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MODULE 5

Propositional Logic

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Outline

- Proof by resolution
 - Unit resolution
 - Conjunctive normal form
 - Resolution algorithm

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Proof by Resolution



- **Proof by resolution**
 - Resolution yield completeness for the inference algorithms when coupled with any complete search algorithm.

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Proof by Resolution



Literal

- A literal is an assignment of a value to a Boolean variable

Axiom

- An assumption or statement that is assumed to be true.

Clause

- A clause is satisfied or true in a possible world if and only if at least one of the literals that makes up the clause is true in that possible world.
- A clause is a set of literals considered to be an implicit disjunction.
- A clause with exactly one literal is known as **unit clause**, it can be a positive or a negative unit clause.

Clashing Clauses

- Let $C1$ and $C2$ be two clauses and L and L' are two literals.
where $L \in C1$ and $L' \in C2$ and L' is complement of L , then
 $C1$ and $C2$ are said to be clashing clauses and clash on
complementary literals L and L' . The resultant clause C is
given by

$$\text{Res}(C1, C2) = (C1 - \{L\}) \vee (C2 - \{L'\})$$

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Proof by Resolution



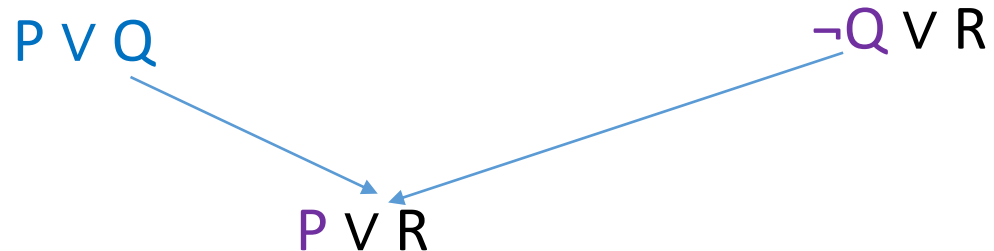
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Two statements:-



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Existing Knowledge Base



$$R_1: \neg P_{1,1}$$

$$R_2: B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

$$R_3: B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$$

$$R_4: \neg B_{1,1}$$

$$R_5: B_{2,1}$$

$$R_6: (B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1}) \text{ by} \\ \text{bicond. elim } R_2$$

$$R_7: ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1}) \text{ by And-Elimination to } R_6$$

$$R_8: (\neg B_{1,1} \Rightarrow \neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \text{ by contrapositives}$$

$$R_9: \neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \text{ by Modus Ponens with } R_8 \text{ and } R_4$$

$$R_{10}: \neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1} \text{ by De Morgan's rule}$$

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- Let's say agent returns from [2,1] to [1,1] and goes to [1,2]

- We add:

R11 : $\neg B_{1,2}$

R12 : $B_{1,2} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{1,3})$

R13 : $\neg P_{2,2}$

R14 : $\neg P_{1,3}$

R15: $P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}$

R16: $P_{1,1} \vee P_{3,1}$

R17: $P_{3,1}$

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3 W!	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2 A S OK	2,2 OK	3,2	4,2
1,1 V OK	2,1 B V OK	3,1 P!	4,1

A = Agent
 B = Breeze
 G = Glitter, Gold
 OK = Safe square
 P = Pit
 S = Stench
 V = Visited
 W = Wumpus

R₃: $B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$

$B_{2,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}) \wedge (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}) \Rightarrow B_{2,1}$

R5: $B_{2,1}$

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

Factoring

One more technical aspect of resolution rule : the resulting clause should contain only one copy of each literal.

The removal of multiple copies of literals is called **Factoring**.

Example:- If we resolve

$A \vee B$ with $A \vee \neg B$, we obtain

$A \vee A$

Which is reduced to just 'A'.



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