

Propositional Logic

Basics

Syntax of propositional logic

Definition

An **atomic formula** (or **atom**) has the form A_i where $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Formulas are defined inductively:

- ▶ \perp (“False”) and \top (“True”) are formulas
- ▶ All atomic formulas are formulas
- ▶ For all formulas F , $\neg F$ is a formula.
- ▶ For all formulas F and G , $(F \circ G)$ is a formula, where $\circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$

\neg	is called	negation
\wedge	is called	conjunction
\vee	is called	disjunction
\rightarrow	is called	implication
\leftrightarrow	is called	bi-implication

Parentheses

Precedence of logical operators in decreasing order:

$$\neg \quad \wedge \quad \vee \quad \rightarrow \quad \leftrightarrow$$

Operators with higher precedence bind more strongly.

Example

Instead of $(A \rightarrow ((B \wedge \neg(C \vee D)) \vee E))$

we can write $A \rightarrow B \wedge \neg(C \vee D) \vee E$.

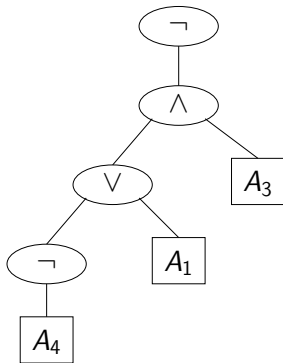
Outermost parentheses can be dropped.

Syntax tree of a formula

Every formula can be represented by a syntax tree.

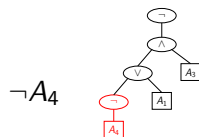
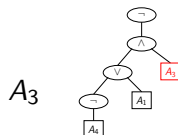
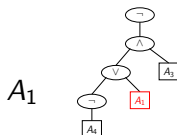
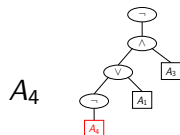
Example

$$F = \neg((\neg A_4 \vee A_1) \wedge A_3)$$



Subformulas

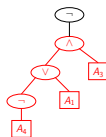
The **subformulas** of a formula are the formulas corresponding to the subtrees of its syntax tree.



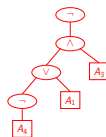
$(\neg A_4 \vee A_1)$



$((\neg A_4 \vee A_1) \wedge A_3)$



$\neg((\neg A_4 \vee A_1) \wedge A_3)$



Induction on formulas

Proof by induction on the structure of a formula:

In order to prove some property $\mathcal{P}(F)$ for all formulas F it suffices to prove the following:

- ▶ Base cases:
prove $\mathcal{P}(\perp)$, prove $\mathcal{P}(\top)$, and prove $\mathcal{P}(A_i)$ for all atoms A_i
- ▶ Induction step for \neg :
prove $\mathcal{P}(\neg F)$ under the induction hypothesis $\mathcal{P}(F)$
- ▶ Induction step for all $\circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$:
prove $\mathcal{P}(F \circ G)$ under the induction hypotheses $\mathcal{P}(F)$ and $\mathcal{P}(G)$

Operators that are merely abbreviations need not be considered!

Semantics of propositional logic (I)

The elements of the set $\{0, 1\}$ are called **truth values**.
(You may call 0 “false” and 1 “true”)

An **assignment** is a function $\mathcal{A} : Atoms \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
where *Atoms* is the set of all atoms.

We extend \mathcal{A} to a function $\hat{\mathcal{A}} : Formulas \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

Semantics of propositional logic (II)

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(A_i) = \mathcal{A}(A_i)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(\neg F) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{\mathcal{A}}(F) = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(F \wedge G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{\mathcal{A}}(F) = 1 \text{ and } \hat{\mathcal{A}}(G) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(F \vee G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{\mathcal{A}}(F) = 1 \text{ or } \hat{\mathcal{A}}(G) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(F \rightarrow G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{\mathcal{A}}(F) = 0 \text{ or } \hat{\mathcal{A}}(G) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Instead of $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ we simply write \mathcal{A}

Using arithmetic: $\mathcal{A}(F \wedge G) = \min(\mathcal{A}(F), \mathcal{A}(G))$

$\mathcal{A}(F \vee G) = \max(\mathcal{A}(F), \mathcal{A}(G))$

Abbreviations

$A, B, C,$
 $P, Q, R,$ or \dots instead of $A_1, A_2, A_3 \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2 & \text{ abbreviates } (F_1 \wedge F_2) \vee (\neg F_1 \wedge \neg F_2) \\ \bigvee_{i=1}^n F_i & \text{ abbreviates } (\dots ((F_1 \vee F_2) \vee F_3) \vee \dots \vee F_n) \\ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n F_i & \text{ abbreviates } (\dots ((F_1 \wedge F_2) \wedge F_3) \wedge \dots \wedge F_n) \end{aligned}$$

Special cases:

$$\bigvee_{i=1}^0 F_i = \bigvee \emptyset = \perp \qquad \bigwedge_{i=1}^0 F_i = \bigwedge \emptyset = \top$$

Truth tables (I)

We can compute \hat{A} with the help of **truth tables**.

\neg	A
1	0
0	1

A	\vee	B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	1	0
1	1	1

A	\wedge	B
0	0	0
0	0	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

A	\rightarrow	B
0	1	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

A	\leftrightarrow	B
0	1	0
0	0	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

Coincidence Lemma

Lemma

Let \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 be two assignments.

*If $\mathcal{A}_1(A_i) = \mathcal{A}_2(A_i)$ for all atoms A_i in some formula F ,
then $\mathcal{A}_1(F) = \mathcal{A}_2(F)$.*

Proof.

Exercise.



Models

If $\mathcal{A}(F) = 1$ then we write $\mathcal{A} \models F$
and say F is true under \mathcal{A}
or \mathcal{A} is a model of F

If $\mathcal{A}(F) = 0$ then we write $\mathcal{A} \not\models F$
and say F is false under \mathcal{A}
or \mathcal{A} is not a model of F

Validity and satisfiability

Definition (Validity)

A formula F is **valid** (or a **tautology**) if every assignment is a model of F .

We write $\models F$ if F is valid, and $\not\models F$ otherwise.

Definition (Satisfiability)

A formula F is **satisfiable** if it has at least one model; otherwise F is **unsatisfiable**.

A (finite or infinite!) set of formulas S is **satisfiable** if there is an assignment that is a model of every formula in S .

Exercise

	Valid	Satisfiable	Unsatisfiable
A			
$A \vee B$			
$A \vee \neg A$			
$A \wedge \neg A$			
$A \rightarrow \neg A$			
$A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$			
$A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$			
$A \leftrightarrow \neg A$			

Exercise

Which of the following statements are true?

	Y	C.ex.
If F is valid then F is satisfiable		
If F is satisfiable then $\neg F$ is satisfiable		
If F is valid then $\neg F$ is unsatisfiable		
If F is unsatisfiable then $\neg F$ is unsatisfiable		

Mirroring principle

all propositional formulas

valid formulas	satisfiable but not valid formulas		unsatisfiable formulas
G	F	$\neg F$	$\neg G$

Consequence (aka entailment)

Definition

A formula G is a (semantic) consequence of a set of formulas M if every model \mathcal{A} of all $F \in M$ is also a model of G .

We also say that M entails G and write $M \models G$.

In a nutshell:

“Every model of M is a model of G .”

Example

$A \vee B, A \rightarrow B, B \wedge R \rightarrow \neg A, R \models (R \wedge \neg A) \wedge B$

Consequence

Example

$$\underbrace{A \vee B, A \rightarrow B, B \wedge R \rightarrow \neg A, R}_M \models (R \wedge \neg A) \wedge B$$

Proof:

Assume $\mathcal{A} \models F$ for all $F \in M$.

We need to prove $\mathcal{A} \models (R \wedge \neg A) \wedge B$.

It suffices to prove $\mathcal{A} \models R$, $\mathcal{A} \models \neg A$, and $\mathcal{A} \models B$

- ▶ $\mathcal{A} \models R$ is immediate.
- ▶ $\mathcal{A} \models B$ follows from $\mathcal{A} \models A \vee B$ and $\mathcal{A} \models A \rightarrow B$:

Proof by cases:

If $\mathcal{A}(A) = 0$ then $\mathcal{A}(B) = 1$ because $\mathcal{A} \models A \vee B$

If $\mathcal{A}(A) = 1$ then $\mathcal{A}(B) = 1$ because $\mathcal{A} \models A \rightarrow B$

- ▶ $\mathcal{A} \models \neg A$ follows from $\mathcal{A} \models B$ and $\mathcal{A} \models R$.

Exercise

M	F	$M \models F ?$
A	$A \vee B$	
A	$A \wedge B$	
A, B	$A \vee B$	
A, B	$A \wedge B$	
$A \wedge B$	A	
$A \vee B$	A	
$A, A \rightarrow B$	B	

Consequence

Exercise

The following statements are equivalent:

1. $F_1, \dots, F_k \models G$
2. $\models (\bigwedge_{i=1}^k F_i) \rightarrow G$

Proof of “if $F_1, \dots, F_k \models G$ then $\models \underbrace{(\bigwedge_{i=1}^k F_i) \rightarrow G}_H$ ”.

Assume $F_1, \dots, F_k \models G$.

We need to prove $\models H$, i.e. $\mathcal{A}(H) = 1$ for all \mathcal{A} .

We pick an arbitrary \mathcal{A} and show $\mathcal{A}(H) = 1$.

Proof by cases: either $\mathcal{A}(\bigwedge F_i) = 0$ or $\mathcal{A}(\bigwedge F_i) = 1$.

- ▶ $\mathcal{A}(\bigwedge F_i) = 0$: Then $\mathcal{A}(H) = 1$ because $H = \bigwedge F_i \rightarrow G$.
- ▶ $\mathcal{A}(\bigwedge F_i) = 1$: Then $\mathcal{A}(F_i) = 1$ for all i .

Therefore \mathcal{A} is a model of F_1, \dots, F_k .

Therefore $\mathcal{A} \models G$ because $F_1, \dots, F_k \models G$.

Validity and satisfiability

Exercise

The following statements are equivalent:

1. $F \rightarrow G$ is valid.
2. $F \wedge \neg G$ is unsatisfiable.

Exercise

Let M be a set of formulas, and let F and G be formulas.
Which of the following statements hold?

	Y/N	C.ex.
If F satisfiable then $M \models F$.		
If F valid then $M \models F$.		
If $F \in M$ then $M \models F$.		
If $F \models G$ then $\neg F \models \neg G$.		

Notation

Warning: The symbol \models is overloaded:

$$\mathcal{A} \models F$$

$$\models F$$

$$M \models F$$

Convenient variations for set of formulas S :

$$\mathcal{A} \models S \text{ means that for all } F \in S, \mathcal{A} \models F$$

$$\models S \text{ means that for all } F \in S, \models F$$

$$M \models S \text{ means that for all } F \in S, M \models F$$

Propositional Logic Equivalences

Equivalence

Definition (Equivalence)

Two formulas F and G are (semantically) equivalent if $\mathcal{A}(F) = \mathcal{A}(G)$ for every assignment \mathcal{A} .

We write $F \equiv G$ to denote that F and G are equivalent.

Exercise

Which of the following equivalences hold?

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

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

$$(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \equiv ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow C)$$

$$(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \equiv ((A \wedge B) \rightarrow C)$$

$$(A \rightarrow B) \equiv (\neg A \vee B)$$

$$(A \rightarrow B) \equiv (\neg A \rightarrow \neg B)$$

$$(A \leftrightarrow (B \leftrightarrow C)) \equiv ((A \leftrightarrow B) \leftrightarrow C)$$

Observation

The following connections hold:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \models F \rightarrow G & \text{iff} & F \models G \\ \models F \leftrightarrow G & \text{iff} & F \equiv G \end{array}$$

NB: “iff” means “if and only if”

Reductions between problems (I)

- ▶ **Validity** to **Unsatisfiability**:

F valid iff $? \neg F$ unsatisfiable

- ▶ **Unsatisfiability** to **Validity**:

F unsatisfiable iff $? \neg F$ valid

- ▶ **Validity** to **Consequence**:

F valid iff $? \models ? \top \models F$

- ▶ **Consequence** to **Validity**:

$F \models G$ iff $? F \rightarrow G$ valid

- ▶ **Validity** to **Equivalence**:

F valid iff $? \equiv ? F \equiv \top$

- ▶ **Equivalence** to **Validity**:

$F \equiv G$ iff $? F \leftrightarrow G$ valid

Properties of semantic equivalence

- ▶ Semantic equivalence is an **equivalence relation** between formulas.
- ▶ Semantic equivalence is **closed under operators**:

If $F_1 \equiv F_2$ and $G_1 \equiv G_2$

then $\neg F_1 \equiv \neg F_2$ and

$(F_1 \circ G_1) \equiv (F_2 \circ G_2)$ for $\circ \in \{\vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$

Equivalence relation + Closure under Operations

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Congruence relation

Replacement theorem

Theorem

Let $F \equiv G$. Let H be a formula with an occurrence of F as a subformula. Let H' be the result of replacing an arbitrary occurrence of F in H by G . Then $H \equiv H'$.

Proof by induction on the structure of H .

We consider only the case $H = \neg H_0$.

Two cases: either $F = H$ or F is a subformula of H_0 .

► $F = H$: Then $H' = G$ and thus $H = F \equiv G = H'$.

► F is a subformula of H_0 .

Let H'_0 be the result of replacing F by G in H_0 .

IH: $H_0 \equiv H'_0$

Thus $H = \neg H_0 \equiv \neg H'_0 = H'$.

Equivalences (I)

Theorem

$$(F \wedge F) \equiv F$$

$$(F \vee F) \equiv F \quad (\text{Idempotence})$$

$$(F \wedge G) \equiv (G \wedge F)$$

$$(F \vee G) \equiv (G \vee F) \quad (\text{Commutativity})$$

$$((F \wedge G) \wedge H) \equiv (F \wedge (G \wedge H))$$

$$((F \vee G) \vee H) \equiv (F \vee (G \vee H)) \quad (\text{Associativity})$$

$$(F \wedge (F \vee G)) \equiv F$$

$$(F \vee (F \wedge G)) \equiv F \quad (\text{Absorption})$$

Equivalences (II)

$$(F \wedge (G \vee H)) \equiv ((F \wedge G) \vee (F \wedge H))$$

$$(F \vee (G \wedge H)) \equiv ((F \vee G) \wedge (F \vee H))$$

(Distributivity)

$$\neg\neg F \equiv F$$

(Double negation)

$$\neg(F \wedge G) \equiv (\neg F \vee \neg G)$$

$$\neg(F \vee G) \equiv (\neg F \wedge \neg G)$$

(deMorgan's Laws)

$$\neg\top \equiv \perp$$

$$\neg\perp \equiv \top$$

$$(\top \vee G) \equiv \top$$

$$(\top \wedge G) \equiv G$$

$$(\perp \vee G) \equiv G$$

$$(\perp \wedge G) \equiv \perp$$

Warning

The symbols \models and \equiv are **not** operators
in the language of propositional logic
but part of the meta-language for talking about logic.

Examples:

$\mathcal{A} \models F$ and $F \equiv G$ are not propositional formulas.
 $(\mathcal{A} \models F) \equiv G$ and $(F \equiv G) \leftrightarrow (G \equiv F)$ are nonsense.

Propositional Logic

Normal Forms

Abbreviations

Until further notice:

$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ abbreviates $\neg F_1 \vee F_2$

$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ abbreviates $(F_1 \wedge F_2) \vee (\neg F_1 \wedge \neg F_2)$

\top abbreviates $A_1 \vee \neg A_1$

\perp abbreviates $A_1 \wedge \neg A_1$

Literals

Definition

A **literal** is an atom or the negation of an atom.
In the former case the literal is **positive**,
in the latter case it is **negative**.

Negation Normal Form (NNF)

Definition

A formula is in **negation normal form (NNF)** if negation (\neg) occurs only directly in front of atoms.

Example

In NNF: $\neg A \wedge \neg B$

Not in NNF: $\neg(A \vee B)$

Transformation into NNF

Any formula can be transformed into an equivalent formula in NNF by pushing \neg inwards. Apply the following equivalences from left to right as long as possible:

$$\begin{aligned}\neg\neg F &\equiv F \\ \neg(F \wedge G) &\equiv (\neg F \vee \neg G) \\ \neg(F \vee G) &\equiv (\neg F \wedge \neg G)\end{aligned}$$

Example

$$\begin{aligned}(\neg(A \wedge \neg B) \wedge C) &\equiv ((\neg A \vee \neg\neg B) \wedge C) \equiv ((\neg A \vee B) \wedge C) \\ (\text{"}F \equiv G \equiv H\text{" is an abbreviation for "}F \equiv G \text{ and } G \equiv H\text{"})\end{aligned}$$

Does this process always terminate? Is the result unique?

CNF and DNF

Definition

A formula F is in **conjunctive normal form (CNF)** if it is a conjunction of disjunctions of literals:

$$F = \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \left(\bigvee_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j} \right) \right),$$

where $L_{i,j} \in \{A_1, A_2, \dots\} \cup \{\neg A_1, \neg A_2, \dots\}$

Definition

A formula F is in **disjunctive normal form (DNF)** if it is a disjunction of conjunctions of literals:

$$F = \left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j} \right) \right),$$

where $L_{i,j} \in \{A_1, A_2, \dots\} \cup \{\neg A_1, \neg A_2, \dots\}$

Transformation into CNF and DNF

Any formula can be transformed into an equivalent formula in CNF or DNF in two steps:

1. Transform the initial formula into its NNF
2. Transform the NNF into CNF or DNF:
 - Transformation into CNF. Apply the following equivalences from left to right as long as possible:

$$(F \vee (G \wedge H)) \equiv ((F \vee G) \wedge (F \vee H))$$

$$((F \wedge G) \vee H) \equiv ((F \vee H) \wedge (G \vee H))$$

- Transformation into DNF. Apply the following equivalences from left to right as long as possible:

$$(F \wedge (G \vee H)) \equiv ((F \wedge G) \vee (F \wedge H))$$

$$((F \vee G) \wedge H) \equiv ((F \wedge H) \vee (G \wedge H))$$

Termination

Why does the transformation into NNF and CNF terminate?

Challenge Question: Find a weight function $w :: \text{formula} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $w(l.h.s.) > w(r.h.s.)$ for the equivalences

$$\neg\neg F \equiv F$$

$$\neg(F \wedge G) \equiv (\neg F \vee \neg G)$$

$$\neg(F \vee G) \equiv (\neg F \wedge \neg G)$$

$$(F \vee (G \wedge H)) \equiv ((F \vee G) \wedge (F \vee H))$$

$$((F \wedge G) \vee H) \equiv ((F \vee H) \wedge (G \vee H))$$

Define w recursively:

$$w(A_i) = \dots$$

$$w(\neg F) = \dots w(F) \dots$$

$$w(F \wedge G) = \dots w(F) \dots w(G) \dots$$

$$w(F \vee G) = \dots w(F) \dots w(G) \dots$$

Complexity considerations

The CNF and DNF of a formula of size n can have size 2^n

Can we do better? Yes, if we do not insist on \equiv .

Definition

Two formulas F and G are **equisatisfiable** if F is satisfiable iff G is satisfiable.

Theorem

For every formula F of size n there is an equisatisfiable CNF formula G of size $O(n)$.

Propositional Logic

Definitional CNF

(Tseytin's transformation)

Definitional CNF

1. The **definitional CNF** of a formula is obtained in 2 steps:

Repeatedly replace a subformula G of the form $\neg A$, $A \wedge B$ or $A \vee B$ (A, B atoms!) by a new atom A' and conjoin $A' \leftrightarrow G$.

(This replacement is not applied to the “definitions” $A' \leftrightarrow G$ but only to the (remains of the) original formula.)

2. Translate all the subformulas $A' \leftrightarrow G$ into CNF.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg(\boxed{A_1 \vee A_2}) \wedge A_3 \\ \rightsquigarrow & \boxed{\neg A_4} \wedge A_3 \wedge (A_4 \leftrightarrow (A_1 \vee A_2)) \\ \rightsquigarrow & \boxed{A_5 \wedge A_3} \wedge (A_4 \leftrightarrow (A_1 \vee A_2)) \wedge (A_5 \leftrightarrow \neg A_4) \\ \rightsquigarrow & A_6 \wedge (A_4 \leftrightarrow (A_1 \vee A_2)) \wedge (A_5 \leftrightarrow \neg A_4) \wedge (A_6 \leftrightarrow (A_5 \wedge A_3)) \\ \rightsquigarrow & A_6 \wedge \text{CNF}(A_4 \leftrightarrow (A_1 \vee A_2)) \wedge \text{CNF}(A_5 \leftrightarrow \neg A_4) \wedge \text{CNF}(A_6 \leftrightarrow (A_5 \wedge A_3)) \end{aligned}$$

Definitional CNF: Complexity

Let the initial formula have size n .

1. Each replacement step increases the size of the formula by a constant.
There are at most as many replacement steps as subformulas, linearly many.
2. The conversion of each $A \leftrightarrow G$ into CNF increases the size by a constant.
There are only linearly many such subformulas.

Thus: the definitional CNF has size $O(n)$, and
can be constructed in $O(n)$ time.

Definitional CNF: Correctness — Notation

Definition

The notation $F[G/A]$ denotes the result of replacing **all** occurrences of the atom A in F by G .

We pronounce it as “ F with G for A ”.

Example

$$(A \wedge B)[(A \rightarrow B)/B] = (A \wedge (A \rightarrow B))$$

Definition

The notation $\mathcal{A}[v/A]$ denotes a modified version of \mathcal{A} that maps A to v and behaves like \mathcal{A} otherwise:

$$(\mathcal{A}[v/A])(A_i) = \begin{cases} v & \text{if } A_i = A \\ \mathcal{A}(A_i) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Definitional CNF: Correctness — Substitution Lemma

Lemma

$\mathcal{A}(F[G/A]) = \mathcal{A}'(F)$ where $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A}[\mathcal{A}(G)/A]$

Proof by structural induction on F .

► F is an atom:

If $F = A$: $\mathcal{A}(F[G/A]) = \mathcal{A}(G) = \mathcal{A}'(F)$

If $F \neq A$: $\mathcal{A}(F[G/A]) = \mathcal{A}(F) = \mathcal{A}'(F)$

► $F = F_1 \wedge F_2$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}((F_1 \wedge F_2)[G/A]) &= \mathcal{A}(F_1[G/A] \wedge F_2[G/A]) \\ &= \min(\mathcal{A}(F_1[G/A]), \mathcal{A}(F_2[G/A])) \\ &\stackrel{IH}{=} \min(\mathcal{A}'(F_1), \mathcal{A}'(F_2)) \\ &= \mathcal{A}'(F_1 \wedge F_2)\end{aligned}$$

Definitional CNF: Correctness

Each replacement step produces an equisatisfiable formula:

Lemma

Let A be an atom that does not occur in G .

Then $F[G/A]$ is equisatisfiable with $F \wedge (A \leftrightarrow G)$.

Proof Assume $\mathcal{A} \models F[G/A]$ for some assignment \mathcal{A} .

Let $\mathcal{A}' := \mathcal{A}[\mathcal{A}(G)/A]$. We prove $\mathcal{A}' \models F \wedge (A \leftrightarrow G)$.

$\mathcal{A}' \models F$: Substitution Lemma.

$\mathcal{A}' \models (A \leftrightarrow G)$: Because $\mathcal{A}'(A) = \mathcal{A}(G) = \mathcal{A}'(G)$
(by definition of \mathcal{A}' and because A does not occur in G).

Assume $\mathcal{A} \models F \wedge (A \leftrightarrow G)$ for some assignment \mathcal{A} .

We prove $\mathcal{A} \models F[G/A]$, that is, $\mathcal{A}(F[G/A]) = 1$.

We show $\mathcal{A}(F[G/A]) = \mathcal{A}'(F) = \mathcal{A}(F) = 1$ for $\mathcal{A}' := \mathcal{A}[\mathcal{A}(G)/A]$.

$\mathcal{A}(F[G/A]) = \mathcal{A}'(F)$: Substitution Lemma.

$\mathcal{A}'(F) = \mathcal{A}(F)$: From $\mathcal{A} \models (A \leftrightarrow G)$ follows $\mathcal{A}(A) = \mathcal{A}(G)$, and
so $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A}$.

$\mathcal{A}(F) = 1$: Because $\mathcal{A} \models F$.

Definitional CNF: Correctness

Does $F \wedge (A \leftrightarrow G) \models F[G/A]$ hold?

Does $F[G/A] \models F \wedge (A \leftrightarrow G)$ hold?

Summary

Theorem

For every formula F of size n
there is an *equisatisfiable CNF* formula G of size $O(n)$.

Proof.

Repeated application of the Lemma.



Similarly it can be shown:

Theorem

For every formula F of size n
there is an *equivalent DNF* formula G of size $O(n)$.

Validity of CNF

Validity of formulas in CNF can be checked in linear time.

A formula in CNF is valid iff all its disjunctions are valid.

A disjunction is valid iff it contains both an atomic A and $\neg A$ as literals.

Example

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

Not valid: $(A \vee \neg A) \wedge (\neg A \vee C)$

Satisfiability of DNF

Satisfiability of formulas in DNF can be checked in linear time.

A formula in DNF is satisfiable iff at least one of its conjunctions is satisfiable. A conjunction is satisfiable iff it does not contain both an atomic A and $\neg A$ as literals.

Example

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

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

Satisfiability/validity of DNF and CNF

Theorem

*Satisfiability of formulas in **CNF** is NP-complete.*

Theorem

*Validity of formulas in **DNF** is co-NP-complete.*

Standard decision procedure for validity of F :

1. Transform $\neg F$ into an equisat. formula G in def. CNF
2. Apply efficient CNF-based SAT solver to G

Propositional Logic

Horn Formulas

Efficient satisfiability checks

In this and the next slide sets:

- ▶ A very efficient satisfiability check for a special class of formulas in CNF: **Horn formulas**,
- ▶ Efficient satisfiability checks for arbitrary formulas in CNF: **DPLL** and **resolution** (later).

Horn formulas

Definition

A formula F in CNF is a **Horn formula** if every disjunction in F contains at most one positive literal.

Every disjunct of a Horn formula can equivalently be viewed as an implication $K \rightarrow B$ where

- ▶ K is a conjunction of atoms or \top , and
- ▶ B is an atom or \perp .

A	\equiv	$(\top \rightarrow A)$	fact
$(\neg A \vee \neg B \vee C)$	\equiv	$(A \wedge B \rightarrow C)$	rule
$(\neg A \vee B)$	\equiv	$(A \rightarrow B)$	rule
$\neg A$	\equiv	$(A \rightarrow \perp)$	goal
$(\neg A \vee \neg B)$	\equiv	$(A \wedge B \rightarrow \perp)$	goal

Satisfiability check for Horn formulas

Input: a Horn formula F .

Output: Model \mathcal{M} of F or “unsatisfiable”

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for all atoms  $A_i$  in  $F$  do  $\mathcal{M}(A_i) := 0$ ;  
while  $F$  has a conjunct  $K \rightarrow B$   
      such that  $\mathcal{M}(K) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{M}(B) = 0$   
do  
      if  $B = \perp$  then return “unsatisfiable”  
      else  $\mathcal{M}(B) := 1$   
return  $\mathcal{M}$ 
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Maximal number of iterations of the while loop:
number of implications in F

Each iteration requires at most $O(|F|)$ steps.

Overall complexity: $O(|F|^2)$

[Algorithm can be improved to $O(|F|)$. See Schönig.]

Correctness of the model building algorithm

Theorem

The algorithm returns a model iff F is satisfiable.

Proof. Invariant: if $\mathcal{M}(A) = 1$, then $\mathcal{A}(A) = 1$ for every atom A and model \mathcal{A} of F .

(a) If “unsatisfiable” then unsatisfiable.

Assume F has model \mathcal{A} but algorithm answers “unsatisfiable”.

Let $(A_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge A_{i_k} \rightarrow \perp)$ be the subformula causing “unsatisfiable”.

Since $\mathcal{M}(A_{i_1}) = \dots = \mathcal{M}(A_{i_k}) = 1$, $\mathcal{A}(A_{i_1}) = \dots = \mathcal{A}(A_{i_k}) = 1$.

Then $\mathcal{A}(A_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge A_{i_k} \rightarrow \perp) = 0$ and so $\mathcal{A}(F) = 0$, contradiction.

(b) If “ \mathcal{M} ” then $\mathcal{M} \models F$.

After termination with “ \mathcal{M} ”, every conjunct $K \rightarrow B$ of F satisfies $\mathcal{M}(K) = 0$ or $\mathcal{M}(B) = 1$.

Therefore $\mathcal{M}(K \rightarrow B) = 1$ and thus $\mathcal{M} \models F$.

Correctness of the model building algorithm

Corollary

A satisfiable Horn formula has a unique model with a smallest number of true atoms.

Propositional Logic

DPLL: Davis-Putnam-
Logemann-Loveland

Davis–Putnam–Logemann–Loveland

DPLL algorithm:

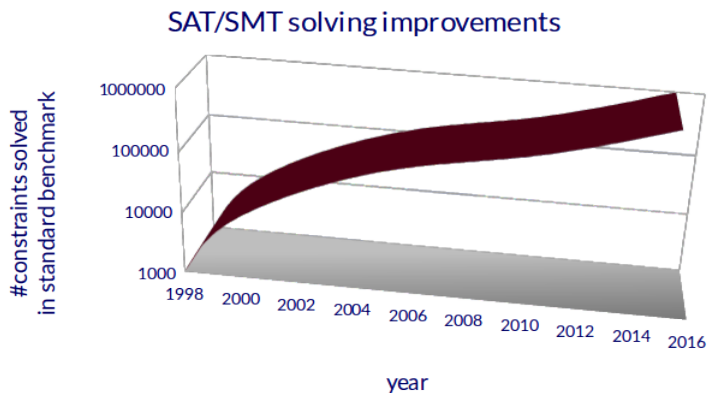
- ▶ combines search and deduction to decide satisfiability
- ▶ underlies most modern SAT solvers
- ▶ is over 50 years old



DPLL-based SAT solvers \geq 1990:

- ▶ clause learning
- ▶ non-chronological backtracking
- ▶ branching heuristics
- ▶ lazy evaluation

Performance increase of SAT solvers



Clause representation of CNF formulas

CNF: $(L_{1,1} \vee \dots \vee L_{1,n_1}) \wedge \dots \wedge (L_{k,1} \vee \dots \vee L_{1,n_k})$

Representation as set of sets of literals:

$$\underbrace{\{\{L_{1,1}, \dots, L_{1,n_1}\}, \dots, \{L_{k,1}, \dots, L_{1,n_k}\}\}}_{\text{clause}}$$

Clause = set of literals (disjunction).

Formula in CNF = set of clauses

Degenerate cases:

The empty clause stands for \perp .

The empty set of clauses stands for \top .

The joy of sets

We get “for free”:

- ▶ **Commutativity:**

$A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$, both represented by $\{A, B\}$

- ▶ **Associativity:**

$(A \vee B) \vee C \equiv A \vee (B \vee C)$, both represented by $\{A, B, C\}$

- ▶ **Idempotence:**

$(A \vee A) \equiv A$, both represented by $\{A\}$

Sets are a convenient representation of conjunctions and disjunctions with built in associativity, commutativity and idempotence

CNF-SAT: Input: Set of clauses F

Question: Is F unsatisfiable?

DPLL — The simplest algorithm for CNF-SAT

Simplest algorithm: Construct the truth table.

Best-case runtime is $\Theta(m \cdot 2^n)$ for a formula of length m over n variables.

DPLL — A first improvement: Partial Evaluation

Improvement: **partial evaluation** using Boole-Shannon expansion

Lemma (Boole-Shannon Expansion)

For every formula F and atom A :

$$F \equiv (A \wedge F[\top/A]) \vee (\neg A \wedge F[\perp/A]).$$

Proof By structural induction on F (exercise).

Corollary

F is satisfiable iff $F[\perp/A]$ or $F[\top/A]$ are satisfiable.

DPLL — First step: partial evaluation

$F[\perp/A]$ and $F[\top/A]$ easy to compute in clause normal form:

$F[\top/A] \equiv$ take F , remove all clauses with A , remove all $\neg A$.

$F[\perp/A] \equiv$ take F , remove all clauses with $\neg A$, remove all A .

Partial evaluation algorithm:

Given formula F , total order on the variables \prec :

If $\{\} \in F$ return **unsatisfiable**.

If $F = \emptyset$ return **satisfiable**.

Otherwise:

Fix the first variable A in F according to \prec .

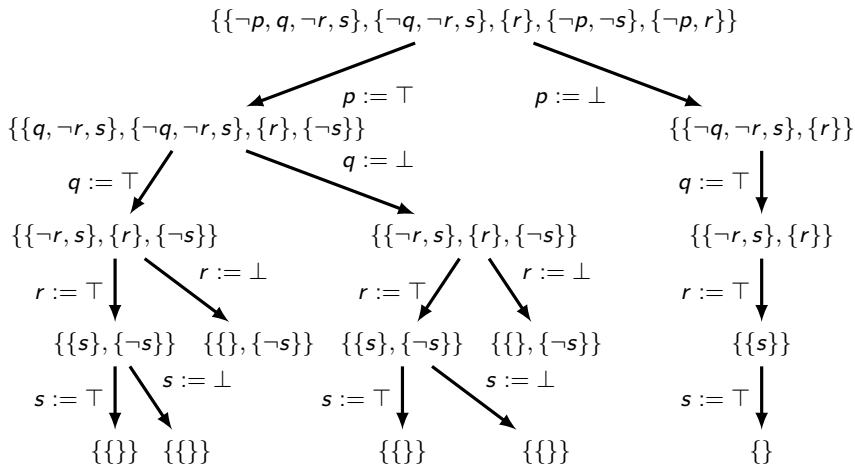
Recursively check if $F[\perp/A]$ is satisfiable;

if yes, return **satisfiable**.

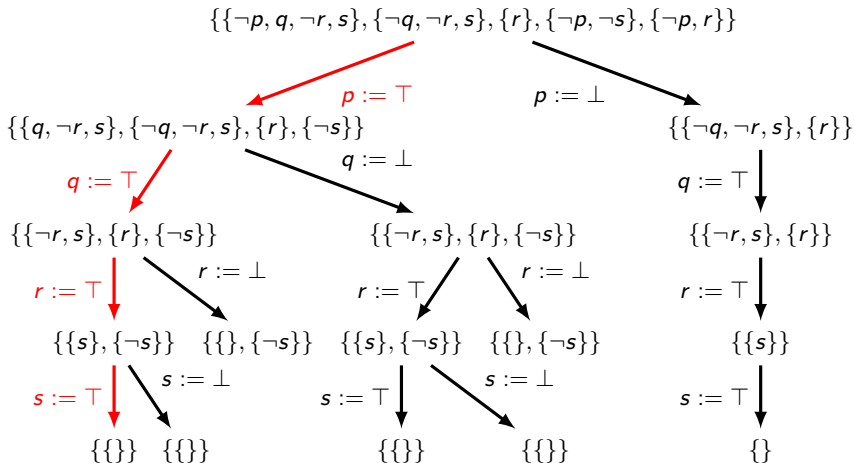
Recursively check if $F[\top/A]$ is satisfiable;

if yes, return **satisfiable**, otherwise **unsatisfiable**.

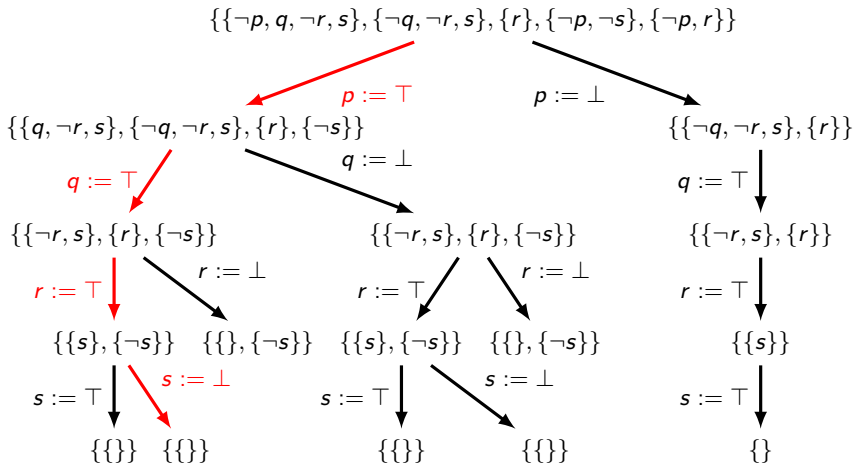
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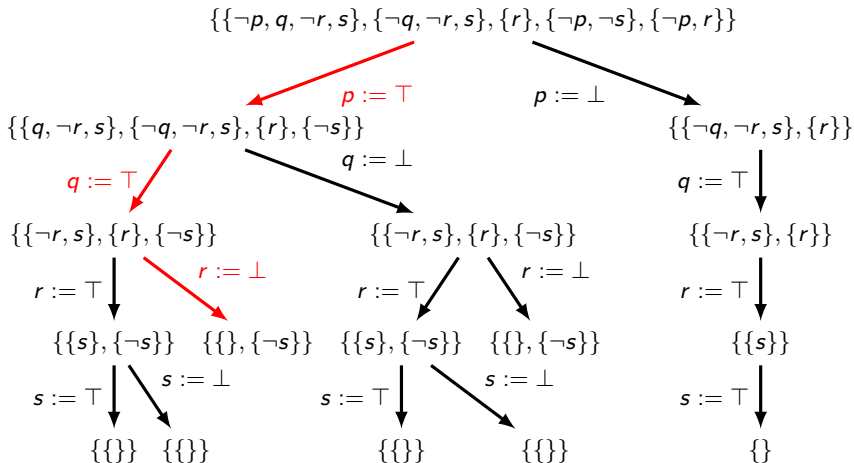
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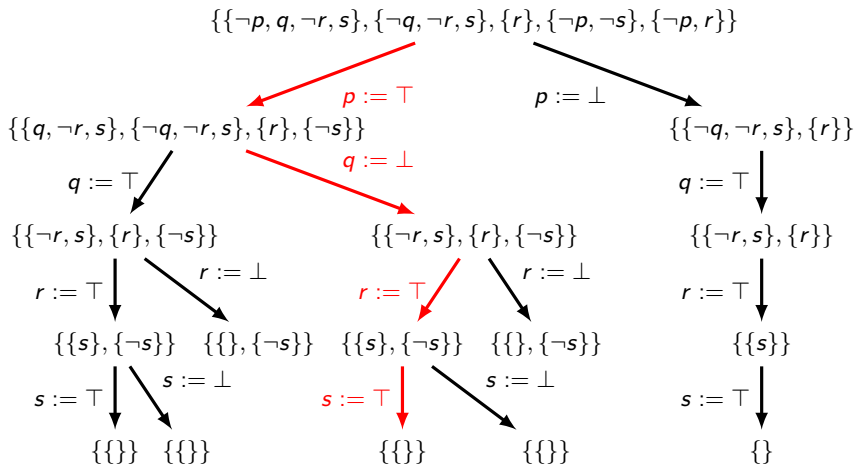
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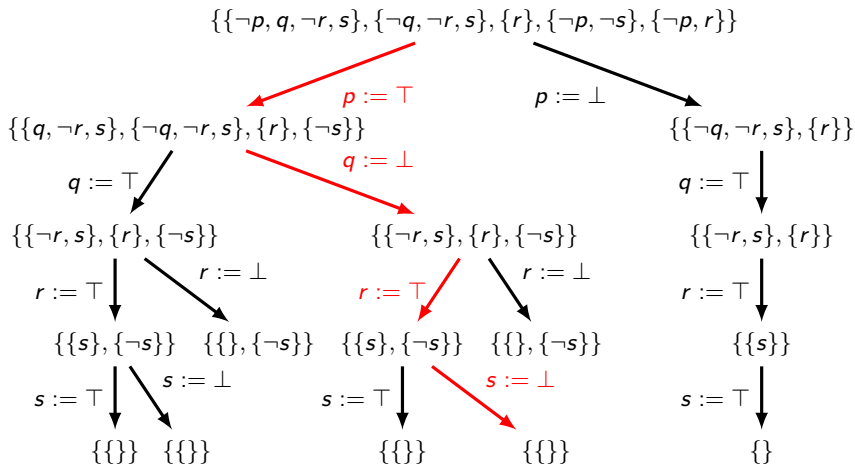
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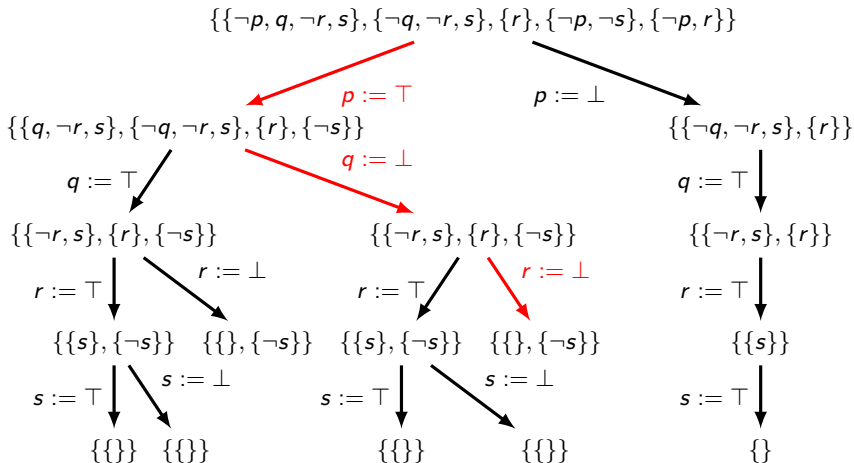
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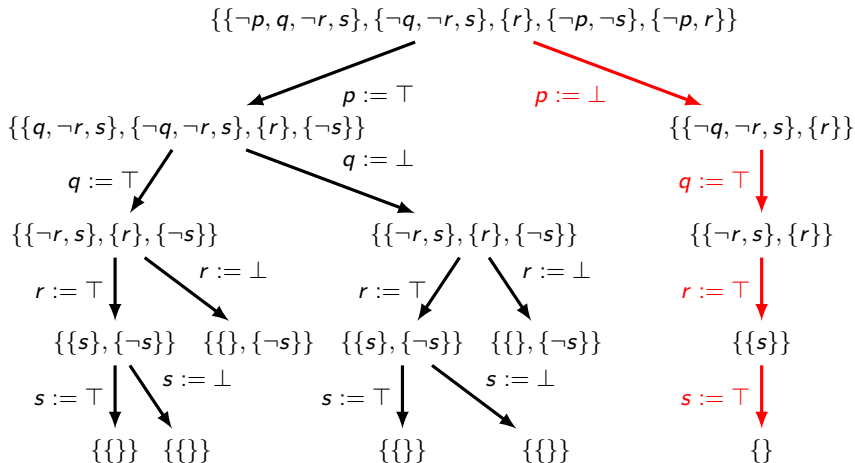
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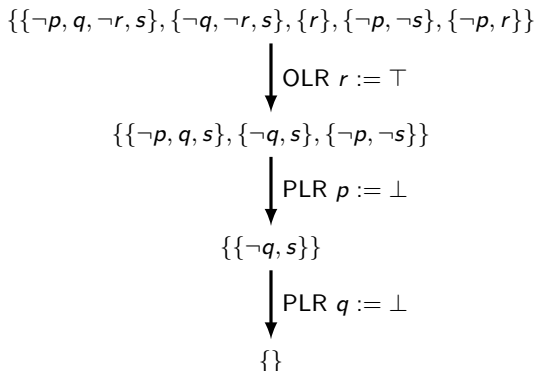
Instead of fixing an order on variables, choose the next variable **dynamically**.

- ▶ **OLR**: one-literal rule If $\{L\} \in F$ ($\{L\}$ is called **unit clause**), then every satisfying assignment sets L to true. So it suffices to check satisfiability of $F[\top/L]$.
- ▶ **PLR**: pure-literal rule
If L appears in F and \bar{L} does not, then it also suffices to check satisfiability of $F[\top/L]$ (**Why?**).

DPLL algorithm: Partial evaluation that gives priority to a variable satisfying **OLR**, then to a variable satisfying **PLR**, and otherwise picks the first unpicked variable of \prec .

Applying **OLR** can generate further unit clauses (**unit propagation**). Same for **PLR**, but DPLL often implemented with only **OLR** for efficiency.

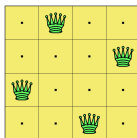
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In this example PLR and OLR allow us to avoid all case splits.

Example: 4 queens

Problem: place 4 non-attacking queens on a 4x4 chess board



Variable p_{ij} models: there is a queen in square (i, j)

- ▶ ≥ 1 in each row: $\bigwedge_{i=1}^4 \bigvee_{j=1}^4 p_{ij}$
- ▶ ≤ 1 in each row: $\bigwedge_{i=1}^4 \bigwedge_{j \neq j'=1}^4 \neg p_{ij} \vee \neg p_{ij'}$
- ▶ ≤ 1 in each column: $\bigwedge_{j=1}^4 \bigwedge_{i \neq i'=1}^4 \neg p_{ij} \vee \neg p_{i'j}$
- ▶ ≤ 1 on each diagonal: $\bigwedge_{i,j=1}^4 \bigvee_k \neg p_{i-k,i+k} \vee \neg p_{i+k,j+k}$

Total number of clauses: $4 + 24 + 24 + 28 = 80$

DPLL: 4 queens

Running the DPLL algorithm:

- ▶ Start with $p_{11} \mapsto 1$
delete $\{p_{11}, p_{12}, p_{13}, p_{14}\}$, delete $\neg p_{11}$: 9 new unit clauses
unit propagation: deletes 65 clauses!
- ▶ Set $p_{23} \mapsto 1$
4 new unit clauses: $\{\neg p_{24}\}, \{\neg p_{43}\}, \{\neg p_{32}\}, \{\neg p_{34}\}$
unit propagation of $\{\neg p_{34}\}$: UNSAT
fixing only two literals collapsed from 80 clauses to 1
ruled out 2^{14} of 2^{16} possible assignments!
- ▶ Backtrack: $p_{11} \mapsto 0$, $p_{12} \mapsto 1$
delete $\{\neg p_{12}\}$: 9 new unit clauses
unit propagation: leaves only 1 clause $\{p_{43}\}$!
- ▶ Answer: $p_{12}, p_{24}, p_{31}, p_{43} \mapsto 1$

DPLL: Evaluation

Oriented towards satisfiability:

- ▶ $2^{O(n)}$ time for satisfiable formulas, but $2^{\Theta(n)}$ for unsatisfiable ones.
- ▶ DPLL computes a satisfying assignment, if there is one.
- ▶ The satisfying assignment is a **certificate** of satisfiability.
- ▶ Satisfiable formulas have short certificates: satisfying assignment never larger than the formula.

Coming next: **resolution**, a procedure oriented towards unsatisfiability.

- ▶ $2^{O(n)}$ time for unsatisfiable formulas, but $2^{\Theta(n)}$ for satisfiable ones.
- ▶ Resolution computes a certificate of unsatisfiability.
- ▶ However, the certificate is **exponentially longer** than the formula in the worst case.
- ▶ Polynomial certificates for satisfiability implies $NP = coNP$.

Propositional Logic

Compactness

Compactness Theorem

Theorem

*A set S of formulas is satisfiable
iff every finite subset of S is satisfiable.*

Equivalent formulation:

*A set S of formulas is unsatisfiable
iff some finite subset of S is unsatisfiable.*

An application: Graph Coloring

Definition

A **4-coloring** of a graph (V, E) is a map $c : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ such that $(x, y) \in E$ implies $c(x) \neq c(y)$.

Theorem (4CT)

A finite planar graph has a 4-coloring.

Theorem

A planar graph $G = (V, E)$ with countably many vertices $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ has a 4-coloring.

Proof $G \rightsquigarrow$ set of formulas S s.t. S is sat. iff G is 4-col.

G is planar

\Rightarrow every finite subgraph of G is planar and 4-col. (by 4CT)

\Rightarrow every finite subset of S is sat.

$\Rightarrow S$ is sat. (by Compactness)

$\Rightarrow G$ is 4-col.

Proof details

$G \rightsquigarrow S$:

For simplicity:

atoms are of the form A_i^c where $c \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$ and $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} S := & \{A_i^1 \vee A_i^2 \vee A_i^3 \vee A_i^4 \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \\ & \{A_i^c \rightarrow \neg A_i^d \mid i \in \mathbb{N}, c, d \in \{1, \dots, 4\}, c \neq d\} \cup \\ & \{\neg(A_i^c \wedge A_j^c) \mid (v_i, v_j) \in E, c \in \{1, \dots, 4\}\} \end{aligned}$$

Subgraph corresponding to some $T \subseteq S$:

$$V_T := \{v_i \mid A_i^c \text{ occurs in } T \text{ (for some } c)\}$$

$$E_T := \{(v_i, v_j) \mid \neg(A_i^c \wedge A_j^c) \in T \text{ (for some } c)\}$$

Proof of Compactness

Theorem

*A set S of formulas is satisfiable
iff every finite subset of S is satisfiable.*

Proof

\Rightarrow : If S is satisfiable then every finite subset of S is satisfiable.

Trivial.

\Leftarrow : If every finite subset of S is satisfiable then S is satisfiable.

We prove that S has a model.

Proof of Compactness

Definition

Let $b_1 \cdots b_n \in \{0, 1\}^*$ with $n \geq 0$ and let T be a set of formulas. An assignment \mathcal{A} is a $b_1 \cdots b_n$ -model of T if $\mathcal{A}(A_i) = b_i$ for every $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\mathcal{A} \models T$.

In particular: every model is a ε -model.

Assume every finite $T \subseteq S$ is satisfiable. We prove:

1. There is an infinite sequence $b_1 b_2 \cdots \in \{0, 1\}^\omega$ such that for every $n \geq 1$ all finite $T \subseteq S$ have a $b_1 \cdots b_n$ -model.
2. The assignment \mathcal{B} given by $\mathcal{B}(A_i) := b_i$ for all $i \geq 1$ is a model of S .

Proof of Compactness: Part (1)

To prove: There is an infinite sequence $b_1 b_2 \cdots \in \{0, 1\}^\omega$ such that for every $n \geq 1$ all finite $T \subseteq S$ have a $b_1 \cdots b_n$ -model.

It suffices to show:

- (a) Every finite $T \subseteq S$ has an ε -model.
- (b) For every sequence $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^*$: if every finite $T \subseteq S$ has a σ -model then there exists $b \in \{0, 1\}$ such that every finite $T \subseteq S$ has a σb -model.

Proof of (a): By assumption every $T \subseteq S$ has an ε -model.

Proof of (b): Next slide.

Proof of Compactness: Part (1)

Proof of (b): By contradiction.

Assume that for some $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}$: every finite $T \subseteq S$ has a σ -model, but

(0) some finite $T_0 \subseteq S$ has no $\sigma 0$ -model; and

(1) some finite $T_1 \subseteq S$ has no $\sigma 1$ -model.

Consider the finite set $T_0 \cup T_1$.

By assumption, $T_0 \cup T_1$ has some σ -model \mathcal{A} . Let $n := |\sigma|$.

Two possible cases:

- ▶ $\mathcal{A}(A_{n+1}) = 0$. Then \mathcal{A} is a $\sigma 0$ -model of T_0 , contradicting (0).
- ▶ $\mathcal{A}(A_{n+1}) = 1$. Then \mathcal{A} is a $\sigma 1$ -model of T_1 , contradicting (1).

Proof of Compactness: Part (2)

To prove: The assignment \mathcal{B} given by $\mathcal{B}(A_i) := b_i$ for all $i \geq 1$, where $b_1 b_2 \dots$ is the infinite sequence of (1), is a model of S .

We show $\mathcal{B} \models F$ for all $F \in S$.

Let m be the maximal index of all atoms in F .

By (1), $\{F\}$ has a $b_1 \dots b_m$ -model \mathcal{A} .

Hence $\mathcal{B} \models F$, because \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} agree on all atoms in F .

Corollary

Corollary

If $S \models F$ then there is a finite subset $M \subseteq S$ such that $M \models F$.

Propositional Logic Resolution

Resolution — The idea

Input: Set of clauses F

Question: Is F unsatisfiable?

Algorithm:

Keep on “resolving” two clauses from F and adding the result to F until the empty clause is found

Correctness:

If the empty clause is found, the initial F is unsatisfiable

Completeness:

If the initial F is unsatisfiable, the empty clause can be found.

Correctness/Completeness of syntactic procedure (resolution)
w.r.t. semantic property (unsatisfiability)

Resolvent

Definition

Let L be a literal. Then \bar{L} is defined as follows:

$$\bar{L} = \begin{cases} \neg A_i & \text{if } L = A_i \\ A_i & \text{if } L = \neg A_i \end{cases}$$

Definition

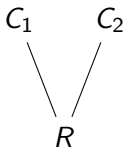
Let C_1, C_2 be clauses and let L be a literal such that $L \in C_1$ and $\bar{L} \in C_2$. Then the clause

$$(C_1 - \{L\}) \cup (C_2 - \{\bar{L}\})$$

is a **resolvent** of C_1 and C_2 .

The process of deriving the resolvent is called a **resolution step**.

Graphical representation of resolvent:



If $C_1 = \{L\}$ and $C_2 = \{\bar{L}\}$ then the empty clause is a resolvent of C_1 and C_2 . The special symbol \square denotes the empty clause.

Recall: \square represents \perp .

Resolution proof

Definition

A **resolution proof** of a clause C from a set of clauses F is a sequence of clauses C_0, \dots, C_n such that

- ▶ $C_i \in F$ or C_i is a resolvent of two clauses C_a and C_b , $a, b < i$,
- ▶ $C_n = C$

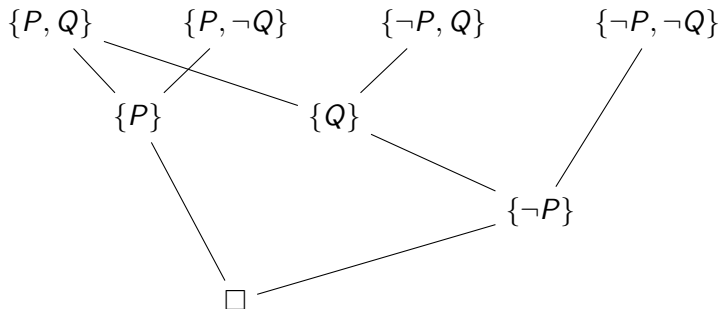
Then we can write $F \vdash_{Res} C$.

Note: F can be finite or infinite!

Resolution proof as DAG

A resolution proof can be shown as a DAG with the clauses in F as the leaves and C as the root:

Example



A linear resolution proof

0:	$\{P, Q\}$	
1:	$\{P, \neg Q\}$	
2:	$\{\neg P, Q\}$	
3:	$\{\neg P, \neg Q\}$	
4:	$\{P\}$	(0, 1)
5:	$\{Q\}$	(0, 2)
6:	$\{\neg P\}$	(3, 5)
7:	\square	(4, 6)

Correctness of resolution

Lemma (Resolution Lemma)

Let R be a resolvent of two clauses C_1 and C_2 . Then $C_1, C_2 \models R$.

Proof By definition $R = (C_1 - \{L\}) \cup (C_2 - \{\bar{L}\})$ (for some L).

Assume $\mathcal{A} \models C_1$ and $\mathcal{A} \models C_2$. We show $\mathcal{A} \models R$.

There are two cases:

- ▶ $\mathcal{A} \models L$. Then $\mathcal{A} \models C_2 - \{\bar{L}\}$ (because $\mathcal{A} \models C_2$), thus $\mathcal{A} \models R$.
- ▶ $\mathcal{A} \not\models L$. Then $\mathcal{A} \models C_1 - \{L\}$ (because $\mathcal{A} \models C_1$), thus $\mathcal{A} \models R$.

Correctness of resolution

Theorem (Correctness of resolution)

Let F be a set of clauses. *If $F \vdash_{\text{Res}} C$ then $F \models C$.*

Proof Assume there is a resolution proof $C_0, \dots, C_n = C$.
We show $F \models C_i$ by induction on i . IH: $F \models C_j$ for all $j < i$.
There are two cases:

- ▶ $C_i \in F$.
Then $F \models C_i$ by definition.
- ▶ C_i is a resolvent of C_a and C_b for $a, b < i$.
Then $F \models C_a$ and $F \models C_b$ by IH, and $C_a, C_b \models C_i$ by the resolution lemma. Thus $F \models C_i$.

Corollary

Let F be a set of clauses. *If $F \vdash_{\text{Res}} \square$ then F is unsatisfiable.*

Completeness of resolution

Theorem

Let F be a finite set of clauses. If F is unsatisfiable then $F \vdash_{Res} \square$.

Theorem (Completeness of resolution)

Let F be a set of clauses. If F is unsatisfiable then $F \vdash_{Res} \square$.

Proof If F is infinite, there must be a finite unsatisfiable subset of F (by the Compactness Theorem); in that case let F be that finite subset and apply the previous theorem.

Corollary

A set of clauses F is unsatisfiable iff $F \vdash_{Res} \square$.

Completeness proof

Corollary

(of the Boole-Shannon expansion) F is unsatisfiable iff $F[\perp/A]$ and $F[\top/A]$ are unsatisfiable.

Idea for completeness proof:

If A is an atom of F , then both $F[\perp/A]$ and $F[\top/A]$ have fewer atoms than F .

Use Boole-Shannon to prove completeness by induction on the number of atoms of the unsatisfiable formula F :

- ▶ construct inductively resolution proofs for $F[\perp/A]$ and $F[\top/A]$, and
- ▶ “combine” them into a resolution proof for F .

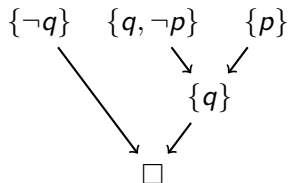
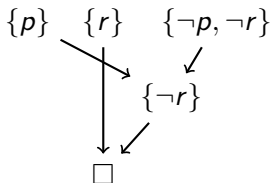
Inductive construction of resolution proofs

$$F = \{ \{ \neg q, s \}, \{ \neg p, q, s \}, \{ p \}, \{ r, \neg s \}, \{ \neg p, \neg r, \neg s \} \}$$

- Compute inductively proofs for $F[\top/s]$ and $F[\perp/s]$.

$$F[\top/s] \equiv \{ \{ p \}, \{ r \}, \{ \neg p, \neg r \} \}$$

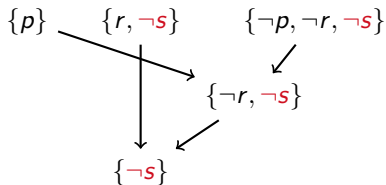
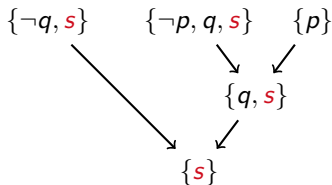
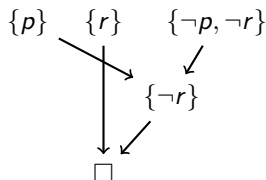
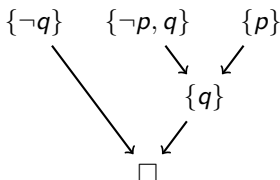
$$F[\perp/s] \equiv \{ \{ \neg q \}, \{ \neg p, q \}, \{ p \} \}$$



Inductive construction of resolution proofs

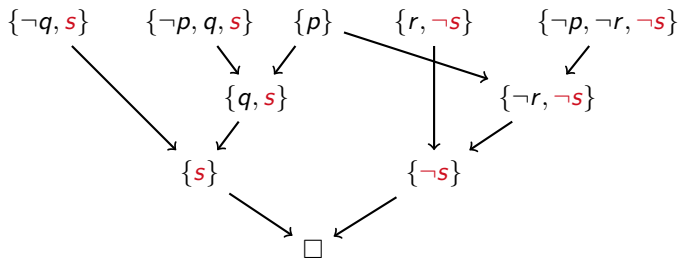
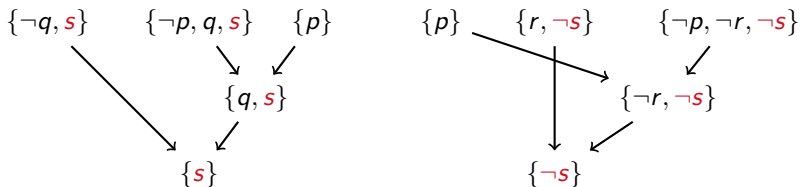
- Reintroduce s and $\neg s$.

$$F = \{ \{ \neg q, s \}, \{ \neg p, q, s \}, \{ p \}, \{ r, \neg s \}, \{ \neg p, \neg r, \neg s \} \}$$



Inductive construction of resolution proofs

- Combine the graphs for $\{s\}$ and $\{\neg s\}$.



Completeness proof

Theorem

Let F be a finite set of clauses. *If F is unsatisfiable then $F \vdash_{Res} \square$.*

Proof By induction on the number n of distinct atoms in F .

Basis: If $n = 0$ then $F = \{\}$ (but F is unsat.) or $F = \{\square\}$.

Step:

IH: For every unsat. set of clauses F with n dist. atoms, $F \vdash_{Res} \square$.

Let F contain $n + 1$ distinct atoms. Pick some atom A in F .

$F[\top/A] \equiv$ take F , remove all clauses with A , remove all $\neg A$.

$F[\perp/A] \equiv$ take F , remove all clauses with $\neg A$, remove all A .

Completeness proof

By IH: there are res. proofs $C_0, \dots, C_m = \square$ from $F[\perp/A]$ and $D_0, \dots, D_n = \square$ from $F[\top/A]$.

Now transform C_0, \dots, C_m into a proof C'_0, \dots, C'_m from F by adding A back into the clauses it was removed from. Then:

- ▶ either $C'_m = \{A\}$
- ▶ or $C'_m = \square$ (and we are done).

Similarly we transform D_0, \dots, D_n into a proof D'_0, \dots, D'_n from F by adding $\neg A$ back in. Then:

- ▶ either $D'_n = \{\neg A\}$
- ▶ or $D'_n = \square$ (and we are done).

If $C'_m = \{A\}$ and $D'_n = \{\neg A\}$ then $F \vdash_{Res} A$ and $F \vdash_{Res} \neg A$ and thus $F \vdash_{Res} \square$.

Resolution is only refutation complete

Not everything that is a consequence of a set of clauses
can be derived by resolution.

Exercise

Find F and C such that $F \models C$ but not $F \vdash_{Res} C$.

How to prove $F \models C$ by resolution?

Prove $F \cup \{\neg C\} \vdash_{Res} \square$

A resolution algorithm

Input: A CNF formula F , i.e. a finite set of clauses

while there are clauses $C_a, C_b \in F$ and resolvent R of C_a and C_b
such that $R \notin F$
do $F := F \cup \{R\}$

Lemma

The algorithm terminates.

Proof There are only finitely many clauses over a finite set of atoms.

Theorem

The initial F is unsatisfiable iff \square is in the final F

Proof F_{init} is unsat. iff $F_{init} \vdash_{Res} \square$ iff $\square \in F_{final}$ because the algorithm enumerates all R such that $F_{init} \vdash_{Res} R$.

The algorithm is a decision procedure for unsat. of CNF formulas.

Propositional Logic

CDCL: Conflict Driven Clause
Learning

CDCL: goal and idea

Goal: Combine DPLL and resolution into an algorithm oriented towards both satisfiability and unsatisfiability.

Idea: At every unsuccessful leaf of DPLL (called **conflict**), compute a **conflict clause**, and add it to the formula we are deciding about.

Conflict clauses “cache” previous search results, so we “learn from previous mistakes”.

Conflict clauses also determine backtracking.

We present a particular way of computing a conflict clause using resolution. There are other ways.

DPLL + CDCL algorithm

Given formula F and **partial assignment** \mathcal{A} :

$F|_{\mathcal{A}}$ denotes the result of deleting any clause containing a true literal, and deleting all false literals from each remaining clause.

Input: CNF formula F .

1. Initialise \mathcal{A} to the empty assignment
2. While there is unit clause $\{L\}$ or pure literal L in $F|_{\mathcal{A}}$, update $\mathcal{A} \mapsto \mathcal{A}[\top/L]$
3. If $F|_{\mathcal{A}} = \emptyset$, stop and output \mathcal{A} .
4. If $F|_{\mathcal{A}} \ni \square$, add new clause C to F by **learning procedure**.
If $C = \square$, stop and output UNSAT; otherwise backtrack to highest level where C is unit clause.
Go to line 2.
5. Apply **decision strategy** to update \mathcal{A} .
Go to line 2.

Terminology

- ▶ **State** of algorithm is pair (F, \mathcal{A}) , where F is CNF formula and \mathcal{A} is partial assignment.
Successful state when $\mathcal{A} \models F$. **Conflict state** when $\mathcal{A} \not\models F$.
(Note: conflict state if $F|_{\mathcal{A}} \ni \square$, successful state if $F|_{\mathcal{A}} = \emptyset$)
- ▶ Each assignment $A_i \mapsto b_i$ classifies as **decision assignment** or **implied assignment**.
- ▶ $A_i \mapsto b_i$ denotes decision assignment with **decision variable** A_i .
- ▶ $A_i \xrightarrow{C} b_i$ denotes an implied assignment arising through **unit propagation** on clause C .
- ▶ **Decision level** of assignment $A_i \mapsto b_i$ in a given state (F, \mathcal{A}) is number of decision assignments in \mathcal{A} that precede $A_i \mapsto b_i$.

Example: start with set of clauses $F = \{C_1, \dots, C_5\}$, where

$$C_1 = \{\neg A_1, \neg A_4, A_5\}$$

$$C_2 = \{\neg A_1, A_6, \neg A_5\}$$

$$C_3 = \{\neg A_1, \neg A_6, A_7\}$$

$$C_4 = \{\neg A_1, \neg A_7, \neg A_5\}$$

$$C_5 = \{A_1, A_4, A_6\}$$

Say current assignment is $(A_1 \mapsto 1, A_2 \mapsto 0, A_3 \mapsto 0, A_4 \mapsto 1)$.
Notice $F|_{\mathcal{A}}$ contains unit clause $\{A_5\}$.

Unit propagation further generates $(A_5 \xrightarrow{C_1} 1, A_6 \xrightarrow{C_2} 1, A_7 \xrightarrow{C_3} 1)$.
This leads to a conflict, with C_4 being made false.

Conflict analysis

After unit propagation:

- ▶ If not in conflict nor successful, make decision (line 5)
- ▶ If in conflict, **learned clause** is added (line 4)

Learned clause desiderata: If unit propagation from state (F, \mathcal{A}) leads to conflict, clause C is learned such that:

1. $F \equiv F \cup \{C\}$
2. C is **conflict clause**: each literal of C is made false by \mathcal{A}
3. C mentions only decision variables in \mathcal{A}

Clause learning using resolution

Suppose $\mathcal{A} = (A_1 \mapsto b_1, \dots, A_k \mapsto b_k)$ leads to conflict.

Find associated clauses D_1, \dots, D_{k+1} by backward induction:

1. $D_{k+1} :=$ any conflict clause of F under \mathcal{A} .
2. If $A_i \mapsto b_i$ is decision assignment or A_i not mentioned in D_{i+1} , set $D_i := D_{i+1}$.
3. If $A_i \stackrel{C_i}{\mapsto} b_i$ is implied assignment and A_i mentioned in D_{i+1} , define D_i to be resolvent of D_{i+1} and C_i with respect to A_i .

$C := A_1$, that is, the final clause A_1 is the **learned clause** .

Clause learning: example

Conflict of example above:

$C_1 = \{\neg A_1, \neg A_4, A_5\}$	$D_8 := \{\neg A_1, \neg A_7, \neg A_5\}$	(clause C_4)
$C_2 = \{\neg A_1, A_6, \neg A_5\}$	$D_7 := \{\neg A_1, \neg A_5, \neg A_6\}$	(resolve D_8, C_3)
$C_3 = \{\neg A_1, \neg A_6, A_7\}$	$D_6 := \{\neg A_1, \neg A_5\}$	(resolve D_7, C_2)
$C_4 = \{\neg A_1, \neg A_7, \neg A_5\}$	$D_5 := \{\neg A_1, \neg A_4\}$	(resolve D_6, C_1)
$C_5 = \{A_1, A_4, A_6\}$	$D_4 := \{\neg A_1, \neg A_4\}$	
$A_1 \mapsto 1, A_2 \mapsto 0,$	$D_3 := \{\neg A_1, \neg A_4\}$	
$A_3 \mapsto 0, A_4 \mapsto 1,$	$D_2 := \{\neg A_1, \neg A_4\}$	
$A_5 \xrightarrow{C_1} 1, A_6 \xrightarrow{C_2} 1,$	$D_1 := \{\neg A_1, \neg A_4\}$	
$A_7 \xrightarrow{C_3} 1$		

Learned clause D_1 is conflict clause with only decision variables, including top-level one A_1 .

Clause learning: example

Intuitively:

- ▶ D_1 records that conflict due to decision to make A_1, A_4 true.
- ▶ Adding D_1 ensures search does not explore assignments with $A_1 \mapsto 1, A_4 \mapsto 1$.
- ▶ DPLL backtracks to highest level where D_1 is unit clause (after $A_1 \mapsto 1$), unit propagation leads to $A_4 \mapsto 0$.

Clause learning

Proposition: The clause learning procedure satisfies the three desiderata.

Proof sketch: **Observation:** If $A_i \xrightarrow{C_i} b_i$, then the only literal of C_i true under \mathcal{A} is the literal for A_i (that is, C_i contains either A_i or $\neg A_i$, and b_i is chosen to make the literal true).

1. $F \equiv F \cup \{C\}$

Because C is obtained from clauses of F through resolution steps.

2. C is **conflict clause**: each literal is made false by \mathcal{A} .

We show by induction that $D_{k+1}, D_k, \dots, D_1 = C$ are conflict clauses.

D_{k+1} is conflict clause by definition.

If D_{i+1} is conflict clause and $D_i = D_{i+1}$, then so is D_i .

If D_{i+1} is conflict clause and $D_i \neq D_{i+1}$, then D_i is the result of resolving D_{i+1} and C_i . By the **observation**, all literals of D_i are made false by \mathcal{A} .

3. C mentions only decision variables in \mathcal{A} .

Because every other variable, say A_i , disappears after resolving with D_{i+1} w.r.t. A_i .

Indeed, since \mathcal{A} makes D_{i+1} false, by the **observation** A_i has opposite signs in D_{i+1} and C_i .

Example (without PLR)

$$\{\neg A_1\} \{A_1, A_3, A_4\} \{\neg A_2, \neg A_5\} \{A_3, \neg A_4, A_5, \neg A_6\} \{A_1, \neg A_2, \neg A_4, A_6\}$$

$$\text{OLR: } A_1 \mapsto 0 \quad \{A_3, A_4\} \quad \{\neg A_2, \neg A_5\} \quad \{A_3, \neg A_4, A_5, \neg A_6\} \quad \{\neg A_2, \neg A_4, A_6\}$$

$$\text{DE: } A_2 \mapsto 1 \quad \{A_3, A_4\} \quad \{\neg A_5\} \quad \{A_3, \neg A_4, A_5, \neg A_6\} \quad \{\neg A_4, A_6\}$$

$$\text{OLR: } A_5 \mapsto 0 \quad \{A_3, A_4\} \quad \{A_3, \neg A_4, \neg A_6\} \quad \{\neg A_4, A_6\}$$

$$\text{DE: } A_3 \mapsto 0 \quad \{A_4\} \quad \{\neg A_4, \neg A_6\} \quad \{\neg A_4, A_6\}$$

$$\text{OLR: } A_4 \mapsto 1 \quad \{\neg A_6\} \quad \{A_6\}$$

$$\text{OLR: } A_6 \mapsto 1 \quad \{\}$$

$$D_7 := \{A_3, \neg A_4, A_5, \neg A_6\} \quad (\text{conflict clause})$$

$$D_6 := \{A_1, \neg A_2, A_3, \neg A_4, A_5\} \quad (\text{resolve } D_7, \{A_1, \neg A_2, \neg A_4, A_6\})$$

$$D_5 := \{A_1, \neg A_2, A_3, A_5\} \quad (\text{resolve } D_6, \{A_1, A_3, A_4\})$$

$$D_4 := \{A_1, \neg A_2, A_3, A_5\}$$

$$D_3 := \{A_1, \neg A_2, A_3\} \quad (\text{resolve } D_4, \{\neg A_2, \neg A_5\})$$

$$D_2 := \{A_1, \neg A_2, A_3\}$$

$$D_1 := \{\neg A_2, A_3\} \quad (\text{resolve } D_2, \{\neg A_1\})$$

Backtracking to $\{A_1 \mapsto 0, A_2 \mapsto 1\}$. Unit propagation: $A_3 \mapsto 1$.

Basic Proof Theory

Propositional Logic

(See the book by Troelstra and Schwichtenberg)

Proof rules and proof systems

Proof systems are defined by (proof or **inference**) rules of the form

$$\frac{T_1 \quad \dots \quad T_n}{T} \text{ rule-name}$$

where T_1, \dots, T_n (**premises**) and T (**conclusion**) are syntactic objects (eg formulas).

Intuitive reading: If T_1, \dots, T_n are provable, then T is provable.

Degenerate case: If $n = 0$ the rule is called an **axiom** and the horizontal line is sometimes omitted.

If some U is provable, we write $\vdash U$.

Proof trees

Proofs (also: **derivations**) are drawn as trees of nested proof rules.

Example:

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{T_1} \quad \overline{U}}{S_1} \quad \overline{T_2} \quad \frac{\overline{T_3}}{S_2}}{R}$$

We sometimes omit the names of proof rules in a proof tree if they are obvious or for space reasons. **You should always show them!**

Every fragment

$$\frac{T_1 \quad \dots \quad T_n}{T}$$

of a proof tree must be (an instance of) a proof rule.

All proofs must start with axioms.

The **depth** of a proof tree is the number of rules on the longest branch of the tree. Thus ≥ 1

Abbreviations

Until further notice:

\perp , \neg , \wedge , \vee , \rightarrow are primitives.

\top abbreviates $\neg\perp$

A possible simplification:

$\neg F$ abbreviates $F \rightarrow \perp$

We now consider three important proof systems:

- ▶ Sequent Calculus
- ▶ Natural Deduction
- ▶ Hilbert Systems

Sequent Calculus

Propositional Logic

Sequent Calculus

Invented by Gerhard Gentzen in 1935. Birth of proof theory.

Proof rules

$$\frac{S_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n}{S}$$

where S_1, \dots, S_n and S are **sequents**: expressions of the form

$$\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$$

with Γ and Δ finite **multisets** of formulas.

Multiset = set with possibly repeated elements; using sets possible but less elegant.

Notice: \Rightarrow is just a—suggestive—separator

Intention of the calculus:

$$\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \text{ is provable (derivable) iff } \bigwedge \Gamma \models \bigvee \Delta \quad (\bigwedge \Gamma \rightarrow \bigvee \Delta \text{ valid})$$

Sequents: Notation

- ▶ We use set notation for multisets, e.g. $\{A, B \rightarrow C, A\}$
- ▶ Drop $\{\}$: $F_1, \dots, F_m \Rightarrow G_1, \dots, G_n$
- ▶ F, Γ abbreviates $\{F\} \cup \Gamma$ (similarly for Δ)
- ▶ Γ_1, Γ_2 abbreviates $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$ (similarly for Δ)

Sequent Calculus rules

$$\frac{}{\perp, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \perp L$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta}{\neg F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \neg L$$

$$\frac{F, G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \wedge G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \wedge L$$

$$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \quad G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \vee G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \vee L$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta \quad G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \rightarrow G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \rightarrow L$$

$$\frac{}{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta} \quad Ax$$

$$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \neg F, \Delta} \quad \neg R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \wedge G, \Delta} \quad \wedge R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \vee G, \Delta} \quad \vee R$$

$$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \rightarrow G, \Delta} \quad \rightarrow R$$

Sequent Calculus rules

Intuition: read backwards as proof search rules

$$\frac{}{\perp, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \perp L$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta}{\neg F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \neg L$$

$$\frac{F, G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \wedge G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \wedge L$$

$$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \quad G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \vee G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \vee L$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta \quad G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \rightarrow G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \rightarrow L$$

$$\frac{}{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta} \quad Ax$$

$$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \neg F, \Delta} \quad \neg R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \wedge G, \Delta} \quad \wedge R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \vee G, \Delta} \quad \vee R$$

$$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \rightarrow G, \Delta} \quad \rightarrow R$$

Every rule decomposes its principal formula

$$\overline{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q}$$

$$\frac{}{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q} \rightarrow R$$

$$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \rightarrow G, \Delta} \rightarrow R$$

$$\frac{\overline{(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \Rightarrow P \vee Q}}{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q} \rightarrow R$$

$$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \rightarrow G, \Delta} \rightarrow R$$

$$\frac{\overline{(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \Rightarrow P \vee Q}^{\wedge L}}{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q} \rightarrow R$$

$$\frac{F, G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \wedge G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{P \vee R, Q \vee \neg R \Rightarrow P \vee Q}}{(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \Rightarrow P \vee Q} \wedge L}{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q} \rightarrow R$$

$$\frac{F, G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \wedge G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{P \vee R, Q \vee \neg R \Rightarrow P \vee Q} \vee R}{(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \Rightarrow P \vee Q} \wedge L}{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q} \rightarrow R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \vee G, \Delta} \vee R$$

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\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q
\end{array}$$

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\frac{(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \Rightarrow P \vee Q}{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q} \wedge L \rightarrow R \\
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\end{array}$$

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\frac{\overline{(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \Rightarrow P \vee Q} \wedge L}{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q} \rightarrow R
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\frac{P \vee R, Q \vee \neg R \Rightarrow P, Q}{P \vee R, Q \vee \neg R \Rightarrow P \vee Q} \vee R \\
\frac{(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \Rightarrow P \vee Q}{\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q} \wedge L \rightarrow R
\end{array}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta}{\neg F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \neg L$$

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\frac{\overline{P \vee R, Q \vee \neg R \Rightarrow P, Q}}{\vee R} \\
\frac{\overline{(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \Rightarrow P \vee Q} \wedge L}{\rightarrow R} \\
\Rightarrow (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q
\end{array}$$

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Proof search properties

- ▶ For every logical operator (\neg etc) there is one left and one right rule
- ▶ Every formula in the premise of a rule is a subformula of the conclusion of the rule.
This is called the **subformula property**.
 \Rightarrow no need to guess anything when applying a rule backward
- ▶ Backward rule application terminates because one operator is removed in each step.

Instances of rules

Definition

An **instance** of a rule is the result of replacing Γ and Δ by multisets of concrete formulas and F and G by concrete formulas.

Example

$$\frac{\Rightarrow P \wedge Q, A, B}{\neg(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow A, B}$$

is an instance of

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta}{\neg F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}$$

setting $F := P \wedge Q$, $\Gamma := \emptyset$, $\Delta := \{A, B\}$

Proof trees

Definition (Proof tree)

A **proof tree** is a tree whose nodes are sequents and where each parent-children fragment

$$\frac{S_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n}{S}$$

is an instance of a proof rule.

(\Rightarrow all leaves must be instances of axioms)

A sequent S is **provable** (or **derivable**) if there is a proof tree with root S .

We write $\vdash_G S$ to denote that S is derivable.

Proof trees

An alternative inductive definition of proof trees:

Definition (Proof tree)

If

$$\frac{S_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n}{S}$$

is an instance of a proof rule and

there are proof trees T_1, \dots, T_n with roots S_1, \dots, S_n

then

$$\frac{T_1 \quad \dots \quad T_n}{S}$$

is a proof tree (with root S).

What does $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ “mean”?

Definition

$$|\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta| = \left(\bigwedge \Gamma \rightarrow \bigvee \Delta \right)$$

Example: $|\{A, B\} \Rightarrow \{P, Q\}| = (A \wedge B \rightarrow P \vee Q)$

Remember: $\bigwedge \emptyset = \top$ and $\bigvee \emptyset = \perp$

We aim to prove: $\vdash_G S$ iff $\models |S|$

Lemma (Rule Equivalence)

For every rule
$$\frac{S_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n}{S}$$

- ▶ $|S| \equiv |S_1| \wedge \dots \wedge |S_n|$
- ▶ $|S|$ is a tautology iff all $|S_i|$ are tautologies

Theorem (Soundness of \vdash_G)

If $\vdash_G S$ then $\models |S|$.

Proof by induction on the height of the proof tree for $\vdash_G S$.
Tree must end in rule instance

$$\frac{S_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n}{S}$$

If $n = 0$ then we vacuously have $\models |S_i|$ for all i .

If $n > 0$ then by IH we also have $\models |S_i|$ for all i .

So $\models |S_i|$ for all i , hence $\models |S|$ by the previous lemma.

Proof Search and Completeness

Proof search = growing a proof tree from the root

- ▶ Start from an initial sequent S_0
- ▶ At each stage we have some potentially *partial* proof tree with unproved leaves
- ▶ In each step, pick some unproved leaf S and some rule instance

$$\frac{S_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n}{S}$$

and extend the tree with that rule instance
(creating new unproved leaves S_1, \dots, S_n)

Proof search terminates if ...

- ▶ there are no more unproved leaves — success
 - ▶ there is some unproved leaf where no rule applies — failure
- By the rules, that leaf is of the form

$$P_1, \dots, P_k \Rightarrow Q_1, \dots, Q_l$$

where all P_i and Q_j are atoms, no $P_i = Q_j$, and no $P_i = \perp$.

Example (failed proof)

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{P \Rightarrow P} \text{ Ax} \quad Q \Rightarrow P}{P \vee Q \Rightarrow P} \vee L \quad \frac{P \Rightarrow Q \quad \overline{Q \Rightarrow Q} \text{ Ax}}{P \vee Q \Rightarrow Q} \vee L}{P \vee Q \Rightarrow P \wedge Q} \wedge R$$

Falsifying assignments?

Proof search = Counterexample search

Can view sequent calculus as a search for a falsifying assignment for $|\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta|$:

Make Γ true and Δ false

Some examples:

$$\frac{F, G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{F \wedge G, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \wedge L$$

To make $F \wedge G$ true, make both F and G true

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \wedge G, \Delta} \quad \wedge R$$

To make $F \wedge G$ false, make F or G false

Lemma (Search Equivalence)

At each stage of the search process,

if S_1, \dots, S_k are the unproved leaves, then $|S_0| \equiv |S_1| \wedge \dots \wedge |S_k|$

Proof by induction on the number of search steps.

Initially trivially true (base case).

When applying a rule instance

$$\frac{U_1 \quad \dots \quad U_n}{S_i}$$

we have

$$|S_0| \equiv |S_1| \wedge \dots \wedge |S_i| \wedge \dots \wedge |S_k|$$

(by IH)

$$\equiv |S_1| \wedge \dots \wedge |S_{i-1}| \wedge |U_1| \wedge \dots \wedge |U_n| \wedge |S_{i+1}| \wedge \dots \wedge |S_k|$$

(by Lemma Rule Equivalence)

Lemma

If proof search fails, $|S_0|$ is not a tautology.

Proof If proof search fails, there is some unproved leaf

$$S = \quad P_1, \dots, P_k \Rightarrow Q_1, \dots, Q_l$$

where all P_i, Q_j atoms, no $P_i = Q_j$ and no $P_i = \perp$.

Any assignment \mathcal{A} with $\mathcal{A}(P_i) = 1$ (for all i)

and $\mathcal{A}(Q_j) = 0$ (for all j) satisfies $\mathcal{A}(|S|) = 0$.

Thus $\mathcal{A}(|S_0|) = 0$ by Lemma Search Equivalence. □

Because of soundness of \vdash_G :

Corollary

Starting with some fixed S_0 , proof search cannot both fail (for some choices) and succeed (for other choices).

\Rightarrow no need for backtracking upon failure!

Theorem (Completeness)

If $\models |S|$ then $\vdash_G S$.

Proof by contraposition: if not $\vdash_G S$ then proof search must fail.

Therefore $\not\models |S|$.

Additionally we have:

Lemma

Proof search terminates.

Proof In every step, one logical operator is removed.

\Rightarrow Size of sequent decreases by 1

\Rightarrow Depth of proof tree is bounded by size of S_0

\Rightarrow Construction of proof tree terminates. □

Observe: Breadth only bounded by $2^{\text{size of } S_0}$.

Corollary

Proof search is a decision procedure: it always terminates and it succeeds iff $\models S$.

Multisets versus sets

Termination only because of multisets.

With sets, the principal formula may get duplicated:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta}{\neg F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \neg L \quad \Gamma := \{\neg F\} \quad \frac{\neg F \Rightarrow F, \Delta}{\neg F \Rightarrow \Delta}$$

An alternative formulation of the set version:

$$\frac{\Gamma \setminus \{\neg F\} \Rightarrow F, \Delta}{\neg F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}$$

Gentzen used sequences (hence “sequent calculus”)

Admissible Rules and Cut Elimination

Admissible rules

Definition

A rule

$$\frac{S_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n}{S}$$

is **admissible** if $\vdash_G S_1, \dots, \vdash_G S_n$ together imply $\vdash_G S$.

\Rightarrow Admissible rules can be used in proofs like normal rules

Admissibility of

$$\frac{S_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n}{S}$$

can be shown semantically (using \vdash_G iff \models)

by proving that $\models |S_1|, \dots, \models |S_n|$ together imply $\models |S|$.

Proof theory is interested in **syntactic proofs** that show **how** to eliminate admissible rules.

Cut elimination rule

Theorem (Gentzen's *Hauptsatz*)

The cut elimination rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta \quad \Gamma, F \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ cut}$$

is admissible.

Proof Omitted.

Proofs with cut elimination can be much shorter than proofs without!

But: applying the rule needs creativity! (find the right F)

Intuitively: Proof of Gentzen's theorem shows how to replace creativity by calculation.

Many applications.

Tableaux Calculus

Propositional Logic

A compact version of sequent calculus

The idea

What's “wrong” with sequent calculus:

Why do we have to copy(?) Γ and Δ
with every rule application?

The answer: tableaux calculus.

The idea:

Describe *backward* sequent calculus rule application
but leave Γ and Δ implicit/shared

Comparison:

Sequent Proof is a tree labeled by sequents,
trees grow upwards

Tableaux Proof is a tree labeled by formulas,
trees grow downwards

Terminology: **tableau** = tableaux calculus proof tree

Tableaux rules (examples)

Notation: $+F \approx F$ occurs on the right of \Rightarrow
 $-F \approx F$ occurs on the left of \Rightarrow

<i>S.C.</i>		<i>Tab.</i>		<i>Effect</i>
$\frac{F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \neg F, \Delta}$	\rightsquigarrow	$\frac{+\neg F}{-F}$	\rightsquigarrow	$\begin{array}{c} +\neg F \\ \\ -F \end{array}$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \vee G, \Delta}$	\rightsquigarrow	$\frac{+F \vee G}{+F \quad +G}$	\rightsquigarrow	$\begin{array}{c} +F \vee G \\ \\ +F \\ \\ +G \end{array}$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F, \Delta \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow G, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow F \wedge G, \Delta}$	\rightsquigarrow	$\frac{+F \wedge G}{+F \mid +G}$	\rightsquigarrow	$\begin{array}{c} +F \wedge G \\ / \quad \backslash \\ +F \quad +G \end{array}$

Interpretation of tableaux rule

$$\frac{F}{FGH}$$

if F matches the formula at some node in the tableau
extend the end of some branch starting at that node
according to FGH .

Example

$$- A \rightarrow B$$

$$- B \rightarrow C$$

$$- A$$

$$+ C$$

$$A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, A \Rightarrow C$$

From tableau to sequents:

- ▶ Every path from the root to a leaf in a tableau represents a sequent
- ▶ The set of all such sequents represents the set of leaves of the corresponding sequent calculus proof

\Rightarrow

- ▶ A branch is **closed** (proved) if both $+F$ and $-F$ occur on it or $-\perp$ occurs on it
- ▶ The root sequent is proved if all branches are closed

Algorithm to prove $F_1, \dots \Rightarrow G_1, \dots$:

1. Start with the tableau $-F_1, \dots, +G_1, \dots$.
2. while there is an open branch do
 - pick some non-atomic formula on that branch,
 - extend the branch according to the matching rule

Termination

No formula needs to be used twice on the same branch.
But possibly on *different* branches:

$$\begin{array}{l} +\neg A \wedge \neg B \\ +A \vee B \end{array}$$

A formula occurrence in a tableau can be deleted
if it has been used in every unclosed branch
starting from that occurrence

Tableaux rules

$$\frac{-\neg F}{+F}$$

$$\frac{+\neg F}{-F}$$

$$\frac{-F \wedge G}{\begin{array}{l} -F \\ -G \end{array}}$$

$$\frac{+F \wedge G}{+F \mid +G}$$

$$\frac{-F \vee G}{-F \mid -G}$$

$$\frac{+F \vee G}{\begin{array}{l} +F \\ +G \end{array}}$$

$$\frac{-F \rightarrow G}{+F \mid -G}$$

$$\frac{+F \rightarrow G}{\begin{array}{l} -F \\ +G \end{array}}$$

Natural Deduction

Propositional Logic

(See the book by Troelstra and Schwichtenberg)

Natural deduction (Gentzen 1935) aims at *natural* proofs

It formalizes good mathematical practice

Resolution but also sequent calculus aim at proof search

Main principles

1. For every logical operator \oplus there are two kinds of rules:

Introduction rules: How to prove $F \oplus G$

$$\frac{\dots}{F \oplus G}$$

Elimination rules What can be proved from $F \oplus G$

$$\frac{F \oplus G \quad \dots}{\dots}$$

Examples

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge I \qquad \frac{F \wedge G}{F} \wedge E_1 \qquad \frac{F \wedge G}{G} \wedge E_2$$

Main principles

2. Proof can contain subproofs with *local/closed* assumptions

Example

If from the local assumption F we can prove G
then we can prove $F \rightarrow G$.

The formal inference rule:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [F] \\ \vdots \\ G \end{array}}{F \rightarrow G} \rightarrow I$$

A proof tree:

$$\frac{\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

Form the (open) assumption Q we can prove $P \rightarrow P \wedge Q$.

In symbols: $Q \vdash_N P \rightarrow P \wedge Q$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\overline{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q}$$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\overline{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\frac{\overline{P \wedge Q}}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\frac{\overline{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\frac{\frac{P \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

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Downwards:

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\frac{\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

Downwards:

$$\frac{P \quad Q}{\quad}$$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\frac{\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

Downwards:

$$\frac{P \quad Q}{\quad} \wedge I$$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\frac{\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

Downwards:

$$\frac{P \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I$$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\frac{\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

Downwards:

$$\frac{\frac{P \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{} \rightarrow I$$

Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

$$\frac{\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I}{P \rightarrow P \wedge Q} \rightarrow I$$

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Growing the proof tree

Upwards:

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ND proof trees

The nodes of a ND proof tree are labeled by formulas.

Leaf nodes represent **assumptions**.

The root node is the **conclusion**.

Assumptions can be **open** or **closed**.

Closed assumptions are written **[F]**.

Intuition:

- ▶ Open assumptions are used in the proof of the conclusion
- ▶ Closed assumptions are local assumptions in a subproof that have been closed (removed) by some proof rule like $\rightarrow I$.

ND proof trees are defined inductively.

- ▶ Every F is a ND proof tree
(with open assumption F and conclusion F).
Reading: From F we can prove F .
- ▶ New proof trees are constructed by the rules of ND.

Natural Deduction rules

$$\frac{F \quad G}{F \wedge G} \wedge I$$

$$\frac{F \wedge G}{F} \wedge E_1 \quad \frac{F \wedge G}{G} \wedge E_2$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [F] \\ \vdots \\ G \end{array}}{F \rightarrow G} \rightarrow I$$

$$\frac{F \rightarrow G \quad F}{G} \rightarrow E$$

$$\frac{F}{F \vee G} \vee I_1 \quad \frac{G}{F \vee G} \vee I_2$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{cc} [F] & [G] \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ F \vee G & H \quad H \end{array}}{H} \vee E$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [\neg F] \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}}{F} \perp$$

Natural Deduction rules

Rules for \neg are special cases of rules for \rightarrow :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [F] \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}}{\neg F} \neg I \qquad \frac{\neg F \quad F}{\perp} \neg E$$

Natural Deduction rules

How to read a rule

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [F] \\ \vdots \\ \dots \quad G \quad \dots \end{array}}{\dots} r$$

Forward:

Close all (or some) of the assumptions F in the proof of G when applying rule r

Backward:

In the subproof of G you can use the local assumption $[F]$.

Can use labels to show which rule application closed which assumptions.

Soundness

Definition

$\Gamma \vdash_N F$ if there is a proof tree with root F and open assumptions contained in the set of formulas Γ .

Lemma (Soundness)

If $\Gamma \vdash_N F$ then $\Gamma \models F$

Proof by induction on the depth of the proof tree for $\Gamma \vdash_N F$.

Base case: no rule, $F \in \Gamma$

Step: Case analysis of last rule

Case $\rightarrow E$:

IH: $\Gamma \models F \rightarrow G$ $\Gamma \models F$

To show: $\Gamma \models G$

Assume $\mathcal{A} \models \Gamma \Rightarrow^{IH} \mathcal{A}(F \rightarrow G) = 1$ and $\mathcal{A}(F) = 1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(G) = 1$

Soundness

Case

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [F] \\ \vdots \\ G \end{array}}{F \rightarrow G} \rightarrow I$$

IH: $\Gamma, F \models G$

To show: $\Gamma \models F \rightarrow G$

iff for all \mathcal{A} , $\mathcal{A} \models \Gamma \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models F \rightarrow G$

iff for all \mathcal{A} , $\mathcal{A} \models \Gamma \Rightarrow (\mathcal{A} \models F \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models G)$

iff for all \mathcal{A} , $\mathcal{A} \models \Gamma$ and $\mathcal{A} \models F \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models G$

iff IH

Completeness

Towards completeness

ND can simulate truth tables

Lemma (Tertium non datur)

$$\vdash_N F \vee \neg F$$

Corollary (Cases)

If $F, \Gamma \vdash_N G$ and $\neg F, \Gamma \vdash_N G$ then $\Gamma \vdash_N G$.

Definition

$$F^{\mathcal{A}} := \begin{cases} F & \text{if } \mathcal{A}(F) = 1 \\ \neg F & \text{if } \mathcal{A}(F) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Towards completeness

Lemma (1)

If $\text{atoms}(F) \subseteq \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ then $A_1^A, \dots, A_n^A \vdash_N F^A$

Proof by induction on F

Lemma (2)

*If $\text{atoms}(F) = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ and $\models F$
then $A_1^A, \dots, A_k^A \vdash_N F$ for all $k \leq n$*

Proof by (downward) induction on $k = n, \dots, 0$

Completeness

Theorem (Completeness)

If $\Gamma \models F$ then $\Gamma \vdash_N F$

Proof

Relating Sequent Calculus and Natural Deduction

Constructive approach to relating proof systems:

- ▶ Show how to transform proofs in one system into proofs in another system
- ▶ Implicit in inductive (meta)proof

Theorem (ND can simulate SC)

If $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ then $\Gamma, \neg\Delta \vdash_N \perp$ (where $\neg\{F_1, \dots\} = \{\neg F_1, \dots\}$)

Proof by induction on (the depth of) $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$

Corollary (Completeness of ND)

If $\Gamma \models F$ then $\Gamma \vdash_N F$

Proof If $\Gamma \models F$ then $\Gamma_0 \models F$ for some finite $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma$.

Two completeness proofs

- ▶ Direct
- ▶ By simulating a complete system

Theorem (SC can simulate ND)

If $\Gamma \vdash_N F$ and Γ is finite then $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow F$

Proof by induction on $\Gamma \vdash_N F$

Corollary

If $\Gamma \vdash_N F$ then there is some finite $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma$ such that $\vdash_G \Gamma_0 \Rightarrow F$

Hilbert Systems

Propositional Logic

(See the book by Troelstra and Schwichtenberg)

Easy to define, hard to use

No context management

A Hilbert system for propositional logic consists of

- ▶ a set of axioms (formulae)
- ▶ and a single inference rule, $\rightarrow E$ or modus ponens:

$$\frac{F \rightarrow G \quad F}{G} \rightarrow E$$

Proof trees for some Hilbert system are labeled with formulas.
The only inference rule is $\rightarrow E$.

Definition

We write $\Gamma \vdash_H F$ if there is a proof tree with root F whose leaves are either axioms or elements of Γ .

Alternative proof presentation

Proofs in Hilbert systems are frequently shown as lists of lines

1. F_1 *justification*₁

2. F_2 *justification*₂

⋮

i . F_i *justification* _{i}

⋮

justification _{i} is either

assumption, *axiom* or $\rightarrow E(j, k)$ where $j, k < i$

Like linearized tree but also allows sharing of subproofs

Notational convention:

$$F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \text{ means } F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow H)$$

Note: $F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \equiv F \wedge G \rightarrow H$
 $F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H \not\equiv (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow H$

Example (A simple Hilbert system)

Axioms: $F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)$ (A1)

$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H$ (A2)

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A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

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A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

1 :

2 :

3 :

4 :

5 : $F \rightarrow F$

Example (A simple Hilbert system)

Axioms: $F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)$ (A1)

$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H$ (A2)

A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

1 :

2 :

3 : _____ $\rightarrow (F \rightarrow F)$

4 : _____

5 : $F \rightarrow F$ $\rightarrow E : 3, 4$

Example (A simple Hilbert system)

Axioms: $F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)$ (A1)

$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H$ (A2)

A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

1 :

2 :

3 : $(F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F)$

4 : $F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$

5 : $F \rightarrow F$ $\rightarrow E : 3, 4$

Example (A simple Hilbert system)

Axioms: $F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)$ (A1)

$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H$ (A2)

A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

1 :

2 :

3 : $(F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F)$

4 : $F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$ A1

5 : $F \rightarrow F$ $\rightarrow E : 3, 4$

Example (A simple Hilbert system)

Axioms: $F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)$ (A1)

$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H$ (A2)

A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

1 : _____ $\rightarrow (F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$

2 : _____

3 : $(F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F)$ $\rightarrow E : 2, 1$

4 : $F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$ A1

5 : $F \rightarrow F$ $\rightarrow E : 3, 4$

Example (A simple Hilbert system)

Axioms: $F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)$ (A1)

$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H$ (A2)

A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

1 : $(F \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$

2 : $F \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F$

3 : $(F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F)$ $\rightarrow E : 2, 1$

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1 : $(F \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$

2 : $F \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F$ A1

3 : $(F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow E : 2, 1$

4 : $F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$ A1

5 : $F \rightarrow F \rightarrow E : 3, 4$

Example (A simple Hilbert system)

Axioms: $F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)$ (A1)

$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H$ (A2)

A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

1 : $(F \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$ A2

2 : $F \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F$ A1

3 : $(F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F)$ $\rightarrow E : 2, 1$

4 : $F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$ A1

5 : $F \rightarrow F$ $\rightarrow E : 3, 4$

Example (A simple Hilbert system)

Axioms: $F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)$ (A1)

$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H$ (A2)

A proof of $F \rightarrow F$:

1 : $(F \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$ A2

2 : $F \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F$ A1

3 : $(F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F)$ $\rightarrow E : 2, 1$

4 : $F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$ A1

5 : $F \rightarrow F$ $\rightarrow E : 3, 4$

$\Rightarrow \vdash_H F \rightarrow F$

Theorem (Deduction Theorem)

In any Hilbert-system that contains the axioms A1 and A2:

$$F, \Gamma \vdash_H G \quad \text{iff} \quad \Gamma \vdash_H F \rightarrow G$$

Proof “ \Leftarrow ”:

$$\Gamma \vdash_H F \rightarrow G$$

$$\Rightarrow F, \Gamma \vdash_H F \rightarrow G$$

$$\Rightarrow F, \Gamma \vdash_H G \quad \text{by } \rightarrow E \text{ because } F, \Gamma \vdash_H F$$

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Proof " \Rightarrow ":

Theorem (Deduction Theorem)

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$$F, \Gamma \vdash_H G \quad \text{iff} \quad \Gamma \vdash_H F \rightarrow G$$

Proof “ \Rightarrow ”:

By induction on (the length/depth of) the proof of $F, \Gamma \vdash_H G$

Theorem (Deduction Theorem)

In any Hilbert-system that contains the axioms A1 and A2:

$$F, \Gamma \vdash_H G \quad \text{iff} \quad \Gamma \vdash_H F \rightarrow G$$

Proof “ \Rightarrow ”:

By induction on (the length/depth of) the proof of $F, \Gamma \vdash_H G$

Then by cases on the last proof step:

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Hilbert System

From now on \vdash_H refers to the following set of axioms:

$$F \rightarrow G \rightarrow F \quad (A1)$$

$$(F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow H \quad (A2)$$

$$F \rightarrow G \rightarrow F \wedge G \quad (A3)$$

$$F \wedge G \rightarrow F \quad (A4)$$

$$F \wedge G \rightarrow G \quad (A5)$$

$$F \rightarrow F \vee G \quad (A6)$$

$$G \rightarrow F \vee G \quad (A7)$$

$$F \vee G \rightarrow (F \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow H \quad (A8)$$

$$(\neg F \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow F \quad (A9)$$

Relating Hilbert and Natural Deduction

Theorem (Hilbert can simulate ND)

If $\Gamma \vdash_N F$ then $\Gamma \vdash_H F$

Proof translation in two steps: $\vdash_N \rightsquigarrow \vdash_H + \rightarrow I \rightsquigarrow \vdash_H$

1. Transform a ND-proof tree into a proof tree containing Hilbert axioms, $\rightarrow E$ and $\rightarrow I$
by replacing all other ND rules by Hilbert proofs incl. $\rightarrow I$
Principle: ND rule \rightsquigarrow 1 axiom + $\rightarrow I/E$
2. Eliminate the $\rightarrow I$ rules by the Deduction Theorem

Lemma (ND can simulate Hilbert)

If $\Gamma \vdash_H F$ then $\Gamma \vdash_N F$

Proof by induction on $\Gamma \vdash_H F$.

- ▶ Every Hilbert axiom is provable in ND (Exercise!)
- ▶ $\rightarrow E$ is also available in ND

Corollary

$\Gamma \vdash_H F$ iff $\Gamma \vdash_N F$

Corollary (Soundness and completeness)

$\Gamma \vdash_H F$ iff $\Gamma \models F$

First-Order Predicate Logic Basics

Syntax of predicate logic: terms

A **variable** is a symbol of the form x_i where $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

A **function symbol** is of the form f_i^k where $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

A **predicate symbol** is of the form P_i^k where $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We call i the **index** and k the **arity** of the symbol.

Terms are inductively defined as follows:

1. Variables are terms.
2. If f is a function symbol of arity k and t_1, \dots, t_k are terms then $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ is a term.

Function symbols of arity 0 are called **constant symbols**.

Instead of $f_i^0()$ we write f_i^0 .

Syntax of predicate logic: formulas

If P is a predicate symbol of arity k and t_1, \dots, t_k are terms then $P(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ is an **atomic formula**.

If $k = 0$ we write P instead of $P()$.

Formulas (of predicate logic) are inductively defined as follows:

- ▶ Every atomic formula is a formula.
- ▶ If F is a formula, then $\neg F$ is also a formula.
- ▶ If F and G are formulas, then $F \wedge G$, $F \vee G$ and $F \rightarrow G$ are also formulas.
- ▶ If x is a variable and F is a formula, then $\forall x F$ and $\exists x F$ are also formulas.
The symbols \forall and \exists are called the **universal** and the **existential quantifier**.

Syntax trees and subformulas

Syntax trees are defined as before,
extended with the following trees for $\forall xF$ and $\exists xF$:

$$\begin{array}{cc} \forall x & \exists x \\ | & | \\ F & F \end{array}$$

Subformulas again correspond to subtrees.

Structural induction of formulas

Like for propositional logic but

- ▶ Different base case: $\mathcal{P}(P(t_1, \dots, t_k))$
- ▶ Two new induction steps:
 - prove $\mathcal{P}(\forall x F)$ under the induction hypothesis $\mathcal{P}(F)$
 - prove $\mathcal{P}(\exists x F)$ under the induction hypothesis $\mathcal{P}(F)$

Naming conventions

x, y, z, \dots	instead of	x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots
a, b, c, \dots	for	constant symbols
f, g, h, \dots	for	function symbols of arity > 0
P, Q, R, \dots	instead of	P_i^k

Precedence of quantifiers

Quantifiers have the same precedence as \neg

Example

$\forall x P(x) \wedge Q(x)$ abbreviates $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge Q(x)$
not $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$

Similarly for \exists etc.

[This convention is not universal]

Free and bound variables, closed formulas

A variable x **occurs** in a formula F if it occurs in some atomic subformula of F .

An occurrence of a variable in a formula is either **free** or **bound**.

An occurrence of x in F is **bound** if it occurs in some subformula of F of the form $\exists xG$ or $\forall xG$; the smallest such subformula is the **scope** of the occurrence. Otherwise the occurrence is **free**.

A formula without any free occurrence of any variable is **closed**.

Example

$$\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists y Q(a, x, y)$$

Exercise

	Closed?
$\forall x P(a)$	
$\forall x \exists y (Q(x, y) \vee R(x, y))$	Y
$\forall x Q(x, x) \rightarrow \exists x Q(x, y)$	N
$\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x, x)$	Y
$\forall x (P(y) \wedge \forall y P(x))$	N
$P(x) \rightarrow \exists x Q(x, f(x))$	N

	Formula?
$\exists x P(f(x))$	
$\exists f P(f(x))$	

Semantics of predicate logic: structures

A **structure** is a pair $\mathcal{A} = (U_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{A}})$

where $U_{\mathcal{A}}$ is an arbitrary, **nonempty** set called the **universe** of \mathcal{A} , and the **interpretation** $I_{\mathcal{A}}$ is a partial function that maps

- ▶ variables to elements of the universe $U_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- ▶ function symbols of arity k to functions of type $U_{\mathcal{A}}^k \rightarrow U_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- ▶ predicate symbols of arity k to functions of type $U_{\mathcal{A}}^k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ (predicates) [or equivalently to subsets of $U_{\mathcal{A}}^k$ (relations)]

$I_{\mathcal{A}}$ maps syntax (variables, functions and predicate symbols) to their meaning (elements, functions and predicates)

The special case of arity 0 can be written more simply:

- ▶ constant symbols are mapped to elements of $U_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- ▶ predicate symbols of arity 0 are mapped to $\{0, 1\}$.

Abbreviations:

$x^{\mathcal{A}}$ abbreviates $I_{\mathcal{A}}(x)$

$f^{\mathcal{A}}$ abbreviates $I_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$

$P^{\mathcal{A}}$ abbreviates $I_{\mathcal{A}}(P)$

Example

$$U_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathbb{N}$$

$$I_{\mathcal{A}}(P) = P^{\mathcal{A}} = \{(m, n) \mid m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } m < n\}$$

$$I_{\mathcal{A}}(Q) = Q^{\mathcal{A}} = \{m \mid m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } m \text{ is prime}\}$$

$$I_{\mathcal{A}}(f) \text{ is the successor function: } f^{\mathcal{A}}(n) = n + 1$$

$$I_{\mathcal{A}}(g) \text{ is the addition function: } g^{\mathcal{A}}(m, n) = m + n$$

$$I_{\mathcal{A}}(a) = a^{\mathcal{A}} = 2$$

$$I_{\mathcal{A}}(z) = z^{\mathcal{A}} = 3$$

Intuition: is $\forall x \, P(x, f(x)) \wedge Q(g(a, z))$ true in this structure?

Evaluation of a term in a structure

Definition

Let t be a term and let $\mathcal{A} = (U_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{A}})$ be a structure.

\mathcal{A} is **suitable** for t if $I_{\mathcal{A}}$ is defined for all variables and function symbols occurring in t .

The **value** of a term t in a suitable structure \mathcal{A} , denoted by $\mathcal{A}(t)$, is defined recursively:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(x) &= x^{\mathcal{A}} \\ \mathcal{A}(c) &= c^{\mathcal{A}} \\ \mathcal{A}(f(t_1, \dots, t_k)) &= f^{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{A}(t_1), \dots, \mathcal{A}(t_k))\end{aligned}$$

Example

$$\mathcal{A}(f(g(a, z))) =$$

Definition

Let F be a formula and let $\mathcal{A} = (U_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{A}})$ be a structure.

\mathcal{A} is **suitable** for F if $I_{\mathcal{A}}$ is defined for all predicate and function symbols occurring in F and for all variables occurring free in F .

Evaluation of a formula in a structure

Let \mathcal{A} be suitable for F . The (truth)value of F in \mathcal{A} , denoted by $\mathcal{A}(F)$, is defined recursively:

$$\mathcal{A}(\neg F), \mathcal{A}(F \wedge G), \mathcal{A}(F \vee G), \mathcal{A}(F \rightarrow G) \\ \text{as for propositional logic}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(P(t_1, \dots, t_k)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (\mathcal{A}(t_1), \dots, \mathcal{A}(t_k)) \in P^{\mathcal{A}} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\forall x F) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if for every } d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}, (\mathcal{A}[d/x])(F) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\exists x F) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if for some } d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}, (\mathcal{A}[d/x])(F) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{A}[d/x]$ coincides with \mathcal{A} everywhere except that $x^{\mathcal{A}[d/x]} = d$.

Example

$$\mathcal{A}(\forall x P(x, f(x)) \wedge Q(g(a, z))) =$$

Notes

- ▶ During the evaluation of a formulas in a structure, the structure stays unchanged except for the interpretation of the variables.
- ▶ If the formula is closed, the initial interpretation of the variables is irrelevant.

Coincidence Lemma

Lemma

Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}' be two structures that coincide on all free variables, on all function symbols and all predicate symbols that occur in F . Then $\mathcal{A}(F) = \mathcal{A}'(F)$.

Proof.

Exercise.



Relation to propositional logic

- ▶ Every propositional formula can be seen as a formula of predicate logic where the atom A_i is replaced by the atom P_i^0 .
- ▶ Conversely, every formula of predicate logic that does not contain quantifiers and variables can be seen as a formula of propositional logic by replacing atomic formulas by propositional atoms.

Example

$$F = (Q(a) \vee \neg P(f(b), b) \wedge P(b, f(b)))$$

can be viewed as the propositional formula

$$F' = (A_1 \vee \neg A_2 \wedge A_3).$$

Exercise

F is satisfiable/valid iff F' is satisfiable/valid

Predicate logic with equality

Predicate logic
+
distinguished predicate symbol “=” of arity 2

Semantics: A structure \mathcal{A} of predicate logic with equality always maps the predicate symbol = to the identity relation:

$$\mathcal{A}(=) = \{(d, d) \mid d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}\}$$

Model, validity, satisfiability

Like in propositional logic

Definition

We write $\mathcal{A} \models F$ to denote that the structure \mathcal{A} is suitable for the formula F and that $\mathcal{A}(F) = 1$.

Then we say that F is **true** in \mathcal{A} or that \mathcal{A} is a **model** of F .

If every structure suitable for F is a model of F ,
then we write $\models F$ and say that F is **valid**.

If F has at least one model then we say that F is **satisfiable**.

Exercise

V: valid S: satisfiable, but not valid U: unsatisfiable

	V	S	U
$\forall x P(a)$			
$\exists x (\neg P(x) \vee P(a))$			
$P(a) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$			
$P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$			
$\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$			
$\forall x P(x) \wedge \neg \forall y P(y)$			

Consequence and equivalence

Like in propositional logic

Definition

A formula G is a **consequence** of a set of formulas M if every structure that is a model of all $F \in M$ and suitable for G is also a model of G . Then we write $M \models G$.

Two formulas F and G are (**semantically**) **equivalent** if every structure \mathcal{A} suitable for both F and G satisfies $\mathcal{A}(F) = \mathcal{A}(G)$. Then we write $F \equiv G$.

Exercise

1. $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x, x)$
2. $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x, x))$
3. $\forall x (\forall z P(z) \vee \forall y Q(x, y))$

	Y	N
1 \models 2		
2 \models 3		
3 \models 1		

Exercise

1. $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$

2. $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$

	Y	N
$1 \models 2$		
$2 \models 1$		

Exercise

	Y	N
$\forall x \forall y F \equiv \forall y \forall x F$		
$\forall x \exists y F \equiv \exists x \forall y F$		
$\exists x \exists y F \equiv \exists y \exists x F$		
$\forall x F \vee \forall x G \equiv \forall x (F \vee G)$		
$\forall x F \wedge \forall x G \equiv \forall x (F \wedge G)$		
$\exists x F \vee \exists x G \equiv \exists x (F \vee G)$		
$\exists x F \wedge \exists x G \equiv \exists x (F \wedge G)$		

Equivalences

Theorem

1. $\neg\forall x F \equiv \exists x \neg F$
 $\neg\exists x F \equiv \forall x \neg F$
2. *If x does not occur free in G then:*
 $(\forall x F \wedge G) \equiv \forall x (F \wedge G)$
 $(\forall x F \vee G) \equiv \forall x (F \vee G)$
 $(\exists x F \wedge G) \equiv \exists x (F \wedge G)$
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3. $(\forall x F \wedge \forall x G) \equiv \forall x (F \wedge G)$
 $(\exists x F \vee \exists x G) \equiv \exists x (F \vee G)$
4. $\forall x \forall y F \equiv \forall y \forall x F$
 $\exists x \exists y F \equiv \exists y \exists x F$

Replacement theorem

Just like for propositional logic it can be proved:

Theorem

Let $F \equiv G$. Let H be a formula with an occurrence of F as a subformula. Then $H \equiv H'$, where H' is the result of replacing an arbitrary occurrence of F in H by G .

First-Order Logic Normal Forms

Abbreviations

We return to the abbreviations used in connection with resolution:

$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	abbreviates	$\neg F_1 \vee F_2$
\top	abbreviates	$P_1^0 \vee \neg P_1^0$
\perp	abbreviates	$P_1^0 \wedge \neg P_1^0$

Substitution

- ▶ Substitutions replace *free* variables by terms.
(They are mappings from variables to terms)
- ▶ By $[t/x]$ we denote the substitution that replaces x by t .
- ▶ The notation $F[t/x]$ (“ F with t for x ”) denotes the result of replacing all *free* occurrences of x in F by t .

Example

$$(\forall x P(x) \wedge Q(x))[f(y)/x] = \forall x P(x) \wedge Q(f(y))$$

- ▶ Similarly for substitutions in terms:
 $u[t/x]$ is the result of replacing x by t in term u .

Example

$$(f(x))[g(x)/x] = f(g(x))$$

Variable capture

Warning

If t contains a variable that is bound in F ,
substitution may lead to **variable capture**:

$$(\forall x \, P(x, y))[f(x)/y] = \forall x \, P(x, f(x))$$

Variable capture should be avoided

Substitution lemmas

Lemma (Substitution Lemma)

If t contains no variable bound in F then

$$\mathcal{A}(F[t/x]) = (\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{A}(t)/x])(F)$$

Proof by structural induction on F
with the help of the corresponding lemma on terms:

Lemma

$$\mathcal{A}(u[t/x]) = (\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{A}(t)/x])(u)$$

Proof by structural induction on u

Warning

The notation $.[./.]$ is heavily overloaded:

Substitution in syntactic objects

$F[G/A]$ in propositional logic

$F[t/x]$

$u[t/x]$ where u is a term

Function update

$\mathcal{A}[v/A]$ where \mathcal{A} is a propositional assignment

$\mathcal{A}[d/x]$ where \mathcal{A} is a structure and $d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}$

Aim:

Transform any formula into an *equisatisfiable closed* formula

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n G$$

where G is *quantifier-free*.

Rectified Formulas

Definition

A formula is **rectified** if no variable occurs both bound and free and if all quantifiers in the formula bind different variables.

Lemma

Let $F = QxG$ be a formula where $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$.

Let y be a variable that does not occur in G .

Then $F \equiv QyG[y/x]$.

Lemma

Every formula is equivalent to a rectified formula.

Example

$$\forall x P(x, y) \wedge \exists x \exists y Q(x, y) \equiv \forall x' P(x', y) \wedge \exists x \exists y' Q(x, y')$$

Prenex form

Definition

A formula is in **prenex form** if it has the form

$$Q_1 y_1 \dots Q_n y_n F$$

where $Q_i \in \{\exists, \forall\}$, $n \geq 0$, and F is quantifier-free.

Prenex form

Theorem

*Every formula is equivalent to a rectified formula in prenex form (a formula in **RPF**).*

Proof First construct an equivalent rectified formula.
Then pull the quantifiers to the front using the following equivalences from left to right as long as possible:

$$\neg \forall x F \equiv \exists x \neg F$$

$$\neg \exists x F \equiv \forall x \neg F$$

$$Qx F \wedge G \equiv Qx (F \wedge G)$$

$$F \wedge Qx G \equiv Qx (F \wedge G)$$

$$Qx F \vee G \equiv Qx (F \vee G)$$

$$F \vee Qx G \equiv Qx (F \vee G)$$

For the last four rules note that the formula is rectified!

Skolem form

The **Skolem form** of a formula F in RPF is the result of applying the following algorithm to F :

while F contains an existential quantifier **do**

Let $F = \forall y_1 \forall y_2 \dots \forall y_n \exists z G$

(the block of universal quantifiers may be empty)

Let f be a **fresh** function symbol of arity n
that does not occur in F .

$F := \forall y_1 \forall y_2 \dots \forall y_n G[f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)/z]$

i.e. remove the outermost existential quantifier in F and
replace every occurrence of z in G by $f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$

Example

$\exists x \forall y \exists z \forall u \exists v P(x, y, z, u, v)$

Exercise

Which formulas are rectified, in prenex, or Skolem form?

	R	P	S
$\forall x(T(x) \vee C(x) \vee D(x))$			
$\exists x \exists y(C(y) \vee B(x, y))$			
$\neg \exists x C(x) \leftrightarrow \forall x \neg C(x)$			
$\forall x(C(x) \rightarrow S(x)) \rightarrow \forall y(\neg C(y) \rightarrow \neg S(y))$			

Skolem form

Theorem

A formula in RPF and its Skolem form are equisatisfiable.

Proof Every iteration produces an equisatisfiable formula.
Let (for simplicity) $F = \forall y \exists z G$ and $F' = \forall y G[f(y)/z]$.

1. $F' \models F$

Assume \mathcal{A} is suitable for F' and $\mathcal{A}(F') = 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{for all } u \in U_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{A}[u/y](G[f(y)/z]) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for all } u \in U_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{A}[u/y][f^{\mathcal{A}}(u)/z](G) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for all } u \in U_{\mathcal{A}} \text{ there is a } v \in U_{\mathcal{A}} \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{A}[u/y][v/z](G) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(F) = 1$$

Skolem form

Theorem

A formula in RPF and its Skolem form are equisatisfiable.

Proof Every iteration produces an equisatisfiable formula.

Let (for simplicity) $F = \forall y \exists z G$ and $F' = \forall y G[f(y)/z]$.

2. If F has a model, so does F'

Assume \mathcal{A} is suitable for F and $\mathcal{A}(F) = 1$.

Wlog \mathcal{A} does not define f (because f is new)

\Rightarrow for all $u \in U_{\mathcal{A}}$ there is a $v \in U_{\mathcal{A}}$ s.t. $\mathcal{A}[u/y][v/z](G) = 1$ (*)

Let \mathcal{A}' be \mathcal{A} extended with a definition of f :

$f^{\mathcal{A}'}(u) := v$ where v is chosen as in (*)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}'(F') = 1$ because for all $u \in U_{\mathcal{A}}$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{A}'[u/y](G[f(y)/z]) \\ &= \mathcal{A}'[u/y][f^{\mathcal{A}'}(u)/z](G) \\ &= \mathcal{A}'[u/y][v/z](G) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Summary: conversion to Skolem form

Input: a formula F

Output: an equisatisfiable, rectified, closed formula
in Skolem form $\forall y_1 \dots \forall y_k G$ where G is quantifier-free

1. Rectify F by systematic renaming of bound variables.
The result is a formula F_1 equivalent to F .
2. Let y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n be the variables occurring free in F_1 .
Produce the formula $F_2 = \exists y_1 \exists y_2 \dots \exists y_n F_1$.
 F_2 is equisatisfiable with F_1 , rectified and closed.
3. Produce a formula F_3 in RPF equivalent to F_2 .
4. Eliminate the existential quantifiers in F_3
by transforming F_3 into its Skolem form F_4 .
The formula F_4 is equisatisfiable with F_3 .

Convert into Skolem form:

$$F = \forall x P(y, f(x, y)) \vee \neg \forall y Q(g(x), y)$$

First-Order Logic

Herbrand Theory

Herbrand universe

The **Herbrand universe** $T(F)$ of a closed formula F in Skolem form is the set of all terms that can be constructed using the function symbols in F .

In the special case that F contains no constants, we first pick an arbitrary constant, say a , and then construct the terms.

Formally, $T(F)$ is inductively defined as follows:

- ▶ All constants occurring in F belong to $T(F)$;
if no constant occurs in F , then $a \in T(F)$
where a is some arbitrary constant.
- ▶ For every n -ary function symbol f occurring in F ,
if $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \in T(F)$ then $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in T(F)$.

Note: All terms in $T(F)$ are variable-free by construction!

Example

$$F = \forall x \forall y P(f(x), g(c, y))$$

Herbrand structure

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form.

A structure \mathcal{A} suitable for F is a **Herbrand structure** for F if it satisfies the following conditions:

- ▶ $U_{\mathcal{A}} = T(F)$, and
- ▶ for every n -ary function symbol f occurring in F and every $t_1, \dots, t_n \in T(F)$: $f^{\mathcal{A}}(t_1, \dots, t_n) = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$.

Fact

If \mathcal{A} is a Herbrand structure, then $\mathcal{A}(t) = t$ for all $t \in U_{\mathcal{A}}$.

We call a Herbrand structure that is a model a **Herbrand model**.

Matrix of a formula

Definition

The **matrix** of a formula F is the result of removing all quantifiers (all $\forall x$ and $\exists x$) from F . The matrix is denoted by F^* .

Fundamental theorem of predicate logic

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form.

Then F is satisfiable iff it has a Herbrand model.

Proof If F has a Herbrand model then it is satisfiable.

For the other direction let \mathcal{A} be an arbitrary model of F .

We define a Herbrand structure \mathcal{T} as follows:

Universe $U_{\mathcal{T}} = T(F)$

Function symbols $f^{\mathcal{T}}(t_1, \dots, t_n) = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$

If F contains no constant: $a^{\mathcal{A}} = u$ for some arbitrary $u \in U_{\mathcal{A}}$

Predicate symbols $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in P^{\mathcal{T}}$ iff $(\mathcal{A}(t_1), \dots, \mathcal{A}(t_n)) \in P^{\mathcal{A}}$

Claim: \mathcal{T} is also a model of F .

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We prove a stronger assertion:

*For every closed formula G in Skolem form
that contains the same fun. and pred. symbols as F :
if $\mathcal{A} \models G$ then $\mathcal{T} \models G$*

Proof By induction on the number n of universal quantifiers of G .

Basis $n = 0$. Then G has no quantifiers at all.

Therefore $\mathcal{A}(G) = \mathcal{T}(G)$ (why?), and we are done.

Induction step: $G = \forall x H$.

$$\mathcal{A} \models G$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for every } u \in U_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A}[u/x](H) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for every } u \in U_{\mathcal{A}} \text{ of the form } u = \mathcal{A}(t) \\ \text{where } t \in T(F): \mathcal{A}[u/x](H) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for every } t \in T(F): \mathcal{A}[\mathcal{A}(t)/x](H) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for every } t \in T(F): \mathcal{A}(H[t/x]) = 1 \quad (\text{substitution lemma})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for every } t \in T(F): \mathcal{T}(H[t/x]) = 1 \quad (\text{induction hypothesis})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for every } t \in T(F): \mathcal{T}[\mathcal{T}(t)/x](H) = 1 \quad (\text{substitution lemma})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for every } t \in T(F): \mathcal{T}[t/x](H) = 1 \quad (\mathcal{T} \text{ is Herbrand structure})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\forall x H) = 1 \quad (U_{\mathcal{T}} = T(F))$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{T} \models G$$

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form.

Then F is satisfiable iff it has a Herbrand model.

What goes wrong if F is not closed or not in Skolem form?

Herbrand expansion

Let $F = \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_n F^*$ be a closed formula in Skolem form.
The **Herbrand expansion** of F is the set of formulas

$$E(F) = \{F^*[t_1/y_1] \dots [t_n/y_n] \mid t_1, \dots, t_n \in T(F)\}$$

Informally: the formulas of $E(F)$ are the result of substituting terms from $T(F)$ for the variables of F^* in every possible way.

Example

$$E(\forall x \forall y P(f(x), g(c, y))) =$$

Note The Herbrand expansion can be viewed as a set of propositional formulas.

Gödel-Herbrand-Skolem Theorem

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form.

Then F is satisfiable iff its Herbrand expansion $E(F)$ is satisfiable (in the sense of propositional logic).

Proof By the fundamental theorem, it suffices to show:

F has a Herbrand model iff $E(F)$ is satisfiable.

Let $F = \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_n F^*$.

\mathcal{A} is a Herbrand model of F

iff for all $t_1, \dots, t_n \in T(F)$, $\mathcal{A}[t_1/y_1] \dots [t_n/y_n](F^*) = 1$

iff for all $t_1, \dots, t_n \in T(F)$, $\mathcal{A}(F^*[t_1/y_1] \dots [t_n/y_n]) = 1$

iff for all $G \in E(F)$, $\mathcal{A}(G) = 1$

iff \mathcal{A} is a model of $E(F)$

Herbrand's Theorem

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form.

F is unsatisfiable iff some finite subset of $E(F)$ is unsatisfiable.

Proof Follows immediately from the Gödel-Herbrand-Skolem Theorem and the Compactness Theorem.

Gilmore's Algorithm

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form
and let F_1, F_2, F_3, \dots be a computable enumeration of $E(F)$.

Input: F

$n := 0$;

repeat $n := n + 1$;

until $(F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge \dots \wedge F_n)$ is unsatisfiable;

return “unsatisfiable”

The algorithm terminates iff F is unsatisfiable.

Semi-decidability Theorems

Theorem

- (a) *The unsatisfiability problem of predicate logic is (only) semi-decidable.*
- (b) *The validity problem of predicate logic is (only) semi-decidable.*

Proof

- (a) Gilmore's algorithm is a semi-decision procedure.
(The problem is undecidable. Proof later)
- (b) F valid iff $\neg F$ unsatisfiable.

Löwenheim-Skolem Theorem

Theorem

Every satisfiable formula of first-order predicate logic has a model with a countable universe.

Proof Let F_0 be a formula with free variables x_1, \dots, x_n . Define $F := \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n F_0$ and observe that F_0 has a model with universe U iff F has a model with universe U . Let G be an equisatisfiable, closed formula in Skolem form as produced by the Normal Form transformations starting with F .

Fact: Every model of G is a model of F . (Check this!)

F_0 satisfiable $\Rightarrow F$ satisfiable
 $\Rightarrow G$ satisfiable
 $\Rightarrow G$ has a Herbrand model \mathcal{T}
 $\Rightarrow F$ also has that model \mathcal{T}
 $\Rightarrow F_0$ has a countable model
(Herbrand universes are countable)

Löwenheim-Skolem Theorem

Formulas of first-order logic cannot enforce uncountable models

Formulas of first-order logic cannot axiomatize the real numbers
because there will always be countable models

First-Order Logic Resolution

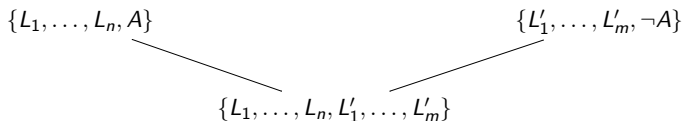
Resolution for first-order logic

Gilmore's algorithm is correct and complete,
but useless in practice.

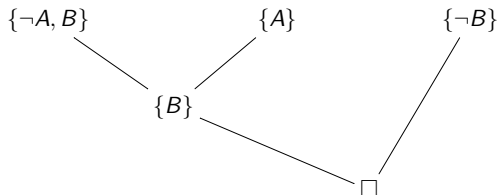
We upgrade resolution to make it work for predicate logic.

Recall: resolution in propositional logic

Resolution step:



Resolution graph:



A set of clauses is **unsatisfiable** iff the **empty clause** can be derived.

Adapting Gilmore's Algorithm

Gilmore's Algorithm:

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form
and let F_1, F_2, F_3, \dots be an enumeration of $E(F)$.

$n := 0$;

repeat $n := n + 1$

until $(F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge \dots \wedge F_n)$ is unsatisfiable;

– *this can be checked with any calculus for propositional logic*

return “unsatisfiable”

“any calculus” \rightsquigarrow use **resolution** for the unsatisfiability test

Terminology

Literal/clause/CNF is defined as for propositional logic but with the atomic formulas of predicate logic.

A **ground term/formula/etc** is a term/formula/etc that does not contain any variables.

An **instance** of a term/formula/etc is the result of applying a substitution to a term/formula/etc.

A **ground instance** is an instance that does not contain any variables.

Clause Herbrand expansion

Let $F = \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_n F^*$ be a closed formula in Skolem form with F^* in CNF, and let C_1, \dots, C_m be the clauses of F^* .

The **clause Herbrand expansion** of F is the set of ground clauses

$$CE(F) = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \{C_i[t_1/y_1] \dots [t_n/y_n] \mid t_1, \dots, t_n \in T(F)\}$$

Lemma

$CE(F)$ is unsatisfiable iff $E(F)$ is unsatisfiable.

Proof Informally speaking, “ $CE(F) \equiv E(F)$ ”.

Ground resolution algorithm

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form with F^* in CNF.

Let C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots be an enumeration of $CE(F)$.

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 $n := 0;$   
 $S := \emptyset;$   
repeat  
     $n := n + 1;$   
     $S := S \cup \{C_n\};$   
until  $S \vdash_{Res} \square$   
return “unsatisfiable”
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Note: The search for \square can be performed incrementally every time S is extended.

Example

$$F^* = \{\{\neg P(x), \neg P(f(a)), Q(y)\}, \{P(y)\}, \{\neg P(g(b, x)), \neg Q(b)\}\}$$

Ground resolution theorem

The correctness of the ground resolution algorithm can be rephrased as follows:

Theorem

A formula $F = \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_n F^$ with F^* in CNF is unsatisfiable iff there is a sequence of ground clauses $C_1, \dots, C_m = \square$ such that for every $i = 1, \dots, m$*

- ▶ *either C_i is a ground instance of a clause $C \in F^*$,
i.e. $C_i = C[t_1/y_1] \dots [t_n/y_n]$ where $t_1, \dots, t_n \in T(F)$,*
- ▶ *or C_i is a resolvent of two clauses C_a, C_b with $a < i$ and $b < i$*

Where do the ground substitutions come from?

Better:

- ▶ allow substitutions with variables
- ▶ only instantiate clauses enough to allow one (new kind of) resolution step

Example

Resolve $\{P(x), Q(x)\}$ and $\{\neg P(f(y)), R(y)\}$

Substitutions as functions

Substitutions are functions from variables to terms:

$[t/x]$ maps x to t (and all other variables to themselves)

Functions can be composed.

Composition of substitutions is denoted by juxtaposition:

$[t_1/x][t_2/y]$ first substitutes t_1 for x and then substitutes t_2 for y .

Example

$$(P(x, y))[f(y)/x][b/y] = (P(f(y), y))[b/y] = P(f(b), b)$$

Similarly we can compose arbitrary substitutions σ_1 and σ_2 :

$\sigma_1\sigma_2$ is the substitution that applies σ_1 first and then σ_2 .

Substitutions are functions. Therefore

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{for all variables } x, x\sigma_1 = x\sigma_2$$

Substitutions as functions

Definition

The **domain** of a substitution: $\text{dom}(\sigma) = \{x \mid x\sigma \neq x\}$

Example

$$\text{dom}([a/x][b/y]) = \{x, y\}$$

Substitutions are defined to have **finite domain**.

Therefore every substitution can be written as a **simultaneous substitution** $[t_1/x_1, \dots, t_n/x_n]$.

Unifier and most general unifier

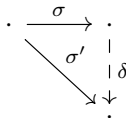
Let $\mathbf{L} = \{L_1, \dots, L_k\}$ be a set of literals.

A substitution σ is a **unifier** of \mathbf{L} if

$$L_1\sigma = L_2\sigma = \dots = L_k\sigma$$

i.e. if $|\mathbf{L}\sigma| = 1$, where $\mathbf{L}\sigma = \{L_1\sigma, \dots, L_k\sigma\}$.

A unifier σ of \mathbf{L} is a **most general unifier (mgu)** of \mathbf{L} if
for every unifier σ' of \mathbf{L} there is a substitution δ such that $\sigma' = \sigma\delta$.



Exercise

Unifiable?		Yes	No
$P(f(x))$	$P(g(y))$		
$P(x)$	$P(f(y))$		
$P(x)$	$P(f(x))$		
$P(x, f(y))$	$P(f(u), f(z))$		
$P(x, f(x))$	$P(f(y), y)$		
$P(x, g(x), g^2(x))$	$P(f(z), w, g(w))$		
$P(x, f(y))$	$P(g(y), f(a))$	$P(g(a), z)$	

Unification algorithm

Input: a set $\mathbf{L} \neq \emptyset$ of literals

$\sigma := []$ (the empty substitution)

while $|\mathbf{L}\sigma| > 1$ **do**

Find the first position at which two literals $L_1, L_2 \in \mathbf{L}\sigma$ differ

if none of the two characters at that position is a variable

then return “non-unifiable”

else let x be the variable and t the term starting at that position

if x occurs in t

then return “non-unifiable”

else $\sigma := \sigma[t/x]$

return σ

Example

$\{ \neg P(f(z, g(a, y)), h(z)),$
 $\neg P(f(f(u, v), w), h(f(a, b))) \}$

Correctness of the unification algorithm

Lemma

The unification algorithm terminates.

Proof Every iteration of the **while**-loop (possibly except the last) replaces a variable x by a term t not containing x , and so the number of variables occurring in $\mathbf{L}\sigma$ decreases by one.

Lemma

If \mathbf{L} is non-unifiable then the algorithm returns “non-unifiable”.

Proof If \mathbf{L} is non-unifiable then the algorithm can never exit the loop normally.

Correctness/completeness of the unification algorithm

Lemma

*If \mathbf{L} is unifiable then the algorithm returns the mgu of \mathbf{L}
(and so in particular every unifiable set \mathbf{L} has an mgu).*

Proof Assume \mathbf{L} is unifiable and let n be the number of iterations of the loop on input \mathbf{L} .

Let $\sigma_0 = []$, for $1 \leq i \leq n$ let σ_i be the value of σ after the i -th iteration of the loop.

We prove for every $0 \leq i \leq n$:

- (a) If $1 \leq i$, the i -th iteration does not return “non-unifiable”.
- (b) For every unifier σ' of \mathbf{L} there is a substitution δ_i such that $\sigma' = \sigma_i \delta_i$.

By (a) the algorithm exits the loop normally after n iterations.

By (b) it returns a most general unifier.

Correctness/completeness of the unification algorithm

Proof of (a) and (b) by induction on i :

Basis ($i = 0$): For (a) there is nothing to prove.

For (b) take $\delta_0 = \sigma'$.

Step ($i \Rightarrow i + 1$)

For (a), since $|\mathbf{L}\sigma_i| > 1$ and $\mathbf{L}\sigma_i$ unifiable, x and t exist and x does not occur in t , and so “non-unifiable” is not returned.

For (b): Let σ' be a unifier of \mathbf{L} . IH: $\sigma' = \sigma_i \delta_i$ for some δ_i .

δ_i must be of the form $[t_1/x_1, \dots, t_k/x_k, u/x]$ where x_1, \dots, x_k, x are distinct. Define $\delta_{i+1} = [t_1/x_1, \dots, t_k/x_k]$.

Note $u = x\delta_i = t\delta_i = t\delta_{i+1}$ ($\sigma_i \delta_i$ is unifier (IH), x not in t)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_{i+1} \delta_{i+1} \\ = & \sigma_i [t/x] \delta_{i+1} && \text{(algorithm extends } \sigma_i \text{ with } [t/x]) \\ = & \sigma_i [t_1/x_1, \dots, t_k/x_k, t\delta_{i+1}/x] \\ = & \sigma_i [t_1/x_1, \dots, t_k/x_k, u/x] && \text{(Note } u = t\delta_{i+1}) \\ = & \sigma_i \delta_i \\ = & \sigma' && \text{(IH)} \end{aligned}$$

The standard view of unification

A unification problem is a pair of terms $s =^? t$
(or a set of pairs $\{s_1 =^? t_1, \dots, s_n =^? t_n\}$)

A unifier is a substitution σ such that $s\sigma = t\sigma$
(or $s_1\sigma = t_1\sigma, \dots, s_n\sigma = t_n\sigma$)

Renaming

Definition

A substitution ρ is a **renaming** if for every variable x , $x\rho$ is a variable and ρ is injective on $dom(\rho)$.

Resolvents for first-order logic

A clause R is a **resolvent** of two clauses C_1 and C_2 if the following holds:

- ▶ There is a renaming ρ such that
no variable occurs in both C_1 and $C_2 \rho$ and
 ρ is injective on the set of variables in C_2
- ▶ There are literals $L_1, \dots, L_m \in C_1$ ($m \geq 1$)
and literals $L'_1, \dots, L'_n \in C_2 \rho$ ($n \geq 1$) such that

$$\mathbf{L} = \{\overline{L_1}, \dots, \overline{L_m}, L'_1, \dots, L'_n\}$$

is unifiable. Let σ be an mgu of \mathbf{L} .

- ▶ $R = ((C_1 - \{L_1, \dots, L_m\}) \cup (C_2 \rho - \{L'_1, \dots, L'_n\}))\sigma$

Example

$$C_1 = \{ P(x), Q(x), P(g(y)) \} \text{ and } C_2 = \{ \neg P(x), R(f(x), a) \}$$

Exercise

How many resolvents are there?

C_1	C_2	Resolvents
$\{P(x), Q(x, y)\}$	$\{\neg P(f(x))\}$	
$\{Q(g(x)), R(f(x))\}$	$\{\neg Q(f(x))\}$	
$\{P(x), P(f(x))\}$	$\{\neg P(y), Q(y, z)\}$	

Why renaming?

Example

$$\forall x(P(x) \wedge \neg P(f(x)))$$

Resolution for first-order logic

As for propositional logic, $F \vdash_{Res} C$ means that clause C can be derived from a set of clauses F by a sequence of resolution steps, i.e. that there is a sequence of clauses $C_1, \dots, C_m = C$ such that for every C_i

- ▶ either $C_i \in F$
- ▶ or C_i is the resolvent of C_a and C_b where $a, b < i$.

Questions:

Correctness Does $F \vdash_{Res} \square$ imply that F is unsatisfiable?

Completeness Does unsatisfiability of F imply $F \vdash_{Res} \square$?

Exercise

Derive \square from the following clauses:

1. $\{\neg P(x), Q(x), R(x, f(x))\}$
2. $\{\neg P(x), Q(x), S(f(x))\}$
3. $\{T(a)\}$
4. $\{P(a)\}$
5. $\{\neg R(a, z), T(z)\}$
6. $\{\neg T(x), \neg Q(x)\}$
7. $\{\neg T(y), \neg S(y)\}$

Correctness of Resolution for First-Order Logic

Definition

The **universal closure** of a formula H with free variables x_1, \dots, x_n :

$$\forall H = \forall x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \forall x_n H$$

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form with matrix F^ in CNF.*

If $F^ \vdash_{\text{Res}} \square$ then F is unsatisfiable.*

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form with matrix F^* in CNF.

If $F^* \vdash_{\text{Res}} \square$ then F is unsatisfiable.

Proof Let C_1, \dots, C_m be the sequence of clauses leading to \square .

By induction on i : if $\forall F^* \models \forall C_i$. Trivial if $C_i \in F^*$.

Let C_i be a resolvent of C_a and C_b ($a, b < i$). We prove

$$\forall C_a, \forall C_b \models \forall C_i \quad (*)$$

Thus $\forall F^* \models \forall C_i$ because $\forall F^* \models \forall C_a$ and $\forall F^* \models \forall C_b$ by IH.

Proof of (*): Assume $\mathcal{A}(\forall C_a) = \mathcal{A}(\forall C_b) = 1$ (**)

$$\begin{aligned} C_i &= ((C_a - \{L_1, \dots\}) \cup (C_b \rho - \{L'_1, \dots\}))\sigma \\ &= (C_a \sigma - \{L\}) \cup (C_b \rho \sigma - \{\bar{L}\}) \end{aligned}$$

Indirect proof of $\mathcal{A}(\forall C_i) = 1$. Assume $\mathcal{A}(\forall C_i) = 0$.

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}'(C_i) = 0$ where $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A}[u_1/x_1, \dots]$ for some $u_i \in U_{\mathcal{A}}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}'(C_a \sigma - \{L\}) = \mathcal{A}'(C_b \rho \sigma - \{\bar{L}\}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}'(L) = \mathcal{A}'(\bar{L}) = 1$ becs. $\mathcal{A}'(C_a \sigma) = \mathcal{A}'(C_b \rho \sigma) = 1$ becs. (**)

Contradiction

Completeness: The idea

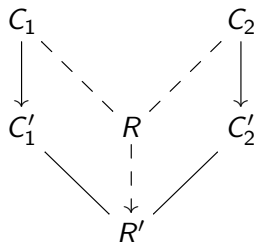
Simulate ground resolution because that is complete

Lift the resolution proof from the ground resolution proof

Lifting Lemma

Let C_1, C_2 be two clauses and
let C'_1, C'_2 be two ground instances
with (propositional) resolvent R' .

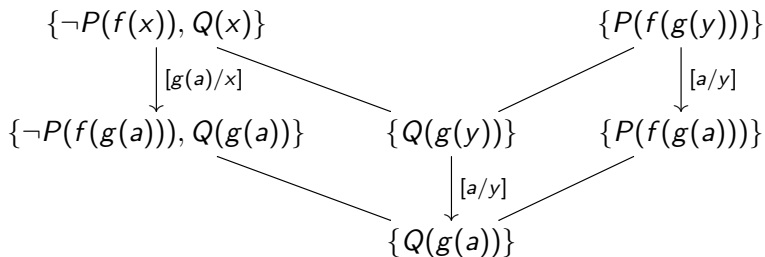
Then there is a resolvent R of C_1, C_2
such that R' is a ground instance of R .



\rightarrow : Substitution

--- : Resolution

Lifting Lemma: example



Proof of Lifting Lemma.

(1) C'_1, C'_2 are ground instances of C_1, C_2

(2) R' is propositional resolvent of C'_1 and C'_2

We prove that R' is an instance of a resolvent of C_1 and C_2

(3) Let ρ be a renaming s.t. C_1 and $C_2\rho$ have no common variables

(1) $\Rightarrow C'_2$ is a ground instance of $C_2\rho$. Thus there are σ_1, σ_2 s.t.

$C'_1 = C_1\sigma_1$ and $C'_2 = C_2\rho\sigma_2$ and $dom(\sigma_1) \cap dom(\sigma_2) = \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow C'_1 = C_1\sigma$ and $C'_2 = C_2\rho\sigma$ where $\sigma = \sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2$

(2) $\Rightarrow R' = (C'_1 - \{L\}) \cup (C'_2 - \{\bar{L}\})$ where $L \in C'_1$ and $\bar{L} \in C'_2$

\Rightarrow there are $\{L_1, \dots\} \subseteq C_1$ and $\{L'_1, \dots\} \subseteq C_2\rho$

s.t. σ is a unifier of $\{\bar{L}_1, \dots, L'_1, \dots\} =: M$.

Let σ_0 be an mgu of M and let $\sigma = \sigma_0\delta$ for some δ

\Rightarrow A resolvent of C_1 and C_2 :

$$R := ((C_1 - \{L_1, \dots\}) \cup (C_2\rho - \{L'_1, \dots\}))\sigma_0$$

$$R\delta = ((C_1 - \{L_1, \dots\}) \cup (C_2\rho - \{L'_1, \dots\}))\sigma$$

$$= (C_1\sigma - \{L\}) \cup (C_2\rho\sigma - \{\bar{L}\})$$

$$= (C'_1 - \{L\}) \cup (C'_2 - \{\bar{L}\})$$

$$= R'$$

Completeness of Resolution for First-Order Logic

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form with matrix F^* in CNF.
If F is unsatisfiable then $F^* \vdash_{Res} \square$.

Proof If F is unsatisfiable, there is a ground resolution proof $C'_1, \dots, C'_n = \square$. We transform this step by step into a resolution proof $C_1, \dots, C_n = \square$ such that C'_i is a ground instance of C_i .

If C'_i is a ground instance of some clause $C \in F^*$:

Set $C_i = C$

If C'_i is a resolvent of C'_a, C'_b ($a, b < i$):

C'_a, C'_b have been transformed already into C_a, C_b s.t. C'_a, C'_b are ground instances of C_a, C_b . By the Lifting Lemma there is a resolvent R of C_a, C_b s.t. C'_i is a ground instance of R .

Set $C_i = R$.

Resolution Theorem for First-Order Logic

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form with matrix F^ in CNF.
Then F is unsatisfiable iff $F^* \vdash_{\text{Res}} \square$.*

A resolution algorithm

Input: A closed formula F in Skolem form with matrix S in CNF,
i.e. S is a finite set of clauses

while $\Box \notin S$ and
 there are clauses $C_a, C_b \in S$ and resolvent R of C_a and C_b
 such that $R \notin S$ (modulo renaming)
do $S := S \cup \{R\}$

The selection of resolvents must be *fair*:
 every resolvent is added eventually

Three possible behaviours:

- ▶ The algorithm terminates and $\Box \in S$
 $\Rightarrow F$ is unsatisfiable
- ▶ The algorithm terminates and $\Box \notin S$
 $\Rightarrow F$ is satisfiable
- ▶ The algorithm does not terminate
 ($\Rightarrow F$ is satisfiable)

Refinements of resolution

Problems of resolution:

- ▶ Branching degree of the search space too large
- ▶ Too many dead ends
- ▶ Combinatorial explosion of the search space

Solution:

Strategies and **heuristics**: forbid certain resolution steps, which narrows the search space.

But: Completeness must be preserved!

First-Order Logic Equality

Predicate logic with equality

Predicate logic
+
distinguished predicate symbol “=” of arity 2

Semantics: A structure \mathcal{A} of predicate logic with equality always maps the predicate symbol = to the identity relation:

$$\mathcal{A}(=) = \{(d, d) \mid d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}\}$$

Expressivity

Fact

A structure is model of $\exists x \forall y \ x=y$ iff its universe is a singleton.

Theorem

Every satisfiable formula of predicate logic has a countably infinite model.

Proof Let F be satisfiable. We assume w.l.o.g. that $F = \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n F^*$ and the variables occurring in F^* are exactly x_1, \dots, x_n . (If necessary bring F into closed Skolem form). We consider two cases:

$n = 0$. **Exercise.**

$n > 0$. Let $G = \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n F^*[f(x_1)/x_1]$, where f is a function symbol that does not occur in F^* . G is satisfiable (**why?**).

If G has a model M with universe U , then F has a model with universe $\{f^M(u) \mid u \in (U)\}$. Because G has a Herbrand model with countably infinite universe $T(G)$ (by the Fundamental Theorem), F also has a model with countably infinite universe $\{f(t) \mid t \in T(G)\}$.

Modelling equality

Let F be a formula of predicate logic with equality.

Let Eq be a predicate symbol that does not occur in F .

Let E_F be the conjunction of the following formulas:

$$\forall x \text{ } Eq(x, x)$$

$$\forall x \forall y (Eq(x, y) \rightarrow Eq(y, x))$$

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z ((Eq(x, y) \wedge Eq(y, z)) \rightarrow Eq(x, z))$$

For every function symbol f in F of arity n and every $1 \leq i \leq n$:

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \forall y (Eq(x_i, y) \rightarrow \\ Eq(f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, y, \dots, x_n)))$$

For every predicate symbol P in F of arity n and every $1 \leq i \leq n$:

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \forall y (Eq(x_i, y) \rightarrow \\ (P(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow P(x_1, \dots, y, \dots, x_n)))$$

E_F expresses that Eq is a *congruence relation* on the symbols in F .

Quotient structure

Definition

Let \mathcal{A} be a structure and \sim an equivalence relation on $U_{\mathcal{A}}$ that is a congruence relation for all the predicate and function symbols defined by $I_{\mathcal{A}}$. The **quotient structure** \mathcal{A}/\sim is defined as follows:

- ▶ $U_{\mathcal{A}/\sim} = \{[u]_{\sim} \mid u \in U_{\mathcal{A}}\}$ where $[u]_{\sim} = \{v \in U_{\mathcal{A}} \mid u \sim v\}$
- ▶ For every function symbol f defined by $I_{\mathcal{A}}$:
 $f^{\mathcal{A}/\sim}([d_1]_{\sim}, \dots, [d_n]_{\sim}) = [f^{\mathcal{A}}(d_1, \dots, d_n)]_{\sim}$
- ▶ For every predicate symbol P defined by $I_{\mathcal{A}}$:
 $P^{\mathcal{A}/\sim}([d_1]_{\sim}, \dots, [d_n]_{\sim}) = P^{\mathcal{A}}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$
- ▶ For every variable x defined by $I_{\mathcal{A}}$: $x^{\mathcal{A}/\sim} = [x^{\mathcal{A}}]_{\sim}$

Lemma

$$\mathcal{A}/\sim(t) = [\mathcal{A}(t)]_{\sim}$$

Lemma

$$\mathcal{A}/\sim(F) = \mathcal{A}(F)$$

Theorem

The formulas F and $E_F \wedge F[Eq/=]$ are equisatisfiable.

Proof We show that if $E_F \wedge F[Eq/=]$ is sat., then F is satisfiable.

Assume $\mathcal{A} \models E_F \wedge F[Eq/=]$.

$\Rightarrow Eq^{\mathcal{A}}$ is an congruence relation.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}/Eq^{\mathcal{A}}$ (extended with $=$ interpreted as identity).

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B} \models F[Eq/=]$

By construction $Eq^{\mathcal{B}}$ is identity:

$$Eq^{\mathcal{B}}([a], [a']) = Eq^{\mathcal{A}}(a, a') = ([a]_{Eq^{\mathcal{A}}} = [a']_{Eq^{\mathcal{A}}})$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}(F[Eq/=]) = \mathcal{B}(F)$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B} \models F$

Conversely, it is easy to see that any model of F can be turned into a model of $E_F \wedge F[Eq/=]$ by interpreting Eq as equality.

First-Order Logic Undecidability

[Cutland, *Computability*, Section 6.5.]

- ▶ Aim:
Show that validity of first-order formulas is undecidable
- ▶ Method:
Reduce the halting problem to validity of formulas
by expressing program behaviour as formulas

Logical formulas can talk about computations!

Register machine programs (RMPs)

A register machine program is a sequence of instructions l_1, \dots, l_t . The instructions manipulate registers R_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots$) that contain (unbounded!) natural numbers.

There are 4 instructions:

$$R_n := 0$$

$$R_n := R_n + 1$$

$$R_n := R_m$$

$$\text{IF } R_m = R_n \text{ GOTO } p$$

Assumption: all jumps in a program go to $1, \dots, t + 1$; execution terminates when the PC is $t + 1$.

Let r be the maximal index of any register used in a program P . Then the state of P during execution can be described by a tuple of natural numbers

$$(n_1, \dots, n_r, k)$$

where n_i is the contents of R_i and k is the PC (the number of the next instruction to be executed).

Undecidability

Theorem (Undecidability of the halting problem for RMPs)

It is undecidable if a given register machine program terminates when started in state $(0, \dots, 0, 1)$.

We reduce the halting problem for RMPs to the validity problem for first-order formulas.

Notation:

$P(0) \downarrow =$ “RMP P started in state $(0, \dots, 0, 1)$ terminates”

Theorem

Given an RMP P we can effectively construct a closed formula φ_P such that $P(0) \downarrow$ iff $\models \varphi_P$.

Proof by construction of φ_P from $P = I_1, \dots, I_t$.

Funct. symb.: z, s . Abbr.: $\bar{0} = z, \bar{1} = s(z), \bar{2} = s(s(z)), \dots$

Pred. symb.: R (arity: $r + 1$) “reachable”

Aim: if $R(\bar{n}_1, \dots, \bar{n}_r, \bar{k})$ then $(0, \dots, 0, 1) \stackrel{P}{\rightsquigarrow} (n_1, \dots, n_r, k)$

For every I_i construct closed formula Ψ_i :

$I_i = (R_n := 0)$: $\Psi_i := \forall x_1 \dots x_r (R(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots, x_r, \bar{i}) \rightarrow R(x_1, \dots, z, \dots, x_r, s(\bar{i})))$

$I_i = (R_n := R_n + 1)$: the same except $s(x_n)$ instead of z

$I_i = (R_n := R_m)$: the same except x_m instead of z

$I_i = (IF R_m = R_n GOTO p)$:

$\Psi_i := \forall x_1 \dots x_r (R(x_1, \dots, x_r, \bar{i}) \rightarrow (x_m = x_n \rightarrow R(x_1, \dots, x_r, \bar{p})) \wedge (x_m \neq x_n \rightarrow R(x_1, \dots, x_r, s(\bar{i}))))$

$\Psi_P := \Psi \wedge R(z, \dots, z, s(z)) \wedge \Psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \Psi_t$

Ψ enforces that every model is similar to \mathbb{N} :

$\Psi := \forall x \forall y (s(x) = s(y) \rightarrow x = y) \wedge \forall x (z \neq s(x))$

(How can models of Ψ differ from \mathbb{N} ?)

$\varphi_P := \Psi_P \rightarrow \tau$ where $\tau := \exists x_1 \dots x_r R(x_1, \dots, x_r, s(\bar{t}))$

Claim: $P(0) \downarrow$ iff $\models \varphi_P$

“ \Rightarrow ”: Assume $P(0) \downarrow$, show $\models \varphi_P$. Assume $\mathcal{A} \models \Psi_P$.

Lemma

If $(0, \dots, 0, 1) \xrightarrow{P} (n_1, \dots, n_r, k)$ then $\mathcal{A} \models R(\bar{n}_1, \dots, \bar{n}_r, \bar{k})$

Proof by induction on the length of the execution using $\mathcal{A} \models \Psi_P$.

Thus $\mathcal{A} \models \tau$ because $P(0) \downarrow$.

“ \Leftarrow ”: $\models \varphi_P \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \varphi_P \Rightarrow (\mathcal{N} \models \Psi_P \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \tau) \Rightarrow P(0) \downarrow$
where $U_{\mathcal{N}} := \mathbb{N}$, $z^{\mathcal{N}} := 0$ $s^{\mathcal{N}}(n) := n + 1$,

$R^{\mathcal{N}} := \{s \mid (0, \dots, 0, 1) \xrightarrow{P} s\}$

First-Order Logic

Compactness

[Harrison, Section 3.16]

More Herbrand Theory

Recall Gödel-Herbrand-Skolem:

Theorem

Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form. Then F is satisfiable iff its Herbrand expansion $E(F)$ is (propositionally) satisfiable.

$T(S)$: the set of all terms without variables constructed out of function symbols of S (plus a constant, if S contains none).

$E(S)$: set of all propositional formulas constructed by replacing the variables in the matrices of the formulas in S with terms from $T(S)$.

We have:

Theorem (1)

Let S be a set of closed formulas in Skolem form.

Then S is satisfiable iff $E(S)$ is (propositionally) satisfiable.

Proof: Show first that S is satisfiable iff it has a Herbrand model, and then that it is equivalent to the Herbrand expansion.

Transforming sets of formulas

Recall the transformation of single formulas into equisatisfiable Skolem form: close, RPF, skolemize

Theorem (2)

*Let S be a countable set of closed formulas. Then we can transform it into an equisatisfiable set T of closed formulas in Skolem form. We call this transformation function *skolem*.*

- ▶ Can all formulas in S be transformed in parallel?
- ▶ Why countable?

Transforming sets of formulas

Proof:

1. Put all formulas in S into RPF.

Problem in Skolemization step: How do we generate new function symbols if all of them have been used already in S ?

2. Rename all function symbols in S : $f_i^k \mapsto f_{2i}^k$

The result: equisatisfiable countable set $\{F_0, F_1, \dots\}$.

Unused symbols: all f_{2i+1}^k

3. Skolemize the F_i one by one using the f_{2i+1}^k not used in the Skolemization of F_0, \dots, F_{i-1}

Result is equisatisfiable with initial S .

Compactness

Theorem

Let S be a countable set of closed formulas.

If every finite subset of S is satisfiable, then S is satisfiable.

Proof every fin. $F \subseteq S$ is sat.

\Rightarrow every fin. $F \subseteq \text{skolem}(S)$ is sat. by Theorem (2)

(fin. $F \subseteq \text{skolem}(S) \Rightarrow F \subseteq \text{skolem}(S_0)$ for some fin. $S_0 \subseteq S$)

\Rightarrow for every fin. $F \subseteq \text{skolem}(S)$, $E(F)$ is prop. sat. by Theorem(1)

\Rightarrow every fin. $F' \subseteq E(\text{skolem}(S))$ is prop. sat.

(there must exist a fin. $F \subseteq \text{skolem}(S)$ s.t. $F' \subseteq E(F)$)

$\Rightarrow E(\text{skolem}(S))$ is prop. sat. by prop. compactness

$\Rightarrow \text{skolem}(S)$ is sat. by Theorem (1)

$\Rightarrow S$ is sat. by Theorem (2)

First-Order Logic

The Classical Decision Problem

Validity/satisfiability of arbitrary first-order formulas is undecidable.

What about subclasses of formulas?

Examples

$\forall x \exists y (P(x) \rightarrow P(y))$

Satisfiable? Resolution?

$\exists x \forall y (P(x) \rightarrow P(y))$

Satisfiable? Resolution?

The $\exists^*\forall^*$ class

Definition

The $\exists^*\forall^*$ class is the class of closed formulas of the form

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_m \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_n F$$

where F is quantifier-free and contains no function symbols of arity > 0 .

This is also called the **Bernays-Schönfinkel class**.

Corollary

Unsatisfiability is decidable for formulas in the \exists^\forall^* class.*

What if a formula is not in the $\exists^*\forall^*$ class?

Try to transform it into the $\exists^*\forall^*$ class!

Example

$$\forall y \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(y))$$

Heuristic transformation procedure:

1. Put formula into NNF
2. Push all quantifiers into the formula as far as possible (“miniscoping”)
3. Pull out \exists first and \forall afterwards

Miniscoping

Perform the following transformations bottom-up,
as long as possible:

- ▶ $(\exists x F) \equiv F$ if x does not occur free in F
- ▶ $\exists x (F \vee G) \equiv (\exists x F) \vee (\exists x G)$
- ▶ $\exists x (F \wedge G) \equiv (\exists x F) \wedge G$ if x is not free in G
- ▶ $\exists x F$ where F is a conjunction,
 x occurs free in every conjunct,
and the DNF of F is of the form $F_1 \vee \cdots \vee F_n$, $n \geq 2$:
$$\exists x F \equiv \exists x (F_1 \vee \cdots \vee F_n)$$

Together with the dual transformations for \forall

Example

$$\exists x (P(x) \wedge \exists y (Q(y) \vee R(x)))$$

Warning: Complexity!

The monadic class

Definition

A formula is **monadic** if it contains only unary (monadic) predicate symbols and no function symbol of arity > 0 .

Examples

All men are mortal. Sokrates is a man. Sokrates is mortal.

The monadic class is decidable

Theorem

Satisfiability of monadic formulas is decidable.

Proof Put into NNF. Perform miniscoping.

The result has no nested quantifiers (**Exercise!**).

First pull out all \exists , then all \forall .

Existentially quantify free variables.

The result is in the $\exists^*\forall^*$ class.

Corollary

Validity of monadic formulas is decidable.

The finite model property

Definition

A formula F has the **finite model property** (for satisfiability) if F has a model iff F has a finite model.

Theorem

If a formula has the finite model property, satisfiability is decidable.

Theorem

Monadic formulas have the finite model property.

The finite model property

Theorem

Monadic formulas have the finite model property.

Proof A satisfiable monadic formula F with k different monadic predicate symbols P_1, \dots, P_k has a model of size $\leq 2^k$.

Given a model \mathcal{A} of F , define \sim such that $|U_{\mathcal{A}/\sim}| \leq 2^k$:

$u \sim v$ iff for all i , $P_i^{\mathcal{A}}(u) = P_i^{\mathcal{A}}(v)$

Why $|U_{\mathcal{A}/\sim}| \leq 2^k$?

Every class $[u]_{\sim}$ can be viewed as a bit-vector of length k :
 $(P_1^{\mathcal{A}}(u), \dots, P_k^{\mathcal{A}}(u))$

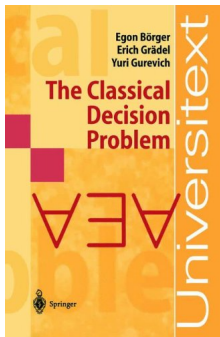
Obvious: \sim is an equivalence.

\sim is a congruence: if $u \sim v$ then $P_i^{\mathcal{A}}(u) = P_i^{\mathcal{A}}(v)$ for all i

Classification by quantifier prefix of prenex form

There is a **complete** classification of decidable and undecidable classes of formulas based on

- ▶ the form of the quantifier prefix of the prenex form
- ▶ the arity of the predicate and function symbols allowed
- ▶ whether “=” is allowed or not.



A complete classification

Only formulas without function symbols of arity > 0 ,
no restrictions on predicate symbols.

Satisfiability is decidable:

$\exists^* \forall^*$ (Bernays, Schönfinkel 1928, Ramsey 1930)

$\exists^* \forall \exists^*$ (Ackermann 1928)

$\exists^* \forall^2 \exists^*$ (Gödel 1932)

Satisfiability is undecidable:

$\forall^3 \exists$ (Surányi 1959)

$\forall \exists \forall$ (Kahr, Moore, Wang 1962)

Why complete?

Famous mistake by Gödel: $\exists^* \forall^2 \exists^*$ with “=” is **undecidable**
(Goldfarb 1984)

First-Order Logic

Basic Proof Theory

Gebundene Namen sind Schall und Rauch

We permit ourselves to identify formulas that differ only in the names of bound variables.

Example

$$\forall x \exists y P(x, y) = \forall u \exists v P(u, v)$$

The renaming must not capture free variables:

$$\forall x P(x, y) \neq \forall y P(y, y)$$

Substitution $F[t/x]$ assumes that bound variables in F are automatically renamed to avoid capturing free variables in t .

Example

$$(\forall x P(x, y))[f(x)/y] = \forall x' P(x', f(x))$$

All proof systems below are extensions
of the corresponding propositional systems

Sequent Calculus

Sequent Calculus rules

We add the following rules to those for propositional logic:

$$\frac{F[t/x], \forall x F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\forall x F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \forall L \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F[y/x], \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \forall x F, \Delta} \forall R(*)$$
$$\frac{F[y/x], \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\exists x F, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \exists L(*) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow F[t/x], \exists x F, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \exists x F, \Delta} \exists R$$

(*): y not free in the conclusion of the rule

Note: $\forall L$ and $\exists R$ do not delete the principal formula

Soundness

Lemma

For every quantifier rule $\frac{S'}{S}$, $|S|$ and $|S'|$ are equivalent.

Theorem (Soundness)

If $\vdash_G S$ then $\models |S|$.

Proof induction on the size of the proof of $\vdash_G S$
using the above lemma and the corresponding propositional lemma
($|S| \equiv |S_1| \wedge \dots \wedge |S_n|$).

Completeness Proof

Construct counter model
from (possibly infinite!) failed proof search

Let e_0, e_1, \dots be an enumeration of all terms
(over some given set of function symbols and variables)

Proof search

Construct proof tree incrementally:

1. Pick some unproved leaf $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ such that some rule is applicable.
2. Pick some principal formula in $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ fairly and apply rule.

$\forall R, \exists L$: pick some arbitrary new y

$\forall L, \exists R$:

$$t = \begin{cases} e_0 & \text{if the p.f. has never been instantiated} \\ & \text{(on the path to the root)} \\ e_{i+1} & \text{if the previous instantiation of the p.f.} \\ & \text{(on the path to the root) used } e_i \end{cases}$$

Failed proof search: there is a branch A such that A ends in a sequent where no rule is applicable or A is infinite.

Construction of Herbrand countermodel \mathcal{A} from A

$U_{\mathcal{A}}$ = all terms over the function symbols and variables in A

$$f^{\mathcal{A}}(t_1, \dots, t_n) = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

$$P^{\mathcal{A}} = \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \mid P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \Gamma \text{ for some } \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \in A\}$$

Theorem

For all $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \in A$, for all $F \in \Gamma \cup \Delta$: $\mathcal{A}(F) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } F \in \Gamma \\ 0 & \text{if } F \in \Delta \end{cases}$

Proof by induction on the structure of F

$F = P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$:

$F \in \Gamma \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(F) = 1$ by def

$F \in \Delta \Rightarrow F \notin \text{any } \Gamma \in A, (A \text{ would end in } Ax) \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(F) = 0$

F not atomic $\Rightarrow F$ must be p.f. in some $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \in A$ (fairness!)

Let $\Gamma' \Rightarrow \Delta'$ be the next sequent in A

$F = \neg G$: $F \in \Gamma$ iff $G \in \Delta'$ iff $\mathcal{A}(G) = 0$ (IH) iff $\mathcal{A}(F) = 1$

$F = G_1 \wedge G_2$:

$F \in \Gamma \Rightarrow G_1, G_2 \in \Gamma' \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(G_1) = \mathcal{A}(G_2) = 1$ (IH) $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(F) = 1$

$F \in \Delta \Rightarrow G_1 \in \Delta'$ or $G_2 \in \Delta' \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(G_1) = 0$ or $\mathcal{A}(G_2) = 0$ (IH)
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(F) = 0$

$F = \forall x G$: $F \in \Delta \Rightarrow G[y/x] \in \Delta' \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(G[y/x]) = 0$ (IH)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}[\mathcal{A}(y)/x](G) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(F) = 0$

Completeness

Corollary

*If proof search with root $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ fails,
then there is a structure \mathcal{A} such that $\mathcal{A}(\bigwedge \Gamma \rightarrow \bigvee \Delta) = 0$.*

Example

$$\exists x P(x) \Rightarrow \forall x P(x)$$

Corollary (Completeness)

If $\models |\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta|$ then $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$

Proof by contradiction. If not $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ then proof search fails.
Then there is an \mathcal{A} such that $\mathcal{A}(\bigwedge \Gamma \rightarrow \bigvee \Delta) = 0$.
Therefore not $\models |\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta|$.

Natural Deduction

Natural Deduction rules

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{F[y/x]}{\forall x F} \forall I(*) \qquad \frac{\forall x F}{F[t/x]} \forall E \\
 \\
 \frac{F[t/x]}{\exists x F} \exists I \qquad \frac{\begin{array}{c} [F[y/x]] \\ \vdots \\ H \end{array}}{\exists x F \quad H} \exists E(**)
 \end{array}$$

(*): ($y = x$ or $y \notin fv(F)$) and
 y not free in an open assumption in the proof of $F[y/x]$

(**): ($y = x$ or $y \notin fv(F)$) and
 y not free in H or in an open assumption in the proof of the
second premise, except for $F[y/x]$

Theorem (Soundness)

If $\Gamma \vdash_N F$ then $\Gamma \models F$

Proof as before, with additional cases:

$$\frac{\frac{\exists x F}{H} \quad \frac{[F[y/x]] \dots H}{\exists E(**)}}{\Gamma \models \exists x F \text{ and } F[y/x], \Gamma \models H}$$

Show $\Gamma \models H$. Assume $\mathcal{A} \models \Gamma$.

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \exists x F$ (by IH) \Rightarrow there is a $u \in U_{\mathcal{A}}$ s.t. $\mathcal{A}[u/x] \models F$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}[u/y] \models F[y/x]$ because $y = x$ or $y \notin \text{fv}(F)$

$\mathcal{A}[u/y] \models \Gamma$ because y not free in Γ

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}[u/y] \models H$ by IH

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models H$ because y not free in H

Theorem (ND can simulate SC)

If $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ then $\Gamma, \neg\Delta \vdash_N \perp$ (where $\neg\{F_1, \dots\} = \{\neg F_1, \dots\}$)

Proof by induction on (the depth of) $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$

Corollary (Completeness of ND)

If $\Gamma \models F$ then $\Gamma \vdash_N F$

Proof as before: compactness, completeness of \vdash_G , translation to \vdash_N

Translation from \vdash_N to \vdash_G also as before: $I \mapsto R, E \mapsto L + cut$

Hilbert System

Hilbert System

Additional rule $\forall I$:

if F is provable then $\forall y F[y/x]$ is provable

provided x not free in the assumptions and $(y = x \text{ or } y \notin fv(F))$

Additional axioms:

$$\forall x F \rightarrow F[t/x]$$

$$F[t/x] \rightarrow \exists x F$$

$$\forall x (G \rightarrow F) \rightarrow (G \rightarrow \forall y F[y/x]) \quad (*)$$

$$\forall x (F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow (\exists y F[y/x] \rightarrow G) \quad (*)$$

$(*)$ if $x \notin fv(G)$ and $(y = x \text{ or } y \notin fv(F))$

Equivalence of Hilbert and ND

As before, with additional cases.

First-order Predicate Logic Theories

Definitions

Definition

A **signature** Σ is a set of predicate and function symbols.

A **Σ -formula** is a formula that contains only predicate and function symbols from Σ .

A **Σ -structure** is a structure that interprets all predicate and function symbols from Σ .

Definition

A **sentence** is a closed formula.

In the sequel, S is a set of sentences.

Theories

Definition

A **theory** is a set of sentences S such that S is closed under consequence: If $S \models F$ and F is a sentence, then $F \in S$.

Let \mathcal{A} be a Σ -structure:

$Th(\mathcal{A})$ is the set of all sentences true in \mathcal{A} :

$$Th(\mathcal{A}) = \{F \mid F \text{ } \Sigma\text{-sentence and } \mathcal{A} \models F\}$$

Lemma

Let \mathcal{A} be a Σ -structure and F a Σ -sentence.

Then $\mathcal{A} \models F$ iff $Th(\mathcal{A}) \models F$.

Corollary

$Th(\mathcal{A})$ is a theory.

Lemma

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Proof

" \Rightarrow ": $\mathcal{A} \models F \Rightarrow F \in Th(\mathcal{A}) \Rightarrow Th(\mathcal{A}) \models F$

" \Leftarrow ":

Assume $Th(\mathcal{A}) \models F$

\Rightarrow for all \mathcal{B} , if $\mathcal{B} \models Th(\mathcal{A})$ then $\mathcal{B} \models F$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models F$ because $\mathcal{A} \models Th(\mathcal{A})$

Example

Notation: $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \leq)$ denotes the structure with universe \mathbb{Z} and the standard interpretations for the symbols $+$ and \leq .

The same notation is used for other standard structures where the interpretation of a symbol is clear from the symbol.

Example (Linear integer arithmetic)

$Th(\mathbb{Z}, +, \leq)$ is the set of all sentences over the signature $\{+, \leq\}$ that are true in the structure $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \leq)$.

Famous numerical theories

$Th(\mathbb{R}, +, \leq)$ is called linear real arithmetic.

It is decidable.

$Th(\mathbb{R}, +, *, \leq)$ is called real arithmetic.

It is decidable.

$Th(\mathbb{Z}, +, \leq)$ is called linear integer arithmetic or Presburger arithmetic.

It is decidable.

$Th(\mathbb{Z}, +, *, \leq)$ is called integer arithmetic.

It is not even semidecidable (= r.e.).

Decidability via special algorithms.

Consequences

Definition

Let S be a set of Σ -sentences.

$Cn(S)$ is the set of **consequences** of S :

$$Cn(S) = \{F \mid F \text{ } \Sigma\text{-sentence and } S \models F\}$$

Examples

$Cn(\emptyset)$ is the set of valid sentences.

$Cn(\{\forall x \forall y \forall z (x * y) * z = x * (y * z)\})$ is the set of sentences that are true in all semigroups.

Lemma

If S is a set of Σ -sentences, $Cn(S)$ is a theory.

Proof Assume F is closed and $Cn(S) \models F$. Show $F \in Cn(S)$, i.e. $S \models F$. Assume $\mathcal{A} \models S$. Thus $\mathcal{A} \models Cn(S)$ (*) and hence $\mathcal{A} \models F$, i.e. $S \models F$. (*): Assume $G \in Cn(S)$, i.e. $S \models G$. With $\mathcal{A} \models S$ the desired $\mathcal{A} \models G$ follows.

Axioms

Definition

Let S be a set of Σ -sentences.

A theory T is **axiomatized** by S if $T = Cn(S)$

A theory T is **axiomatizable** if there is some decidable or recursively enumerable S that axiomatizes T .

A theory T is **finitely axiomatizable**
if there is some finite S that axiomatizes T .

Completeness and elementary equivalence

Definition

A theory T is **complete** if for every sentence F , $T \models F$ or $T \models \neg F$.

Fact

$Th(\mathcal{A})$ is complete.

Example

$Cn(\{\forall x \forall y \forall z (x * y) * z = x * (y * z)\})$ is incomplete:
neither $\forall x \forall y x * y = y * x$ nor its negation are present.

Definition

Two structures \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are **elementarily equivalent** if
 $Th(\mathcal{A}) = Th(\mathcal{B})$.

Theorem

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Proof If T is unsatisfiable, then T is complete (because $T \models F$ for all F) and all models are elementarily equivalent.

Now assume T has a model \mathcal{M} .

“ \Rightarrow ”

Assume T is complete. Let $F \in Th(\mathcal{M})$.

We cannot have $T \models \neg F$ because $\mathcal{M} \models T$ would imply $\mathcal{M} \models \neg F$ but $\mathcal{M} \models F$ because $F \in Th(\mathcal{M})$. Thus $T \models F$ by completeness.

Therefore every formula that is true in some model of T is true in all models of T .

“ \Leftarrow ”

Assume all models of T are elem.eq. Let F be closed.

Either $\mathcal{M} \models F$ or $\mathcal{M} \models \neg F$. By elem.eq. $T \models F$ or $T \models \neg F$.

Why? Assume $\mathcal{M} \models F$ (similar for $\mathcal{M} \models \neg F$).

To show $T \models F$, assume $\mathcal{A} \models T$ and show $\mathcal{A} \models F$.

$\Rightarrow Th(\mathcal{A}) = Th(\mathcal{M})$ by elem.eq.

\Rightarrow for all closed F , $\mathcal{A} \models F$ iff $\mathcal{M} \models F$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models F$ because $\mathcal{M} \models F$

Quantifier Elimination

Helpful lemmas

Let S be a set of sentences.

Lemma

$$S \models F \text{ iff } S \models \forall F$$

Lemma

*If $S \models F \leftrightarrow G$ then $S \models H[F] \leftrightarrow H[G]$,
i.e. one can replace a subformula F of H by G .*

Quantifier elimination

Definition

If $T \models F \leftrightarrow F'$ we say that F and F' are T -equivalent.

Definition

A theory T admits quantifier elimination if for every formula F there is a quantifier-free T -equivalent formula G such that $fv(G) \subseteq fv(F)$. We call G a quantifier-free T -equivalent of F .

Examples

In linear real arithmetic:

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x \exists y (3 * x + 5 * y = 7) \leftrightarrow ? \\ & \forall y (x < y \wedge y < z) \leftrightarrow ? \\ & \exists y (x < y \wedge y < z) \leftrightarrow ? \end{aligned}$$

Quantifier elimination

A **quantifier-elimination procedure (QEP)** for a theory T and a set of formulas \mathcal{F} is a function that computes for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$ a quantifier-free T -equivalent.

Lemma

Let T be a theory such that

- ▶ *T has a QEP for all formulas and*
- ▶ *for all ground formulas G , $T \models G$ or $T \models \neg G$, and it is decidable which is the case.*

Then T is decidable and complete.

Simplifying quantifier elimination: one \exists

Fact

If T has a QEP for all $\exists x F$ where F is quantifier-free, then T has a QEP for all formulas.

Essence: It is sufficient to be able to eliminate a single \exists

Construction:

Given: a QEP $qe1$ for formulas of the form $\exists x F$ where F is quantifier-free

Define: a QEP for all formulas

Method: Eliminate quantifiers bottom-up by $qe1$, use $\forall \equiv \neg \exists \neg$

Simplifying quantifier elimination: $\exists x \bigwedge$ literals

Lemma

*If T has a QEP for all $\exists x F$ where F is a conjunction of literals, all of which contain x ,
then T has a QEP for all $\exists x F$ where F is quantifier-free.*

Construction:

Given: a QEP $qe1c$ for formulas of the form $\exists x (L_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge L_n)$
where each L_i is a literal that contains x

Define: $qe1(\exists x F)$ where F is quantifier-free

Method: DNF; miniscoping; $qe1c$

This is the end of the generic part of quantifier elimination.
The rest is theory specific.

Eliminating “ \neg ”

Motivation: $\neg x < y \leftrightarrow y < x \vee y = x$ for linear orderings

Assume that there is a computable function *aneg* that maps every negated atom to a quantifier-free and negation-free *T*-equivalent formula.

Lemma

If T has a QEP for all $\exists x F$ where F is a conjunction of atoms, all of which contain x , then T has a QEP for all $\exists x F$ where F is quantifier-free.

Construction:

Given: a QEP *qe1ca* for formulas of the form $\exists x (A_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge A_n)$ where each atom A_i contains x

Define: *qe1*($\exists x F$) where F quantifier-free

Method: NNF; *aneg*; DNF; miniscoping; *qe1ca*

Quantifier Elimination
Dense Linear Orders
Without Endpoints

Dense Linear Orders Without Endpoints

$$\Sigma = \{<, =\}$$

Let **DLO** stand for “dense linear order without endpoints”
and for the following set of axioms:

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z (x < y \wedge y < z \rightarrow x < z)$$

$$\forall x \neg(x < x)$$

$$\forall x \forall y (x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x)$$

$$\forall x \forall z (x < z \rightarrow \exists y (x < y \wedge y < z))$$

$$\forall x \exists y x < y$$

$$\forall x \exists y y < x$$

Models of DLO?

Theorem

All countable DLOs are isomorphic.

Quantifier elimination example

Example

$$DLO \models \exists y (x < y \wedge y < z) \leftrightarrow$$

Elimination of “ \neg ”

Elimination of negative literals (function *aneg*):

$$DLO \models \neg x = y \leftrightarrow x < y \vee y < x$$

$$DLO \models \neg x < y \leftrightarrow x = y \vee y < x$$

Quantifier elimination for conjunctions of atoms

QEP $qe1ca(\exists x (A_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge A_n)$ where x occurs in all A_i :

1. Eliminate “=”: Drop all A_i of the form $x = x$.

If some A_i is of the form $x = y$ (x and y different), eliminate $\exists x$:

$$\exists x (x = t \wedge F) \equiv F[t/x] \quad (x \text{ does not occur in } t)$$

Otherwise:

2. Eliminate $x < x$: return \perp

3. Separate atoms into lower and upper bounds for x and use

$$DLO \models \exists x (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m l_i < x \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^n x < u_j) \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^m \bigwedge_{j=1}^n l_i < u_j$$

Special case: $\bigwedge_{k=1}^0 F_k = \top$

Examples

$$\exists x (x < z \wedge y < x \wedge x < y') \leftrightarrow ?$$

$$\forall x (x < y) \leftrightarrow ?$$

$$\exists x \exists y \exists z (x < y \wedge y < z \wedge z < x) \leftrightarrow ?$$

Complexity

Quadratic blow-up with each elimination step

\Rightarrow Eliminating all \exists from

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_m F$$

where F has length n needs $O(n^{2^m})$, assuming F is DNF.

Consequences

- ▶ $Cn(DLO)$ has quantifier elimination
- ▶ $Cn(DLO)$ is decidable and complete
- ▶ All models of DLO (for example $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ and $(\mathbb{R}, <)$) are elementarily equivalent:
you cannot distinguish models of DLO by first-order formulas.

Quantifier Elimination

Linear real arithmetic

Linear real arithmetic

$$\mathcal{R}_+ = (\mathbb{R}, 0, 1, +, <, =), \quad R_+ = Th(\mathcal{R}_+)$$

For convenience we allow the following additional function symbols:

For every $c \in \mathbb{Q}$:

- ▶ c is a constant symbol
- ▶ $c \cdot$, multiplication with c , is a unary function symbol

A term in **normal form**: $c_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots + c_n \cdot x_n + c$

where $c_i \neq 0$, $x_i \neq x_j$ if $i \neq j$.

Every atom A is R_+ -equivalent to an atom $0 \bowtie t$ in **normal form (NF)** where $\bowtie \in \{<, =\}$ and t is in normal form.

An atom is **solved for x** if it is of the form $x < t$, $x = t$ or $t < x$ where x does not occur in t .

Any atom A in normal form that contains x can be transformed into an R_+ -equivalent atom solved for x .

Function $sol_x(A)$ solves A for x .

Elimination of “ \neg ”

Elimination of negative literals (function *aneg*):

$$R_+ \models \neg x = y \leftrightarrow x < y \vee y < x$$

$$R_+ \models \neg x < y \leftrightarrow x = y \vee y < x$$

Fourier-Motzkin Elimination

QEP $qe1ca(\exists x (A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n), \text{ all } A_i \text{ in NF and contain } x)$

1. Let $S = \{sol_x(A_1), \dots, sol_x(A_n)\}$

2. Eliminate “=”:

If $(x = t) \in S$ for some t , eliminate $\exists x$:

$$\exists x (x = t \wedge F) \equiv F[t/x] \quad (x \text{ does not occur in } t)$$

Otherwise return

$$\bigwedge_{(l < x) \in S} \bigwedge_{(x < u) \in S} l < u$$

Special case: empty \bigwedge is \top

All returned formulas are implicitly put into NF.

Examples

$$\exists x \exists y (3x + 5y < 7 \wedge 2x - 3y < 2) \leftrightarrow ?$$

$$\exists x \forall y (3y \leq x \vee x \leq 2y) \leftrightarrow ?$$

Can DNF be avoided?

Ferrante and Rackoff's theorem

Theorem

Let F be quantifier-free and negation-free and assume all atoms that contain x are solved for x . Let S_x be the set of atoms in F that contain x . Let $L = \{l \mid (l < x) \in S_x\}$, $U = \{u \mid (x < u) \in S_x\}$, $E = \{t \mid (x = t) \in S_x\}$. Then

$$R_+ \models \exists x F \Leftrightarrow F[-\infty/x] \vee F[\infty/x] \vee \bigvee_{t \in E} F[t/x] \vee \bigvee_{l \in L} \bigvee_{u \in U} F[0.5(l+u)/x]$$

(note: empty \bigvee is \perp) where $F[-\infty/x]$ ($F[\infty/x]$) is the following transformation of all solved atoms in F :

$$\begin{aligned} x < t &\mapsto \top \ (\perp) \\ t < x &\mapsto \perp \ (\top) \\ x = t &\mapsto \perp \ (\perp) \end{aligned}$$

Examples

$$\exists x (y < x \wedge x < z) \Leftrightarrow ?$$

$$\exists x x < y \Leftrightarrow ?$$

Ferrante and Rackoff's procedure

Define $qe1(\exists x F)$:

1. Put F into NNF, eliminate all negations, put all atoms into normal form, solve those atoms for x that contain x .
2. Apply Ferrante and Rackoff's theorem.

Theorem

Eliminating all quantifiers with Ferrante and Rackoff's procedure from a formula of size n takes space $O(2^{cn})$ and time $O(2^{2^{dn}})$.

Quantifier Elimination

Presburger Arithmetic

See [Harrison] or [Enderton] under “Presburger”

Presburger Arithmetic

Linear integer arithmetic: $\mathcal{Z}_+ := (\mathbb{Z}, +, 0, 1, \leq)$

A problem with \mathcal{Z}_+ :

$$\mathcal{Z}_+ \models \exists x \, x + x = y \leftrightarrow ?$$

Fact Linear integer arithmetic does not have quantifier elimination

Presburger Arithmetic is linear integer arithmetic extended with the unary functions “ $2 \mid .$ ”, “ $3 \mid .$ ”, ...

(Alternative: “ $. = . \pmod{2}$ ”, “ $. = . \pmod{3}$ ”, ...)

Notation: $\mathcal{P} := \mathcal{Z}_+$ extended with “ $k \mid .$ ”

For convenience: add constants $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and multiplication with constants $c \in \mathbb{Z}$

Normal form of atoms:

$$0 \leq c_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots + c_n \cdot x_n + c$$

$$k \mid c_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots + c_n \cdot x_n + c$$

where $c_i \neq 0$ and $k \geq 1$

Where necessary, atoms are put into normal form

Presburger Arithmetic

Elimination of \neg :

$$\mathcal{Z}_+ \models \neg s \leq t \leftrightarrow t + 1 \leq s$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_+ \models \neg k \mid t \leftrightarrow k \mid t + 1 \vee k \mid t + 2 \vee \dots \vee k \mid t + (k - 1)$$

Elimination of $\neg \mid$ expensive and not really necessary.

Can treat $\neg \mid$ like \mid

Quantifier Elimination for \mathcal{P}

Step 1

$qe1ca(\exists x F)$

where $F = A_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge A_l$

where all A_i are atoms in normal form which contain x

Step 1: Set all coeffs of x in F to 1 or -1:

1. Set all coeffs of x in F to the lcm m of all coeffs of x
2. Set all coeffs of x to 1 or -1 and add $\wedge m \mid x$

Quantifier Elimination for \mathcal{P}

Step 1

$$qe1ca(\exists x A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_l)$$

Step 1: Set all coeffs of x in F to 1 or -1

The details, in one step:

Let m be the (positive) lcm of all coeffs of x (eg $\text{lcm} \{-6, 9\} = 18$)

Let R be $\text{coeff1}(A_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{coeff1}(A_l) \wedge m \mid x$ (result)

where

$$\text{coeff1}(0 \leq c_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots + c_n \cdot x_n + c) = (0 \leq c'_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots + c'_n \cdot x_n + c')$$

$$\text{coeff1}(d \mid c_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots + c_n \cdot x_n + c) = (d' \mid c'_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots + c'_n \cdot x_n + c')$$

$$x_k = x$$

$$m' = m / |c_k|$$

$$c'_i = m' \cdot c_i \text{ if } i \neq k$$

$$c'_k = \text{if } c_k > 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } -1$$

$$c' = m' \cdot c$$

$$d' = m' \cdot d$$

Lemma $\mathcal{P} \models (\exists x F) \leftrightarrow (\exists x R)$

Quantifier Elimination for \mathcal{P}

Step 2

$$\begin{aligned} A_L &:= \text{set of all } 0 \leq x + t \text{ in } R & L &:= \{-t \mid (0 \leq x + t) \in A_L\} \\ A_U &:= \text{set of all } 0 \leq -x + t \text{ in } R & U &:= \{t \mid (0 \leq -x + t) \in A_U\} \end{aligned}$$

$D :=$ the set of all $d \mid t \text{ in } R$

$m :=$ the (pos.) lcm of $\{d \mid (d \mid t) \in D \text{ for some } t\}$

The quantifier-free result:

$$\begin{aligned} R' &:= \text{ if } L = \emptyset \\ &\quad \text{ then } \bigvee_{i=0}^{m-1} \bigwedge D[i/x] \\ &\quad \text{ else } \bigvee_{i=0}^{m-1} \bigvee_{l \in L} R[l + i/x] \end{aligned}$$

Optimisation: use U instead of L

Lemma (Periodicity Lemma)

If $A \in D$, i.e. $A = (d \mid x + t)$ and $x \notin \text{fv}(t)$, and $i \equiv j \pmod{d}$
then $\mathcal{P} \models A[i/x] \leftrightarrow A[j/x]$.

Incompleteness of (Integer) Arithmetic

[Schöning, *Theoretische Informatik*]



Kurt Gödel. *Über formal unentscheidbare Sätze der Principia Mathematica und verwandter Systeme I*. 1931.

Kurt Gödel

1906 (Brünn) –

1978 (Princeton)



Syntax of arithmetic:

Variablen: $V \rightarrow x \mid y \mid z \mid \dots$

Zahlen: $N \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid \dots$

Terme: $T \rightarrow V \mid N \mid (T + T) \mid (T * T)$

Formeln: $F \rightarrow (T = T) \mid \neg F \mid (F \wedge F) \mid (F \vee F) \mid \exists V. F$

We consider $\forall x. F$ as an abbreviation for $\neg \exists x. \neg F$.

Definition

An occurrence of a variable x in a formula F is **bound** iff the occurrence is in a subformula of the form $\exists x. F'$ within F' .

An occurrence is **free** iff it is not bound.

Notation: $F(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ denotes a formula in which at most the variables x_1, \dots, x_k occur free.

If $n_1, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ then $F(n_1, \dots, n_k)$ is the result of substituting n_1, \dots, n_k for the free occurrences of x_1, \dots, x_k .

Example

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= (x = y \wedge \exists x. x = y) \\ F(5, 7) &= (5 = 7 \wedge \exists x. x = 7) \end{aligned}$$

A **sentence** is a formula without free variables.

Example

$$\exists x. \exists y. x = y$$

S is the set of arithmetic sentences.

Definition

W is the set of **true** sentences of arithmetic:

$(t_1 = t_2) \in W$ iff t_1 and t_2 have the same value.

$\neg F \in W$ iff $F \notin W$

$(F \wedge G) \in W$ iff $F \in W$ and $G \in W$

$(F \vee G) \in W$ iff $F \in W$ or $G \in W$

$\exists x. F(x) \in W$ iff there is some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $F(n) \in W$

Fact

For every sentence F : $F \in W$ iff $\neg F \notin W$,

NB If a formula with free variables is true or not can depend on the value of the free variables:

$$\exists x. x + x = y$$

Therefore absolute truth only makes sense for sentences.

Formulas can represent functions and relations.

Examples

$$F(x, y) = (\exists z. y = x + z + 1)$$

represents “ $x < y$ ”: $t_1 < t_2$ is an abbreviation of $F(t_1, t_2)$.

$$F(x, y, z) = (\exists k. x = k * y + z \wedge z < y)$$

represents “ $z = x \bmod y$ ”

Definition

A partial function $f : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is **arithmetically representable** iff there is a formula $F(x_1, \dots, x_k, y)$ s.t. for all $n_1, \dots, n_k, m \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$f(n_1, \dots, n_k) = m \quad \text{iff} \quad F(n_1, \dots, n_k, m) \in W$$

Theorem

Every WHILE-computable function is arithmetically representable.

Theorem

W is not decidable.

Proof.

Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ be a semi-decidable but not decidable set.

$\Rightarrow \chi'_U$ is WHILE-computable

$\Rightarrow \chi'_U$ is arithmetically representable by some $F(x, y)$

$\Rightarrow n \in U$ iff $\chi'_U(n) = 1$ iff $F(n, 1) \in W$

$\Rightarrow W$ is not decidable. □

Corollary

W is not semi-decidable.

What is a *proof system*? Minimal requirement:
It must be decidable if a given text is a proof of a given formula.

We code proofs as natural numbers.

Definition

A **proof system** for arithmetic is a decidable predicate

$$Prf : \mathbb{N} \times S \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

where $Prf(p, F)$ means "' p is a proof for the sentence F '".

A proof system Prf is **correct** iff

$$Prf(p, F) \Rightarrow F \in W.$$

A proof system Prf is **complete** iff

$$F \in W \Rightarrow \text{there exists a } p \text{ with } Prf(p, F).$$

Theorem (Gödel)

There is no correct and complete proof system for arithmetic.

Proof.

With every correct and complete proof system

$\chi'_W(F)$ can be programmed:

$p := 0$

while $\text{Prf}(p, F) = 0$ **do** $p := p + 1$

output(1)



Hilbert's 10th Problem

Given a diophantine equation: To devise a process according to which it can be determined by a finite number of operations whether the equation is solvable in integers.

Hilbert, ICM, Paris, 1900

Theorem (Yuri Matiyasevich, Julia Robinson, Martin Davis, Hilary Putnam, 1949-1970)

It is in general undecidable if a diophantine equation has a solution.



An Isabelle Proof

J. Bayer, M. David, B. Stock, A. Pal, D. Schleicher.
Diophantine Equations and the DPRM Theorem.
Archive of Formal Proofs. 2022.

DPRM = Davis, Putnam, Robinson, Matiyasevich

Higher-Order Logic (HOL)

Types and Terms

Simply typed λ -terms

Types:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \tau & ::= & \textit{bool} \mid \dots \\ & & \mid (\tau \rightarrow \tau) \\ & & \mid \alpha \mid \beta \dots \end{array}$$

Terms

$$\begin{array}{lcl} t & ::= & c \mid d \mid \dots \mid f \mid h \mid \dots \\ & & \mid (t \ t) \\ & & \mid (\lambda x. \ t) \end{array}$$

We assume that every variable and constant has an attached type.
We consider only well-typed terms:

$$\frac{t_1 : \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad t_2 : \tau}{t_1 \ t_2 : \tau'} \qquad \frac{t : \tau'}{\lambda x : \tau. \ t : \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$$

Base logic

Formula = term of type *bool*

Theorems: $\Gamma \vdash F$

Base constants: $= : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \textit{bool}$
 $\rightarrow : \textit{bool} \rightarrow \textit{bool} \rightarrow \textit{bool}$

Inference rules

$$\overline{F \vdash F} \text{ assume}$$

$$\overline{\vdash t = t} \text{ refl}$$

$$\overline{\vdash (\lambda x. t) u = u[t/x]} \beta$$

$$\overline{\vdash \lambda x. (t \ x) = t} \eta \quad \text{if } x \notin \text{fv}(t)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash s = t \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash F[s/x]}{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \vdash F[t/x]} \text{ subst}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash s = t}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. s) = (\lambda x. t)} \text{ abs} \quad \text{if } x \notin \text{fv}(\Gamma)$$

Inference rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash F}{\Gamma \vdash F[\tau_1/\alpha_1, \dots]} \text{ inst}$$

if α_1, \dots do not occur in Γ

Inference rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash G}{\Gamma \setminus \{F\} \vdash F \rightarrow G} \rightarrow I$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash F \rightarrow G \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash F}{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \vdash G} \rightarrow E$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash F \rightarrow G \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash G \rightarrow F}{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \vdash F = G} =I$$

Definitions of standard logical symbols

$$\vdash \top = ((\lambda x. x) = (\lambda x. x))$$

$$all : (\alpha \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool$$

Notation: $\forall x. F$ abbreviates $all(\lambda x. F)$

$$\vdash all = (\lambda P. P = (\lambda x. \top))$$

$$\vdash \perp = (\forall F. F)$$

$$\vdash \neg = (\lambda F. F \rightarrow \perp)$$

$$\vdash (\wedge) = (\lambda F. \lambda G. \forall H. (F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow H)$$

$$\vdash (\vee) = (\lambda F. \lambda G. \forall H. (F \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (G \rightarrow H) \rightarrow H)$$

Definitions of standard logical symbols

$ex : (\alpha \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool$

Notation: $\exists x. F$ abbreviates $ex(\lambda x. F)$

$$\vdash ex = (\lambda P. \forall G. (\forall x. (P\ x \rightarrow G) \rightarrow G))$$

The method of postulating what we want has many advantages; they are the same as the advantages of theft over honest toil.

Bertrand Russel

Classical logic

$$\vdash F \vee \neg F$$

Hilbert's ε

Informally: $\varepsilon x. F$ = an arbitrary but fixed x that satisfies F

Examples

$$(\varepsilon x. x = 5) = 5$$

$$(\varepsilon n. 0 \leq n \leq 2) \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$(\varepsilon x. \perp) \quad ???$$

Formally: $\text{eps} : (\alpha \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \alpha$

$\varepsilon x. F$ abbreviates $\text{eps}(\lambda x. F)$

Axiom: $P\ x \rightarrow P(\text{eps } P)$