

Propositional Resolution

Part 2

Short Review

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GOAL: Use Resolution to prove/ disapprove $\models A$

PROCEDURE

Step 1: Write $\neg A$ and transform $\neg A$ into set of clauses $CL_{\{\neg A\}}$ using Transformation rules.

Step 2: Consider $CL_{\{\neg A\}}$ and look at if you can get a deduction of $\{\}$ from $CL_{\{\neg A\}}$

ANSWER

1. $CL_{\{\neg A\}} \vdash_R \{\}$ – Yes, $\models A$
2. $CL_{\{\neg A\}} \not\vdash \{\}$ (i.e. you never get $\{\}$) – No, $\not\models A$

Rules of transformation

- Rules of transformation of a formula A into a logically equivalent set of clauses CL_A
- **Rule U: $(A \cup B)$ _____ A, B + Information**

What “Information” mean?

Example: $a, b, (a \cup \neg(a \Rightarrow b)), \neg c$

$a, b, a, \neg(a \Rightarrow b), \neg c$

$a, b, \neg c$ is Information

Rule (U) : $I, (A \cup B), J$

I, A, B, J

I, J --- Information

Implication Rule (\Rightarrow)

• I, (A \Rightarrow B), J

(A \Rightarrow B)

I, \neg A, B, J

\neg A, B

Example: a, (a \cup b), (a \Rightarrow \neg a), (a \wedge b), c

(\Rightarrow)

a, (a \cup b), \neg a, \neg a, (a \wedge b), c

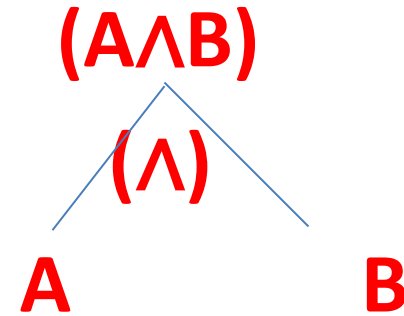
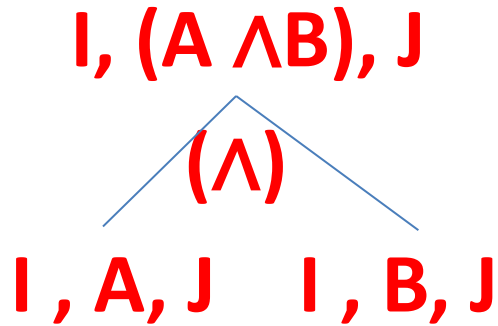
(\cup)

a, a, b, \neg a, \neg a, (a \wedge b), c

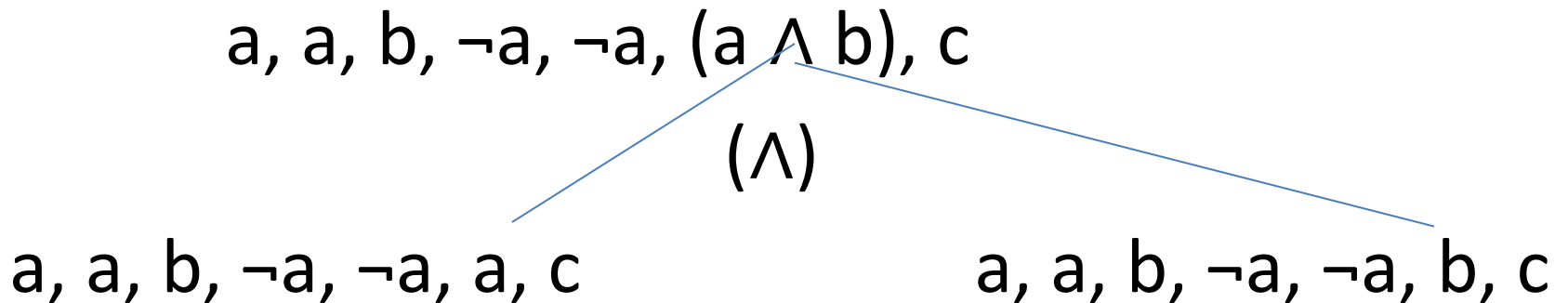
next step?

we need (\wedge) Rule!

Conjunction Rule (\wedge)



Example:



STOP when get only literals and form clauses out of leaves

Conjunction Rule (\wedge)

- $\{a, a, b, \neg a, \neg a, a, c\} = \{a, b, \neg a, c\}$
- $\{a, a, b, \neg a, \neg a, b, c\} = \{a, b, \neg a, c\}$
- Observe that we end up with only one set of clauses
- $\blacktriangle = \{\{a, b, \neg a, c\}\}$

Negation of Implication Rule ($\neg \Rightarrow$)

$I, \neg (A \Rightarrow B), I$

$(\neg \Rightarrow)$

$I, A, I \quad I, \neg B, I$

$\neg (A \Rightarrow B)$

$(\neg \Rightarrow)$

$A \quad \neg B$

Example:

$a, b, a, \neg (a \Rightarrow b), \neg c$

$(\neg \Rightarrow)$

$a, b, a, a, \neg c$

$a, b, a, \neg b, \neg c$

Stop – when only literals :

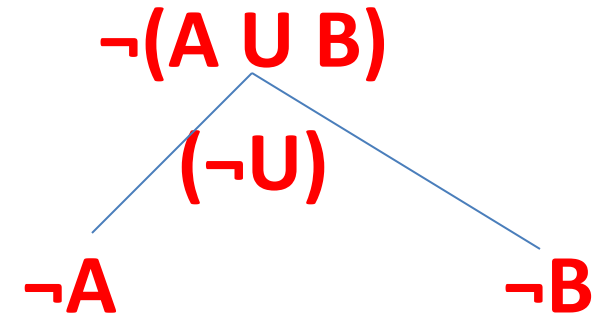
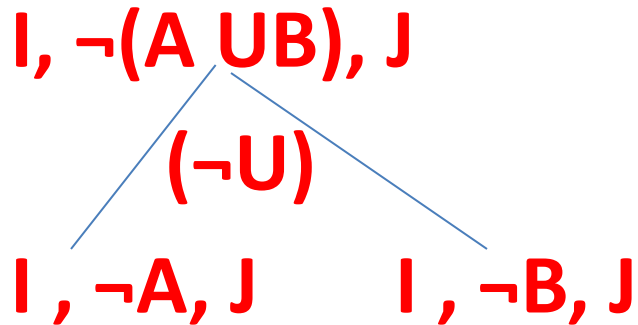
Form clauses out of $a, b, a, a, \neg c$ and

$a, b, a, \neg b, \neg c$

Clauses

- Leaf: $a, b, a, a, \neg c$ makes clause $\{a, b, \neg c\}$
- Leaf: $a, b, a, \neg b, \neg c$ makes clause $\{a, b, \neg b, c\}$
- $\mathbf{CL} = \{\{a, b, \neg c\}, \{a, b, \neg b, c\}\}$
- \mathbf{CL} is set of clauses corresponding to
 $a, b, a, \neg (a \Rightarrow b), \neg c$

Negation of Disjunction Rule ($\neg U$)



- Use DeMorgan Law:

$$\neg(A \cup B) \equiv (\neg A \wedge \neg B)$$

Negation of Conjunction Rule ($\neg\wedge$)

I, $\neg(A \wedge B)$, J

($\neg\wedge$)

I, $\neg A$, $\neg B$, J

$\neg(A \wedge B)$

($\neg\wedge$)

$\neg A$, $\neg B$

- Use :

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

Negation of Negation Rule ($\neg\neg$)

$I, \neg\neg(A), J$
|
 $(\neg\neg)$
 I, A, J

$\neg\neg(A)$
|
 $(\neg\neg)$
 A

- Use :

$$\neg\neg(A) \equiv A$$

- Transformation Rules :

- $(\wedge), (U), (=>), (\neg\wedge), (\neg U), (\neg=>)$

Transformation Rules Shorthand Form

$(A \cup B)$ (U)

A, B

$\neg(A \cup B)$ ($\neg U$)

$\neg A$ $\neg B$

$(A \wedge B)$ (\wedge)

A B

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

$\neg A, \neg B$

$(A \Rightarrow B)$ (\Rightarrow)

$\neg A, B$

$\neg(A \Rightarrow B)$ ($\neg \Rightarrow$)

A $\neg B$

$\neg\neg A$ ($\neg\neg$)

A

+ Keep all Information

End when all leaves are literals

Example

- Let A be a Formula $((a \Rightarrow \neg b) \cup c) \wedge (\neg a \cup \neg b)$

- Find CL_A

- $((a \Rightarrow \neg b) \cup c) \wedge (\neg a \cup \neg b)$

$((a \Rightarrow \neg b) \cup c)$

$(\neg a \cup \neg b)$

$(a \Rightarrow \neg b), c$

$\{\neg a, b\}$ **STOP**

$\{\neg a, \neg b, c\}$ **STOP**

$$CL_A = \{\{\neg a, \neg b, c\}, \{\neg a, b\}\}$$

$$A \equiv CL_A$$

ARGUMENTS (rules of inference)

- From (premises) A_1, \dots, A_n we conclude C

A_1 or A_1, \dots, A_n
:
:
 A_n
 C

Definition:

Argument A_1, \dots, A_n is **VALID** iff
 C

$$\models ((A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow C))$$

ARGUMENTS

- Otherwise

Argument is **NOT VALID**

Valid Arguments \equiv Tautologically Valid

A_1, \dots, A_n, C

Are formulas of Propositional or Predicate
Language

Validity of Arguments

Remember: $\models A$ iff $\models \neg A$

Tautology (always true), Contradiction (always false)

This means that if we want to decide $\models A$ we decide $\models \neg A$ and use Resolution for that

STEPS: Step 1: Negate A; i.e. take $\neg A$ and find set of clauses corresponding to $\neg A$ i.e. $CL_{\{\neg A\}}$

Step 2: Use Completeness of Resolution

$\models A$ iff $CL_{\{\neg A\}} \vdash_R \{\}$ i.e.

1. Look for deduction of $\{\}$:

2. if **YES** – we have $\models A$

3. If there is no deduction of $\{\}$ we have: $\not\models A$

Basic Theorems

1. $\models \text{CL}$ iff $\text{CL} \vdash_R \{\}$

CL is inconsistent iff there is a resolution deduction of $\{\}$ from **CL**

2. For any formula A , there is a set of clauses CL_A such that $A \equiv \text{CL}_A$

3. $\models A$ iff $\models \neg A$,

By 2 we get that

$$\models A \quad \text{iff} \quad \models \text{CL}_{\{\neg A\}}$$

And by 1 and 3 we get

4. $\models A$ iff $\text{CL}_{\{\neg A\}} \vdash_R \{\}$

Exercise

- Prove By Propositional Resolution
- $\models (\neg(a \Rightarrow b) \Rightarrow (a \wedge \neg b))$
- Remember: $\models A$ iff $\models \neg A$ + use resolution

Steps

Step 1: Find set of clauses corresponding to $\neg A$
i.e. $\mathbf{CL}_{\{\neg A\}}$

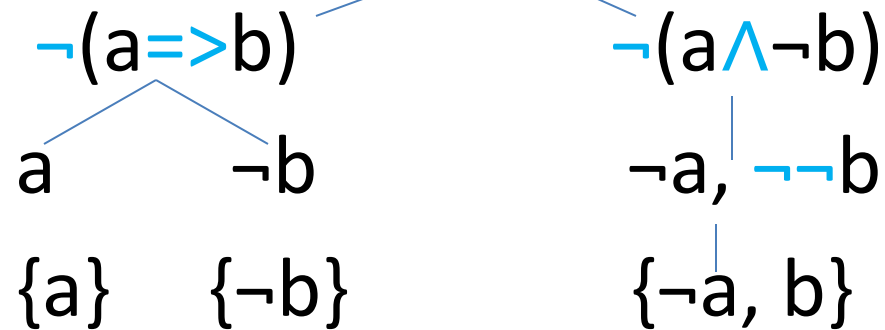
Step 2: Find deduction of $\{\}$ from $\mathbf{CL}_{\{\neg A\}}$
i.e. show that $\mathbf{CL}_{\{\neg A\}} \vdash_R \{\}$

DO IT!

Exercise Solution

- **Step 1:** Negate A ; $\neg A$ and find the set of clauses for $\neg A$ i.e. $\mathbf{CL}_{\{\neg A\}}$

- $\neg(\neg(a \Rightarrow b)) \Rightarrow (a \wedge \neg b)$



$$\mathbf{CL}_{\{\neg A\}} = \{\{a\}, \{\neg b\}, \{\neg a, b\}\}$$

$\{b\}$

Step 2: Check if $\mathbf{CL}_{\{\neg A\}} \vdash_R \{\}$ – **YES!**

$\{\}$

Remark: $\models A$ iff there is no deduction of $\{\}$ from $\mathbf{CL}_{\{\neg A\}}$

Back To Arguments

- Use resolution to show that from A_1, \dots, A_n we can deduce B
- “We can” deduce B from A_1, \dots, A_n means validity of argument A_1, \dots, A

B

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iff

By definition

$$\models (A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B)$$

We have to use Resolution to prove this Tautology

Arguments

- $\models (A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B)$ iff
- $\models \neg (A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B)$ iff
- $\models (A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \wedge \neg B)$
- **Step 1:** we transform $(A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \wedge \neg B)$ to clauses
- Take A_1, \dots, A_n and find $CL_{A_1} \cup \dots \cup CL_{A_n}$
- Also find $CL_{\neg B}$.

All Together form

$$CL_{A_1} \cup \dots \cup CL_{A_n} \cup CL_{\neg B} = CL$$

Step 2: examine whether $CL \models_R \{ \}$

Remember

- Argument A1,....., An is valid iff

B

$CL_{A1} \cup \dots \cup CL_{An} \cup CL_{\neg B} \vdash_R \{\}$

Not Valid

iff never $CL_{A1} \cup \dots \cup CL_{An} \cup CL_{\neg B} \vdash_R \{\}$

A lot of cases strategies (complete) of resolution cut down number of cases to consider

Example

Check if you can deduce $B = (\neg(a \cup \neg b) \Rightarrow (\neg a \wedge b))$
from $A1 = ((a \Rightarrow \neg b) \Rightarrow a)$ and $A2 = (a \Rightarrow (b \Rightarrow a))$

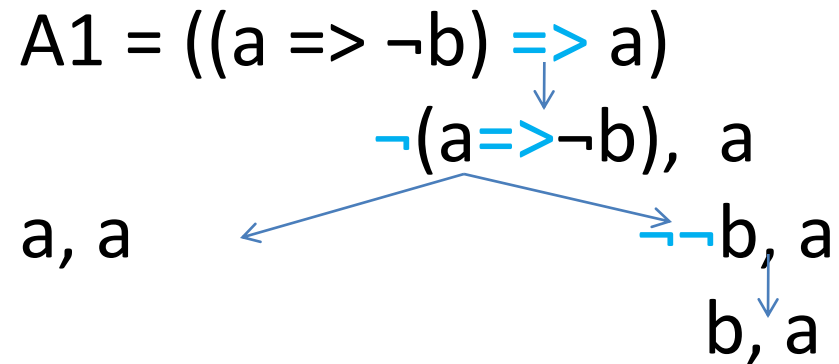
Procedure:

1. Find $CL_{\{A1\}}$, $CL_{\{A2\}}$ and $CL_{\{\neg B\}}$
2. Form $CL = CL_{\{A1\}} \cup CL_{\{A2\}} \cup CL_{\{\neg B\}}$
3. Check if $CL \vdash_R \{\}$ or never $CL \vdash_R \{\}$

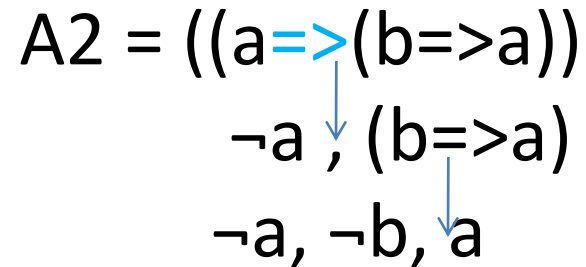
Yes, we can

No, we can't

Example Solution



$$CL_{A1} = \{\{a\}, \{b, a\}\}$$



$$CL_{A2} = \{\neg a, \neg b, a\}$$

Example Solution

• $\neg B = \neg(\neg(a \cup \neg b) \Rightarrow (\neg a \wedge b))$



$\mathbf{CL} = \{\{a\}, \{b, a\}, \{\neg a, \neg b, a\}, \{\neg a\}, \{b\}, \{a, \neg b\}\}$

Remove Tautology Strategy (later)

$\mathbf{CL} = \{\{a\}, \{b, a\}, \{\neg a\}, \{b\}, \{a, \neg b\}\}$

Example Solution

- $CL = \{\{a\}, \{b, a\}, \{\neg a, \neg b, c\}, \{\neg a\}, \{b\}, \{a, \neg b\}\}$

$\{a\}$ (on b)
 $\{\}$

Yes Argument is Valid

Next : Strategies for Resolution