First-Order Logic

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First-Order Logic (FOL)

Recall: propositional logic: variables are statements ranging over $\{$true/false$\}$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l}\text{SocratesIsHuman}\\ \text{SocratesIsHuman} \rightarrow \text{SocratesIsMortal}\end{array}}{\text{SocratesIsMortal}}$$

FOL: variables range over individual objects

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l}\mathrm{Human}(\mathrm{socrates})\\ \forall x.\ (\mathrm{Human}(x) \rightarrow \mathrm{Mortal}(x))\end{array}}{\mathrm{Mortal}(\mathit{socrates})}$$

In these lectures:

- (Syntax and) semantics of FOL
- Normal forms
- Reasoning: tableau calculus, resolution calculus

First-Order Logic (FOL)

Also called Predicate Logic or Predicate Calculus

FOL Syntax

variables	$x, y, z, \cdots$
constants	$a, b, c, \cdots$
functions	$f, g, h, \cdots$
terms	variables, constants or n-ary function applied to n terms as arguments $a, x, f(a), g(x, b), f(g(x, g(b)))$
predicates	$p, q, r, \cdots$
atom	$\top$, $\bot$, or an n-ary predicate applied to n terms
literal	atom or its negation $p(f(x), g(x, f(x))), \quad \neg p(f(x), g(x, f(x)))$

Note: 0-ary functions: constant

0-ary predicates: $P, Q, R, \ldots$

quantifiers

existential quantifier $\exists x. F[x]$
"there exists an x such that $F[x]$"

universal quantifier $\forall x. F[x]$
"for all x, $F[x]$"

FOL formula literal, application of logical connectives
($\neg$, $\vee$, $\wedge$, $\rightarrow$, $\leftrightarrow$) to formulae,
or application of a quantifier to a formula

Example

FOL formula

$$\forall x.\ \underbrace{p(f(x),x) \ \rightarrow \ (\exists y.\ \underbrace{p(f(g(x,y)),g(x,y))}_{G}) \ \wedge \ q(x,f(x))}_{F}$$

The scope of $\forall x$ is F.
The scope of $\exists y$ is G.
The formula reads:
"for all x,
if $p(f(x),x)$
then there exists a y such that
$p(f(g(x,y)),g(x,y))$ and $q(x,f(x))$"

An occurrence of x within the scope of $\forall x$ or $\exists x$ is bound, otherwise it is free.

Translations of English Sentences into FOL

- The length of one side of a triangle is less than the sum of the lengths of the other two sides

$$\forall x, y, z.\ \mathit{triangle}(x, y, z) \ \rightarrow \ \mathit{length}(x) < \mathit{length}(y) + \mathit{length}(z)$$

- Fermat's Last Theorem.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\forall n.\ \mathit{integer}(n) \ \wedge \ n > 2 \\
&\qquad \rightarrow \ \forall x, y, z. \\
&\qquad\quad \mathit{integer}(x) \ \wedge \ \mathit{integer}(y) \ \wedge \ \mathit{integer}(z) \\
&\qquad\quad \wedge\ x > 0 \ \wedge \ y > 0 \ \wedge \ z > 0 \\
&\qquad\qquad \rightarrow \ x^n + y^n \neq z^n
\end{aligned}$$

FOL Semantics

An interpretation $I : (D_I, \alpha_I)$ consists of:

- Domain D_I

  non-empty set of values or objects

  for example $D_I =$ playing cards (finite),
  integers (countably), or
  reals (uncountably infinite)

- Assignment α_I
  - each variable x assigned value $\alpha_I[x] \in D_I$
  - each n-ary function f assigned

    $$\alpha_I[f] : \ D_I^n \to D_I$$

    In particular, each constant a (0-ary function) assigned value $\alpha_I[a] \in D_I$
  - each n-ary predicate p assigned

    $$\alpha_I[p] : \ D_I^n \to \{\text{true}, \ \text{false}\}$$

    In particular, each propositional variable P (0-ary predicate) assigned truth value (true, false)

Example

$$F: \; p(f(x,y),z) \;\rightarrow\; p(y, g(z,x))$$

Interpretation $I : (D_I, \alpha_I)$

$D_I = \mathbb{Z} = \{\cdots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \cdots\}$ integers

$\alpha_I[f] : \quad D_I^2 \mapsto D_I \quad (x,y) \mapsto x + y$

$\alpha_I[g] : \quad D_I^2 \mapsto D_I \quad (x,y) \mapsto x - y$

$$\alpha_I[p] : \quad D_I^2 \mapsto \{\text{true}, \text{false}\} \qquad (x,y) \mapsto \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } x < y \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Also $\alpha_I[x] = 13$, $\alpha_I[y] = 42$, $\alpha_I[z] = 1$

Compute the truth value of F under I

1. $I \not\models p(f(x,y),z)$ since $13 + 42 \geq 1$
2. $I \not\models p(y, g(z,x))$ since $42 \geq 1 - 13$
3. $I \models F$ by 1, 2, and $\rightarrow$

F is true under I

Semantics: Quantifiers

Let x be a variable.
An <u>x-variant</u> of interpretation I is an interpretation $J : (D_J, \alpha_J)$ such that

- $D_I = D_J$
- $\alpha_I[y] = \alpha_J[y]$ for all symbols y, except possibly x

That is, I and J agree on everything except possibly the value of x

Denote

$$J : \; I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \mathrm{v}\}$$

the x-variant of I in which $\alpha_J[x] = \mathrm{v}$ for some $\mathrm{v} \in D_I$. Then

- $I \models \forall x.\ F$ iff for all $\mathrm{v} \in D_I$, $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \mathrm{v}\} \models F$
- $I \models \exists x.\ F$ iff there exists $\mathrm{v} \in D_I$ s.t. $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \mathrm{v}\} \models F$

Example

Consider $F : \forall x.\ \mathit{animal}(x) \rightarrow \exists y.\ (\mathit{fruit}(y) \land \mathit{loves}(x,y))$ and $I = (D_I, \alpha_I)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
D_I &= \{\text{🐵}, \text{🦄}, \text{🍎}, \text{🍌}\} \\
\alpha_I[\mathit{animal}] &= \{(\text{🐵}) \mapsto \text{true}, (\text{🦄}) \mapsto \text{true}, \ldots\} \quad \text{(false everywhere else)} \\
\alpha_I[\mathit{fruit}] &= \{(\text{🍎}) \mapsto \text{true}, (\text{🍌}) \mapsto \text{true}, \ldots\} \\
\alpha_I[\mathit{loves}] &= \{(\text{🐵}, \text{🍌}) \mapsto \text{true}, (\text{🦄}, \text{🍎}) \mapsto \text{true}, \ldots\}
\end{aligned}$$

Compute the value of F under I:

$$I \models \forall x.\ \mathit{animal}(x) \rightarrow \exists y.\ (\mathit{fruit}(y) \land \mathit{loves}(x,y))$$

iff for all $\mathrm{v} \in \{\text{🐵}, \text{🦄}, \text{🍎}, \text{🍌}\}$,

$$I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \mathrm{v}\} \models \mathit{animal}(x) \rightarrow \exists y.\ (\mathit{fruit}(y) \land \mathit{loves}(x,y))$$

Check all four cases, e.g.:

$$I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \text{🐵}\} \models \mathit{animal}(x) \rightarrow \exists y.\ (\mathit{fruit}(y) \land \mathit{loves}(x,y))$$

iff $\quad I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \text{🐵}\} \models \exists y.\ (\mathit{fruit}(y) \land \mathit{loves}(x,y))$

iff $\quad$ there exists $\mathrm{v}_1 \in \{\text{🐵}, \text{🦄}, \text{🍎}, \text{🍌}\}$,

$$I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \text{🐵}\} \triangleleft \{y \mapsto \mathrm{v}_1\} \models \mathit{loves}(x,y)$$

iff $\quad I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \text{🐵}\} \triangleleft \{y \mapsto \text{🍌}\} \models \mathit{loves}(x,y) \qquad$ (true)

Example

Consider

$$F : \forall x.\ \exists y.\ 2 \cdot y = x$$

Here $2 \cdot y$ is the infix notation of the term $\cdot(2, y)$,
and $2 \cdot y = x$ is the infix notation of the atom $=(\cdot(2, y), x)$

- 2 is a 0-ary function symbol (a constant).
- $\cdot$ is a 2-ary function symbol.
- $=$ is a 2-ary predicate symbol.
- x, y are variables.

What is the truth-value of F?

Example ($\mathbb{Z}$)

$$F : \forall x.\ \exists y.\ 2 \cdot y = x$$

Let I be the standard interpretation for integers, $D_I = \mathbb{Z}$.
Compute the value of F under I:

$$I \models \forall x.\ \exists y.\ 2 \cdot y = x$$

iff

$$\text{for all } \mathsf{v} \in D_I,\ I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \mathsf{v}\} \models \exists y.\ 2 \cdot y = x$$

iff

$$\text{for all } \mathsf{v} \in D_I,$$
$$\text{there exists } \mathsf{v}_1 \in D_I,\ I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \mathsf{v}\} \triangleleft \{y \mapsto \mathsf{v}_1\} \models 2 \cdot y = x$$

The latter is false since for $1 \in D_I$ there is no number v_1 with $2 \cdot \mathsf{v}_1 = 1$.

Example ($\mathbb{Q}$)

$$F : \forall x.\ \exists y.\ 2 \cdot y = x$$

Let I be the standard interpretation for rational numbers, $D_I = \mathbb{Q}$. Compute the value of F under I:

$$
\begin{array}{rcr}
 & I \;\models & \forall x.\ \exists y.\ 2 \cdot y = x \\
\text{iff} & & \\
 & \text{for all } \mathrm{v} \in D_I,\ I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \mathrm{v}\} \;\models & \exists y.\ 2 \cdot y = x \\
\text{iff} & & \\
 & \text{for all } \mathrm{v} \in D_I, & \\
 & \text{there exists } \mathrm{v}_1 \in D_I,\ I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto \mathrm{v}\} \triangleleft \{y \mapsto \mathrm{v}_1\} \;\models & 2 \cdot y = x
\end{array}
$$

The latter is true since for arbitrary $v \in D_I$ we can chose v_1 with $\mathrm{v}_1 = \frac{\mathrm{v}}{2}$.

Satisfiability and Validity

F is satisfiable iff there exists an interpretation I such that $I \models F$.

F is valid iff for all interpretations I, $I \models F$.

Note: F is valid iff $\neg F$ is unsatisfiable.

Example

$$F : \ (\forall x.\ p(x,x)) \ \rightarrow \ (\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)) \quad \text{is invalid.}$$

How to show this?
Find interpretation I such that

$$I \ \models \ \neg((\forall x.\ p(x,x)) \ \rightarrow \ (\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)))$$

i.e.

$$I \ \models \ (\forall x.\ p(x,x)) \ \wedge \ \neg(\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y))$$

Choose $D_I = \{0,1\}$
$p_I = \{(0,0),\ (1,1)\}$ i.e. $p_I(0,0)$ and $p_I(1,1)$ are true
$p_I(0,1)$ and $p_I(1,0)$ are false

I falsifying interpretation $\Rightarrow$ F is invalid.

Example

$$F : \ (\forall x.\ p(x)) \ \leftrightarrow \ (\neg\exists x.\ \neg p(x)) \quad \text{is valid.}$$

How to show this?

1. By expanding definitions. This is easy for *this* example.
2. By constructing a proof with, e.g., a "semantic argument method" adapted to FOL.

Below we will develop such a semantic argument method adapted to FOL. To define it, we first need the concept of "substitutions".

Substitution

Suppose we want to replace terms with other terms in formulas, e.g.,

$$F : \forall y.\ (p(x, y)\ \rightarrow\ p(y, x))$$

should be transformed to

$$G : \forall y.\ (p(a, y)\ \rightarrow\ p(y, a))$$

We call the mapping from x to a a substitution, denoted as $\sigma : \{x \mapsto a\}$.

We write $F\sigma$ for the Formula G.

Another convenient notation is $F[x]$ for a formula containing the variable x and $F[a]$ for $F\sigma$.

Substitution

A substitution σ is a mapping from variables to terms, written as

$$\sigma : \{x_1 \mapsto t_1, \ldots, x_n \mapsto t_n\}$$

such that $n \geq 0$ and $x_i \neq x_j$ for all $i, j = 1..n$ with $i \neq j$.

The set $\mathrm{dom}(\sigma) = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ is called the domain of σ.

The set $\mathrm{cod}(\sigma) = \{t_1, \ldots, t_n\}$ is called the codomain of σ. The set of all variables occurring in $\mathrm{cod}(\sigma)$ is called the variable codomain of σ, denoted by $\mathrm{varcod}(\sigma)$.

By $F\sigma$ we denote the application of σ to the formula F, i.e., the formula F where all free occurrences of x_i are replaced by t_i.

For a formula named $F[x]$ we write $F[t]$ as a shorthand for $F[x]\{x \mapsto t\}$.

Safe Substitution

Care has to be taken in presence of quantifiers:

$$F[x] : \exists y.\ y = \mathsf{Succ}(x)$$

What is $F[y]$? We cannot just rename x to y with $\{x \mapsto y\}$:

$$F[y] : \exists y.\ y = \mathsf{Succ}(y) \qquad \text{Wrong!}$$

We need to first rename bound variables occuring in the codomain of the substitution:

$$F[y] : \exists y'.\ y' = \mathsf{Succ}(y) \qquad \text{Right!}$$

Renaming does not change the models of a formula:

$$(\exists y.\ y = \mathsf{Succ}(x)) \ \Leftrightarrow \ (\exists y'.\ y' = \mathsf{Succ}(x))$$

Recursive Definition of Substitution

$$t\sigma = \begin{cases} \sigma(x) & \text{if } t = x \text{ and } x \in \mathrm{dom}(\sigma) \\ x & \text{if } t = x \text{ and } x \notin \mathrm{dom}(\sigma) \\ f(t_1\sigma, \ldots, t_n\sigma) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \ldots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

$$p(t_1, \ldots, t_n) = p(t_1\sigma, \ldots, t_n\sigma)$$

$$(\neg F)\sigma = \neg(F\sigma)$$

$$(F \;\wedge\; G)\sigma = (F\sigma \;\wedge\; G\sigma)$$

$$\ldots$$

$$(\forall x.\ F)\sigma = \begin{cases} \forall x'.\ (F\{x \mapsto x'\})\sigma & \text{if } x \in \mathrm{dom}(\sigma) \cup \mathrm{varcod}(\sigma),\ x' \text{ is fres} \\ \forall x.\ F\sigma & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(\exists x.\ F)\sigma = \begin{cases} \exists x'.\ (F\{x \mapsto x'\})\sigma & \text{if } x \in \mathrm{dom}(\sigma) \cup \mathrm{varcod}(\sigma),\ x' \text{ is fres} \\ \exists x.\ F\sigma & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example: Safe Substitution $F\sigma$

$$F : (\forall x.\quad \overbrace{p(x, y)}^{\text{scope of } \forall x}\quad) \ \rightarrow\ q(f(y),\, x)$$

bound by $\forall x$ $\nearrow$ $\nwarrow$ free   free $\nearrow$ $\nwarrow$ free

$$\sigma : \{x \mapsto g(x, y),\ y \mapsto f(x)\}$$

$F\sigma$?

1. Rename x to x' in $(\forall x.\ p(x, y))$, as $x \in \text{varcod}(\sigma) = \{x, y\}$:

   $$F' : (\forall x'.\ p(x', y)) \ \rightarrow\ q(f(y), x)$$

   where x' is a fresh variable.
2. Apply σ to F':

   $$F\sigma : (\forall x'.\ p(x', f(x))) \ \rightarrow\ q(f(f(x)), g(x, y))$$

Semantic Argument ("Tableau Calculus")

Recall rules from propositional logic:

$$\frac{I \models \neg F}{I \not\models F} \qquad\qquad \frac{I \not\models \neg F}{I \models F}$$

$$\frac{I \models F \wedge G}{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \models G \end{array}} \leftarrow \text{and} \qquad\qquad \frac{I \not\models F \wedge G}{I \not\models F \quad \underset{\nwarrow \text{or}}{\mid} \quad I \not\models G}$$

$$\frac{I \models F \vee G}{I \models F \quad \mid \quad I \models G} \qquad\qquad \frac{I \not\models F \vee G}{\begin{array}{l} I \not\models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}}$$

$$\frac{I \models F \rightarrow G}{I \not\models F \quad \mid \quad I \models G} \qquad\qquad \frac{I \not\models F \rightarrow G}{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}}$$

$$\frac{I \models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge G \quad \mid \quad I \not\models F \vee G} \qquad\qquad \frac{I \not\models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge \neg G \quad \mid \quad I \models \neg F \wedge G}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \not\models F \end{array}}{I \models \bot}$$

Example 1: Prove *(Recap from "Propositional Logic")*

$$F : \; P \land Q \rightarrow P \lor \neg Q \quad \text{is valid.}$$

Let's assume that F is not valid and that I is a falsifying interpretation.

1.	I	$\not\models$	$P \land Q \rightarrow P \lor \neg Q$	assumption
2.	I	$\models$	$P \land Q$	1 and $\rightarrow$
3.	I	$\not\models$	$P \lor \neg Q$	1 and $\rightarrow$
4.	I	$\models$	P	2 and $\land$
5.	I	$\not\models$	P	3 and $\lor$
6.	I	$\models$	$\bot$	4 and 5 are contradictory

Thus F is valid.

Example 2: Prove *(Recap from "Propositional Logic")*

$$F:\ (P\ \rightarrow\ Q)\ \land\ (Q\ \rightarrow\ R)\ \rightarrow\ (P\ \rightarrow\ R)\quad \text{is valid.}$$

Let's assume that F is not valid.

$$\begin{array}{llllr}
1. & I & \not\models & F & \text{assumption} \\
2. & I & \models & (P\ \rightarrow\ Q)\ \land\ (Q\ \rightarrow\ R) & \text{1 and } \rightarrow \\
3. & I & \not\models & P\ \rightarrow\ R & \text{1 and } \rightarrow \\
4. & I & \models & P & \text{3 and } \rightarrow \\
5. & I & \not\models & R & \text{3 and } \rightarrow \\
6. & I & \models & P\ \rightarrow\ Q & \text{2 and of } \land \\
7. & I & \models & Q\ \rightarrow\ R & \text{2 and of } \land
\end{array}$$

Two cases from 6 *(Recap from “Propositional Logic”)*

$$\begin{array}{llll} 8a. & I & \not\models & P & \text{6 and } \rightarrow \\ 9a. & I & \models & \perp & \text{4 and 8a are contradictory} \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{llll} 8b. & I & \models & Q & \text{6 and } \rightarrow \end{array}$$

Two cases from 7

$$\begin{array}{llll} 9ba. & I & \not\models & Q & \text{7 and } \rightarrow \\ 10ba. & I & \models & \perp & \text{8b and 9ba are contradictory} \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{llll} 9bb. & I & \models & R & \text{7 and } \rightarrow \\ 10bb. & I & \models & \perp & \text{5 and 9bb are contradictory} \end{array}$$

Our assumption is incorrect in all cases — F is valid.

Example 3: Is *(Recap from "Propositional Logic")*

$$F: \; P \lor Q \rightarrow P \land Q \quad \text{valid?}$$

Let's assume that F is not valid.

$$\begin{array}{lllll}
1. & I & \not\models & P \lor Q \rightarrow P \land Q & \text{assumption} \\
2. & I & \models & P \lor Q & 1 \text{ and } \rightarrow \\
3. & I & \not\models & P \land Q & 1 \text{ and } \rightarrow
\end{array}$$

Two options

$$\begin{array}{lllll c lllll}
4a. & I & \models & P & 2 & \text{or} & 4b. & I & \models & Q & 2 \\
5a. & I & \not\models & Q & 3 & & 5b. & I & \not\models & P & 3
\end{array}$$

We cannot derive a contradiction. F is not valid.

Falsifying interpretation:

$I_1 : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, \; Q \mapsto \text{false}\}$ $\qquad$ $I_2 : \{Q \mapsto \text{true}, \; P \mapsto \text{false}\}$

We have to derive a contradiction in both cases for F to be valid.

Semantic Argument for FOL

The following additional rules are used for quantifiers.

(The formula $F[t]$ is obtained from $F[x]$ by application of the substitution $\{x \mapsto t\}$.)

$$\frac{I \models \forall x.\ F[x]}{I \models F[t]} \text{ for any term } t \qquad \frac{I \not\models \forall x.\ F[x]}{I \not\models F[a]} \text{ for a fresh constant } a$$

$$\frac{I \models \exists x.\ F[x]}{I \models F[a]} \text{ for a fresh constant } a \qquad \frac{I \not\models \exists x.\ F[x]}{I \not\models F[t]} \text{ for any term } t$$

(We assume there are infinitely many constant symbols.)

Example

Show that $(\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)) \rightarrow (\forall x.\ \exists y.\ p(y,x))$ is valid.

Assume otherwise.
That is, assume I is a falsifying interpretation for this formula.

$$
\begin{array}{lllll}
1. & I & \not\models & (\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)) \rightarrow (\forall x.\ \exists y.\ p(y,x)) & \text{assumption} \\
2. & I & \models & \exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y) & 1 \text{ and } \rightarrow \\
3. & I & \not\models & \forall x.\ \exists y.\ p(y,x) & 1 \text{ and } \rightarrow \\
4. & I & \models & \forall y.\ p(a,y) & 2 \text{ and } \exists\ (x \mapsto a \text{ fresh}) \\
5. & I & \not\models & \exists y.\ p(y,b) & 3 \text{ and } \forall\ (x \mapsto b \text{ fresh}) \\
6. & I & \models & p(a,b) & 4 \text{ and } \forall\ (y \mapsto b) \\
7. & I & \not\models & p(a,b) & 5 \text{ and } \exists\ (y \mapsto a) \\
8. & I & \models & \bot & 6 \text{ and } 7
\end{array}
$$

Thus, the formula is valid.

Example

Is $F : (\forall x.\ p(x,x)) \rightarrow (\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y))$ is valid?

Assume I is a falsifying interpretation for F.

$$\begin{array}{llcll}
1. & I & \not\models & (\forall x.\ p(x,x)) \rightarrow (\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)) & \text{assumption} \\
2. & I & \models & \forall x.\ p(x,x) & 1 \text{ and } \rightarrow \\
3. & I & \not\models & \exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y) & 1 \text{ and } \rightarrow \\
4. & I & \models & p(a_1,a_1) & 2 \text{ and } \forall\ (x \mapsto a_1) \\
5. & I & \not\models & \forall y.\ p(a_1,y) & 3 \text{ and } \exists\ (x \mapsto a_1) \\
6. & I & \not\models & p(a_1,a_2) & 5 \text{ and } \forall\ (y \mapsto a_2 \text{ fresh}) \\
7. & I & \models & p(a_2,a_2) & 2 \text{ and } \forall\ (x \mapsto a_2) \\
8. & I & \not\models & \forall y.\ p(a_2,y) & 3 \text{ and } \exists\ (x \mapsto a_2) \\
9. & I & \not\models & p(a_2,a_3) & 8 \text{ and } \forall\ (y \mapsto a_3 \text{ fresh}) \\
 & \ldots & & &
\end{array}$$

No contradiction. Falsifying interpretation I can be "read" from derivation:

$$D_I = \mathbb{N}, \qquad p_I(x,y) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } y = x \\ \text{false} & \text{if } y = x + 1 \\ \text{arbitrary} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Semantic Argument Proof

To show that FOL formula F is valid, assume $I \not\models F$ and derive a contradiction $I \models \bot$ in all branches.

It holds:

- Soundness

  If every branch of a semantic argument proof reaches $I \models \bot$ then F is valid.

- Completeness

  Every valid formula F has a semantic argument proof in which every branch reaches $I \models \bot$.

- Non-termination

  For an invalid formula F the method is not guaranteed to terminate. In other words, the semantic argument method is not a decision procedure for validity.

Soundness (Proof Sketch)

Instead of

> *If every branch of a semantic argument proof reaches* $I \models \bot$
> *then* F *is valid*

we show, equivalently, the contrapositive statement:

> *If* F *is invalid then for every semantic argument proof*
> *there is a branch in that proof that does not reach* $I \models \bot$

Let F be any invalid formula and assume a (any) semantic argument proof for F. We have to show there is some branch that does not reach $I \models \bot$.

Because F is invalid there is an interpretation I such that $I \not\models F$.

By construction, the semantic argument proof starts with "$I \not\models F$".

This is not a coincidince.

Soundness (Proof Sketch Cont'd)

This is not a coincidince:
One can show that there is a branch that preserves the property $\mathcal{P}$:

$\mathcal{P}$ *if the branch contains "$I \not\models F$" (or "$I \models F$") then there is an interpretation I such that $I \not\models F$ (or $I \models F$, respectively)*

Informally, follow the proof line by line and prove that $\mathcal{P}$ holds as you go down.

Formally, to prove $\mathcal{P}$ use induction on the number of statements along the branch, with case analysis according to the inference rule applied. (If the "or"-rule is applied, one child branch must be chosen.)

It follows the branch cannot contain "$I \models \bot$", because otherwise with $\mathcal{P}$ it follows $I \models \bot$, which is impossible. QED

Completeness (Proof Sketch)

Without loss of generality assume that F has no free variables.
(If so, replace these by fresh constants.)

A ground term is a term without variables.

Consider (finite or infinite) proof trees starting with $I \not\models F$.
We assume fairness:

- All possible proof rules were applied in all non-closed branches.
- The $\forall$ and $\exists$ rules were applied for all ground terms.
  This is possible since the terms are countable.

If every branch is closed, the tree is finite (König's Lemma) and we have a (finite) proof for F.

Completeness (Proof Sketch)

Otherwise the tree has at least one open (possibly infinite) branch P. We show that F is not valid by extracting from P an interpretation I such that $I \not\models F$, the statement in the root of the proof .

1. The statements on that branch P form a Hintikka set:
   - $I \models F \wedge G \in P$ implies $I \models F \in P$ and $I \models G \in P$.
   - $I \not\models F \wedge G \in P$ implies $I \not\models F \in P$ or $I \not\models G \in P$.
   - $I \models \forall x.F[x] \in P$ implies for all ground terms t, $I \models F[t] \in P$.
   - $I \not\models \forall x.F[x] \in P$ implies for some fresh constant a, $I \not\models F[a] \in P$.
   - Similarly for $\neg$, $\rightarrow$, $\leftrightarrow$ and $\exists$.
2. Choose $D_I := \{t \mid t \text{ is a ground term}\}$
3. Choose $\alpha_I[f](t_1, \ldots, t_n) = f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$,
   $$\alpha_I[p](t_1, \ldots, t_n) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } I \models p(t_1, \ldots, t_n) \in P \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
4. I is such that all statements on the branch P hold true.
   In particular $I \not\models F$ in the root, thus F is not valid.

Proof of Item (4)

Item (4) on the previous slide stated more precsisely:

(4.1) if $I \models F \in P$ then $I \models F$, and

(4.2) if $I \not\models F \in P$ then $I \not\models F$, where $I = (D_i, \alpha_i)$ as constructed.

Define an ordering $\succ$ on formulas as follows:

- $F \circ G \ \succ\ F$ and $F \circ G \ \succ\ G$ for $\circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$.
- $\neg F \ \succ\ F$.
- $\forall x.F[x] \ \succ\ F[t]$ and $\exists x.F[x] \ \succ\ F[t]$ for any term t.

Clearly, $\succ$ is a well-founded strict ordering
($\succ$ is irreflexive, transitive and there are no infinite chains).

Prove (4) by induction: let $I \models F \in P$ or $I \not\models F \in P$.

Base case: F is an atom. Directely prove $I \models F$ or $I \not\models F$, respectively.

Induction case: F is of the form $F_1 \circ F_2$, $\neg F_1$, $\forall x.F_1[x]$ or $\exists x.F_1[x]$.
Induction hypotheses: (4) holds for all G with $F \succ G$.
Prove it follows $I \models F$ or $I \not\models F$, respectively.

Proof of Item (4) – Base Case

Case $I \models F \in P$: We show it follows $I \models F$. (*)

Case 1: $F = Q$, for some (ground) atom Q.

That is, $I \models Q \in P$.

By construction of I it follows $I \models Q$.

Case 2: $F = \top$.

That is, $I \models \top \in P$.

Trivial (every interpretation satisfies $\top$ by definition).

Case 3: $F = \bot$.

That is, $I \models \bot \in P$.

This case is impossible as P is open ($I \models \bot \notin P$).

Proof of Item (4) – Induction Case

Case $I \models F \in P$: We show it follows $I \models F$. (*)

Case 1: $F = F_1 \wedge F_2$, for some F_1 and F_2.

That is, $I \models F_1 \wedge F_2 \in P$

By Hintikka set, $I \models F_1 \in P$ and $I \models F_2 \in P$.

By induction hypothesis, $I \models F_1$ and $I \models F_2$.

By semantics of $\wedge$, $I \models F_1 \wedge F_2$.

Case 2: $F = \neg F_1$, for some F_1.

That is, $I \models \neg F_1 \in P$

By Hintikka set, $I \not\models F_1 \in P$.

By induction hypothesis, $I \not\models F_1$.

By semantics of $\neg$, $I \models \neg F_1$.

Other cases for propositional operators: similar

Proof of Item (4) – Induction Case

Case $I \models F \in P$: We show it follows $I \models F$. (*)

Case 3: $F = \forall x. F_1[x]$, for some F_1.

That is, $I \models \forall x. F_1[x] \in P$.

For every ground term $t \in D_I$ it holds:

By Hintikka set $I \models F_1[t] \in P$.

By induction hypothesis $I \models F_1[t]$.

Because t evaluates to t under I we have $I \lhd \{x \mapsto t\} \models F_1[x]$.

By semantics of $\forall$ it follows $I \models \forall x. F_1[x]$.

Proof of Item (4) – Induction Case

Case $I \models F \in P$: We show it follows $I \models F$. (*)

Case 4: $F = \exists x.F_1[x]$, for some F_1.

That is, $I \models \exists x.F_1[x] \in P$.

By Hintikka set $I \models F_1[a] \in P$ for some (fresh) constant a.

By induction hypothesis $I \models F_1[a]$.

Because a evaluates to a under I it follows $I \lhd \{x \mapsto a\} \models F_1[x]$.

By semantics of $\exists$ it follows $I \models \exists x.F_1[x]$.

Case $I \not\models F \in P$:

The proof of $I \not\models F$ is analogous to the case $I \models F \in P$.

QED

The Resolution Calculus

DPLL and its improvements are the practically best methods for PL

The resolution calculus (Robinson 1969) has been introduced as a basis for automated theorem proving in first-order logic. Refined versions are still the practically best methods for first-order logic. (Tableau methods are better suited for modal logics than classical first-order logic.)

In the following:

- Normal forms
  (Resolution requires formulas in “conjunctive normal form”)
- The Propositional Resolution Calculus
- Resolution for FOL

Negation Normal Form (NNF)

NNF: Negations appear only in literals, and use only $\neg$, $\wedge$, $\vee$, $\forall$, $\exists$.

To transform F to equivalent F' in NNF use recursively the following template equivalences (left-to-right).

From propositional logic:

$$\neg\neg F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_1 \qquad \neg\top \Leftrightarrow \bot \qquad \neg\bot \Leftrightarrow \top$$

$$\left.\begin{array}{l}\neg(F_1 \wedge F_2) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \vee \neg F_2 \\ \neg(F_1 \vee F_2) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \wedge \neg F_2\end{array}\right\}\text{De Morgan's Law}$$

$$F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \vee F_2$$

$$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2 \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \rightarrow F_2) \wedge (F_2 \rightarrow F_1)$$

Additionally for first-order logic:

$$\neg\forall x.\ F[x] \Leftrightarrow \exists x.\ \neg F[x]$$

$$\neg\exists x.\ F[x] \Leftrightarrow \forall x.\ \neg F[x]$$

Example: Conversion to NNF

$$G: \ \forall x.\ (\exists y.\ p(x,y)\ \land\ p(x,z))\ \rightarrow\ \exists w. p(x,w)\ .$$

1. $\forall x.\ (\exists y.\ p(x,y)\ \land\ p(x,z))\ \rightarrow\ \exists w.\ p(x,w)$
2. $\forall x.\ \neg(\exists y.\ p(x,y)\ \land\ p(x,z))\ \lor\ \exists w.\ p(x,w)$

   $F_1\ \rightarrow\ F_2\ \Leftrightarrow\ \neg F_1\ \lor\ F_2$
3. $\forall x.\ (\forall y.\ \neg(p(x,y)\ \land\ p(x,z)))\ \lor\ \exists w.\ p(x,w)$

   $\neg\exists x.\ F[x]\ \Leftrightarrow\ \forall x.\ \neg F[x]$
4. $\forall x.\ (\forall y.\ \neg p(x,y)\ \lor\ \neg p(x,z))\ \lor\ \exists w.\ p(x,w)$

Prenex Normal Form (PNF)

PNF: All quantifiers appear at the beginning of the formula

$$Q_1 x_1 \cdots Q_n x_n.\ F[x_1, \cdots, x_n]$$

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

Every FOL formula F can be transformed to formula F' in PNF such that $F' \ \Leftrightarrow\ F$.

1. Transform F to NNF
2. Rename quantified variables to fresh names
3. Move all quantifiers to the front

$$(\forall x\ F)\ \vee\ G\ \Leftrightarrow\ \forall x\ (F\ \vee\ G) \qquad (\exists x\ F)\ \vee\ G\ \Leftrightarrow\ \exists x\ (F\ \vee\ G)$$
$$(\forall x\ F)\ \wedge\ G\ \Leftrightarrow\ \forall x\ (F\ \wedge\ G) \qquad (\exists x\ F)\ \wedge\ G\ \Leftrightarrow\ \exists x\ (F\ \wedge\ G)$$

These rules apply modulo symmetry of $\wedge$ and $\vee$

Example: PNF 1

Find equivalent PNF of

$$F : \forall x.\ ((\exists y.\ p(x,y)\ \land\ p(x,z))\ \rightarrow\ \exists y.\ p(x,y))$$

1. Transform F to NNF

$$F_1 : \forall x.\ (\forall y.\ \neg p(x,y)\ \lor\ \neg p(x,z))\ \lor\ \exists y.\ p(x,y)$$

2. Rename quantified variables to fresh names

$$F_2 : \forall x.\ (\forall y.\ \neg p(x,y)\ \lor\ \neg p(x,z))\ \lor\ \exists w.\ p(x,w)$$

$\uparrow$ in the scope of $\forall x$

Example: PNF 2

3. Add the quantifiers before F_2

$$F_3 : \forall x.\ \forall y.\ \exists w.\ \neg p(x, y) \ \vee\ \neg p(x, z) \ \vee\ p(x, w)$$

Alternately,

$$F_3' : \forall x.\ \exists w.\ \forall y.\ \neg p(x, y) \ \vee\ \neg p(x, z) \ \vee\ p(x, w)$$

Note: In F_3, $\forall y$ is in the scope of $\forall x$, therefore the order of quantifiers must be $\cdots \forall x \cdots \forall y \cdots$

$$\boxed{F_3 \ \Leftrightarrow\ F \text{ and } F_3' \ \Leftrightarrow\ F}$$

Note: However $G \not\Leftrightarrow F$

$$G : \forall y.\ \exists w.\ \forall x.\ \neg p(x, y) \ \vee\ \neg p(x, z) \ \vee\ p(x, w)$$

Skolem Normal Form (SNF)

SNF: PNF and additionally all quantifiers are $\forall$

$$\forall x_1 \cdots \forall x_n.\ F[x_1, \cdots, x_n] \quad \text{where } F \text{ is quantifier-free.}$$

Every FOL formula F can be transformed to equi-satisfiable formula F' in SNF.

1. Transform F to NNF
2. Transform to PNF
3. Starting from the left, stepwise remove all $\exists$-quantifiers by Skolemization

Skolemization

Replace

$$\underbrace{\forall x_1 \cdots \forall x_{k-1}}_{\text{no } \exists}.\ \exists x_k.\ \underbrace{Q_{k+1} x_{k+1} \cdots Q_n x_n}_{Q_i \in \{\forall, \exists\}}.\ F[x_1, \cdots, x_k, \cdots, x_n]$$

by

$$\forall x_1 \cdots \forall x_{k-1}.\ Q_{k+1} x_{k+1} \cdots Q_n x_n.\ F[x_1, \cdots, t, \cdots, x_n]$$

where

$t = f(x_1, \ldots, x_{k-1})$ where f is a fresh function symbol

The term t is called a Skolem term for x_k and f is called a Skolem function symbol.

Example: SNF

Convert

$$F_3 : \ \forall x.\ \forall y.\ \exists w.\ \neg p(x, y) \ \vee \ \neg p(x, z) \ \vee \ p(x, w)$$

to SNF.

Let $f(x, y)$ be a Skolem term for w:

$$F_4 : \ \forall x.\ \forall y.\ \neg p(x, y) \ \vee \ \neg p(x, z) \ \vee \ p(x, f(x, y))$$

We have $F_3 \not\Leftrightarrow F_4$ however it holds

$$\boxed{\text{A formula } F \text{ is satisfiable iff the SNF of } F \text{ is satisfiable.}}$$

Conjunctive Normal Form

CNF: Conjunction of disjunctions of literals

$$\bigwedge_i \bigvee_j \ell_{i,j} \quad \text{for literals } \ell_{i,j}$$

Every FOL formula can be transformed into equi-satisfiable CNF.

1. Transform F to NNF
2. Transform to PNF
3. Transform to SNF
4. Leave away $\forall$-quantifiers (This is just a convention)
5. Use the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\begin{array}{lcl} (F_1 \land F_2) \lor F_3 & \Leftrightarrow & (F_1 \lor F_3) \land (F_2 \lor F_3) \\ F_1 \lor (F_2 \land F_3) & \Leftrightarrow & (F_1 \lor F_2) \land (F_1 \lor F_3) \end{array}$$

Example: CNF

Convert

$$F_4 : \ \forall x.\, \forall y.\, \neg p(x, y) \ \lor \ \neg p(x, z) \ \lor \ p(x, f(x, y))$$

to CNF.

Leave away ∀-quantifiers

$$F_5 : \ \neg p(x, y) \ \lor \ \neg p(x, z) \ \lor \ p(x, f(x, y))$$

F_5 is already in CNF.

Conversion from SNF to CNF is again an equivalence transformation.

First-order Clause Logic Terminology

Convention: a set of clauses (or "clause set")

$$N = \{C_i \mid C_i = \bigvee_j \ell_{i,j}, \quad i = 1..n\}$$

represents the CNF

$$\bigwedge_i \underbrace{\bigvee_j \ell_{i,j} \quad \text{for literals } \ell_{i,j}}_{\text{Clause}}$$

Example

$$N = \{P(a),\ \neg P(x) \vee P(f(x)),\ Q(y,z),\ \neg P(f(f(x)))\}$$

represents the formula

$$\forall x.\ \forall y.\ \forall z.\ (P(a) \wedge (\neg P(x) \vee P(f(x))) \wedge Q(y,z) \wedge \neg P(f(f(x))))$$

Equivalently

$$P(a) \wedge (\forall x.\ (\neg P(x) \vee P(f(x)))) \wedge (\forall y.\ \forall z.\ Q(y,z)) \wedge (\forall x.\ \neg P(f(f(x))))$$

Refutational Theorem Proving

The full picture in the context of clause logic:
Suppose we want to show that

$$(\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)) \rightarrow (\forall x.\ \exists y.\ p(y,x)) \quad \text{is valid.}$$

The following all are equivalent:

$$\neg((\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)) \rightarrow (\forall x.\ \exists y.\ p(y,x))) \quad \text{is unsatisfiable}$$

$$(\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)) \wedge \neg(\forall x.\ \exists y.\ p(y,x)) \quad \text{is unsatisfiable}$$

$$(\exists x.\ \forall y.\ p(x,y)) \wedge (\exists x.\ \forall y.\ \neg p(y,x)) \quad \text{is unsatisfiable}$$

$$(\forall y.\ p(c,y)) \wedge (\forall y.\ \neg p(y,d)) \quad \text{is unsatisfiable}$$

$$N = \{p(c,y), \neg p(y,d\} \quad \text{is unsatisfiable}$$

The resolution calculus is a "refutational theorem proving" method: instead of proving a given formual F valid it (tries to) prove the clausal form of its negation unsatisfiable.
Can't we use the semantic argument method for refutational theorem proving?

Semantic Argument Method applied to Clause Logic

Let $N = \{C_1[\vec{x}], \ldots, C_n[\vec{x}]\}$ be a set of clauses.
Either N is unsatisfiable or else semantic argument gives open branch:

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
I & \not\models & \neg(C_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge C_n) \\
I & \models & C_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge C_n \\
I & \models & C_1 \\
\ldots & & \\
I & \models & C_n \\
\ldots & & \\
I & \models & C_i[\vec{t}] \qquad\qquad \text{for all } i = 1..n \text{ and all ground terms } \vec{t} \\
\ldots & &
\end{array}
$$

Conclusion (a bit sloppy): checking satisfiability of N can be done "syntactically", by fixing the domain D_I, interpretation $\alpha_I[f]$ and treating $\forall$-quantification by exhaustive replacement by ground terms.

That "works", but requires enumerating all (!) ground terms.
Resolution does better by means of "unification" instead of "enumeration".

(The Propositional Resolution Calculus Recap)

Propositional resolution inference rule

$$\frac{C \vee A \qquad \neg A \vee D}{C \vee D}$$

Terminology: $C \vee D$: resolvent; A: resolved atom

Propositional (positive) factoring inference rule

$$\frac{C \vee A \vee A}{C \vee A}$$

Terminology: $C \vee A$: factor

These are schematic inference rules:
C and D – propositional clauses
A – propositional atom
"$\vee$" is considered associative and commutative

(Derivations Recap)

Let $N = \{C_1, \dots, C_k\}$ be a set of *input clauses*

A derivation (from N) is a sequence of the form

$$\underbrace{C_1, \dots, C_k}_{\text{Input clauses}}, \underbrace{C_{k+1}, \dots, C_n, \dots}_{\text{Derived clauses}}$$

such that for every $n \geq k+1$

- C_n is a resolvent of C_i and C_j, for some $1 \leq i, j < n$, or
- C_n is a factor of C_i, for some $1 \leq i < n$.

The empty disjunction, or empty clause, is written as $\Box$

A refutation (of N) is a derivation from N that contains $\Box$

(Sample Refutation Recap)

1. $\neg A \vee \neg A \vee B$ (given)
2. $A \vee B$ (given)
3. $\neg C \vee \neg B$ (given)
4. C (given)
5. $\neg A \vee B \vee B$ (Res. 2. into 1.)
6. $\neg A \vee B$ (Fact. 5.)
7. $B \vee B$ (Res. 2. into 6.)
8. B (Fact. 7.)
9. $\neg C$ (Res. 8. into 3.)
10. $\Box$ (Res. 4. into 9.)

Lifting Propositional Resolution to First-Order Resolution

Propositional resolution

Clauses	Ground instances
$P(f(x), y)$	$\{P(f(a), a), \ldots, P(f(f(a)), f(f(a))), \ldots\}$
$\neg P(z, z)$	$\{\neg P(a), \ldots, \neg P(f(f(a)), f(f(a))), \ldots\}$

Only common instances of $P(f(x), y)$ and $P(z, z)$ give rise to inference:

$$\frac{P(f(f(a)), f(f(a))) \qquad \neg P(f(f(a)), f(f(a)))}{\bot}$$

Unification

All common instances of $P(f(x), y)$ and $P(z, z)$ are instances of $P(f(x), f(x))$
$P(f(x), f(x))$ is computed deterministically by *unification*

First-order resolution

$$\frac{P(f(x), y) \qquad \neg P(z, z)}{\bot}$$

Justified by existence of $P(f(x), f(x))$

Can represent infinitely many propositional resolution inferences

Unification

A substitution γ is a unifier of terms s and t iff $s\gamma = t\gamma$.

A unifier σ is most general iff for every unifier γ of the same terms there is a substitution δ such that $\gamma = \delta \circ \sigma$ (we write $\sigma\delta$).

Notation: $\sigma = \mathrm{mgu}(s, t)$

Example

$s = car(red, y, z)$
$t = car(u, v, ferrari)$
Then

$$\gamma = \{u \mapsto red,\ y \mapsto fast,\ v \mapsto fast,\ z \mapsto ferrari\}$$

is a unifier, and

$$\sigma = \{u \mapsto red,\ y \mapsto v,\ z \mapsto ferrari\}$$

is a mgu for s and t.
With $\delta = \{v \mapsto fast\}$ obtain $\sigma\delta = \gamma$.

Unification of Many Terms

Let $E = \{s_1 \doteq t_1, \ldots, s_n \doteq t_n\}$ be a multiset of equations, where s_i and t_i are terms or atoms. The set E is called a unification problem.

A substitution σ is called a unifier of E if $s_i\sigma = t_i\sigma$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

If a unifier of E exists, then E is called unifiable.

The rule system on the next slide computes a most general unifer of a unification problems or “fail” $(\bot)$ if none exists.

Rule Based Naive Standard Unification

Starting with a given unification problem E, apply the following template equivalences as long as possible, where: "$s \doteq t,\ E$" means "$\{s \doteq t\} \cup E$".

$$t \doteq t, E \Leftrightarrow E \tag{Trivial}$$

$$f(s_1, \ldots, s_n) \doteq f(t_1, \ldots, t_n), E \Leftrightarrow s_1 \doteq t_1, \ldots, s_n \doteq t_n, E \tag{Decompose}$$

$$f(\ldots) \doteq g(\ldots), E \Leftrightarrow \bot \tag{Clash}$$

$$x \doteq t, E \Leftrightarrow x \doteq t, E\{x \mapsto t\} \tag{Apply}$$

if $x \in var(E)$, $x \notin var(t)$

$$x \doteq t, E \Leftrightarrow \bot \tag{Occur Check}$$

if $x \neq t$, $x \in var(t)$

$$t \doteq x, E \Leftrightarrow x \doteq t, E \tag{Orient}$$

if t is not a variable

Example 1

Let $E_1 = \{f(x, g(x), z) \doteq f(x, y, y)\}$ the unification problem to be solved. In each step, the selected equation is underlined.

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
E_1: & \underline{f(x, g(x), z) \doteq f(x, y, y)} & \text{(given)} \\
E_2: & \underline{x \doteq x},\ g(x) \doteq y,\ z \doteq y & \text{(by Decompose)} \\
E_3: & \underline{g(x) \doteq y},\ z \doteq y & \text{(by Trivial)} \\
E_4: & \underline{y \doteq g(x)},\ z \doteq y & \text{(by Orient)} \\
E_5: & y \doteq g(x),\ z \doteq g(x) & \text{(by Apply } \{y \mapsto g(x)\}\text{)}
\end{array}
$$

Result is mgu $\sigma = \{y \mapsto g(x),\ z \mapsto g(x)\}$.

Example 2

Let $E_1 = \{f(x, g(x)) \doteq f(x, x)\}$ the unification problem to be solved. In each step, the selected equation is underlined.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
E_1: & \underline{f(x, g(x)) \doteq f(x, x)} & \text{(given)} \\
E_2: & \underline{x \doteq x},\ g(x) \doteq x & \text{(by Decompose)} \\
E_3: & \underline{g(x) \doteq x} & \text{(by Trivial)} \\
E_4: & \underline{x \doteq g(x)} & \text{(by Orient)} \\
E_5: & \bot & \text{(by Occur Check)}
\end{array}$$

There is no unifier of E_1.

Main Properties

The above unification algorithm is sound and complete:
Given $E = \{s_1 \doteq t_1, \dots, s_n \doteq t_n\}$, exhaustive application of the above rules always terminates, and one of the following holds:

- The result is a set equations in <u>solved form</u>, that is, is of the form

  $$x_1 \doteq u_1, \dots, x_k \doteq u_k$$

  with x_i pairwise distinct variables, and $x_i \notin var(u_j)$.
  In this case, the solved form represents the substitution $\sigma_E = \{x_1 \mapsto u_1, \dots, x_k \mapsto u_k\}$ and it is a mgu for E.
- The result is $\perp$. In this case no unifier for E exists.

First-Order Resolution Inference Rules

$$\frac{C \vee A \qquad D \vee \neg B}{(C \vee D)\sigma} \quad \text{if } \sigma = \text{mgu}(A, B) \quad \text{[resolution]}$$

$$\frac{C \vee A \vee B}{(C \vee A)\sigma} \qquad \text{if } \sigma = \text{mgu}(A, B) \quad \text{[factoring]}$$

For the resolution inference rule, the premise clauses have to be renamed apart (made variable disjoint) so that they don't share variables.

Example

$$\frac{Q(z) \vee P(z, z) \quad \neg P(x, y)}{Q(x)} \quad \text{where } \sigma = [z \mapsto x, y \mapsto x] \quad \text{[resolution]}$$

$$\frac{Q(z) \vee P(z, a) \vee P(a, y)}{Q(a) \vee P(a, a)} \quad \text{where } \sigma = [z \mapsto a, y \mapsto a] \quad \text{[factoring]}$$

Example

(1) $\forall x \,.\, \mathsf{allergies}(x) \to \mathsf{sneeze}(x)$

(2) $\forall x \,.\, \forall y \,.\, \mathsf{cat}(y) \land \mathsf{livesWith}(x, y) \land \mathsf{allergicToCats}(x) \to \mathsf{allergies}(x)$

(3) $\forall x \,.\, \mathsf{cat}(\mathsf{catOf}(x))$

(4) $\mathsf{livesWith}(\mathsf{jerry}, \mathsf{catOf}(\mathsf{jerry}))$

Next

- Resolution applied to the CNF of $(1) \land \cdots \land (4)$.
- Proof that $(1) \land \cdots \land (4)$ entails $\mathsf{allergicToCats}(\mathsf{jerry}) \to \mathsf{sneeze}(\mathsf{jerry})$

Sample Derivation From (1) - (4)

(1) $\neg\text{allergies}(x) \vee \text{sneeze}(x)$ (Given)

(2) $\neg\text{cat}(y) \vee \neg\text{livesWith}(x, y) \vee \neg\text{allergicToCats}(x) \vee \text{allergies}(x)$ (Given)

(3) $\text{cat}(\text{catOf}(x))$ (Given)

(4) $\text{livesWith}(\text{jerry}, \text{catOf}(\text{jerry}))$ (Given)

(5) $\neg\text{livesWith}(x, \text{catOf}(x)) \vee \neg\text{allergicToCats}(x) \vee \text{allergies}(x)$
(Res 2+3, $\sigma = [y \mapsto \text{catOf}(x)]$)

(6) $\neg\text{livesWith}(x, \text{catOf}(x)) \vee \neg\text{allergicToCats}(x) \vee \text{sneeze}(x)$
(Res 1+5, $\sigma = []$)

(7) $\neg\text{allergicToCats}(\text{jerry}) \vee \text{sneeze}(\text{jerry})$ (Res 4+6, $\sigma = [x \mapsto \text{jerry}]$)

Some more (few) clauses are derivable, but not infinitely many.
Not derivable are, e.g.,:

$\text{cat}(\text{catOf}(\text{jerry})), \text{cat}(\text{catOf}(\text{catOf}(\text{jerry}))), \ldots$

But the tableau method would derive then all!

Refutation Example

We want to show

$$(1) \wedge \cdots \wedge (4) \Rightarrow \text{allergicToCats(jerry)} \rightarrow \text{sneeze(jerry)}$$

Equivalently, the CNF of

$$\neg((1) \wedge \cdots \wedge (4) \rightarrow (\text{allergicToCats(jerry)} \rightarrow \text{sneeze(jerry)}))$$

is unsatisfiable. Equivalently

(1) – (4) (Given)

(A) allergicToCats(jerry) (Conclusion)

(B) $\neg$sneeze(jerry) (Conclusion)

is unsatisfiable.

But with the derivable clause

(7) $\neg$allergicToCats(jerry) $\vee$ sneeze(jerry)

the empty clause $\Box$ is derivable in two more steps.

Sample Refutation – The Barber Problem

```
set(binary_res). %% This is an "otter" input file
formula_list(sos).
%% Every barber shaves all persons who do not shave themselves:
all x (B(x) -> (all y (-S(y,y) -> S(x,y)))).
%% No barber shaves a person who shaves himself:
all x (B(x) -> (all y (S(y,y) -> -S(x,y)))).
%% Negation of "there are no barbers"
exists x B(x).
end_of_list.
```

otter finds the following refutation (clauses 1 – 3 are the CNF):

```
1 [] -B(x)|S(y,y)|S(x,y).
2 [] -B(x)| -S(y,y)| -S(x,y).
3 [] B($c1).
4 [binary,1.1,3.1] S(x,x)|S($c1,x).
5 [factor,4.1.2] S($c1,$c1).
6 [binary,2.1,3.1] -S(x,x)| -S($c1,x).
10 [factor,6.1.2] -S($c1,$c1).
11 [binary,10.1,5.1] $F.
```

Completeness of First-Order Resolution

Theorem: Resolution is refutationally complete.

- That is, if a clause set is unsatisfiable, then resolution will derive the empty clause $\Box$ eventually.
- More precisely: If a clause set is unsatisfiable and closed under the application of the resolution and factoring inference rules, then it contains the empty clause $\Box$.
- Proof: Herbrand theorem (see below) + completeness of propositional resolution + Lifting Lemma

Moreover, in order to implement a resolution-based theorem prover, we need an effective procedure to close a clause set under the application of the resolution and factoring inference rules. See the “given clause loop” below.

First-order Clause Logic: Herbrand Semantics

Let F be a formula. An input term (wrt. F) is a term that contains function symbols occurring in F only.

Proposition ("Herband models existence".) Let N be a clause set. If N is satisfiable then there is a model $I \models N$ such that

- $D_I := \{t \mid t$ is a input ground term over $\}$
- $\alpha_I[f](t_1, \ldots, t_n) = f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$.

Proof. Assume N is satisfiable. By soundness, the semantic argument method gives us an (at least one) open branch. The completeness proof allows us to extract from this branch the model I such that

- $D_I := \{t \mid t$ is a ground term$\}$
- $\alpha_I[f](t_1, \ldots, t_n) = f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$
- $\alpha_I[p](t_1, \ldots, t_n) =$ "extracted from open branch"

Because N is a clause set, no inference rule that introdcues a fresh constant is ever applicable. Thus, D_I consists of input (ground) terms only. □

First-order Clause Logic: Herbrand Semantics

Reformulate the previous in commonly used terminology

Herbrand interpretation

- $HU_I := D_I$ from above is the Herbrand universe, however use ground terms only (terms without variables).
- $HB_I = \{p(t_1, \ldots, t_n) \mid t_1, \ldots, t_n \in HU_I\}$ is the Herbrand base.
- Any subset of HB_I is a Herbrand interpretation (misnomer!), exactly those atoms that are true.
- For a clause $C[x]$ and $t \in HU_I$ the clause $C[t]$ is a ground instance.
- For a clause set N the set $\{C[t] \mid C[x] \in N\}$ is its Herbrand expansion.

Example: Herbrand Interpretation

Function symbols: 0, s (for the "+1" function), $+$

Predicate symbols: $<$, $\leq$

$HU_I = \{0, s(0), s(s(0)), \ldots, 0+0, 0+s(0), s(0)+0, \ldots\}$

$\mathbb{N}$ as a Herbrand interpretation, a subset of HB_I:

$$\begin{aligned} I = \{ \quad & 0 \leq 0,\ 0 \leq s(0),\ 0 \leq s(s(0)),\ \ldots, \\ & 0+0 \leq 0,\ 0+0 \leq s(0),\ \ldots, \\ & \ldots,\ (s(0)+0)+s(0) \leq s(0)+(s(0)+s(0)) \\ & \ldots \\ & s(0)+0 < s(0)+0+0+s(0) \\ & \ldots\} \end{aligned}$$

Herbrand Theorem

The soundness and completeness proof of the semantic argument method applied to clause logic provides the following results.

- If a clause set N is unsatisfiable then it has no Herbrand model (trivial).
- If a clause set N is satisfiable then it has a Herbrand model.

  This is the "Herbrand models existence" proposition above.
- Herbrand theorem: if a clause set N is unsatisfiable then some *finite* subset of its Herbrand expansion is unsatisfiable.

  Proof: Suppose N is unsatisfiable. By completeness, there is a proof by semantic argument using the Herbrand expansion of N. Tye proof is a finite tree and hence can use only finitely many elements of the Herbrand expansion.

Herbrand Theorem Illustration

Clause set

$$N = \{P(a),\ \neg P(x) \vee P(f(x)),\ Q(y,z),\ \neg P(f(f(a)))\}$$

Herbrand universe

$$HU_I = \{a,\ f(a),\ f(f(a)), f(f(f(a))), \ldots$$

Herbrand expansion

$$\begin{aligned} N^{\mathrm{gr}} = {} & \{P(a)\} \\ & \cup \{\neg P(a) \vee P(f(a)),\ \neg P(f(a)) \vee P(f(f(a))), \\ & \qquad\qquad \neg P(f(f(a))) \vee P(f(f(f(a)))), \ldots\} \\ & \cup \{Q(a,a),\ Q(a,f(a)),\ Q(f(a),a),\ Q(f(a),f(a)), \ldots\} \\ & \cup \{\neg P(f(f(a)))\} \end{aligned}$$

Herbrand Theorem Illustration

$$HB_I = \{\underbrace{P(a)}_{A_0}, \underbrace{P(f(a))}_{A_1}, \underbrace{P(f(f(a)))}_{A_2}, \underbrace{P(f(f(f(a))))}_{A_3}, \ldots\}$$

$$\cup \{\underbrace{Q(a,a)}_{B_0}, \underbrace{Q(a,f(a))}_{B_1}, \underbrace{Q(f(a),a)}_{B_2}, \underbrace{Q(f(a),f(a))}_{B_3}, \ldots\}$$

By construction, every atom in N^{gr} occurs in HB_I

Replace in N^{gr} every (ground) atom by its propositional counterpart:

$$\begin{aligned} N^{\text{gr}}_{\text{prop}} = {} & \{A_0\} \\ & \cup \{\neg A_0 \vee A_1,\ \neg A_1 \vee A_2, \neg A_2 \vee A_3, \ldots\} \\ & \cup \{B_0,\ B_1,\ B_2,\ B_3, \ldots\} \\ & \cup \{\neg A_2\} \end{aligned}$$

The subset $\{A_0,\ \neg A_0 \vee A_1,\ \neg A_1 \vee A_2,\ \neg A_2\}$ is unsatisfiable, hence so is N.

Lifting Lemma

Let C and D be variable-disjoint clauses. If

$$\begin{tikzcd} D \arrow[d, "\sigma"] & C \arrow[d, "\rho"] \\ \dfrac{D\sigma \qquad C\rho}{C'} \arrow[r, phantom] & \end{tikzcd}$$

[propositional resolution]

then there exists a substitution τ such that

$$\begin{tikzcd} \dfrac{D \qquad C}{C''} \arrow[d, "\tau"] \\ C' = C''\tau \end{tikzcd}$$

[first-order resolution]

An analogous lifting lemma holds for factoring.

The “Given Clause Loop”

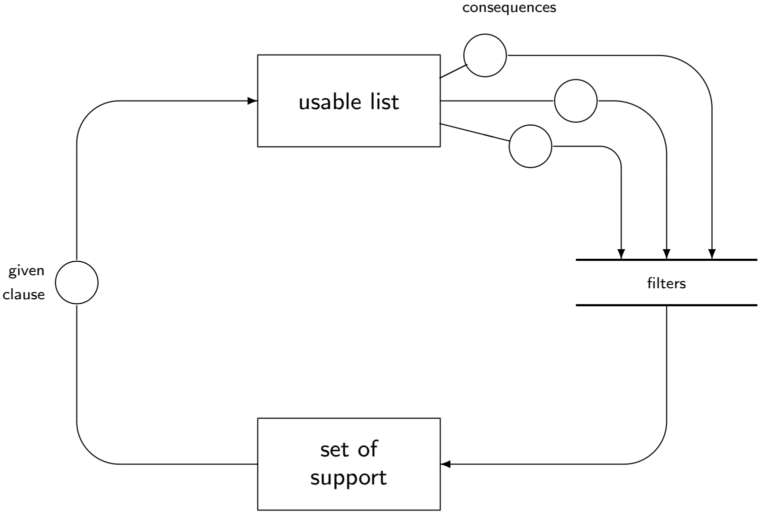
As used in the Otter theorem prover:
Lists of clauses maintained by the algorithm: `usable` and `sos`.
Initialize `sos` with the input clauses, `usable` empty.

Algorithm (straight from the Otter manual):

```
While (sos is not empty and no refutation has been found)
  1. Let given_clause be the ‘lightest’ clause in sos;
  2. Move given_clause from sos to usable;
  3. Infer and process new clauses using the inference rules in
     effect; each new clause must have the given_clause as
     one of its parents and members of usable as its other
     parents;  new clauses that pass the retention tests
     are appended to sos;
End of while loop.
```

Fairness: define clause weight e.g. as “depth + length” of clause.

The “Given Clause Loop” - Graphically



Decidability of FOL

- FOL is undecidable (Turing & Church)
  There does not exist an algorithm for deciding if a FOL formula F is valid, i.e. always halt and says "yes" if F is valid or say "no" if F is invalid.
- FOL is semi-decidable
  There is a procedure that always halts and says "yes" if F is valid, but may not halt if F is invalid.

On the other hand,

- PL is decidable
  There does exist an algorithm for deciding if a PL formula F is valid, e.g. the truth-table procedure.