Lecture-13 Main Points

• The Algorithm

- **Input:** A set of Horn clauses
- Replace empty right-side in a clause by \perp
- Construct marking of variables $\cup \{\bot, \top\}$ as follows.
- Initially only \top is marked
- Repeat the following till no new mark is created
 - * If there is a rule with all premises marked but conclusion unmarked, mark the conclusion.
- If \perp is marked output unsatisfiable else output satisfiable.

• Correctness

- A variable or $\{\bot, \top\}$ is marked only if *every* satisfying assignment for the input needs to assign it the value **true**.
- When the algorithm outputs satisfiable then set of marked variables assigned true and remaining variables assigned false is a satisfying assignment of the input.
- Complexity
 - $-O(n^2)$ implementation is straightforward.
- Example run of algorithm.

References

[1] Huth and Ryan Book, pages 65-68.