.  $C \wedge (\neg B \vee A) \wedge (\neg(C \wedge D) \vee B)$
3.  $C \wedge (\neg B \vee A) \wedge (\neg C \vee \neg D \vee B)$

**Motivation** So why are we interested in definite/goal/Horne clauses?

- When we have a definite clause we can write it as an implication of conjunctions. For example:

$$(\neg L_1 \vee \neg L_2 \vee L_3) \quad \text{becomes} \quad (L_1 \wedge L_2) \Rightarrow L_3$$

In this case the premise is called the *body* and the conclusion is called *head*. Moreover a single positive literal is a *fact* <sup>32</sup>.

- To understand the advantage of having a goal clause we need to think about it as an implication with a negated conclusion, for example:  $\{\neg A, \neg B\} = \neg A \vee \neg B = A \Rightarrow \neg B$ . This clause is saying that if A then not B and can be used in a KB to prove inconsistency. That is, if for some step *i* of the resolution procedure we inferred *B*, while having *A*, then we can prove that the KB is inconsistent since both *B* and  $\neg B$  are true in the KB.
- Moreover inference in horn clauses can be done with the forward/backward chaining algorithm (Section 2.3).
- Finally deciding entailment with Horn clauses can be done in time that is linear in the size of the knowledge base.

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<sup>32</sup>Since a single literal can be viewed as a disjunction of one literal.

$CNFSentence$	$\rightarrow$	$Clause_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Clause_n$
$Clause$	$\rightarrow$	$Literal_1 \vee \dots \vee Literal_m$
$Literal$	$\rightarrow$	$Symbol \mid \neg Symbol$
$Symbol$	$\rightarrow$	$P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots$
$HornClauseForm$	$\rightarrow$	$DefiniteClauseForm \mid GoalClauseForm$
$DefiniteClauseForm$	$\rightarrow$	$(Symbol_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Symbol_l) \Rightarrow Symbol$
$GoalClauseForm$	$\rightarrow$	$(Symbol_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Symbol_l) \Rightarrow False$

Figure 4: Different types of clauses

### 2.2.3 Propositional Resolution

The key idea of the propositional resolution is that if I have two clauses  $C_1, C_2$ <sup>33</sup> and one literal  $L$  that appears with different sign in both  $L \in C_1, \neg L \in C_2$ , then I can generate a new clause by joining  $C_1 \vee C_2$  and removing  $L, \neg L$  from them. That is because if I have a clause where a symbol appears with both sign, e.g.  $C_3 = L_1 \vee L_2 \vee \neg L_1$ , then every interpretation given to  $L_1$  will be indifferent since it will result in a model.

**English Example** Consider the following KB, with two clauses, trying to understand why I can't play Overwatch on Monday:

- $C_1 = \text{"There is an exam the next day"} \text{ or } \text{"My pc is broken"} \text{ or } \text{"I'm tired"}$
- $C_2 = \text{"There is no exam the next day"}$

This is a special case of resolution called **unit resolution** in which I have a clause  $C_1$  and a fact  $C_2$ . So, by examining the two clauses, I can say that *There is no exam the next day*, so the alternatives are either that *my pc is broken* or that *I'm tired*.

If we add another fact to the KB:

- $C_3 = \text{"I'm never tired on Mondays!"}$

Then the only logical conclusion why I can't play Overwatch on Monday is because *my pc is broken*.<sup>34</sup>

**Formalization** We can formalize the previous example for any given set of clauses:

Let there be two clauses:

$$L = L_1 \vee L_2 \vee \dots \vee L_n = \{L_1, \dots, L_n\} \quad (1)$$

$$P = P_1 \vee P_2 \vee \dots \vee P_m = \{P_1, \dots, P_m\} \quad (2)$$

for any  $n, m$ .

Let there be a set of two literals,  $O = \{O_l, O_p\}$ , which appears in both  $L$  and  $P$  but with opposite sign:

$$O_l \in L, \neg O_l = O_p \in P$$

Se we can use resolution to join  $P$  and  $L$ <sup>35</sup> and remove  $O$  from the union:

$$\frac{L \quad P}{(L \cup P) \setminus O}$$

<sup>33</sup>You should know by now that a clause is a disjunction of literals.

<sup>34</sup>Sad me.

<sup>35</sup>In this instance by *joining* we mean to merge together the two set of disjunction with a disjunction symbol



Which result will look like:

$$(L_1 \vee L_2 \vee \dots \vee L_n \vee P_1 \vee P_2 \vee \dots \vee P_m) \setminus (O_l \vee O_p)$$

**Formal Example** Let's use the following KB:

$$KB = \{C_1 = \{\neg P, Q, \neg P\}, \quad C_2 = \{P, \neg L\}\}$$

We first apply **factoring** to remove the double  $\neg P$  in  $C_1$ , thus having:

$$KB = \{C_1 = \{\neg P, Q\}, \quad C_2 = \{P, \neg L\}\}$$

Given a formula  $\alpha = \{Q, \neg L\}$  we want to know if  $KB \models \alpha$ , that is  $(KB \vee \neg\alpha)$  is unsatisfiable, that is  $(KB \vee \neg\alpha) \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} \{\}$ <sup>36</sup>. We have that:

$$(KB \vee \neg\alpha) = \{C_1 = \{\neg P, Q\}, \quad C_2 = \{P, \neg L\}, \quad C_3 = \{\neg Q\}, \quad C_4 = \{\neg\neg L = L\}\}$$

The procedure works as follow:

1. Resolve  $C_1$  with  $C_2$  which outputs:

$$C_5 = \frac{\{\neg P, Q\} \quad \{P, \neg L\}}{\{\neg L, Q\}} = \{\neg L, Q\}$$

So that we have:

$$C_3 = \{\neg Q\}, \quad C_4 = \{L\}, \quad C_5 = \{\neg L, Q\}$$

2. Resolve  $C_3$  and  $C_5$  in the same way and get:

$$C_4 = \{L\}, \quad C_6 = \{\neg L\}$$

3. Finally resolve  $C_4$  and  $C_6$  and get the empty clause  $\{\}$

We just demonstrated that  $(KB \vee \neg\alpha) \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} \{\}$  thus that  $KB \models \alpha$ . Notice that these passages can be written in a tree form as shown in Figure 5.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\{\neg P, Q\} \quad \{P, \neg L\}}{\{\neg L, Q\}} \quad \{\neg Q\}}{\{\neg L, Q\}} \quad \{L\}}{\{\}} \\
 \end{array}$$

Figure 5: Resolution steps shown in tree form

<sup>36</sup>Note that  $\{\}$  is the empty clause which is equivalent to *False*.

**Satisfiability of Resolution** We start by having two clauses  $C_1 = \{L_1, \dots, L_n\}$ ,  $C_2 = \{P_1, \dots, P_m\}$  and a literal that is the same in each clause but with a different sign  $L_i = \neg P_j = K$ , i.e. if  $L_i$  is *True* then  $P_j$  is *False*. We want to prove that  $\{C_1 \cup C_2\} \setminus \{K\}$  is satisfiable.

Suppose  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are satisfiable, i.e. there exists a model  $\mathcal{M}$ ; such that  $\mathcal{M} \models C_1$  and  $\mathcal{M} \models C_2$ , and that  $L_i$  is true in  $\mathcal{M}$ ; it follows that  $\neg L_1$  is *False* in  $\mathcal{M}$ , thus  $P_j$  is *True* in  $C_2$  and therefore  $C_2$  must be *True* in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Consequently,  $C_1 \cup C_2$  is true in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is a model of  $C_1, C_2$  by hypothesis,  $C_1 \cup C_2$  is true in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Same goes with  $\mathcal{M} \models \neg L_i$ .

**Completeness of resolution** We introduce the notion of **resolution closure**  $RC(S)$  of a set of clauses  $S$  that is the set of all clauses derivable by repeated application of the resolution rule to clauses in  $S$  or their derivatives.

It is easy to understand that  $RC(S)$  is finite because there are only finitely many distinct clauses that can be constructed out of the symbols  $P_1, \dots, P_k$  that appear in  $S$  <sup>37</sup>.

Now let us consider the **ground resolution theorem** which states: *If a set of clauses is unsatisfiable, then the resolution closure of those clauses contains the empty clause*; that is :

$$S \text{ unsatisfiable iff } \{\} \in RC(S)$$

Now let's prove this the other way around, we want to prove that:

$$S \text{ satisfiable iff } \{\} \notin RC(S)$$

First we build a model of  $RC(S)$  with the following procedure.

For  $i$  in  $range(k)$ :

- Given a clause  $C_k \in S$  that contains  $\neg P_i \in C_k$  and all its other literals are set to *False*:  $C_k = false \vee \dots \vee false \vee \neg P_i$ ; assign *False* to  $P_i$ , so to make  $C_k$  true.
- Otherwise assign *True* to  $P_i$ .

So now we have a model of  $S$ . Since we must prove that  $RC(S)$  is satisfiable, thus have some models, let's assume that what we just got is not a model, then we must have been wrong at some iteration  $i$ . That is setting the symbol  $P_i$  causes some clause  $C$  to become false, since we *do not have a model* all the other clauses must be already false. So  $C$  can be one of the following possibilities:

- $C = false \vee \dots \vee false \vee P_i$
- $C = false \vee \dots \vee false \vee \neg P_i$

If *only one* of the two is in  $RC(S)$  then the algorithm would assign the right value to make  $C$  true. So the only way to have  $C$  false is that *both* possibilities are in  $RC(S)$ , but this is impossible since  $RC(S)$  is **closed under resolution**, that is the two possibilities would have been resolved by the algorithm.

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<sup>37</sup>This is true only if we are using the factoring step to remove duplicate literals.

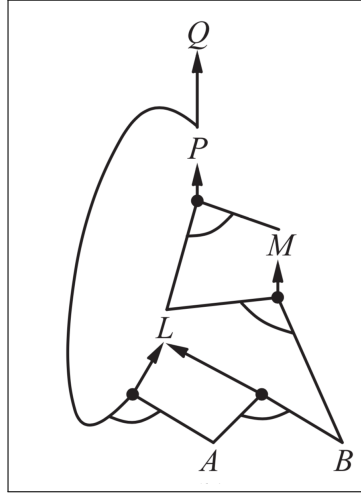


Figure 6: AND-OR graph for definite clause KB

## 2.3 Chaining

### 2.3.1 Forward Chaining

**Definition** Determines if a single proposition symbol  $q$ <sup>38</sup> is entailed by a KB of definite clauses<sup>39</sup>. It begins from known facts in the knowledge base<sup>40</sup>. If all the premises of an implication are known, then its conclusion is added to the set of known facts. This process continues until the query  $q$  is reached or until no further inferences can be made. The main point to remember is that it runs in linear time.

**Example** Given the following KB:

- $P \Rightarrow Q$ , equal to  $\neg P \vee Q$  (definite clause)
- $L \wedge M \Rightarrow P$ , equal to  $\neg L \vee \neg M \vee P$  (definite clause)
- $B \wedge L \Rightarrow M$ , equal to  $\neg B \vee \neg L \vee M$  (definite clause)
- $A \wedge P \Rightarrow L$ , equal to  $\neg A \vee \neg P \vee L$  (definite clause)
- $A \wedge B \Rightarrow L$ , equal to  $\neg A \vee \neg B \vee L$  (definite clause)
- $A$ , (known fact, since positive literal)
- $B$ , (known fact, since positive literal)

We query  $Q$ <sup>41</sup>.

The KB can be seen as an **AND-OR Graph** where the implications are *OR* arches while the  $\wedge$  are *AND* arches (Figure 6).

The flow of the algorithm works as illustrated in Figure 7.

<sup>38</sup>What is asked to the KB, i.e. the query.

<sup>39</sup>Definite clauses means the KB contains either facts (positive literals) or implication with an *atomic* conclusion and, for premise, either an atom or a conjunction of literals.

<sup>40</sup>For this reason it is called **data driven**.

<sup>41</sup>That is we ask the KB about the truthfulness of  $Q$ .

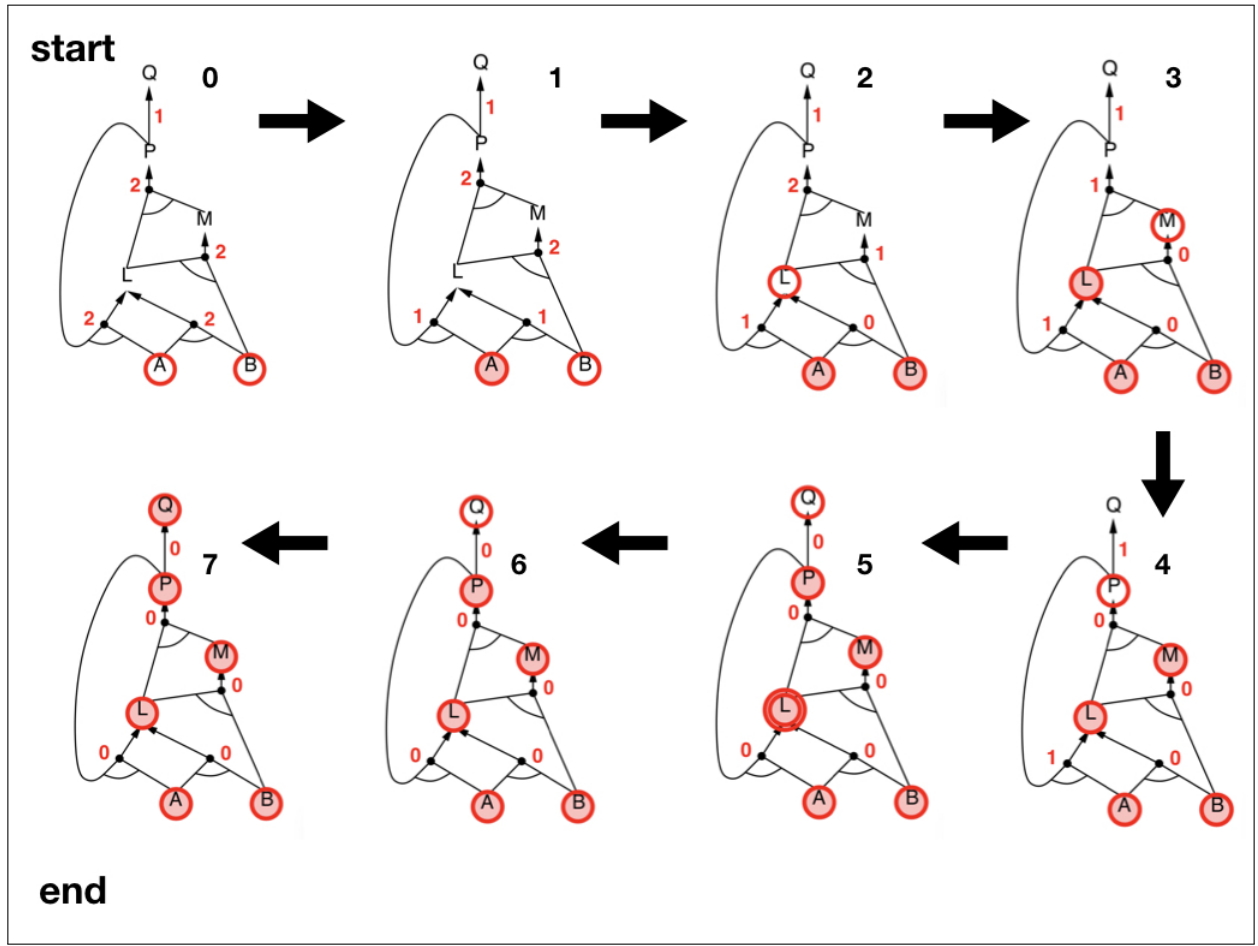


Figure 7: Forward Chaining for KB graph

**Proof** We can affirm that the algorithm is **sound** since every step is an application of Modus Ponens.

For the **completeness** we need to prove that every possible atomic sentence can be derived from the KB. We first introduce the notion of **fixed point** which is a state of the algorithm in which no more inference can be done; then we consider to be in the final state  $m$  that is a model <sup>42</sup> because we cannot apply Modus Ponens to any other clause.

Since the final state is in Horn form <sup>43</sup> we have a conjunction of disjunctions, so to be a model <sup>44</sup> every clause must be *True*. To prove this let's consider the opposite:

- Let's take a generic clause  $C = a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n \Rightarrow b$  in  $m$ . This clause have a general number of conjunctions  $n$  in its premise.
- Suppose that  $C$  is false in  $m$ .
- For an implication to be *False* we need the premise  $a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n$  to be *True* and the conclusion  $b$  to be *False*.
- But if that is the case I would apply Modus Ponens again  $\frac{a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n \Rightarrow b}{a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n} \frac{a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n}{b}$  and conclude  $b$  True, so in fact I'm not in a fixed point and this contradicts the assumption.

<sup>42</sup>In which there has been various assignment of *True/False* for the literals.

<sup>43</sup>As the whole KB.

<sup>44</sup>True interpretation.

We can conclude, therefore, that the set of atomic sentences inferred at the fixed point defines a model of the original KB. Furthermore, any atomic sentence  $q$  that is entailed by the KB must be true in all its models and in this model in particular. Hence, every entailed atomic sentence  $q$  must be inferred by the algorithm.

### 2.3.2 Backward Chaining

On the other hand the backward chaining works its way from the query  $q$ <sup>45</sup> and find those implication which conclusions are equal to  $q$ . If all the premises of a given implication which resolve in  $q$  are true then we can conclude that  $q$  is true itself.

This kind of reasoning is called **goal directed** reasoning and it usually works in linear size in respect to the size of the KB.

## 2.4 Proposal for model checking

In this section, we describe two families of efficient algorithms for general propositional inference based on model checking: One approach based on backtracking search, and one on local hill-climbing search. Notice that these algorithms are used for checking the **satisfiability** (SAT) of a problem.

### 2.4.1 DPPL

Also known as David-Putnam, Logemann, Loveland algorithm, it takes as input a sentence in conjunctive normal form (Section 2.2.1) and uses a recursive depth-first enumeration of all possible interpretations. To speed up the algorithm we can introduce some improvements.

**Early Termination** A clause is true if *any* literal is true<sup>46</sup>, hence if we encounter a true literal in a clause we can stop looking at it and give it the value *true*<sup>47</sup>.

For example having  $(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$ , if  $A$  is true then we do not need to look for the values of  $B, C$ .

**Pure Symbol** is a symbol which always appears with the same "sign", i.e. negated or not, so it can be assigned a value once for all the clauses. For example:

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

In this case the literal  $A$  is a pure positive symbol,  $B$  is a pure negative while  $C$  is impure.

**Unit clause** is a clause with only one literal. This can be either because

- We have a clause with just one literal (fact). Or
- We have a clause with multiple literals that are false<sup>48</sup> except for this last one<sup>49</sup>.

**Component analysis** We can divide clauses into independent subset when they *do not share* any common literal. By dividing them we can parallelize the job as well as prune large part of the state space<sup>50</sup>

<sup>45</sup>Note that if the query is true the algorithm stops immediately.

<sup>46</sup>Remember that a clause is a disjunction of literals of the form  $C_1 \vee C_2 \vee \dots \vee C_n$ .

<sup>47</sup>Similarly a sentence (conjunction of clauses) is false if *any* clause is false.

<sup>48</sup>Since clauses are disjunction, false literals can be removed if there are some other that can assume the value true.

<sup>49</sup>This is also called **unit propagation**.

<sup>50</sup>No necessity to check the constraint of a literal in other clauses which do not have it.

**Variable and Value ordering** A general rule is to always try the value *true* before *false*. While the **degree heuristic** suggests choosing the variable that appears most frequently over all remaining clauses <sup>51</sup>.

**Intelligent Backtracking** Also discussed in the Planning part of the course, intelligent backtracking keeps tracks of conflicts <sup>52</sup> so to cut off useless searches steps.

**Random restarts** When the algorithm gets stuck for a long time execute a restart from the root point.

**Clever indexing** at implementation level.

### 2.4.2 Local Search Algorithm

These algorithms works by flipping the truth value of one symbol at a time. The search space usually contains many local minima, to escape from which various forms of randomness are required.

**GSAT** Missing

**WALKSAT** The algorithm picks an unsatisfied clause and picks a symbol in the clause to flip. It chooses randomly between two ways to pick which symbol to flip:

- A *min-conflicts* step that minimizes the number of unsatisfied clauses in the new state.
- A *random walk* step that picks the symbol randomly.

This type of algorithm is very similar to simulate annealing studied in the Local search part. WALKSAT may end with the following outcomes:

- A model; thus the input sentence is satisfiable.
- A failure; then there are two possibilities:
  - Either the sentence is unsatisfiable, or
  - The algorithm needs more time to complete the search <sup>53</sup>.

### 2.4.3 Random SAT problem

Depending on the number of clauses  $m$  and symbols  $n$  we can either have an *under-constraint* problem ( $n > m$ ) or a *over-constraint* problem ( $m > n$ ) <sup>54</sup>. Given the ration  $r = m/n$ , when the ratio approaches zero then the probability of the problem to be satisfiable approaches one and vice versa. As you can see from Figure 8 around the value  $r = m/n = 4.3$  the probability for the sentence to be satisfiable approaches zero.

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<sup>51</sup>Everything we saw in the planning part of the course.

<sup>52</sup>Literals that may create a conflict with other literals.

<sup>53</sup>Note that if there is no limit to the number of flips and the sentence is unsatisfiable then the algorithm may never end.

<sup>54</sup>Giving that each symbol may not appear twice in a clause and no clauses may appear twice in the sentence.

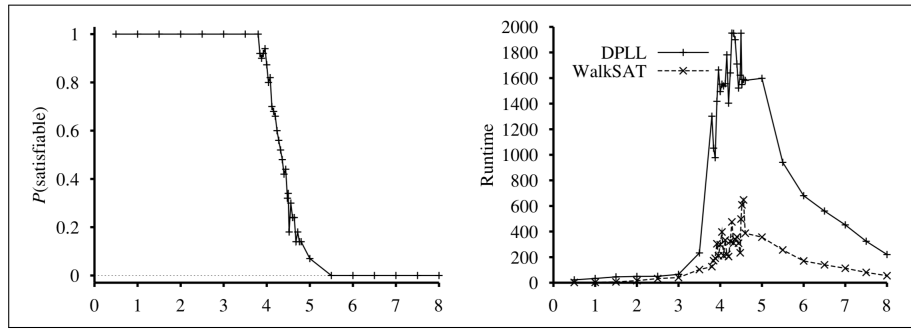


Figure 8: (Left) Graph showing the probability that a random sentence with  $n = 50$  symbols is satisfiable, as a function ratio  $m/n$ . (Right) Graph of the median run time on random sentences. The most difficult problems have a ratio of about 4.3.

## 3 First Order logic

### 3.1 Syntax and Semantic

One of the most important proprieties about propositional logic that holds for First Order Logic (FOL from now on) is the **compositionality**, that is the meaning of a sentence is a function of the meaning of its parts. For example given  $S_1 = I \text{ have don't want to write this}$  and  $S_2 = I \text{ would love to watch Netflix}$  it would be weird if  $S_1 \wedge S_2 = \text{Tomorrow will be cold}$ .

Moreover propositional logic assumes that there are facts that either hold or do not hold in the world <sup>55</sup>, while FOL assumes that the world consists of objects with certain relations among them that do or do not hold. Hence in both logic a sentence represents a fact and the agent either believes the sentence to be true, believes it to be false, or has no opinion.

**Structure** FOL assumes the world contains:

- **Objects** like: pc, tv, beer....
- **Relations** are sets of tuples of objects that are related. Depending on the number of tuple in the set we can have:
  - *Proprieties* (or unary relationship) that have just one tuple in the set; such as: *red, round, big...*
  - *General* (or  $n$ -ary relationship) which may have  $n$  tuples; like: *bigger than, has color, owns...*
- **Functions** For example: *father of, best friend...*

**Example** Given the sentence "*The next MidTerm will be easier then the first one*"<sup>56</sup> I have that:

- *Objects*: Midterm, one
- *Proprieties*: next, first (unary)
- *Functions*: easier than

**Symbols** For each one on the structures we have a related symbol:

- **Constants**: stands for objects.
- **Predicates**: stands for relations.
- **Functions**: stands for functions <sup>57</sup>

The last two comes with an **arity** that is the number of arguments they are referring to <sup>58</sup>.

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<sup>55</sup>Each fact can be in one of two states: true or false.

<sup>56</sup>Probably not a model.

<sup>57</sup>You don't say.

<sup>58</sup>For example the function  $Sibling(x,y)$  has arity 2 (since we need a subject and a brother), while the function  $Human(x)$  has arity 1.



**Interpretation vs Model** A model in first-order logic consists of a set of objects and an interpretation that maps constant symbols to objects, predicate symbols to relations on those objects, and function symbols to functions on those objects.

Given a domain  $\mathcal{D}$ , an interpretation is a function  $\mathcal{I}$  which maps:

- Every constant symbol  $c$  into an element of  $\mathcal{D}$ .
- Every  $n$ -ary<sup>59</sup> function symbol  $f$  into a function  $f^I: \mathcal{D}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ . More specifically  $f$  is a function which may assume any value in the domain  $\mathcal{D}^n$ , while  $f^I$  assumes just one ( $\mathcal{D}$ ), e.g.  $fater(Pietro, x)$  which can be true for multiple values of  $x$ <sup>60</sup>.
- Every predicate symbol  $P$  into a  $n$ -ary relation  $P^I: P^I \subset \mathcal{D}^n$ . This means that a predicate symbol is mapped to either True or False, e.g.  $father(Pietro, Luca)$  which can be either True or False.

**Terms** are a logical expressions that refers to an object. That is what is used to refer to a particular object in the domain; they can be:

- **Constants** symbols; for example the color red, or that guy Eric over there.
- **Functional** terms; which are functions applied to constant symbols such as:  $BestFriendOf(Eric)$  or  $Mother(Marta)$ .

Notice that both refer to an "object" in the domain, one directly (constants), while the other indirectly. A functional term can be used both for not known constants, like the name of Marta's mother, but they can also be used for thing we do not bother to name, e.g.  $LeftArmOf(Edoardo)$ .

**Atomic Formulas** An atomic formula (or atom for short) is a predicate symbol with a number  $n \in [0, \infty]$  of terms. For example given  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  terms, the following are all atoms:

- $Sibling(t_i, t_j)$ : predicate symbol with arity 2.
- $Friend(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ : predicate symbol with arity  $n$ .
- $t_i = t_j$ : predicate symbol "=" with arity 2, can be written as  $Equals(t_i, t_j)$
- $ParentOf(ParentOf(x))$  is the grandparent of  $x$  and has arity 1.
- $\perp, \top$  are atoms.

**Terms vs Atoms** So what is the difference between this two symbols?

The difference is in the use of relationships, for example:

- $BatCave$ ,  $CaveOf(Batman)$  are terms, while  $Big(BatCave)$ ,  $Big(CaveOf(Batman))$  are atoms.
- Equal symbols generate atoms, for example  $MobileOf(Batman)$  and  $BatMobile$  are terms, where  $MobileOf(Batman)=BatMobile$  is an atom.

Moreover a term is called **ground** if it does not contain variables<sup>61</sup>, like  $CaveOf(Batman)$ .

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<sup>59</sup>A function with  $n$  arguments.

<sup>60</sup>Since we're asking who is that has Pietro as father.

<sup>61</sup>Later explained

**Complex Sentences** When we have atoms joint by some logic connectives then we call them **complex sentence**, for example:

- $\neg \text{Friends}(\text{Superman}, \text{LexLuthor})$
- $\text{Superman} \wedge \text{Kryponite} \Rightarrow \text{Weak}(\text{Superman})$

**Equality** The equations symbol  $=$  is used to indicate that two terms refer to the same object <sup>62</sup>, while the negation symbol  $\neq$  is used otherwise.

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- **Unique name assumption:** every constant symbol refers to a distinct object.
- **Close-world assumption:** atomic sentences not known to be true are false.
- **Domain closure:** each model contains no more domain elements than those named by the constant symbols.

#### 3.1.1 Quantifiers

We first introduce the concept of **variables** <sup>63</sup> that are equals to terms, thus can be used as arguments for functions. Moreover a **free** variable is one that is not in the scope of any quantifier, elsewhere the variable is called **bounded**.

Then we have to talk about **extended interpretations** that specifies a domain <sup>64</sup> element for which a variable exists

**Universal Quantifier** If we consider the sentence *Every guy literally only want one thing* <sup>65</sup>, instead of enumerating every possible guy we can use:

$$\forall x \text{ Guy}(x) \Rightarrow \text{WantOneThing}(x)$$

that is translated in:

For all  $x$ , if  $x$  is a guy, then  $x$  wants one thing.

**Implication vs Conjunction** The question that arises is why do we have to use implication in the universal quantifier and not a conjunction?

Consider the following example:

- $A(X) = \text{is an apple.}$
- $D(X) = \text{is delicious.}$

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<sup>62</sup>Can be used to state fact about the world.

<sup>63</sup>Variables will be in lowercase.

<sup>64</sup>The domain is the set of individual objects.

<sup>65</sup>And it's fucking disgusting!

We want to consider an universe  $U$  in which *all* the apples are delicious, i.e. if the object is an apple then it is delicious, we must write:

$$\forall x \in U, A(x) \Rightarrow D(x)$$

That means for all objects in the universe, if  $x$  is an apple  $A(x)$ , then  $x$  is delicious  $D(x)$ . If we take a look at the truth table (Figure 2) we notice that the implication is has three rows in which is *True*, for every  $x$ :

1. If it is an apple and it is delicious.
2. If it is not an apple and it is delicious.
3. If it is not an apple and it is not delicious.

This means that if we have an avocado as  $x$  then the above formula will be true. So why is this? The important thing to understand is that we only care about an universe in which *all* apples are delicious, i.e. there can not be any non-delicious apple <sup>66</sup>, nothing matters when it comes down to avocado. So the fact than an implication becomes vacuously for non-apple object is not in our scope of interest.

On the other hand, if we want to exclude the other two possibilities (2,3), we are saying that "*any fruit is an apple and is delicious*"<sup>67</sup>, hence *all fruits are delicious apples*:

$$\forall x \in U, A(x) \wedge D(x)$$

**Existential Quantifier** On the other hand, if we do not want to specify a propriety for each object of a domain, but either we want to say that it exists *at least one* object with a certain propriety we use the **existential quantifier**, e.g. *Some student will pass the midterm*:

$$\exists x \text{ Student}(x) \wedge \text{Pass}(x)$$

Which is read as:

There exists some  $x$  such that  $x$  is a student and  $x$  will pass the Midterm (hopefully).

**Conjunction vs Implication** Same as before the question is : *why do we use conjunction for existential quantifier?*

Like previously said, the conjunction for an universal quantifier makes the formula overly strong <sup>68</sup>, while the use of the implication for the existential quantifiers makes the formula overly weak.

Going back to the apple example, we want to say that there are some apples which are delicious, if we use the implication symbol then the formula will return *True* as soon as there is an object which is either a delicious non-apple or a non-delicious non-apple, so the look for some delicious apple stops immediately.

It is useful to imagine the existential quantifier to be like a disjunction in which as soon as we encounter a *True* element we can stop the look for other and just return *True*. On the other hand the implication needs to look for all the objects since its behavior is closer to the one of a conjunction.

**Another way of viewing it** Imagine to have a *for loop* in which you iterate through a list of objects  $L = \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_n\}$ . These objects are restaurants with the following proprieties:

- Rating: an integer in range  $r \in \{0, 5\}$
- Price: an integer  $p \in \{0, 3\}$

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<sup>66</sup>First line of the truth table.

<sup>67</sup>Overly strong statement.

<sup>68</sup>All objects are delicious apples

- Distance: a real value in range  $d \in [0, \infty]$

Both the universal and existential quantifiers are a way of iterating through this list with an specific goal in mind.

**Universal Quantifier** If say that the restaurants which have more than 3 in rating, less than 2 in prices and less than 50 in distance are good the FOL formula will be:

$$\forall x [MoreThan(x_r, 3) \wedge LessThan(x_p, 2) \wedge LessThan(x_d, 50) \Rightarrow Good(x)]$$

Where *MoreThan/LessThan* are predicates with arity 2 used for numerical comparison.

This process can be seen also as iterating through the list with a *for loop* and filtering the elements in respect to their attributes. in python would be something like this:

```
good=list ()

for elem in L:
    if elem[r]>3 and elem[p]<2 and elem[d]<50:
        good.append(elem)
```

**Existential Quantifier** On the other hand the existential quantifier can answer a question like:

*Is there a restaurant which is both closer than 10 and which rates are 5?*

Notice that the nature of the response is no more a list or something like it, but instead is a yes or no kind of answer. In FOL the formula would look like:

$$\exists x [LessThan(x_d, 10) \wedge Equal(x_r, 5)]$$

In python the algorithm would be:

```
answer=False
for elem in L:
    if elem[d]<10 and elem[r]==5:
        answer=True
        break

return answer
```

Notice the presence of the *break* operator which is essential in the existential quantifier.

**Nested Quantifiers** We can use multiple quantifiers in the same formula to express different kind of properties. For example, given the function *Love(x, y)* that can be read as, *x* loves *y*, we can say the following things:

- Everybody loves somebody:

$$\forall x \exists y Loves(x, y)$$

- Somebody loves us

$$\forall x \exists y Loves(y, x)$$

- X loves everybody

$$\exists x \forall y Loves(x, y)$$

- Everybody loves x

$$\exists x \forall y Loves(y, x)$$

**Connection between  $\forall$  and  $\exists$**  Saying that *everyone likes professor Nardi* is like saying that *there is no one who dislikes him*. So we can make use of this information to switch between universal and existential quantifiers as shown in Table 3.

Quantifiers	Equivalences
$\forall x \neg P \equiv \neg \exists x P$	$\neg(P \vee Q) \equiv \neg P \wedge \neg Q$
$\neg \forall x P \equiv \exists x \neg P$	$\neg(P \wedge Q) \equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q$
$\forall x P \equiv \neg \exists x \neg P$	$P \wedge Q \equiv (P \vee \neg Q)$
$\exists x P \equiv \neg \forall x \neg P$	$P \vee Q \equiv \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$
$\forall x (P_1 \vee P_2) \equiv \forall x P_1 \vee P_2$	if $x \notin \text{var}(P_2)$
$\exists x (P_1 \wedge P_2) \equiv \exists x P_1 \wedge P_2$	if $x \notin \text{var}(P_2)$
$\forall x P(x) \equiv \forall y P(y)$	$\exists x P(x) \equiv \exists y P(y)$
$\forall x \forall y P(x, y) \equiv \forall y \forall x P(x, y) \equiv \forall x, y P(x, y)$	$\exists x \exists y P(x, y) \equiv \exists y \exists x P(x, y) \equiv \exists x, y P(x, y)$
$\forall x P(y) \equiv P(y)$	$\exists x P(y) \equiv P(y)$
$(\forall x P_1) \Rightarrow P_2 \equiv \exists x (P_1 \Rightarrow P_2)$	$x$ not free in $P_2$
$(\exists x P_1) \Rightarrow P_2 \equiv \forall x (P_1 \Rightarrow P_2)$	$x$ not free in $P_2$
$P_2 \Rightarrow \forall x P_1 \equiv \forall x (P_2 \Rightarrow P_1)$	$x$ not free in $P_2$
$P_2 \Rightarrow \exists x P_1 \equiv \exists x (P_2 \Rightarrow P_1)$	$x$ not free in $P_2$

Table 3: Quantifiers equivalences

### 3.2 Using First Order Logic

Sentences which are added to the KB using *TELL* are called **assertion** that states some truth about the world. On the other hand, queries are information *ASKed* to the KB, if they are logically entailed by the KB they should be answered positively. Similarly the *AskVars* action ask the KB for the values of the formula that make it true, such answers are called substitutions (Section 3.4) <sup>69</sup>.

Depending on the type of knowledge the KB is made out of we may have:

- **Intentional Knowledge:** which are general laws about the domain, such as  $\forall x, y \text{ Mother}(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \text{Female}(x) \wedge \text{Parent}(x, y)$ .
- **Extensional Knowledge:** facts about a specific instance, like  $\text{Parent}(\text{Marco}, \text{Ugo})$ .

**FOL formulas** In FOL formulas follows this rules, given the formulas  $A, B$ :

- Every atom is a formula.
- $\neg A$  is a formula.
- If  $\circ$  is a binary operator, then  $A \circ B$  is a formula.
- Given a variable  $x$ ,  $\forall x A$  and  $\exists x A$  are formulas.

<sup>69</sup>Usually reserved for KB of only Horn Clauses.

### 3.3 Truth, Interpretation and Models

Remember that a *closed formula*, also called a sentence, is a formula without free variables. So given a sentence  $\phi$  and a structure  $\mathcal{U} = \langle D, I \rangle$  we denote the truth of  $\phi$  as:

$$\mathcal{U} \models \phi$$

Meaning that the  $\mathcal{U}$  satisfies <sup>70</sup>  $\phi$  if  $\phi$  is true in the  $\mathcal{U}$ . The following cases are used for satisfiability:

- $\mathcal{U} \models \top$  and  $\mathcal{U} \not\models \perp$
- If  $A$  is a closed formula  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  then

$$\mathcal{U} \models A \text{ iff } \langle t_1^I, \dots, t_n^I \rangle \in P^I$$

- $\mathcal{U} \models \neg A$  iff  $\mathcal{U} \not\models A$
- $\mathcal{U} \models A \wedge B$  iff  $(\mathcal{U} \models A) \wedge (\mathcal{U} \models B)$
- $\mathcal{U} \models (A \Rightarrow B)$  iff  $(\mathcal{U} \models A) \Rightarrow (\mathcal{U} \models B)$
- $\mathcal{U} \models (A \leftrightarrow B)$  iff  $(\mathcal{U} \models A) \wedge (\mathcal{U} \models B)$  or  $(\mathcal{U} \not\models A) \wedge (\mathcal{U} \not\models B)$
- $\mathcal{U} \models \forall x A$  iff  $\forall d \in D, \mathcal{U} \models \{d \rightarrow x\}$
- $\mathcal{U} \models \exists x A$  iff  $\exists d \in D, \mathcal{U} \models \{d \rightarrow x\}$

For what regard models we have that if  $\mathcal{U} \models A$  then  $\mathcal{U}$  is a **model** of  $A$  <sup>71</sup>.

**Validity and satisfiability** We have that if a formula  $A \in \mathcal{L}$  is true in every structure of a language  $\mathcal{L}$ , then  $A$  is **valid**.

On the other hand, given a set of formulas  $\Gamma$ , if there exists a structure  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \models A$  for every  $A \in \Gamma$  then  $\Gamma$  is **satisfiable**, mathematically:

$$\Gamma = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}, \text{ iff } \exists \mathcal{U} : \mathcal{U} \models A_i, \forall A_i \in \Gamma \Rightarrow \Gamma \text{ satisfiable}$$

We can derive the notion of **logic entailment**  $\gamma \models A$ , where  $A$  is a closed formula, from the satisfiability, in the following way:

For every structure  $\mathcal{U}$  of the language  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\forall B \in \Gamma : \mathcal{U} \models B$ , we have  $\mathcal{U} \models A$  then  $\gamma \models A$ .

### 3.4 Propositional vs First Order Logic

First-order inference can be done by converting the KB to propositional logic and using propositional inference. This can be done by replacing the quantifiers as explained in the following paragraphs.

<sup>70</sup>Note that in this case  $\models$  is read satisfies and it is red.

<sup>71</sup> $A$  is true in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

### 3.4.1 Universal instantiation

**UI** for short, is used for the universal quantifier and it says that we can substitute a variable with a ground term <sup>72</sup> to infer the sentence.

The **substitution** is written as follows:

$$Subst(\theta, \alpha) = \frac{\forall v \alpha}{Subst(\{v/g\}, \alpha)}$$

where  $\theta$  is the substitution applied to the term  $\alpha$  for any variable  $v$  and ground term  $g$ .

The UI can be applied many times to produce multiple consequences that will be added to the KB preserving its logical equivalence.

**An Example** Given the formula:

$$\forall x, y \text{ Loves}(x, y)$$

We can substitute like this:

$$Subst(\{x/Anna, y/Enrico\}, Loves(x, y)) = Loves(Anna, Enrico)$$

And like this:

$$Subst(\{x/Enrico, y/Anna\}, Loves(x, y)) = Loves(Enrico, Anna)$$

### 3.4.2 Existential instantiation

**EI** for short, in this case the variable is replaced with *a single* constant symbol  $C$  that **does not** appear in the KB. The idea is saying that there is an object  $C$  that satisfies the existential quantifier, but we are not specifying which is it.

After applying EI we need to remove the existential quantifier <sup>73</sup> and our new KB will *not* be logically equivalent to the old one, but it can be shown that it is satisfiable exactly when the original KB is satisfiable.

**An Example** Given the formula:

$$\exists x \text{ Game}(x) \wedge \text{PlayOnPc}(x, \text{Nicolo})$$

We have *the only* substitution:

$$\text{Game}(G_1) \wedge \text{PlayOnPc}(G_1, \text{Nicolo})$$

Where  $G_1$  is a generic constant symbol referring to some cool game I want to play.

### 3.4.3 Propositionalization

Is the technique of reducing first-order inference to propositional inference. The problem is that with function symbols we may have an infinite domain <sup>74</sup>, so how can we preserve the entailment?

Thanks to Jacques Herbrand (1930) we have a theorem which states the following: *if a sentence is entailed by the original, first-order KB, then there is a proof involving just a finite subset of the propositionalized KB*. The problem with propositionalization is that it generates a lot of irrelevant sentences, with  $p$  predicates of  $k$ -arity and  $n$  constants we have  $p \cdot n^k$  instantiations.

The question of entailment for first-order logic is *semidecidable*, that is, algorithms exist that say yes to every entailed sentence, but no algorithm exists that also says no to every non-entailed sentence

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<sup>72</sup>Term without variables.

<sup>73</sup>Skolemization.

<sup>74</sup>For example  $\text{Father}(\text{Father}(\text{Father}(\text{Father}(\text{Jhon}))))$ .

**An Example** Given the following KB:

$$\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \wedge \text{Stressed}(x) \Rightarrow \text{StudyingAI}(x)$$

$$\text{Student}(\text{Edoardo}), \text{Student}(\text{Marco}), \text{Professor}(\text{Nardi})$$

We can use UI to have:

$$\text{Student}(\text{Edoardo}) \wedge \text{Stressed}(\text{Edoardo}) \Rightarrow \text{StudyingAI}(\text{Edoardo})$$

$$\text{Student}(\text{Marco}) \wedge \text{Stressed}(\text{Marco}) \Rightarrow \text{StudyingAI}(\text{Marco})$$

$$\text{Student}(\text{Edoardo}), \text{Student}(\text{Marco}), \text{Professor}(\text{Nardi})$$

So that the new propositionalized KB is:

$$\text{Student}(\text{Edoardo}), \text{Stressed}(\text{Edoardo}), \text{StudyingAI}(\text{Edoardo}), \text{Student}(\text{Marco}),$$

$$\text{Stressed}(\text{Marco}), \text{StudyingAI}(\text{Marco}), \text{Professor}(\text{Nardi})$$

**Horn Clauses** We can have the following for every element of the FOL:

- *Facts*:  $\top(x)$  ( $A(x)$  for simplicity).
- *Rules*:  $A_1(x) \wedge \dots \wedge A_n(x) \Rightarrow B(x)$
- *Goals*:  $A_1(x) \wedge \dots \wedge A_n(x) \Rightarrow \perp$  <sup>75</sup>

### 3.4.4 Generalized Modus Ponens

When we have an implication of the kind:

$$p_1 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q$$

If there is a substitution  $\theta$  which makes every conjunct of the premises identical to a sentence in the KB, then we can infer  $q$ .

The **Generalized Modus Ponens** [GMP] works in the following way: given  $n$  atomic sentences  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  which are the premises of an implication  $p_1 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q$ , and given  $n$  atomic sentences already in the KB  $p'_1, \dots, p'_n$  so that  $\text{Subst}(\theta, p_i) = \text{Subst}(\theta, p'_i)$  <sup>76</sup> for all  $i$ , we can use *GMP*:

$$\frac{p'_1, \dots, p'_n, \quad (p_1 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q)}{\text{Subst}(\theta, q)}$$

And infer a valid substitution for the query  $q$ .

**Example** Given a KB with the following information:

1.  $\forall y \text{ Tired}(y)$ , everyone <sup>77</sup> in the domain is tired.
2.  $\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \wedge \text{Stressed}(x) \wedge \text{Tired}(x) \Rightarrow \text{NeedCoffee}(x)$
3.  $\text{Student}(\text{Edoardo}), \text{Student}(\text{Luca}), \text{Stressed}(\text{Luca})$

Considering the second line of the KB, we have that:

<sup>75</sup>We are using  $\perp$  since we want to prove the falsity of the premise is impossible so the premise is true.

<sup>76</sup>This is that given the substitution  $\theta$  we can transform a sentence  $p$  into a known sentence  $p'$  in the KB.

<sup>77</sup>Actually every object.



- $p_1 = Tired(x)$
- $p_2 = Student(x)$
- $p_3 = Stressed(x)$
- $q = NeedCoffee(x)$

So now we need a substitution  $\theta$  such that  $Subst(\theta, p') = Subst(\theta, p)$ . Trying with:

$$\theta = \{x/Edoardo, y/Edoardo\}$$

Will not work since the KB has no notion about  $Stressed(Edoardo)$ <sup>78</sup>. On the other hand, Luca is pretty stressed so we can use:

$$\theta = \{x/Luca, y/Luca\}$$

So we can conclude that  $Subst(\theta, q) \rightarrow Luca$ .

**Soundness** It is easy to prove that the *GMP* is sound since we need to prove that: given a sentence  $p$  and a substitution  $\theta$ , we have:

$$p \models Subst(\theta, p)$$

But this holds since it exactly what we have using *UI*.

### 3.4.5 Unification

As before mentioned we need to find a substitution such that different logical expression looks identical ( $Subst(\theta, p) = Subst(\theta, p')$ ). We can use the **Unification** process that takes as input two sentences and returns an unifier for them<sup>79</sup>:

$$Unify(p, q) = \theta \text{ such that } Subst(\theta, p) = Subst(\theta, q)$$

We can have problems when having variables with the same name<sup>80</sup>, so we need to use a technique called **standardizing apart** which changes one of the two sentence's variables to avoid name clashes.

Finally we can say that, for every unifiable pair of expressions, there is a single **most general unifier** that is unique up to renaming and substitution of variables, for example  $P(A, B)$  is less general than  $P(A, x)$  that is less general than  $P(y, x)$ .

**Example** Given the following KB:

1.  $Knows(Homer, Marge)$ , Homer knows Marge.
2.  $\forall y \text{ } Knows(y, Bart)$ , everyone knows Bart.
3.  $\forall y \text{ } Knows(y, Mother(y))$ , everyone knows their mother.
4.  $\forall x \text{ } Knows(x, Lisa)$ , everyone knows Lisa.
5.  $\forall y, z \text{ } Knows(y, z)$ , everyone knows everyone.

We ask the KB which are the persons that *Homer* knows:  $q = AskVars(Knows(Homer, x))$ . So we will have the following:

<sup>78</sup>Since the first line of the KB, implies that every one in the domain is tired the formula  $Tired(x)$  will always be true.

<sup>79</sup>If exists.

<sup>80</sup>As you will see in the next example.

1.  $Unify(Knows(Homer, x), Knows(Homer, Marge)) = \{x/Marge\}$
2.  $Unify(Knows(Homer, x), Knows(y, Bart)) = \{x/Bart, y/Homer\}$
3.  $Unify(Knows(Homer, x), Knows(y, Mother(y))) = \{y/Homer, x/Mother(y)\}$
4.  $Unify(Knows(Homer, x), Knows(x, Lisa)) = Fail$ , because the variable  $x$  cannot be both  $Homer$  and  $Lisa$  at the same time <sup>81</sup>, so we use **standardizing apart**.
5.  $Unify(Knows(Homer, x), Knows(y, z))$ , returns two substitutions:
  1.  $\theta = \{y/Homer, x/z\}$ , which is the **most general unifier**.
  2.  $\theta = \{y/Homer, x/Homer, z/Homer\}$ , which may be generated by the previous substitution with  $\{z/Homer\}$ .

### 3.5 Chaining

Consider the following problem:

The law says that it is a crime for an American to sell kinder eggs to hostile nations. The Easter Island, an enemy of America, has some kinder eggs, and all of its kinder eggs were sold to it by Roger Rabbit, who is American.

We want to prove that Roger Rabbit is a criminal. First we need to convert the problem to a first-order definite clause KB:

1. "...it is a crime for an American to sell kinder eggs to hostile nations" results in:

$$American(x) \wedge KinderEgg(y) \wedge Sells(x, y, z) \wedge Hostile(z) \Rightarrow Criminal(x)$$

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2. "The Easter Island...has some kinder eggs", the sentence can be written as an existential formula of the form:

$$\exists x Owns(EasterIsland, x) \wedge KinderEgg(x)$$

We can use *EI* 3.4.2 to remove the existential quantifier by adding some new constant  $K_1$  resulting in:

$$Owns(EsterIsland, K_1), \quad KinderEgg(K_1)$$

3. "... all of its kinder eggs were sold to it by Roger Rabbit":

$$KinderEgg(x) \wedge Owns(EsterIsland, x) \Rightarrow Sells(RogerRabbit, x, EsterIsland)$$

4. We must know that an hostile object is an enemy of America:

$$Enemy(x, America) \Rightarrow Hostile(x)$$

5. "Roger Rabbit is American":

$$American(RogerRabbit)$$

6. "The Easter Island, an enemy of America":

$$Enemy(EsterIsland, America)$$

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<sup>81</sup>It should follow the behavior of point 2.

<sup>82</sup>From now on we will not write the  $\forall x, y, z$  symbol. Note that this kind of KB is called **Datalog**.

### 3.5.1 Forward Chaining

Starting from the known facts, the algorithm triggers all the rules whose premises are satisfied, adding their conclusions to the known facts. The process repeats until the query is answered or no new facts are added. Notice that a fact is not new if it is just a **renaming** of a known fact <sup>83</sup>. The steps for the forward chaining are the following:

- Rule 3 is satisfied with  $Subst(\theta, x) = \{x/K_1\}$ , so that  $Sells(RogerRabbit, K_1, EsterIsland)$  is added to the KB.
- Rule 4 is satisfied by  $Subst(\theta, x) = \{x/EsterIsland\}$ , so that  $Hostile(EsterIsland)$  is added.
- Finally rule 1 is satisfied with  $Subst(\theta, x, y, z) = \{x/RogerRabbit, y/K_1, z/EsterIsland\}$  so we can add  $Criminal(RogerRabbit)$ .

Notice that we reached a **fixed point** in which no more inferences can be induced, but the difference with the propositional fixed point is that we may have universally quantified atomic sentence.

Moreover the algorithm is **sound** since every step is an application on *GMP* and complete for definite clause knowledge bases; that is, it answers every query whose answers are entailed by any knowledge base of definite clauses.

Finally let  $k$  be the maximum arity (number of arguments) of any predicate,  $p$  be the number of predicates, and  $n$  be the number of constant symbols. Clearly, there can be no more than  $pn^k$  distinct ground facts, so after this many iterations the algorithm must have reached a fixed point.

**Efficiency** The previous mentioned process may be improved with :

- **Conjunction ordering:** the problem of finding an ordering to solve the conjuncts of the rule premise so that the total cost is minimized. It arises when we have many facts in the KB that need to be matched against a premise.  
Given the rule 3 we have to find objects which are both *KinderEggs* owned by *EsterIsland*; so we must iterate through all the  $n$  *KinderEggs* and all the  $m$  objects owned by *EsterIsland*. It is logical that if  $n \ll m$  it will be faster to find the *KinderEggs* first and then the object owned by *EsterIsland*. This problem is exactly as the CSP-problem studied before <sup>84</sup>, thus being NP-Hard.
- **Incremental Forward Checking:** another problem is the one of matching redundant rules. It can be avoided if we consider that a rule is "new" at iteration  $t$  if it has been inferred by some facts generated in the previous iteration  $t - 1$ , otherwise it would have been generated earlier.  
Another problem is given by **partial matching** rules which are generated and discarded as soon as some atoms in the premise do not hold. Instead of discarding them we could leave them semi-generated and gradually complete them as new facts arrives.
- **Irrelevant Facts:** finally, the algorithm does not distinguish between relevant and irrelevant facts. To address this issue we can either use backward chaining or deductive databases that uses forward chaining as the standard inference rule.

<sup>83</sup>For example  $Likes(x, ice-scream)$  and  $Likes(y, ice-scream)$  are renaming of each other with the same meaning (everybody likes ice-scream).

<sup>84</sup>We can use the studied techniques such as *minimum-remaining-value...*

### 3.5.2 Backward Chaining

The backward chaining is a kind of AND/OR search, the *OR* part because the goal query can be proved by any rule in the knowledge base, and the *AND* part because all the conjuncts in a list of clauses must be proved.

It is a depth-first search so it suffers from problem such as repeated states and incompleteness.

It is the base for **Logic programming** [**PROLOG**]

## 4 Resolution in First Order Logic

For applying resolution we need to convert a sentence in *Conjunctive Normal Form* CNF<sup>85</sup>, fortunately every sentence in FOL can be converted into an inferentially equivalent sentence in CNF; the difference between propositional CNF and FOL CNF is the presence of the existential quantifier.

### 4.1 Skolem Normal Form

When removing existential quantifiers using *EI* (Section 3.4.2) we are assuming there exist an element, which we do not know, that satisfy the existential property.

Now consider the sentence "*Everyone has a heart*", that is translated in FOL with:

$$\forall x[Person(x) \Rightarrow \exists y Heart(y) \wedge Has(x, y)]$$

If we use *EI* on this we obtain:

$$\forall x[Person(x) \Rightarrow Heart(H) \wedge Has(x, H)]$$

The meaning of the sentence becomes "*Everyone has the heart H*", which is not the same as before since we make no distinction between hearts.

For this kind of problem we need a function which takes as input a person and returns the person's heart. Let us denote this function as  $F(x)$ <sup>86</sup>, so the above sentence becomes:

$$\forall x[Person(x) \Rightarrow Heart(F(x)) \wedge Has(x, F(x))]$$

which now links every person to his own heart,  $F(x)$  is called a **Skolem function**.

Formally given a formula  $\exists x \psi(x)$ , where  $\psi(x)$  is another formula that depends on  $x$ <sup>87</sup>, we have that the skolemization of the formula ( $\exists x \psi^{sko}$ ) is given by substituting the dependence on  $x$  with a skolem function  $\psi[F(x_1, \dots, x_n)/x]$  of arity  $n$ .

#### 4.1.1 Prenex Normal Form

Before introducing the *Skolem Normal Form* [SNF] we must describe the *Prenex Normal Form* [PNF].

As for the CNF that needs the negation symbols  $\neg$  to be pushed inward<sup>88</sup>, the PNF wants the quantifier symbols to be moved *outwards* to the left side of the formula. For example, given some quantifier free formulas  $\phi(x), \psi(y), \varphi(z)$ <sup>89</sup> which appears in a formula as:

$$[\forall x \phi(x) \wedge \forall y \psi(y)] \Rightarrow \exists z \varphi(z)$$

We transform it in PNF just by pushing the quantifiers to the left:

$$\forall x \forall y \exists z [[\phi(x) \wedge \psi(y)] \Rightarrow \varphi(z)]$$

It is easy to understand that the two different implementation are equivalent  $\equiv$ .

Generally speaking a formula  $\psi$  in in PNF if:

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<sup>85</sup>Section 2.2.1.

<sup>86</sup>Note that this function must not appear in the KB, similarly as for *EI*.

<sup>87</sup>Note that the dependence can be of any kind of *arity*. The heart example mentioned before has arity 2 for the  $Has(x, y)$  predicate, but we may have predicates in which the variable of the existential quantifier  $x$  may depend on a huge number of other variables  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  so to have arity  $n$ .

<sup>88</sup>That is inside the formulas, to the left of literals.

<sup>89</sup>These formulas are made of other formulas like :  $\phi(x) = P(x) \vee Q(x) \vee A$ . The important thing is that they do now contain any quantifier and they must depend on the specified variable.

- Does not contain quantifiers:
  - no variable occurs in  $\psi$ , e.g.  $\top$ .
  - $\psi$  has only free variables, e.g.  $A \vee \neg B$ .
- All the quantifiers are pushed to the left-most side. Formally given  $Q = \{\forall, \exists\}$ ,  $A$  is a quantifier free formula and we have  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  variables;  $\psi$  is in the form:

$$Q_1 x_1 Q_2 x_2 \dots Q_n x_n A$$

**Transformation to PNF** Given a generic formula  $\phi$  the steps for transforming it into PNF are the following:

1. Build a formula  $\phi'$  where only  $\vee, \wedge, \exists, \forall$  occur, negation is pushed inwards and double negations are eliminated.
2. Rename bound variables so that each quantifier uses a different variable <sup>90</sup>.
3. Build the Prenex formula moving all quantifiers to the left.

#### 4.1.2 Complete Example

We make the following example:

*Everyone who loves all animal is loved by someone.*

This sentence is translated into FOL as:

$$\forall x [\forall y \text{ Animal}(y) \Rightarrow \text{Loves}(x, y)] \Rightarrow [\exists y \text{ Loves}(y, x)]$$

The steps for reducing the sentence into SNF are the following:

1. **Eliminate implication:**

$$\forall x [\neg \forall y \neg \text{Animal}(y) \vee \text{Loves}(x, y)] \vee [\exists y \text{ Loves}(y, x)]$$

2. **Move  $\neg$  inwards:**

$$\forall x [\exists y \neg \neg \text{Animal}(y) \wedge \neg \text{Loves}(x, y)] \vee [\exists y \text{ Loves}(y, x)]$$

$$\forall x [\exists y \text{ Animal}(y) \wedge \neg \text{Loves}(x, y)] \vee [\exists y \text{ Loves}(y, x)]$$

The sentence now reads "either there is some animal that  $x$  doesn't love, or (if this is not the case) someone loves  $x$ ".

3. **Standardize variables**, that is removing variables with the same name:

$$\forall x [\exists y \text{ Animal}(y) \wedge \neg \text{Loves}(x, y)] \vee [\exists z \text{ Loves}(z, x)]$$

4. **Skolemize** to remove the existential quantifier, using two skolem function  $F(x), G(z)$  not present in the KB:

$$\forall x [\text{Animal}(F(x)) \wedge \neg \text{Loves}(x, F(x))] \vee \text{Loves}(G(z), x)$$

5. **Drop universal quantifier** using UI 3.4.1 and get:

$$[\text{Animal}(F(x)) \wedge \neg \text{Loves}(x, F(x))] \vee \text{Loves}(G(z), x)$$

6. **Distribute** over  $\vee, \wedge$  and obtain a SNF with two clauses:

$$[\text{Animal}(F(x)) \vee \text{Loves}(G(z), x)] \wedge [\neg \text{Loves}(x, F(x)) \vee \text{Loves}(G(z), x)]$$

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<sup>90</sup>Technique known as standardization.

### 4.1.3 Proprieties

Let  $\psi$  be a formula and  $\psi^{sko}$  be its SNF, we have the following proprieties:

- $\mathcal{M}$  model of  $\psi$  **does not imply**  $\mathcal{M}$  model of  $\psi^{sko}$ .
- $\mathcal{M}$  model of  $\psi^{sko}$  **implies**  $\mathcal{M}$  model of  $\psi$ .
- $\psi$  valid **does not imply**  $\psi^{sko}$  valid.
- $\psi^{sko}$  valid **implies**  $\psi$  valid.
- $\psi$  satisfiable **iff**  $\psi^{sko}$  satisfiable.
- $\psi$  unsatisfiable **iff**  $\psi^{sko}$  unsatisfiable.
- $\psi$  contradictory **iff**  $\psi^{sko}$  contradictory.
- $\psi$  valid **iff**  $\neg\psi^{sko}$  valid.

## 4.2 Resolution Inference Rule

In propositional logic two clauses can be resolved if they contain complementary literals, in FOL two clauses are complementary if one *unifies* with the negation of the other.

### 4.2.1 Binary Resolution

Given :

$$\frac{l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_k, \quad m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_n}{Subst(\theta, l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee l_k \vee m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{i-1} \vee m_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n)}$$

Where  $Unify(l_i, \neg m_i) = \theta$ . For example:

$$[Animal(F(x)) \vee Loves(G(x), x)] \quad \text{and} \quad [Loves(u, v) \vee \neg Kills(u, v)]$$

can be resolved with  $\theta = [u/G(x), v/x]$  and generate:

$$[Animal(F(x)) \vee \neg Kills(u, v)]$$

**Incompleteness of binary resolution** This type of resolution is called a *binary* since it resolves two literals,  $l_i, m_i$  or  $Loves(G(x), x), Loves(u, v)$ , and it can be shown to be incomplete <sup>91</sup>. But it can be made complete with the use of **factoring** that removes two identical literals <sup>92</sup>.

### 4.2.2 General Resolution

Same as for prepositional logic.

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<sup>91</sup>You can get stuck into loops.

<sup>92</sup>In FOL two literals are identical if they are unifiable.

### 4.2.3 Completeness of Resolution

The objective is to show that resolution is **refutation-complete**, which means that if a set of sentences is unsatisfiable, then resolution will always be able to derive a contradiction. Hence we can use resolution to establish that a certain sentence is entailed by a set of sentences (KB) <sup>93</sup> effectively answering a query  $Q(x)$  by proving that  $KB \wedge \neg Q(x)$  is unsatisfiable.

The proof follows the steps of Figure 9.

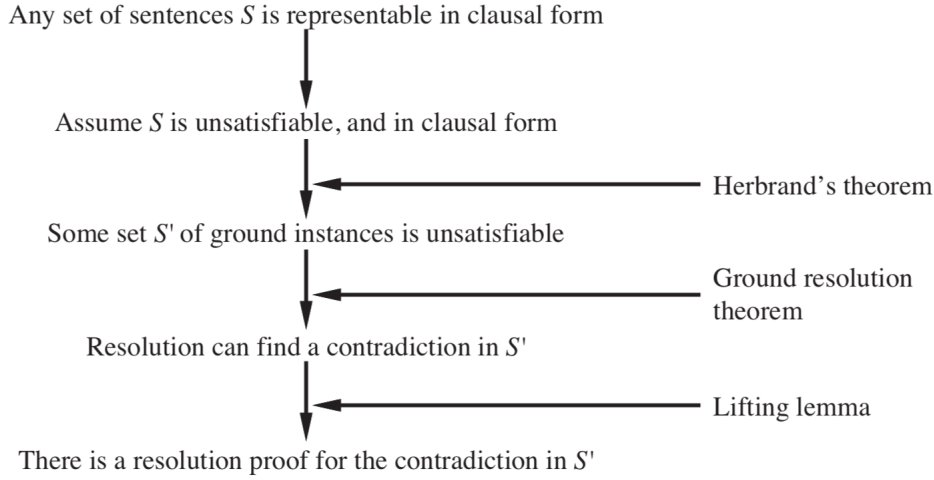


Figure 9: Structure of a completeness proof for resolution.

Before explaining the proof we need to introduce some concepts.

**Herbrand Universe** Given a set of clauses  $S$  the Herbrand universe  $H_S$  of those clauses is constructed in the following way:

- Following a function symbol if any.
- Following a constant symbol if any.

Per example given

$$Parent(x, F(x, A)) \vee Sibling(x, B)$$

we can construct

$$Parent(Parent(A), F(F(A), A)), Parent(Parent(Parent(B)), F(B, F(B, A))), (A, Parent(B))...$$

That is we construct all the possible **ground terms** with the given function symbols ( $Parent(x, y), Sibling(x, y)$ ), constant symbols ( $A, B, F(A), Sibling(A, B)...$ ) and skolem formulas ( $F(A, B), F(B, B), F(F(A), B)...$ ).

**Saturation** Given the set of ground terms  $P$  obtained earlier, we generate the saturation of  $S$  in respect to  $P$ , called  $P(S)$ , by applying all consistent substitution of ground term in  $P$  with variables in  $S$ .

**Herbrand Base** The saturation of a set of clauses  $S$  in respect to a Herbrand Universe is called a Herbrand Base, denoted  $H_S(P)$  <sup>94</sup>.

<sup>93</sup>Although we can not use resolution to derive all possible consequences from a KB.

<sup>94</sup>Which is infinite.



**Herbrand's Theorem** The theorem says that:

*If a set  $S$  of clauses is unsatisfiable, then there exists a finite subset of  $H_S(S)$  that is also unsatisfiable.*

Let  $S'$  be this finite subset of  $H_S(S)$ , we can use the ground resolution theorem (Section 2.2.3) to show that the resolution closure  $RC(S')$  contains the empty clause. Hence we have demonstrated that there is *always* a resolution proof involving some subset of  $H_S(S)$ , now we need to establish that there exists some proof involving  $S$  itself <sup>95</sup>.

**Lifting Lemma** This lemma is used as a proof step from ground clauses up to general first-order clauses. The lemma says the following:

Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be two clauses with no shared variables, and let  $C'_1$  and  $C'_2$  be ground instances of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . If  $C'$  is a resolvent of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , then there exists a clause  $C$  such that (1)  $C$  is a resolvent of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and (2)  $C'$  is a ground instance of  $C$ .

For example, given the two clauses:

$$C_1 = \text{Heart}(x, F(x, A)) \vee \text{Human}(x)$$

$$C_2 = \neg \text{Heart}(y, F(y, B)) \vee \text{Cyborg}(y) \vee \text{Oil}(y, G(y, C))$$

We instantiate them with some ground terms (constant symbols only for simplicity):

$$C'_1 = \text{Heart}(\text{Goku}, F(\text{Goku}, A)) \vee \text{Human}(\text{Goku})$$

$$C'_2 = \neg \text{Heart}(\text{C18}, F(\text{C18}, B)) \vee \text{Cyborg}(\text{C18}) \vee \text{Oil}(\text{C18}, G(\text{C18}, C))$$

Next we apply the resolution rule with  $\text{Human}(x)$ :

$$C' = \text{Cyborg}(\text{C17}) \vee \text{Oil}(\text{C17}, G(\text{C17}, C)) \vee \text{Human}(\text{C17})$$

And finally we generalize to get:

$$C' = \text{Cyborg}(y) \vee \text{Oil}(y, G(y, C)) \vee \text{Human}(y)$$

### 4.3 Resolution Strategies

In the following we will analyze some strategies to make resolution more efficient.

**Unit preference** Is the technique of preferring to use a single literal (unit clause) <sup>96</sup> to resolve against other clauses. This is because the length <sup>97</sup> of the resolution will be less than the other clause we used. For example, resolving:

$$\frac{P \vee \neg Q \vee R, \quad F \vee \neg R \vee A}{P \vee \neg Q \vee F \vee A}$$

Which has length 4, higher than the two clauses used for resolution, while resolving:

$$\frac{P, \quad F \vee \neg P \vee A}{F \vee A}$$

That has length 2, shorter than the second clause.

<sup>95</sup>Note that the difference is that  $S$  may not contain only ground clauses.

<sup>96</sup>For example  $P$ , not like  $Q \vee R$ .

<sup>97</sup>Counted as the number of element in the disjunction.

**Set of Support** We keep a set of clauses which are considered useful for the resolution inference, when we resolve something using an element from this set we add the resolvent to the set. Usually this set contains the negated query and generate a goal-directed proof tree.

**Input Resolution** Is the technique of using a sentence from the input (either the query or the KB) and resolving it with another sentence. The **linear resolution** strategy is a slight generalization that allows  $P$  and  $Q$  to be resolved together either if  $P$  is in the original KB or if  $P$  is an ancestor of  $Q$  in the proof tree. Linear resolution is complete.

## 5 Prolog

Prolog is the major logic-based programming language <sup>98</sup>, it uses a set of definite clauses written in a notation somewhat different from FOL.

For example:

$$American(x) \wedge (y) \wedge Sells(x, y, z) \wedge Hostile(z) \Rightarrow Criminal(x)$$

becomes

$$criminal(X) : - american(X), kinderEgg(Y), sells(X, Y, Z), hostile(Z)$$

Note how the variables have *uppercase* letters while the relationships are in *lowercase*. As for the FOL case  $criminal(X)$  is true if every atom in the premise  $american(X), kinderEgg(Y), sells(X, Y, Z), hostile(Z)$  is also true.

**An Example** We write a program with the following rules:

1.  $append([], Y, Y)$ : if I append to an empty list  $[]$  another list  $Y$ , then the result will be the same list  $Y$ .
2.  $append([A|X], Y, [A|Z]) : -append(X, Y, Z)$ : the premises (on the right) says that appending  $X$  to  $Y$  produces  $Z$ , if this is true then appending  $Y$  to  $[A|X]$  <sup>99</sup> will output  $[A|Z]$ .

And we query  $append(X, Y, [1, 2])$  (what can be the values of  $X, Y$  so that, if I append them, I have  $[1, 2]$ ?) and obtain:

- $X = [] \quad Y = [1, 2]$
- $X = [1] \quad Y = [2]$
- $X = [1, 2] \quad Y = []$

### 5.1 Efficient Implementation

There are two modes of operation for the Prolog program.

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<sup>98</sup>It is a sub-set of FOL.

<sup>99</sup>This notation denotes a list whose first element is  $A$  and rest is  $X$ .

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function FOL-BC-ASK( $KB, query$ ) returns a generator of substitutions
return FOL-BC-OR( $KB, query, \{ \}$ )

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generator FOL-BC-OR( $KB, goal, \theta$ ) yields a substitution
for each rule ( $lhs \Rightarrow rhs$ ) in FETCH-RULES-FOR-GOAL( $KB, goal$ ) do
  ( $lhs, rhs$ )  $\leftarrow$  STANDARDIZE-VARIABLES( $(lhs, rhs)$ )
  for each  $\theta'$  in FOL-BC-AND( $KB, lhs, UNIFY(rhs, goal, \theta)$ ) do
    yield  $\theta'$ 

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generator FOL-BC-AND( $KB, goals, \theta$ ) yields a substitution
if  $\theta = failure$  then return
else if LENGTH( $goals$ ) = 0 then yield  $\theta$ 
else do
   $first, rest \leftarrow$  FIRST( $goals$ ), REST( $goals$ )
  for each  $\theta'$  in FOL-BC-OR( $KB, SUBST(\theta, first), \theta$ ) do
    for each  $\theta''$  in FOL-BC-AND( $KB, rest, \theta'$ ) do
      yield  $\theta''$ 

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Figure 10: Abstract Interpreted Prolog Mode

**Interpreted** The algorithm works as shown in Figure 10 with two major improvements:

- The presence of a **global stack**<sup>100</sup> of choice points to keep track of multiple possibilities to consider .
- The use of a **trail** in which logic variables <sup>101</sup> are kept. So when a branch fails the algorithm removes the last bounded variable and continues with the trail *without* re-instantiating a substitution for each variable.

**Compiled** In this mode the Prolog program becomes an inference procedure for a specific set of clauses, so it knows what clauses match the goal. Prolog basically generates a miniature theorem prover for each different predicate, thereby eliminating much of the overhead of interpretation.

**Parallelization** There are two principal sources of parallelism. The first, called **OR** parallelism, comes from the possibility of a goal unifying with many different clauses in the knowledge base. Each gives rise to an independent branch in the search space that can lead to a potential solution, and all such branches can be solved in parallel. The second, called textbfAND parallelism, comes from the possibility of solving each conjunct in the body of an implication in parallel.

## 5.2 Redundant inference and infinite loops

Since Prolog works with backward chaining, hence using a depth-first search, some issues may arise. Specifically the problem of infinite paths makes Prolog **incomplete** as a theorem prover for definite clauses because it fails to prove sentences that are entailed.

**An example** Given two implementation of the same problem:

1. The first one:

<sup>100</sup>Remember that a stack is the implementation of a depth-first search.

<sup>101</sup>Variables that remember their current bindings .

- $\text{path}(X,Z) \text{ :- link}(X,Z)$
- $\text{path}(X,Z) \text{ :- path}(X,Y), \text{link}(Y,Z)$

2. The second one:

- $\text{path}(X,Z) \text{ :- path}(X,Y), \text{link}(Y,Z)$
- $\text{path}(X,Z) \text{ :- link}(X,Z)$

Since Prolog chooses the clauses in the order of implementation, the resulting search tree for the second implementation will be an infinite loop, as shown in Figure 11.

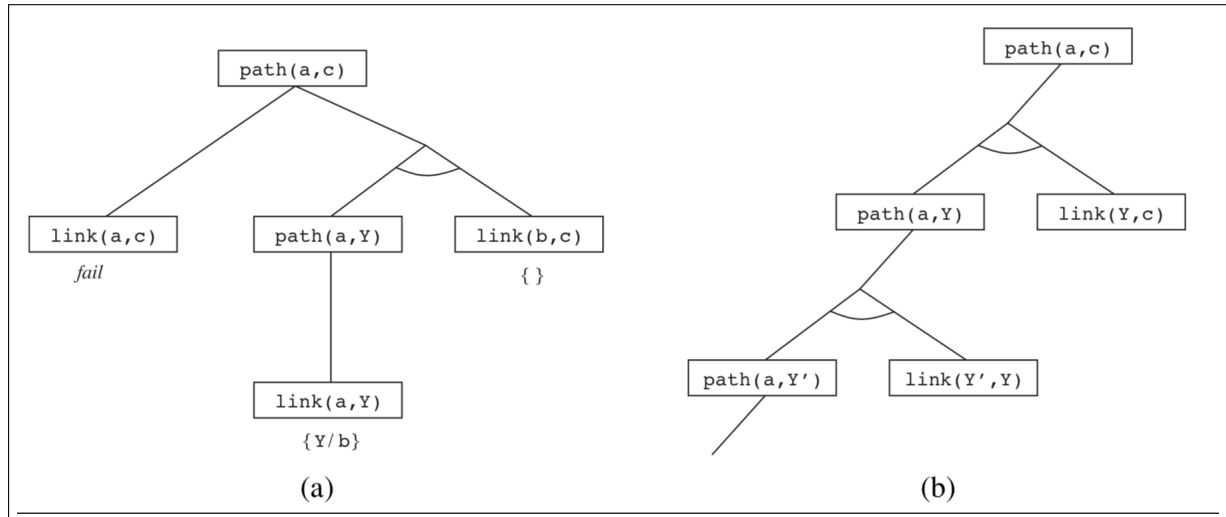


Figure 11: Abstract Interpreted Prolog Mode

## 6 Non Monotonic Reasoning

In classical logic the more facts we have, the more conclusions we can draw, this property is known as **Monotonicity**, which can be formalized as:

$$\text{if } \Delta \subset \Gamma : Cn(\Delta) \subset Cn(\Gamma)$$

In which  $Cn(x)$  is a classical conclusion based on some st of premises  $x$ . So if we have a set of facts  $\Delta$  which is a subset of  $\Gamma$ , then the new facts in gamma will have no effects on the conclusions in  $Cn(\Delta)$ ; that is  $Cn(\Delta) \subset Cn(\Gamma)$ .

On the other hand **non-monotonicity** models a common behavior in humans minds: the changing of one's idea <sup>102</sup>. A classical example would be:

*Suppose I tell you 'Tweety is a bird'.*

*You might conclude 'Tweety flies'.*

*I then tell you 'Tweety is an emu'.*

*You conclude 'Tweety does not fly'.*

Moreover there are some other problem with classical logic such as:

- It is usually not possible to write down all we would like to say about a domain.
- Inferences in classical logic simply make implicit knowledge explicit; we would also like to reason with tentative statements.
- Sometimes we would like to represent knowledge about something that is not entirely true or false; uncertain knowledge.

### 6.1 Closed World Reasoning

The close world assumption, CWA for short says the following:

*There are many more false things than true things. If something is true and relevant, it has been put into the KB. So, if something is not present in the KB, it can reasonably be assumed to be false.*

The CWA completes a non-closed KB <sup>103</sup> by including the negation of a ground atom whenever the atom does not follow from the KB.

In other words, if we have no evidence as to the truth of a ground atom, we assume that it is false. This can be formalized as:

$$CWA(KB) = KB^+ = KB \cup \Delta_{asm}$$

Where  $\Delta_{asm}$  is the assumption set containing all the negative literals  $L$  if  $L$  is not derivable from the KB:

$$\Delta_{asm} = \{\neg L | L \text{ if } L \text{ is positive literal and } KB \not\models L\}$$

Another way of characterizing the assumption set is using the Herbrand Base  $HB(KB)$  (Section 4.2.3):

$$\Delta_{asm} = \{\neg L : KB \not\models L \text{ and } L \in HB(KB)\}$$

<sup>102</sup>Where more information leads us to retract previous conclusions.

<sup>103</sup>On the contrary a complete KB is one in which for every ground atom in the language, either the atom or its negation appears in the KB.

**An Example** Let the KB be made of two formulas:

- $\forall x P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$
- $P(a) \wedge R(b)$

We have that the Herbrand Base of the KB is:

$$HB(KB) = \{P(a), Q(a), R(a), P(b), Q(b), R(b)\}$$

So our set of assumption would be:

$$\Delta_{asm} = \{\neg R(a), \neg P(b), \neg Q(b)\}$$

**Completeness of CWA** We can show that CWA produces a complete KB since we have that:

$$\forall \alpha, KB^+ \alpha \text{ or } KB^+ \neg \alpha$$

Where  $\alpha$  can be either an atom or formula.

**Consistency of CWA** Let KB be a consistent <sup>104</sup> set of formulas.  $CWA(KB)$  is consistent iff any clause  $C$  that is formed of positive ground literals  $P_i$  that can be deduced from the KB, such as  $C = P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_2$ ; every  $C$  contains at least one positive ground literal  $P_i$  that can be deduced from the KB.

**Generalized CWA** Let a KB be the following:

- $Course(AI) \wedge Course(MachineLearning)$
- $Student(Nardi) \vee Professor(Nardi)$

If we apply CWA to the KB we have an inconsistency. However it is still reasonable (and consistency preserving) to assume that *AI* and *MachineLearning* are neither students nor professors, and that *Nardi* is not a course. So we can use Generalized CWA [GCWA] in the following way:

$$GCWA(KB) = KB \cup \Delta_{asm}$$

Where  $\Delta_{asm} = \{\neg L | L \text{ is a positive literal and there is no positive clause } C \text{ such that } KB \models L \wedge C \text{ and } KB \not\models C\}$ . So an atom  $L$  can be assumed to be false only if it is the case that whenever a disjunction of atoms, including that atom, is entailed by KB; the smaller disjunction without the atom is also entailed.

For the previous example we have that,  $GCWA(KB)$ :

- $\neg Course(Nardi)$
- $\neg Student(AI), \neg Student(MachineLearning)$
- $\neg Professor(AI), \neg Professor(MachineLearning)$

## 6.2 Negation

Given a KB and an atom  $A$ , the **negation as failure** says the following:

*If from the KB we do not prove  $A$ , then from the KB we deduce  $\neg A$ .*

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<sup>104</sup>Consistent means that I cannot have both  $P(a)$  and  $\neg P(a)$  in the KB at the same time.

### 6.2.1 Semantic of stable models

The basic idea is to design a model of a certain KB as a **canonical** model, i.e. this models determine which answer to a given query is considered correct. For example having KB:

- $P(1), Q(2)$
- $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$

Have two models:

1.  $M_1 = \{P(1), Q(1), Q(2)\}$
2.  $M_2 = \{P(1), Q(1), Q(2), P(2)\}$  <sup>105</sup>

We can see how 1) is a minimal model which is also unique in KB which are in Horn Normal Form (Section 2.2.2). But when we introduce negations then we loose the HNF, thus there is no unique minimal model.

**Grounding** is the technique of replacing a clause with its ground instance.

**Negation Elimination** Given a set  $M$  of atoms of KB, the reduct  $KB_M$  is obtained by eliminating:

- all the clauses that in the body have a negated atom of  $M$ ;
- all the negative literals not in  $M$ .

Now we have that  $KB_M$  is negation-free thus having an unique minimal model. If this model coincide with  $M$  then we can say that  $M$  is a **stable set** of the KB.

**Theorem** *Every stable set of a KB is a minimal Herbrand model of KB.*

The intuitive meaning is as follows:

IF  $M$  is a set of ground atoms that an Agent  $A$  considers to be true, then any rule that has a sub-goal  $\neg B$  with  $B \in M$  is, from the agent point of view, useless; furthermore, any sub-goal  $\neg B$  with  $B \notin M$  is, from the agent point of view, trivial. Then  $A$  can simplify the premises in the KB and replace them with  $KB_M$ . If  $M$  happens to be precisely the set of atoms that logically follows from  $KB_M$  then  $A$  is being rational.

The stable model semantic is defined for logic program if they have exactly one stable model, and it declares that model to be a canonical model.

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<sup>105</sup>This one is exactly equal to the Herbrand Base of KB.



## 7 Exercises

### 7.1 Propositional Exercises

#### 7.1.1 Ex1

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be three propositional predicates, tell whether or not:

$$A = (\alpha \wedge \beta) \Rightarrow \gamma \models (\alpha \Rightarrow \gamma) \vee (\beta \Rightarrow \gamma) = B$$

For the entailment to be true we need to have that all the models of B are also models of A,  $Models(A) \subseteq Models(B)$  (Section 1.1). We can check this with a simple truth Table 4.

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	A	B
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

Table 4: Truth Table for Ex 1 of Propositional Logic

As can you see from the table the two formulas are equivalent (they have the same interpretation), thus we have that: iff  $A \equiv B$  then  $AB$  and  $BA$ .

We can show the equivalence by bringing both the formulas in conjunctive normal form (Section 2.2.1):

For A we have:

- $(\alpha \wedge \beta) \Rightarrow \gamma$
- $\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee \gamma$
- $\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta \vee \gamma$

For B we have:

- $(\alpha \Rightarrow \gamma) \vee (\beta \Rightarrow \gamma)$
- $(\neg\alpha \vee \gamma) \vee (\neg\beta \vee \gamma)$
- $\neg\alpha \vee \gamma \vee \neg\beta$

Which is equivalent to A.

#### 7.1.2 Ex2

Tell whether the following propositional formula is valid:

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

Again we can either use the truth table or the CNF. First let us remember that a valid formula has only true interpretations, that is it has only models (Section 2.1).

A	B	$W_1 = A \wedge B$	$W_2 = \neg A \wedge \neg B$	$W_1 \vee W_2$
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	F	T	T

Table 5: Truth Table for Ex 2 of Propositional Logic

As you can see from Table 5), the formula is not valid.

### 7.1.3 Ex3

Consider a knowledge base consisting of the conjunction of the following propositions:

- $\neg A \Rightarrow B$
- $B \Rightarrow A$
- $A \Rightarrow (C \wedge D)$

Do:

1. Tell whether the knowledge base is consistent. In the positive case provide a model
2. Transform the above propositions into a new knowledge base written in conjunctive normal form
3. Which of the clauses in your new knowledge base (if any) are not Horn clauses? Justify your answer

**Part 1 and 2** First we need to remember the meaning of *consistent* KB (Section 2.1), that is the negation of the KB is not valid. The easiest way of telling is by transforming the KB in CNF (Section 2.2.1):

- $C_1 = \{A, B\}$
- $C_2 = \{A, \neg B\}$
- $C_3 = \{\neg A, C\}$
- $C_4 = \{\neg A, D\}$

To check if the KB is consistent we need to find one interpretation in which all the clauses are true; for a clause to be true we need at least one literal to be true. We can prove it by simply looking at the clauses:

- Since  $C, D$  appear in **only one** clause each,  $C_3, C_4$ , we can set them to true, (independently of  $A$ ).
- Now we can set  $A$  to true and bring  $C_1, C_2$  to true and have a model.

**Part 3** For a clause to be in horn clause it must have **at most** one true literal. So it is obvious that the only clause that is not in Horn Normal Form is  $C_1$ .

### 7.1.4 Ex4

Tell which one among the following formulas is a good representation of the sentence.

*If John studies and his father works, then his grandfather is happy.*

1.  $(Study \wedge Work) \Rightarrow Happy$

2.  $Study \wedge Work \wedge Happy$
3.  $\neg Study \vee \neg Work \vee Happy$
4.  $(Study \vee Work) \Rightarrow Happy$

Answer

1. Is correct since the premises of the implication are: *Study* **and** *Work*, while the conclusion is *Happy*.
2. Is wrong since we're saying that all of them must be true in order to be a model, so there is no correlation between the *Study*, *Work* and *Happy*.
3. Is also right since is 1) written without the implication
4. Is wrong since we're saying that either *Study* or *Work* must be true for the *Happy* literal to be true, instead of both.

### 7.1.5 Ex5

Consider the following propositional formulas:

- $P \Rightarrow (Q \leftrightarrow R)$
- $Q \Rightarrow (P \vee R).$
- $R \Rightarrow (Q \wedge \neg P)$

So the following :

1. Convert them into Conjunctive Normal Form
2. Tell whether or not the resulting set of clauses is Horn
3. Tell whether or not the resulting set of clauses is satisfiable, in the positive case show a model

**Part 1** For the first formula:

- $P \Rightarrow (Q \leftrightarrow R)$
- $\neg P \vee (Q \leftrightarrow R)$
- $\neg P \vee [(Q \Rightarrow R) \wedge (R \Rightarrow Q)]$
- $\neg P \vee [(\neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg R \vee Q)]$
- $\neg P \vee [(\neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg R \vee Q)]$
- $\neg P \vee [(\neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg R \vee Q)]$
- $[\neg P \vee (\neg Q \vee R)] \wedge [\neg P \vee (\neg R \vee Q)]$
- $[\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R] \wedge [\neg P \vee \neg R \vee Q]$
- $C_1 = \{\neg P, \neg Q, R\}, C_2 = \{\neg P, \neg R, Q\}$

For the second one:

- $Q \Rightarrow (P \vee R).$
- $\neg Q \vee (P \vee R).$

- $\neg Q \vee P \vee R$ .
- $C_3 = \{\neg Q, P, R\}$ .

For the third one:

- $R \Rightarrow (Q \wedge \neg P)$
- $\neg R \vee (Q \wedge \neg P)$
- $(\neg R \vee Q) \wedge (\neg R \vee \neg P)$
- $C_4 = \{\neg R, Q\}, C_5 = \{\neg R, \neg P\}$

**Part 2** The result is **not** in Horn form since  $C_3$  has two positive literals, while the Horn Normal Form wants at most one for each clause (Section 2.2.2).

**Part 3** To prove the unsatisfiability of the KB we can use various techniques such as: resolution, model enumeration, truth table. For time reasons I will go with resolution.

If the KB is unsatisfiable then we have  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} \{\}$ ; that is, we can infer the empty clause from the KB using resolution.

1. First resolve  $C_1$  with  $C_2$ :

$$\frac{\{\neg P, \neg Q, R\}, \quad \{\neg P, \neg R, Q\}}{C_6 = \{\neg P\}}$$

2. Then resolve  $C_6$  with  $C_3$ :

$$\frac{\{\neg P\}, \quad \{\neg Q, P, R\}}{C_7 = \{\neg Q, R\}}$$

3. Finally resolve  $C_7$  with  $C_4$ :

$$\frac{\{\neg Q, R\}, \quad \{\neg R, Q\}}{\{\}}$$

Which resolve in the empty clause.

## 7.2 First Order Logic

### 7.2.1 Ex1

Choose a suitable vocabulary of constant and predicate symbols then represent the following sentences in FOL:

1. Steve likes easy classes
2. Violin classes are not easy
3. Every class of Percussion is easy
4. The class of “Afro Drums” is a class of Percussion
5. The class of “Violin for pre-school Kids” is a class of Violin

The KB will look something like this:

1.  $\forall x \text{ Class}(x) \wedge \text{Easy}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Likes}(\text{Steve}, x)$
2.  $\forall x \text{ Class}(x) \wedge \text{Violin}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{Easy}(x)$
3.  $\forall x \text{ Class}(x) \wedge \text{Percussion}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Easy}(x)$

4.  $Class(AfroDrums), Percussion(AfroDrums)$

5.  $Class(ViolinKids), Violin(ViolinKids)$

Notice that the second formula is not a definite clause but a goal clause (Section 2.2.2). This makes the KB in Horn normal Form.

Can we infer that Steve likes the class of Afro Drums ( $Likes(Steve, x), \{x/AfroDrums\}$ )?

- using Modus Ponens
- using Resolution

**Using Modus Ponens** The steps are the following:

- Use MP for 3,4:

$$\frac{Class(AfroDrums), Percussion(AfroDrums), [Class(x) \wedge Percussion(x) \Rightarrow Easy(x)]}{Easy(AfroDrums)}$$

With the substitution  $\theta = \{x/AfroDrums\}$ . Then add  $Easy(AfroDrums)$  to the KB.

- Finally use MD on 1 using the ground term we just deducted from the previous step:

$$\frac{Easy(AfroDrums), Class(AfroDrums), [\forall x Class(x) \wedge Easy(x) \Rightarrow Likes(Steve, x)]}{Likes(Steve, AfroDrums)}$$

**Resolution** We first need to bring the KB in Skolem Normla Form SNF (Section 4.1) <sup>106</sup>.

1.  $\neg Class(x) \vee \neg Easy(x) \vee Likes(Steve, x)$
2.  $\neg Class(y) \vee \neg Violin(y) \vee Easy(y)$
3.  $\neg Class(z) \vee \neg Percussion(z) \vee Easy(z)$
4.  $\neg q = \neg Likes(Steve, g)$

So we end up with three clauses and can start the resolution mechanism. We want to derive the query  $q = Likes(Steve, AfroDrums)$  from the KB,  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} q$ , hence we need to prove that  $(KB \vee \neg q) \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} \{\}$ . First we use the 1,4, with the substitution  $\theta = \{x/AfroDrums\}$  and get:

$$\frac{\{\neg Class(x), \neg Easy(x), Likes(Steve, x)\} \quad \{\neg Likes(Steve, g)\}}{\{\neg Class(AfroDrums), \neg Easy(AfroDrums)\}}$$

Note that this is a case of **binary resolution** (Section 4.2.1). Next we use the facts in the KB.

$$\frac{\{\neg Class(AfroDrums), \neg Easy(AfroDrums)\}, \quad \{Class(AfroDrums)\}}{\{\neg Easy(AfroDrums)\}}$$

And finally we use:

$$\frac{\{\neg Easy(AfroDrums)\}, \quad \{Easy(AfroDrums)\}}{\{\}}$$

Which entails the empty clause, thus  $(KB \vee \neg q) \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} \{\}$  is true, thus  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} q$ .

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<sup>106</sup>Note that there are no existential quantifiers, so there is no need for skolem unctons. On the other hand SNF is not only about skolem functions, universal quantifiers are treated too with *UI* (Section 3.4.1).

### 7.2.2 Ex2

Let *Gov*, *Univ*, *Luca*, *Bill* be constant symbols, and let

- $Prof(x)$
- $Student(x)$
- $Unhappy(x)$
- $CutFund(x, y)$
- $FailExam(x, y)$

be unary and binary predicate symbols.

Given:

- If the Government cuts the funds to Universities, professors are unhappy.
- If professors are unhappy all students fail their exams.
- The Government cuts the funds to Universities.
- *Luca* is a professor and *Bill* is a student

The exercise demand to:

1. Express in FOL the above KB.
2. Prove that Bill fails Luca's exam using both Modus Ponens and Resolution

#### KB in FOL

1.  $Prof(Luca), Student(Bill)$
2.  $\forall x \forall y [Prof(x) \wedge Unhappy(x) \wedge Student(y)] \Rightarrow [FailExam(x, y)]$
3.  $\forall x CutFund(Gov, Univ) \wedge Prof(x) \Rightarrow Unhappy(x)$
4.  $CutFund(Gov, Univ)$

**Modus Ponens** Given the facts in 1) and 4) we can use MP on formula number 3:

$$\frac{[CutFund(Gov, Univ), Prof(Luca)], \quad [\forall x CutFund(Gov, Univ) \wedge Prof(x) \Rightarrow Unhappy(x)]}{Unhappy(Luca)}$$

with the substitution  $\theta = \{x/Luca\}$  and add the consequence  $Unhappy(Luca)$  to the KB.

Finally we can use MD on the facts we have and on formula number 2):

$$\frac{[Prof(Luca), Unhappy(Luca), Student(Bill)], \quad [\forall x \forall y [Prof(x) \wedge Unhappy(x) \wedge Student(y)] \Rightarrow [FailExam(x, y)]]}{Fail(Luca, Bill)}$$

Proving that Bill will fail Luca's exam.

**Resolution** First we need to transform our KB into CNF (Section 2.2.1).

For formula 2 we have:

- $\forall x \forall y [Prof(x) \wedge Unhappy(x) \wedge Student(y)] \Rightarrow [FailExam(x, y)]$
- Remove universal quantifiers with UI (Section 3.4.1):

$$[Prof(x) \wedge Unhappy(x) \wedge Student(y)] \Rightarrow FailExam(x, y)$$

- Remove implication:

$$\neg[Prof(x) \wedge Unhappy(x) \wedge Student(y)] \vee FailExam(x, y)$$

- Move negation inwards:

$$\neg Prof(x) \vee \neg Unhappy(x) \vee \neg Student(y) \vee FailExam(x, y)$$

- Write in clause form:

$$C_1 = \{\neg Prof(x), \neg Unhappy(x), \neg Student(y), FailExam(x, y)\}$$

For 3) do something similar and get:

$$C_2 = \{\neg CutFund(Gov, Univ), \neg Prof(z), Unhappy(z)\}$$

Note that I've changed the variables from  $x$  to  $z$  to avoid confusion for later substitution.

Finally get:

$$C_3, C_4, C_5 = \{Prof(Luca)\}, \{Student(Bill)\}, \{CutFund(Gov, Univ)\},$$

Now we query to the KB  $q = FailExam(Luca, Bill)$ , thus adding the negated query to the KB.

First we resolve  $C_3, C_5$  with  $C_2$ , using the substitution  $\theta = \{z/Luca\}$ :

$$\frac{[C_3, C_5], \quad C_2}{C_6 = \{Unhappy(Luca)\}}$$

Then we resolve  $C_6, C_3, C_4$  with  $C_1$ , using the substitution  $\theta = \{x/Luca, y/Bill\}$  and get:

$$\frac{[C_3, C_4, C_6], \quad C_1}{\{\}}$$

The empty clause, which prove that  $(KB \wedge \neg q) \vdash \{\}$ , thus  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} q$ .

### 7.2.3 Ex3

Tell whether or not the following pairs of expressions unify. Describe the unification process step by step:

1.  $f(g(a, X), g(X, b)) = f(g(a, b, c, d))$
2.  $f(g(a, X), g(Y, Y)) = f(g(a, b), g(f(a), f(Z)))$
3.  $f(cons(cons(a, b))) = f(cons(cons(a, nil)))$

Number one is **not unifiable** since the predicate  $f()$  has arity 2 (2 arguments) in the first part of the unification, while it has only one in the second.

Number two is **unifiable**. First the arity of both the predicates  $f, g$  are the same in the two parts of the equation. The first thing we have to unify is :

$$g(a, X) = g(a, b)$$

Which yields  $\theta = \{X/b\}$ . Then we need to look at :

$$g(Y, Y) = g(f(a), f(Z))$$

If we notice that  $Z$  is a variable which can assume any value and that we must have the two arguments of  $g$  the same for  $g(Y, Y)$  we just use  $Z = a$  and get:

$$g(Y, Y) = g(f(a), f(a))$$

And then we substitute with  $Y = f(a)$ .

Number three is written in a weird way, but if we look at Nardi's slides we can interpret it to be (maybe):

$$f([a|b|[]]) = f([a|[]|[]])$$

Which is **not unifiable** since Prolog says so (seriously I couldn't understand it).

#### 7.2.4 Ex4

Answer the following questions:

1. Is  $P(c)$  the Skolemized version of  $\exists x P(x)$ ?
2. Is  $\forall x P(c, x)$  the Skolemized version of  $\forall x \exists y P(y, x)$ ?
3. Is  $\forall x P(f(x), x)$  the Skolemized version of  $\forall x \exists y P(y, x)$ ?
4. Is  $P(c_1, c_2)$  the Skolemized version of  $\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$ ?
5. Is  $\forall y P(c_1, y, f(y))$  the Skolemized version of  $\exists x \forall y \exists z P(x, y, z)$ ?
6. Is  $P(x, y, f(y))$  the Skolemized version of  $\forall x \forall y \exists z P(x, y, z)$ ?

Answers:

1. No, that would be the EI (Section 3.4.2) of the original formula <sup>107</sup>. A Skolemized version would be  $P(f(x))$ , where  $f$  does not appear in the KB.
2. No, that would be the EI of the original formula. A Skolemized version would be  $P(f(x), x)$ .
3. Yes.
4. Yes, since the existential quantifiers [EQ] do not depend on any universal quantifier [UQ], so we can use EI to remove them.
5. Yes, because the first EQ does not depend on any UQ, hence we can use the EI. The second EQ depends on the UQ controlling  $x$  so we need a function which depends on  $x$ .
6. No, because  $z$  depend both on  $y$  and  $x$  so the correct skolem function would take into account both the UQ. A Skolemized version would be  $P(x, y, f(x, y))$

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<sup>107</sup>Given that  $c$  does not appear in the KB.



### 7.2.5 Ex5

Given:

- The textbooks of class CA are easy
- The textbooks of class CB are difficult
- Mary studies (all and only) easy books
- Mary passes the exam of a class if she studies at least a textbook for that class
- RusselNorvig is a textbook for class CA
- Tenenbaum is a textbook for class CB

Do the following:

1. Translate the sentences in FOL, in CNF and tell if it is Horn
2. Prove, using Resolution, that Mary passes an exam, by adding the appropriate knowledge (if needed)

**Part 1** The first order logic KB would be:

- $\forall x \text{ } Ca(x) \Rightarrow \textit{Easy}(x)$
- $\forall x \text{ } Cb(x) \Rightarrow \neg \textit{Easy}(x)$
- $\forall x \text{ } \textit{Easy}(x) \Rightarrow \textit{Study}(\textit{Mary}, x)$
- $\exists x \text{ } \textit{Study}(\textit{Mary}, x) \wedge \textit{Passes}(\textit{Mary}, x)$
- $Ca(RN), Cb(Tb)$

The CNF would be:

- $C_1 = \{\neg Ca(x), \textit{Easy}(x)\}$
- $C_2 = \{\neg Cb(x), \neg \textit{Easy}(x)\}$
- $C_3 = \{\neg \textit{Easy}(x), \textit{Study}(\textit{Mary}, x)\}$
- $C_4 = \{\textit{Study}(\textit{Mary}, B)\}$ , where we used EI (Section 3.4.2) to refer to a generic book  $B$  that Mary studies.
- $C_5 = \{\textit{Passes}(\textit{Mary}, B)\}$ , in this case we are not making any difference between the exam that Mary passes and the book she uses to study. We will refer to the exam based on RN or on Tb.
- $C_6 = \{Ca(RN)\}$
- $C_7 = \{Cb(Tb)\}$

We can tell that the KB is in Horn form since all the clauses have **at most one** positive literal (Section 2.2.2).

**Part 2** First we need to add some knowledge to the KB in order to make Mary study something. We add the sentence:

*Mary studies RN.*

Which, in FOL, is equivalent to say :  $Study(Mary, RN)$ .

Which, in CNF, is :  $C_8 = \{Study(Mary, RN)\}$ .

In order to prove that Mery passes the RN exam we need to query  $q = Passes(Mary, RN)$  to the KB, thus we need to prove that  $(KB \wedge \neg q) \vdash \{\}$ . The resolution follows these steps:

1. Resolve  $\neg q$  with  $C_3$ , using the substitution  $\theta = \{x/RN\}$ :

$$\frac{\neg Passes(Mary, RN), \quad \{\neg Easy(x), Study(Mary, x)\}}{C_9 = \{\neg Easy(RN)\}}$$

2. Resolve  $C_9$  with  $C_1$ , using the substitution  $\theta = \{x/RN\}$ :

$$\frac{\neg Easy(RN), \quad \{\neg Ca(x), Easy(x)\}}{C_{10} = \{\neg Ca(RN)\}}$$

3. Finally resolve  $C_{10}$  with the fact  $C_6$  and obtain the empty clause.

## 7.3 MidTerms

### 7.3.1 M1

$D$  is the gardener of a vegetable garden  $V$  and a flower garden  $F$ . Gardens that have a gardener are beautiful iff their gardener waters them. Every gardener waters his gardens, if water is available, which is fortunately the case for  $D$ .

1. Define a vocabulary (i.e., constant, function and predicate symbols) and represent the following sentences in first order logic.
2. Translate the sentences in clausal form.
3. show using resolution that  $V$  and  $F$  are beautiful.

**Part 1** Our vocabulary will have the following predicates:

- $Garden(x)$  express that  $x$  is a garden.
- $Gardener(x, y)$  express that  $x$  is the gardener of garden  $y$ .
- $HasWater(x)$  express that the gardener  $x$  has water.
- $Watered(x)$  express that the garden  $x$  has been watered.
- $Beautiful(x)$  express that the garden  $x$  is beautiful.

Given this predicates we can express the sentence in FOL:

1. First we express the ground terms:

$$Garden(V), Garden(F), Gardener(D, V), Gardener(D, F), HasWater(D)$$

2. Then we need to express that if a gardener  $g$  of some garden  $x$ <sup>108</sup> has water, then the  $x$  will be watered:

$$\forall g \forall x [HasWater(g) \wedge Gardener(g, x) \Rightarrow Watered(x)]$$

3. Next we formulate that for every garden  $x$ , if  $x$  has a gardener  $y$ <sup>109</sup> and  $x$  is watered, then  $x$  is beautiful.

$$\forall x [Garden(x) \wedge [\exists y Gardener(y, x)] \wedge Watered(x) \Rightarrow Beautiful(x)]$$

**Part 2** From 2, we have:

- Use  $UI$  (Section 3.4.1) to remove universal quantifiers:

$$HasWater(g) \wedge Gardener(g, x) \Rightarrow Watered(x)$$

- Remove implication:

$$\neg HasWater(g) \vee \neg Gardener(g, x) \vee Watered(x)$$

- Use clausal form:

$$\{\neg HasWater(g), \neg Gardener(g, x), Watered(x)\}$$

From 3, we have:

- Remove existential quantifier using a skolem function (Section 4.1)  $G(x)$ :

$$\forall x [Garden(x) \wedge Gardener(G(x), x) \wedge Watered(x) \Rightarrow Beautiful(x)]$$

- Remove universal quantifier using  $UI$ :

$$Garden(x) \wedge Gardener(G(x), x) \wedge Watered(x) \Rightarrow Beautiful(x)$$

- Remove implication:

$$\neg Garden(x) \vee \neg Gardener(G(x), x) \vee \neg Watered(x) \vee Beautiful(x)$$

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<sup>108</sup>We know that a gardener can have multiple gardens, so we use  $\forall$  gardens.

<sup>109</sup>We can use the existential quantifier since we're interested in knowing if there exist some gardener for  $x$ .

- Use clausal form:

$$\{\neg Garden(x), \neg Gardener(G(x), x), \neg Watered(x), Beautiful(x)\}$$

Our KB now looks like this:

- $C_1 = \{\neg HasWater(g), \neg Gardener(g, x), Watered(x)\}$
- $C_2 = \{\neg Garden(x), \neg Gardener(G(x), x), \neg Watered(x), Beautiful(x)\}$
- $C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7 = Garden(V), Garden(F), Gardener(D, V), Gardener(D, F), HasWater(D)$

**Part 3** We want to query  $q_1 = Beautiful(V)$  and  $q_2 = Beautiful(F)$ . Let us start with  $q_1$ , so we want to show that  $(KB \wedge \neg q_1) \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} \{\}$ :

- We first use resolve  $C_7$  with  $C_1$ , with the substitution  $\theta = \{g/D\}$

$$\frac{HasWater(D), \quad \{\neg HasWater(g), \neg Gardener(g, x), Watered(x)\}}{C_8 = \{\neg Gardener(D, x), Watered(x)\}}$$

Adding it to the KB.

- Since we're interested in  $V$  we resolve  $C_5$  with  $C_8$ , with the substitution  $\theta = \{x/V\}$ :

$$\frac{Gardener(D, V), \quad \{\neg Gardener(D, x), Watered(x)\}}{C_9 = \{\neg Watered(V)\}}$$

- Until now we have used only **binary resolution**, now we will use the general one. Given  $C_3, C_5, C_9, \neg q_1$  we can resolve them with  $C_2$  with the substitution  $\theta = \{x/V\}$  we resolve with  $\{\}$  thus proving that  $(KB \wedge \neg q_1) \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} \{\}$ .

Same thing goes for  $q_2$ .

### 7.3.2 M2

Tell which one among the following First Order Logic formulas is an adequate representation of the sentence (and provide an explanation of the answer): Italians are happy if the Italian National team wins the world cup.

1.  $\forall x \forall y [Italian(x) \Rightarrow [WinWc(y) \Rightarrow Happy(x)]]$
2.  $\forall x \forall y [Italian(x) \wedge WinWc(y)] \Rightarrow Happy(x)$
3.  $\forall x \exists y [Italian(x) \wedge WinWc(y)] \Rightarrow Happy(x)$
4.  $\forall x [[Italian(x) \wedge WinWc(National)] \Rightarrow Happy(x)]$
5.  $\forall x [[Italian(x) \wedge WinWc(National)] \wedge Happy(x)]$
6.  $\forall x [[Italian(x) \wedge Happy(x)] \Rightarrow WinWc(National)]$

We can rule out the first two (1,2) since there is only one Italian National, so no need for an universal quantifier for  $(WinWc(y))$ .

Number 5 is no good since universal quantifier works with implication rather than *conjunction* (Section 3.1.1).

Number 6 has no sense, since it saying: if Italians are happy then the national will win.

Number 4 is good since the sense is correct.

Finally number 3 is wrong. On the other hand it would be good if the existential quantifier was to be moved outside the scope of the universal one; in this case we could have used *EI* (Section 3.4.2) to get:  $\forall x [Italian(x) \wedge WinWc(N)] \Rightarrow Happy(x)$  And we could get exactly number 4 with the substitution  $\theta = \{N/National\}$ .

### 7.3.3 M3

$D$  is the advisor of two PhD students  $F$  and  $A$ , who are both motivated. PhD students who have an advisor are successful iff their advisor cares about them. Every advisor cares about his/her students, when they are motivated.

1. Define a vocabulary (i.e., constant, function and predicate symbols) and represent the following sentences in first order logic.
2. Translate the sentences in clausal form.
3. Show using resolution that  $F$  and  $A$  are successful

**Part 1** Our vocabulary will have the following predicates:

- $Student(x)$  express that  $x$  is a student.
- $Advisor(x, y)$  express that  $x$  is the advisor of student  $y$ .
- $Motivated(x)$  express that the person  $x$  is motivated.
- $Cares(x, y)$  express that the  $x$  cares about  $y$ .
- $Successful(x)$  express that the person  $x$  is successful.

Given the sentence we can translate it into FOL:

1. Some ground terms:

$$Student(F), Student(A), Advisor(D, F), Advisor(D, A), Motivated(F), Motivated(A)$$

2. For every student  $x$ , there is one or more advisors  $y$ , if the advisor cares about the student then  $x$  will be successful.

$$\forall x \exists y [Cares(y, x) \wedge Advisor(y, x)] \leftrightarrow Successful(x)$$

3. Finally for every student  $y$  and for every advisor  $x$ , if  $y$  is motivated and  $x$  is the advisor of  $y$ , then  $x$  cares about  $y$ .

$$\forall x \forall y [Advisor(x, y) \wedge Motivated(y)] \Rightarrow Cares(x, y)$$

**Part 2** From 2 we have:

- Use skolem function  $Adv(x)$  to remove the existential quantifier:

$$\forall x [Cares(Adv(x), x) \wedge Advisor(Adv(x), x)] \leftrightarrow Successful(x)$$

- Use  $UI$  (Section 3.4.1) to remove universal quantifiers:

$$[Cares(Adv(x), x) \wedge Advisor(Adv(x), x)] \leftrightarrow Successful(x)$$

- Remove double implication:

$$[Cares(Adv(x), x) \wedge Advisor(Adv(x), x)] \Rightarrow Successful(x)$$

And

$$Successful(x) \Rightarrow [Cares(Adv(x), x) \wedge Advisor(Adv(x), x)]$$

- Remove implication :

$$\neg \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(x), x) \vee \neg \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(x), x) \vee \text{Successful}(x)$$

And

$$\neg \text{Successful}(x) \vee [\text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(x), x) \wedge \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(x), x)]$$

- Use "OR" distribution on second term:

$$[\neg \text{Successful}(x) \vee \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(x), x)] \wedge [\neg \text{Successful}(x) \vee \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(x), x)]$$

- Use clausal form:

$$\{\neg \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(x), x), \neg \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(x), x), \text{Successful}(x)\}$$

And

$$\{\neg \text{Successful}(x), \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(x), x)\}, \{\neg \text{Successful}(x), \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(x), x)\}$$

From 3 we have:

- Use *UI* (Section 3.4.1) to remove universal quantifiers:

$$[\text{Advisor}(x, y) \wedge \text{Motivated}(y)] \Rightarrow \text{Cares}(x, y)$$

- Remove implication:

$$\neg \text{Advisor}(x, y) \vee \neg \text{Motivated}(y) \vee \text{Cares}(x, y)$$

- Use clausal form:

$$\{\neg \text{Advisor}(x, y), \neg \text{Motivated}(y), \text{Cares}(x, y)\}$$

Our KB now looks like this:

- $C_1 = \{\neg \text{Advisor}(x, y), \neg \text{Motivated}(y), \text{Cares}(x, y)\}$
- $C_2 = \{\neg \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(x), x), \neg \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(x), x), \text{Successful}(x)\}$
- $C_3 = \{\neg \text{Successful}(x), \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(x), x)\}$
- $C_4 = \{\neg \text{Successful}(x), \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(x), x)\}$
- $C_5, C_6, C_7 = \text{Student}(F), \text{Student}(A), \text{Advisor}(D, F)$
- $C_8, C_9, C_{10} = \text{Advisor}(D, A), \text{Motivated}(F), \text{Motivated}(A)$

**Part 3** We want to query  $q_1 = \text{Successful}(F)$  and  $q_2 = \text{Successful}(A)$ . Starting with  $q_1$  we get the negation  $\neg q_1$  and prove that the inference yields an empty clause:

We first resolve  $C_2$  with  $q_1$  using the substitution  $\theta = \{x/F\}$ :

$$\frac{\neg \text{Successful}(F), \quad \{\neg \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(x), x), \neg \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(x), x), \text{Successful}(x)\}}{C_{11} = \{\neg \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(F), F), \neg \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(F), F)\}}$$

Then we resolve  $C_{11}$  with  $C_1$  using  $\theta = \{x/\text{Adv}(F), y/F\}$ :

$$\frac{\{\neg \text{Cares}(\text{Adv}(F), F), \neg \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(F), F)\}, \quad \{\neg \text{Advisor}(x, y), \neg \text{Motivated}(y), \text{Cares}(x, y)\}}{C_{12} = \{\neg \text{Advisor}(\text{Adv}(F), F), \neg \text{Motivated}(F)\}}$$

Finally we resolve  $C_{12}$  with  $C_9$  and  $C_7$ , with  $\theta = \{\text{Adv}(F)/D\}$  obtaining the empty clause.

### 7.3.4 M4

Tell, among the following formulas, which one adequately represents the sentence (and provide an explanation of the answer):

*Among all animals, Mary loves all cats and no dogs.*

1.  $\forall x \text{ Animal}(x) \Rightarrow [\text{Loves}(\text{Mary}, x) \Rightarrow [\neg \text{Dog}(x) \wedge \text{Cat}(x)]]$
2.  $\forall x \text{ Animal}(x) \Rightarrow [[\text{Dog}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{Loves}(\text{Mary}, x)] \wedge [\text{Cat}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Loves}(\text{Mary}, x)]]$
3.  $\forall x \text{ Animal}(x) \Rightarrow [\text{Cat}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Loves}(\text{Mary}, x)]$

We can tell that the first one is wrong since the implication is inverted: *if Mary loves  $x$  then  $x$  must be a cat and not a dog*, which is a conclusion we can infer from the sentence but not a direct representation of it. Moreover the conjunction  $\neg \text{Dog}(x) \wedge \text{Cat}(x)$  makes no sense since if  $x$  is a cat then it is not a dog.

The third and the second sentences are similar: if we are under the *close world assumption* then every sentence not known to be true is false, hence  $\text{Loves}(\text{Mary}, \text{Dog})$  is not known to be true (for number 3) so it is false and can be omitted from the generation of the KB. On the other hand the exercise specifies that we are working under First Order Logic, which is not assumed to work under *database semantic* (Section 3.1) so we must specify that Mary does not like dogs, hence the correct answer is number 2.

### 7.3.5 M5

Given the following text:

*The packages stored in room1 are smaller than those stored in room 2. A and B are packages; A is stored either in room1 or in room2, B is stored in room1. B is not smaller than A.*

Do the following:

1. Define a vocabulary (i.e., constant, function and predicate symbols) and represent the above sentences in first order logic.
2. translate the sentences in clausal form and tell whether the resulting KB is Horn.
3. show, using resolution that package A is stored in room1.

**Part 1** To translate the text into FOL we need the following predicates:

- $\text{StoredRoom1}(x), \text{StoredRoom2}(x)$  : meaning that  $x$  can be stored in room1 or room2.
- $\text{Package}(x)$  : meaning that  $x$  is a package.
- $\text{Smaller}(x, y)$  : meaning that  $x$  is smaller than  $y$ .

The sentence is represented in FOL along these lines:

1.  $\forall x \forall y [[\text{StoredRoom1}(x) \wedge \text{StoredRoom2}(y) \wedge \text{Package}(x) \wedge \text{Package}(y)] \rightarrow \text{Smaller}(x, y)]$
2.  $\text{Package}(A), \text{Package}(B)$
3.  $\text{StoredRoom1}(A) \vee \text{StoredRoom2}(A)$
4.  $\text{StoredRoom1}(B)$
5.  $\neg \text{Smaller}(B, A).$

## Part 2

1. For the first one we have:

- $\neg[\text{StoredRoom1}(x) \wedge \text{StoredRoom2}(y) \wedge \text{Package}(x) \wedge \text{Package}(y)] \vee \text{Smaller}(x, y)$
- $\neg\text{StoredRoom1}(x) \vee \neg\text{StoredRoom2}(y) \vee \neg\text{Package}(x) \vee \neg\text{Package}(y) \vee \text{Smaller}(x, y)$
- $C_1 = \{\neg\text{StoredRoom1}(x), \neg\text{StoredRoom2}(y), \neg\text{Package}(x), \neg\text{Package}(y), \text{Smaller}(x, y)\}$

2.  $C_2 = \{\text{Package}(A)\}, C_3 = \{\text{Package}(B)\}$

3.  $C_4 = \{\text{StoredRoom1}(A), \text{StoredRoom2}(A)\}$

4.  $C_5 = \{\text{StoredRoom1}(B)\}$

5.  $C_6 = \{\neg\text{Smaller}(B, A)\}$

**Part 3** We want to query the KB about the veracity of  $q = \text{StoredRoom1}(A)$ .

1. First resolve  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  with  $\text{Subst}(\theta, y/A)$ , and get:

$$C_7 = \{\neg\text{StoredRoom1}(x), \neg\text{StoredRoom2}(A), \neg\text{Package}(x), \text{Smaller}(x, A)\}$$

2. Do the same with  $C_7, C_3$  and  $\text{Subst}(\theta, x/B)$ , and get:

$$C_8 = \{\neg\text{StoredRoom1}(B), \neg\text{StoredRoom2}(A), \text{Smaller}(B, A)\}$$

3. Now resolve  $C_8$  with  $C_6$ :

$$C_9 = \{\neg\text{StoredRoom1}(B), \neg\text{StoredRoom2}(A)\}$$

4. Resolve  $C_9, C_5$ :

$$C_{10} = \{\neg\text{StoredRoom2}(A)\}$$

5. Same for  $C_{10}, C_4$ :

$$C_{11} = \{\text{StoredRoom1}(A)\}$$

6. Finally use the negated query and get the empty set.

### 7.3.6 M6

For each pair of formulas tell whether or not the second one is a Skolem normal form of the first one; in the negative case, make an appropriate correction.

- (a) 1.  $\forall x \exists y [P(x, y) \wedge Q(y, x)]$   
 2.  $P(x, f(x)) \wedge Q(a, x)$
- (b) 1.  $\forall x \exists y \exists z [P(x, y) \wedge Q(z, x) \wedge P(y, z)]$   
 2.  $P(x, f(x)) \wedge P(g(x), x) \wedge P(f(x), g(x))$

The solution are:

- (a) **Not correct.** The right SNF is:

$$P(x, f(x)) \wedge Q(f(x), x)$$

- (b) **Correct.**



### 7.3.7 M7

Given the following knowledge:

- 1 Gourmand students eat at breakfast bread with nutella.
- 2 Regular students eat at breakfast bread only <sup>110</sup>.
- 3 Students that are not gourmand are regular.
- 4 Francesco is a student.

Do the following:

- (a) Define a vocabulary (i.e., constant, function and predicate symbols) and represent the following sentences in first order logic.
- (b) Translate the sentences in clausal form.
- (c) derive that Francesco eats bread only at breakfast using resolution.
- (d) Write a model for the resulting KB. Are there other models?

**Part 1** Using the following symbols:

- $Student(x)$  meaning that  $x$  is a student.
- $Gourmand(x)$  meaning that  $x$  is a Gourmand.
- $BnN(x)$  meaning that  $x$  eats bread and nutella for breakfast.
- $B(x)$  meaning that  $x$  eats bread only for breakfast.

We can translate the above sentences in FOL:

1.  $\forall x [Gourmand(x) \Rightarrow BnN(x)]$
2.  $\forall x [Student(x) \Rightarrow B(x)]$
3.  $\forall x [\neg Gourmand(x) \Rightarrow Student(x)]$
4.  $Student(Francesco)$

**Part 2** The clausal form for the sentences is:

1.  $C_1 = \{\neg Gourmand(x), BnN(x)\}$
2.  $C_2 = \{\neg Student(x), B(x)\}$
3.  $C_3 = \{Gourmand(x), Student(x)\}$
4.  $C_4 = \{Student(Francesco)\}$

**Part 3** We want to derive that Francesco eats bread only for breakfast, that is  $q = B(Francesco)$ , using resolution. The steps are simple:

1. First resolve  $C_4$  with  $C_2$  using  $Subst(\theta, x/Francesco)$  and get:

$$C_5 = \{B(Francesco)\}$$

2. Then use the negated query to resolve with  $C_5$  and get the empty set, showing that Francesco eats bread only for breakfast.

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<sup>110</sup>In the representation of the sentence consider also the constraint only, even though it is not needed in the derivation.

**Part 4** To write a model for the KB we first exclude  $C_4$  since is a fact, hence nothing can make it false<sup>111</sup>. So we only focus on :

- $C_1 = \{\neg \textit{Gourmand}(x), \textit{BnN}(x)\}$
- $C_2 = \{\neg \textit{Student}(y), \textit{B}(y)\}$
- $C_3 = \{\textit{Gourmand}(z), \textit{Student}(z)\}$

Notice how the letters change for every clause, that is because we do not need one specific object to be unifiable with every clause, instead we need one object for every clause.

To have a model from a set of clause we need that **at least** one atom of **every** clause is true; so we can have something like:

- $F_1 = \{\textit{Gourmand}(\textit{Federico})\}$ , with substitution  $\textit{Subst}(\theta, z/\textit{Federico})$ .
- $F_2 = \{\textit{B}(\textit{Antonio})\}$ , with substitution  $\textit{Subst}(\theta, y/\textit{Antonio})$ .
- $F_3 = \{\textit{BnB}(\textit{Giuseppe})\}$ , with substitution  $\textit{Subst}(\theta, x/\textit{Giuseppe})$ .

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<sup>111</sup>While having also  $\neg \textit{Student}(\textit{Francesco})$  will not make  $C_4$  false but will make the KB inconsistent.

## 7.4 Sample Exam Exercises

### 7.4.1 Ex 1

Tell, for each one of the following propositional formulas if it is valid, contradictory, neither one:

1.  $(A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow \neg A)$
2.  $\neg((A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow \neg A))$
3.  $((A \Rightarrow (B \wedge B)) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C$

For the following resolution steps refer to Figure 3.

Resolution of 1:

- $(A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow \neg A)$
- $(A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((\neg A \vee B) \Rightarrow \neg A)$
- $(A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg(\neg A \vee B) \vee \neg A)$
- $(A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((A \wedge \neg B) \vee \neg A)$
- $(A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((\neg A \vee \neg B) \wedge (\neg A \vee A))$
- $(A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((\neg A \vee \neg B) \wedge \top)$
- $(A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A \vee \neg B)$
- $(\neg A \vee \neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A \vee \neg B)$
- $\neg(\neg A \vee \neg B) \vee (\neg A \vee \neg B)$
- $(A \wedge B) \vee (\neg A \vee \neg B)$
- $(A \wedge B) \vee \neg(A \wedge B) = \top$

Which is always True as shown in Table 6.

Resolution of 2:

- $\neg((A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow \neg A))$
- $\neg((A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((\neg A \vee B) \Rightarrow \neg A))$
- $\neg((A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg(\neg A \vee B) \vee \neg A))$
- $\neg((A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((A \wedge \neg B) \vee \neg A))$
- $\neg((A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((\neg A \vee \neg B) \wedge (\neg A \vee A)))$
- $\neg((A \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A \vee \neg B))$
- $\neg((\neg A \vee \neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A \vee \neg B))$
- $\neg(\neg(\neg A \vee \neg B) \vee (\neg A \vee \neg B))$
- $\neg((A \wedge B) \vee (\neg A \vee \neg B))$
- $\neg((A \wedge B) \vee \neg(A \wedge B)) = \perp$

Which is the same as 1 but negated.

Resolution 3:

- $((A \Rightarrow (B \wedge B)) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C$

- $((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C$
- $((\neg A \vee B) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C$
- $(\neg(\neg A \vee B) \vee C) \Rightarrow C$
- $\neg(\neg(\neg A \vee B) \vee C) \vee C$
- $\neg((A \wedge \neg B) \vee C) \vee C$
- $\neg((A \vee C) \wedge (\neg B \vee C)) \vee C$
- $(\neg A \wedge \neg C) \vee (B \wedge \neg C) \vee C$

Which truth table is 7.

A	B	$L_1 = \neg(A \wedge B)$	$L_2 = A \wedge B$	$L_1 \vee L_2$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

Table 6: Truth Table for ex1 part 1

A	B	C	$L_1 = \neg A \wedge \neg C$	$L_2 = B \wedge \neg C$	$L_1 \vee L_2 \vee C$
T	T	T	F	F	T
T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	T	F	T

Table 7: Truth Table for ex1 part 3

#### 7.4.2 Ex 2

Let  $A, B, C$  be propositional symbols. Given

$$KB = \{A \Rightarrow C, B \Rightarrow C, A \vee B\}$$

tell whether the formula  $C$  can be derived from KB in each of the following cases:

1. using Modus Ponens;
2. using Resolution.

Both for 1 and 2, in case of positive answer show the derivation, in case of negative answer explain why. Note that, in case 1, the explanation that MP cannot be used because it is not complete for non-Horn formulas is not acceptable as it is wrong: non-complete method in fact doesn't mean that the method can never be successful!

**Part 1** For the Modus Ponens part we can say that:  $C$  can not be derived by the  $KB$  since we do not know the truthfulness of neither  $A$  nor  $B$ . Without the premises, the conclusion can not be established.

**Part 2** For the resolution part we need to put the KB in clause form:

$$KB = \{\neg A, C\}, \{\neg B, C\}, \{A, B\}$$

We notice that we have a non-Horn KB since the clause  $\{A, B\}$  has two true literals <sup>112</sup>. We query the KB  $q = C$ , thus we want to prove that  $(KB \wedge \neg C) \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} \{\}$ , hence we use resolution in the following way:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\{\neg A, C\}, \quad \{A, B\}}{\{C, B\}}}{\{\neg B, C\}, \quad \{C, B\}}}{\{C\}} \\ \frac{C, \quad \neg C}{\{\}}$$

We proved that  $C$  can be derived by  $KB$ .

### 7.4.3 Ex 3

Given two formulas  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma = \alpha \wedge \beta$ , answer the following questions:

1. If  $\alpha$  is *satisfiable* and  $\beta$  is *unsatisfiable*, then what can we say about  $\gamma$ ?
2. If  $\alpha$  is *satisfiable* and  $\beta$  is *satisfiable*, then what can we say about  $\gamma$ ?

First we need to remember the definition of **satisfiability** (Section 2.1). Given that  $\beta$  is unsatisfiable, there are no interpretations in which it is true (no models) thus it will always be false. The conjunction will then be equivalent to  $\alpha \wedge \beta \equiv \alpha \wedge \perp \equiv \perp$ , that is the formula  $\gamma$  will always be False, i.e. *unsatisfiable*.

The second question is trickier but the logical answer is: *we cannot say*.

This is because if both  $\alpha, \beta$  are satisfiable then they have some models  $Model(\alpha), Model(\beta)$ .

We can have three possibilities for this models:

1. One is a subset of the other,  $Model(\alpha) \subset Model(\beta)$  or viceversa, then the formula  $\gamma$  will have some models, thus being satisfiable.
2. The two sets of models have no common interpretations <sup>113</sup>,  $Model(\alpha) \cap Model(\beta) = \{\}$ , then  $\gamma$  is unsatisfiable.
3. The last possibility is that  $Model(\alpha) = Model(\beta)$  so that  $\gamma$  can be either satisfiable, or valid if  $Model(\alpha) = Interpretations(\alpha) = Interpretations(\beta) = Model(\beta)$ .

### 7.4.4 Ex 4

Given the following propositional symbols:

- ST to indicate that John studies;
- SY to indicate that John is silly;
- LU to indicate that John is lucky;
- PS to indicate that John passes the exam of Artificial Intelligence.

*If John studies and is not silly, he passes the exam of Artificial Intelligence.*

*If John is not lucky and is silly, he does not pass the exam of Artificial Intelligence.*

1. Represent the above sentence in the propositional logic.

<sup>112</sup>Remember that the Horn form wants *at most* one true literal (Section 2.2.2).

<sup>113</sup>Disjoint sets.

2. Tell which one, among the following sets, is a model, and which one is not a model, for the above formulas:

$$\{ST, SY, PS\}; \{LU, PS\}; \{\}; \{LU, SY, PS\}.$$

3. Specify which formulas, different from PS, need to be added to derive that John passes the exam of Artificial Intelligence.

### Part 1

- The first sentence translates as:  $ST \wedge \neg SY \Rightarrow PS$
- The second sentence translates as:  $\neg LU \wedge SY \Rightarrow \neg PS$

**Part 2** The above implications can be written in clausal form as:

$$KB = [C_1 = \{\neg ST, SY, PS\}, C_2 = \{LU, \neg SY, \neg PS\}]$$

To prove if one of the set is a model we can either refer to the truth tables or remember that a KB in CNF (Section 2.2.1) is just a conjunction of clauses, hence if all the clauses are true then the set is a model. Since a clause is a set of disjunction we just need for one of the terms to be true, hence if we have two literals in the set that match with one literal in both  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , that set is a model:

1.  $\{ST, SY, PS\}$  has  $SY, PS$  which appears in  $C_1$ , but none in  $C_2$ . Since the KB is a conjunction of clauses, all must be true, hence this is not a model.
2.  $\{LU, PS\}$  has one literal in both clauses, thus being a model.
3. The empty set  $\{\}$  is the same of saying that we have a set in which everything is false, that is:  $\{\neg ST, \neg SY, \neg PS, \neg LU\}$ . We have that the presence on  $\neg ST$  makes  $C_1$  True, while both  $\neg SY, \neg PS$  make  $C_2$  True, thus we can conclude that  $\{\}$  is a model.
4.  $\{LU, SY, PS\}$  follows the same logic as  $\{LU, PS\}$ , hence it is a model.

**Part 3** First we resolve  $C_1$  with  $C_2$  resolving in  $C_3$ :

$$KB = C_1 = \{\neg ST, SY, PS\}, C_2 = \{LU, \neg SY, \neg PS\}, C_3 = \{LU, \neg ST\}$$

We just need to add the formulas  $\{ST\}, \{\neg SY\}$  (Jhon studies and he is not silly) to the KB in order to infer  $PS$ :

$$C_1 = \{\neg ST, SY, PS\}, C_2 = \{LU, \neg SY, \neg PS\}, C_3 = \{LU, \neg ST\}, C_4 = \{ST\}, C_5 = \{\neg SY\}$$

Then we query  $q = PS$ .

We use resolution on  $C_4$  and  $C_1$  resulting in  $C_6 = \{SY, PS\}$ ; then we resolve  $C_5$  with  $C_6$  and get  $C_7 = \{PS\}$ ; finally with the query to get the empty clause, thus we can infer  $PS$  from the  $KB$ .

### 7.4.5 Ex 5

Given the following symbols:

- C to indicate that Gianni is a climber.
- F to indicate that Gianni is fit.
- L to indicate that Gianni is lucky.

- E to indicate that Gianni climbs mount Everest.

And the following sentences:

- If Gianni is a climber and he is fit, he climbs mount Everest.
- If Gianni is not lucky and he is not fit, he does not climb mount Everest. Gianni is fit.
- Gianni is fit.

Do:

1. Formalize the above sentences in propositional logic.
2. Tell if the KB is consistent, and tell if some of the following sets are models for the above sentences:

$$\{\}; \{C, L\}; \{L, E\}; \{F, C, E\}; \{L, F, E\}.$$

3. Verify, using resolution, if it follows from the KB that Gianni climbs mount Everest.

**Part 1** The sentences in FOL are:

- $C \wedge F \Rightarrow E$
- $\neg L \wedge \neg F \Rightarrow \neg E$
- $F$

**Part 2** First let us remind the meaning of consistent (Section 2.1), that is the KB has some models. To verify this we have to bring the KB in CNF:

$$C_1 = \{\neg C, \neg F, E\}, C_2 = \{L, F, \neg E\}, C_3 = \{F\}$$

We can apply a multitude of definitions to prove that the KB is consistent, but the easier is *model checking* (Section 1.1). Just by looking at the clauses we can determine that if both  $\neg C, E, F$ , or  $\neg C, L, F$  are used as interpretation then we have a model, thus the KB is consistent.

- $\{\}$  implies that every literal is False, thus it fails for  $C_3$ . So it is not a model.
- Same goes for  $\{C, L\}$ , that implies  $\neg F$ , making  $C_3$  fail again.
- $\{L, E\}$  same as before.
- $\{F, C, E\}$  Is a model, since it has a same literal in every clause..
- $\{L, F, E\}$  is the same as the previous one.

**Part 3** Lets re-write the KB here:

$$C_1 = \{\neg C, \neg F, E\}, C_2 = \{L, F, \neg E\}, C_3 = \{F\}$$

We query the KB about  $q = E$ , so we need to conclude that  $(KB \wedge \neg q) \vdash \{\}$ . As you can see we can resolve  $C_1$  with  $C_2$  and then with  $C_3$  but we can not resolve either  $\neg C$  or  $L$ . So we can not infer  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} q$ ; it makes sense in English too since we do not know if Gianni is either lucky or a climber.

#### 7.4.6 EX 6

Assuming that lower case letters indicate constants and function symbols, while upper case letters denote variables, tell whether the expressions:

$$f(X, g(Y, Z)) \text{ and } f(g(a, b), g(b, a))$$

unify, and in this case provide the most general unifier. Illustrate step by step, the execution of the unification algorithm.

The steps are the following:

1.  $\{X \neq g(a, b), Y \neq b, Z \neq a\}$
2.  $\{g(a, b)/X, b/Y, a/Z\}$

That is in the first step the algorithm notice that there is an in-equivalence between the two arguments of  $f()$  for both cases. It then sets the appropriate unification in step 2. The most general unifier is given when there is a minimum number of ground term, so:

$$\{g(Z, Y)/X, b/Y, a/Z\}$$

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#### 7.4.7 Ex 7

For each of the following pairs of formulas check whether or not the second one in the pair is a Skolemized form of the first one. In the negative case, tell why and provide a correct Skolemized form.

1. Is  $P(x, a) \wedge Q(a, x)$  the skolem version of  $\forall x \exists y [P(x, y) \wedge Q(y, x)]$ ?
2. Is  $Q(x, f(x)) \wedge P(g(t), t)$  the skolem version of  $\forall x \exists y (Q(x, y) \wedge \exists z \forall t P(z, t))$ ?
3. Is  $P(x, f(x)) \wedge P(f(x), x) \Rightarrow P(f(x), f(x))$  the skolem version of  $\forall x \exists y \exists z [P(x, y) \wedge P(z, x) \Rightarrow P(y, z)]$ ?

Answers

1. No. The skolem function  $F(x)$  must take into account the dependency on  $x$ , hence a correct skolemized version would be:

$$P(x, F(x)) \wedge Q(F(x), x)$$

2. No. The first part of the formula  $Q(x, f(x))$  is a correct usage of the skolem function  $f(x)$ , while the second part  $P(g(t), t)$  is not because the existential quantifier  $\exists x$  comes before  $\forall t$ , hence it cannot depend on  $t$ .  $z$  can either depend on  $x$ , in this case we would use another skolem function  $g(x)$ , or it can be independent of both and we could use *Existential Instantiation* (Section 3.4.2).
3. No. When using a skolem function we need to be careful to use a symbol which does not appear in the KB twice! Se the usage of  $f()$  for both  $x$  and  $z$  is wrong. A good choice would have been:

$$P(x, f(x)) \wedge P(g(x), x) \Rightarrow P(f(x), g(x))$$



### 7.4.8 EX 8

For each one of the following formulas from 1 to 6, tell the sentence from A to F it represents (if any):

1.  $\exists x (black(x) \wedge dog(x))$
2.  $\exists x (black(x) \Rightarrow dog(x))$
3.  $\exists x (black(x) \vee dog(x))$
4.  $\forall x (black(x) \wedge dog(x))$
5.  $\forall x (black(x) \Rightarrow dog(x))$
6.  $\forall x (black(x) \vee dog(x))$

- A Every dog is black.  
 B There is something black, or a dog.  
 C Everything that is black is a dog.  
 D Everything is a black dog.  
 E No dog is black.  
 F There is a black dog.

Tell whether there are formulas or sentences that do not find any correspondence, and in case tell which one.

- 1-F
- 3-B
- 4-D
- 5-C
- 6: Everything is black, or a dog, or a black dog.

The second one is more complicated. It is better to draw the truth table. ???????

B	D	$\neg Black(x) \vee Dog(x)$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

As can you see from Table ??, the only interpretation in which the formula is false is when we have a black object which is not a dog. On the other hand we can have black dogs, non black dogs and everything else.

### 7.4.9 Ex 9

Discuss the following statements:

1.  $[(\forall x A(x)) \wedge (\forall x B(x))] \leftrightarrow [\forall y (B(y) \wedge A(y))]$  is a valid formula in FOL.
2.  $[(\exists x S(x)) \wedge (\exists x B(x))] \leftrightarrow [(\exists y (B(y) \wedge A(y)))]$  is a valid formula in FOL.

First we need to recall the meaning of *validity* (Section 2.1) which is that a formula is true in all its interpretations.

We have that:

- Since  $(\forall x A(x)) \wedge (\forall x B(x))$  are universal quantifiers sharing the same variable  $x$ , they can be simplified with  $\forall x [A(x) \wedge B(x)]$ , which is the same as the other part  $\forall y (B(y) \wedge A(y))$  but with a different variable name. So it seems correct to say that one implies the other since they are equivalent, thus having the same model, thus being valid.
- What said before does not hold for the existential quantifier since  $\exists x S(x)$  and  $\exists x B(x)$  which can be true for different interpretation of the variable  $x$ . On the other hand  $\exists y (B(y) \wedge A(y))$  is saying that we want both  $B(y)$  and  $A(y)$  to be true for the **same** interpretation of  $y$ .

#### 7.4.10 Ex 10

Tell the formulas that adequately represent the sentence:

*“All the students that take the exam of Artificial Intelligence pass it”*

1.  $\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \wedge \text{Exam}(x, AI) \Rightarrow \text{Pass}(x, AI)$
2.  $\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \wedge \text{Exam}(x, AI) \wedge \text{Pass}(x, AI)$
3.  $\forall x \exists y \text{ Student}(x) \wedge y = AI \wedge \text{Exam}(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{Pass}(x, y)$
4.  $\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Exam}(x, AI) \Rightarrow \text{Pass}(x, AI)$

Number 2 is wrong since the universal quantifier works with the implication. The conjunction is saying that *everything is a student passing an AI exam* (it would be nice).

Number 1 and 4 are logically equivalent and both correct:

- $\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Exam}(x, AI) \Rightarrow \text{Pass}(x, AI)$
- $\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \Rightarrow [\neg \text{Exam}(x, AI) \vee \text{Pass}(x, AI)]$
- $\forall x \neg \text{Student}(x) \vee \neg \text{Exam}(x, AI) \vee \text{Pass}(x, AI)$
- $\forall x \neg [\text{Student}(x) \wedge \text{Exam}(x, AI)] \vee \text{Pass}(x, AI)$
- $\forall x \text{ Student}(x) \wedge \text{Exam}(x, AI) \Rightarrow \text{Pass}(x, AI)$

Number 3 is logically equivalent to 1 and 4<sup>114</sup>, so it is correct.

#### 7.4.11 Ex 11

Let  $Rose(x), Thorn(x), Has(x, y), Dangerous(x)$  be unary and binary predicate symbols. Express in FOL the following sentences:

1. There is no rose without a thorn.
2. Thorns are dangerous.
3. Whoever has something dangerous is dangerous.

Show, using resolution, that roses are dangerous.

Answer:

- $\forall x \exists y \text{ Rose}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Has}(x, y) \wedge \text{Thorn}(y)$
- $\forall x \text{ Thorn}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Dangerous}(x)$

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<sup>114</sup>Don't ask me why.

- $\forall x \exists y \text{ Has}(x, y) \wedge \text{Dangerous}(y) \Rightarrow \text{Dangerous}(x)$

First we need to bring our KB in Conjunctive Normal Form [CNF]:

- $\forall x \exists y \text{ Rose}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Has}(x, y) \wedge \text{Thorn}(y)$

– Skolemize:

$$\forall x \text{ Rose}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Has}(x, F(x)) \wedge \text{Thorn}(F(x))$$

– Use UI:

$$\text{Rose}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Has}(x, F(x)) \wedge \text{Thorn}(F(x))$$

– Remove implication:

$$\neg \text{Rose}(x) \vee [\text{Has}(x, F(x)) \wedge \text{Thorn}(F(x))]$$

– Use distribution over disjunction:

$$[\neg \text{Rose}(x) \vee \text{Has}(x, F(x))] \wedge [\neg \text{Rose}(x) \vee \text{Thorn}(F(x))]$$

- $\forall y \text{ Thorn}(y) \Rightarrow \text{Dangerous}(y)$  translates into:

$$\neg \text{Thorn}(y) \vee \text{Dangerous}(y)$$

- $\forall z \exists l \text{ Has}(z, l) \wedge \text{Dangerous}(l) \Rightarrow \text{Dangerous}(z)$  translates into:

$$\neg \text{Has}(z, G(z)) \vee \neg \text{Dangerous}(G(z)) \vee \text{Dangerous}(z)$$

Finally our KB will have the following clauses:

- $C_1 = \{\neg \text{Rose}(x), \text{Has}(x, F(x))\}$
- $C_2 = \{\neg \text{Rose}(x), \text{Thorn}(F(x))\}$
- $C_3 = \{\neg \text{Thorn}(y), \text{Dangerous}(y)\}$
- $C_4 = \{\neg \text{Has}(z, G(z)), \neg \text{Dangerous}(G(z)), \text{Dangerous}(z)\}$

We query the KB about  $q = \forall m \text{ Rose}(m) \Rightarrow \text{Dangerous}(m) = \neg \text{Rose}(m) \vee \text{Dangerous}(m)$ . Negating this would bring us to:

$$\neg(\neg \text{Rose}(m) \vee \text{Dangerous}(m))$$

$$\text{Rose}(m) \wedge \neg \text{Dangerous}(m)$$

so we add two clauses:

$$C_5 = \{\text{Rose}(m)\}; C_6 = \{\neg \text{Dangerous}(m)\}$$

It is easy to resolve in few steps :

1. Resolve  $C_5$  with  $C_2$ , with the substitution  $\theta = \{m/x\}$ :

$$\frac{\text{Rose}(m), [\neg \text{Rose}(x), \text{Thorn}(F(x))]}{C_7 = \{\text{Thorn}(F(x))\}}$$

2. Resolve  $C_7$  with  $C_3$ , with the substitution  $\theta = \{F(x)/y\}$ :

$$\frac{\text{Thorn}(F(x)), [\neg \text{Thorn}(y), \text{Dangerous}(y)]}{C_8 = \{\text{Dangerous}(y)\}}$$

3. Resolve  $C_8$  with  $C_6$ , with the substitution  $\theta = \{y/m\}$ :

$$\frac{\text{Dangerous}(y), [\neg \text{Dangerous}(m)]}{\{\}}$$

And obtain the empty clause.

### 7.4.12 Ex 12

Consider the following first order formulas:

1.  $\forall x \text{ Equal}(x, x)$
2.  $\forall x \forall y [\text{Equal}(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{Equal}(y, x)]$
3.  $\forall x \forall y \forall z [[\text{Equal}(x, y) \wedge \text{Equal}(y, z)] \Rightarrow \text{Equal}(x, z)]$

Prove by refutation with resolution the following:

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z [\text{Equal}(x, y) \wedge \neg \text{Equal}(y, z)] \Rightarrow \neg \text{Equal}(x, z)$$

First we need to bring the above formula in CNF:

- Remove Quantifiers:

$$[\text{Equal}(x, y) \wedge \neg \text{Equal}(y, z)] \Rightarrow \neg \text{Equal}(x, z)$$

- Remove implication:

$$\neg[\text{Equal}(x, y) \wedge \neg \text{Equal}(y, z)] \vee \neg \text{Equal}(x, z)$$

- Move negation inwards:

$$\neg \text{Equal}(x, y) \vee \text{Equal}(y, z) \vee \neg \text{Equal}(x, z)$$

- Finally transform into clause:

$$q = \{\neg \text{Equal}(x, y), \text{Equal}(y, z), \neg \text{Equal}(x, z)\}$$

Do the same for the KB formulas and get:

- $C_1 = \{\text{Equal}(x_1, x_1)\}$
- $C_2 = \{\neg \text{Equal}(x_2, y_2), \text{Equal}(y_2, x_2)\}$
- $C_3 = \{\neg \text{Equal}(x_3, z_3), \neg \text{Equal}(y_3, z_3), \text{Equal}(x_3, y_3)\}$
- $\neg q = \{\text{Equal}(x_q, y_q), \neg \text{Equal}(y_q, z_q), \text{Equal}(x_q, z_q)\}$

First resolve  $q$  with  $C_3$ , using  $\theta = \{y_q/x_3, z_q/y_3, x_q/z_3\}$  and get:

$$C_4 = \{\text{Equal}(z_3, x_3), \neg \text{Equal}(x_3, z_3), \neg \text{Equal}(y_3, z_3), \neg \text{Equal}(z_3, y_3)\}$$

Then resolve between  $C_4$  and  $C_2$  using  $\theta = \{x_2/y_3, y_2/z_3, z_3/z_3\}$  and get:

$$C_5 = \{\text{Equal}(z_3, x_3), \neg \text{Equal}(x_3, z_3)\}$$

Resolve  $C_5$  with  $C_2$  with  $\theta = \{y_2/x_2, x_3/y_2\}$  and get the empty clause.