### **Decision Procedures**

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## Organisation

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#### Dates

- Lecture is Tuesday 14–16 (c.t) and Thursday 14–15 (c.t).
- Tutorials will be given on Thursday 15–16.
   Starting next week (this week is a two hour lecture).
- Exercise sheets are uploaded on Tuesday. They are due on Tuesday the week after.

To successfully participate, you must

- prepare the exercises (at least 50 %)
- actively participate in the tutorial
- pass an oral examination



# THE CALCULUS OF COMPUTATION: Decision Procedures with Applications to Verification

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## Motivation

Decision Procedures are algorithms to decide formulae. These formulae can arise

- in Hoare-style software verification.
- in hardware verification



Consider the following program:

for  
 @ 
$$\ell \leq i \leq u \land (rv \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ell \leq j < i \land a[j] = e)$$
  
 (int  $i := \ell; i \leq u; i := i + 1) \{$   
 if (( $a[i] = e$ )) {  
 rv := true;  
 }  
}

How can we prove that the formula is a loop invariant?

# Motivation (3)

Prove the Hoare triples (one for if case, one for else case)

assume 
$$\ell \leq i \leq u \land (rv \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ell \leq j < i \land a[j] = e)$$
  
assume  $i \leq u$   
assume  $a[i] = e$   
 $rv := true;$   
 $i := i + 1$   
 $@ \ell \leq i \leq u \land (rv \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ell \leq j < i \land a[j] = e)$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{assume } \ell \leq i \leq u \land (\mathsf{rv} \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ \ell \leq j < i \land \mathsf{a}[j] = e_i \\ \text{assume } i \leq u \\ \text{assume } \mathsf{a}[i] \neq e \\ i := i + 1 \\ \mathbb{O} \ \ell \leq i \leq u \land (\mathsf{rv} \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ \ell \leq j < i \land \mathsf{a}[j] = e) \end{array}$$

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# Motivation (4)

A Hoare triple  $\{P\}$  S  $\{Q\}$  holds, iff

$$P \rightarrow wp(S,Q)$$

(wp denotes is weakest precondition) For assignments wp is computed by substitution:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{assume } \ell \leq i \leq u \land (\mathsf{rv} \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ \ell \leq j < i \land a[j] = e) \\ \text{assume } i \leq u \\ \text{assume } a[i] = e \\ \mathsf{rv} := \mathsf{true}; \\ i := i + 1 \\ \mathbb{Q} \ \ell \leq i \leq u \land (\mathsf{rv} \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ \ell \leq j < i \land a[j] = e) \end{array}$$

holds if and only if:

$$\ell \leq i \leq u \land (rv \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ \ell \leq j < i \land a[j] = e) \land i \leq u \land a[i] = e$$
  
 $\rightarrow \ell \leq i + 1 \leq u \land (true \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ \ell \leq j < i + 1 \land a[j] = e)$ 



We need an algorithm that decides whether a formula holds.

$$\ell \leq i \leq u \land (rv \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ \ell \leq j < i \land a[j] = e) \land i \leq u \land a[i] = e$$
  
 $\rightarrow \ell \leq i + 1 \leq u \land (true \leftrightarrow \exists j. \ \ell \leq j < i + 1 \land a[j] = e)$ 

If the formula does not hold it should give a counterexample, e.g.:

$$\ell = 0, i = 1, u = 1, rv = false, a[0] = 0, a[1] = 1, e = 1,$$

This counterexample shows that  $i + 1 \leq u$  can be violated.

This lecture is about algorithms checking for validity and producing these counterexamples.

### Contents of Lecture





- Propositional Logic
- First-Order Logic
- First-Order Theories
- Quantifier Elimination
- Decision Procedures for Linear Arithmetic
- Decision Procedures for Uninterpreted Functions
- Decision Procedures for Arrays
- Combination of Decision Procedures
- DPLL(T)
- Craig Interpolants

## Foundations: Propositional Logic



<u>Atom</u>	$\frac{\text{truth symbols}}{\text{propositional variables } P, Q, R, P_1, Q_1, R_1, \cdots}$			
Literal	atom $\alpha$ or its negation $\neg \alpha$			
<u>Formula</u>	literal or application of a			
	logical connective to formulae $F, F_1, F_2$			
	$\neg F$	"not"	(negation)	
	$(F_1 \wedge F_2)$	"and"	(conjunction)	
	$(F_1 \vee F_2)$	"or"	(disjunction)	
	$(F_1 \rightarrow F_2)$	"implies"	(implication)	
	$(F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2)$	"if and only if"	(iff)	



formula 
$$F : ((P \land Q) \rightarrow (\top \lor \neg Q))$$
  
atoms:  $P, Q, \top$   
literal:  $\neg Q$   
subformulas:  $(P \land Q), \quad (\top \lor \neg Q)$   
abbreviation  
 $F : P \land Q \rightarrow \top \lor \neg Q$ 

## Semantics (meaning) of PL

Formula F and Interpretation I is evaluated to a truth value 0/1where 0 corresponds to value false 1 true

Interpretation  $I : \{P \mapsto 1, Q \mapsto 0, \cdots\}$ 

Evaluation of logical operators:

$F_1$	<i>F</i> <sub>2</sub>	$\neg F_1$	$F_1 \wedge F_2$	$F_1 \vee F_2$	$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$
0	0	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	L	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	1	1

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$$F : P \land Q \rightarrow P \lor \neg Q$$

$$I : \{P \mapsto 1, Q \mapsto 0\}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c|c}P & Q & \neg Q & P \land Q & P \lor \neg Q & F\\\hline 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1\\\hline 1 & = true & 0 = false\end{array}}$$

F evaluates to true under I

## Inductive Definition of PL's Semantics

$$\begin{array}{l} I \models F & \text{if } F \text{ evaluates to } 1 \ / \text{ true } \text{ under } I \\ I \not\models F & 0 \ / \text{ false} \end{array}$$

Base Case:

 $I \models \top$   $I \not\models \bot$   $I \models P \quad \text{iff} \quad I[P] = 1$   $I \not\models P \quad \text{iff} \quad I[P] = 0$ 

Inductive Case:

$$\begin{array}{ll} I \models \neg F & \text{iff } I \not\models F \\ I \models F_1 \land F_2 & \text{iff } I \models F_1 \text{ and } I \models F_2 \\ I \models F_1 \lor F_2 & \text{iff } I \models F_1 \text{ or } I \models F_2 \\ I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2 & \text{iff, if } I \models F_1 \text{ then } I \models F_2 \\ I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2 & \text{iff, } I \models F_1 \text{ and } I \models F_2, \\ & \text{or } I \not\models F_1 \text{ and } I \not\models F_2 \end{array}$$

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## Example: Inductive Reasoning



$$F : P \land Q \to P \lor \neg Q$$
$$I : \{P \mapsto 1, Q \mapsto 0\}$$

1. 
$$I \models P$$
since  $I[P] = 1$ 2.  $I \not\models Q$ since  $I[Q] = 0$ 3.  $I \models \neg Q$ by 2,  $\neg$ 4.  $I \not\models P \land Q$ by 2,  $\land$ 5.  $I \models P \lor \neg Q$ by 1,  $\lor$ 6.  $I \models F$ by 4,  $\rightarrow$ 

Thus, F is true under I.



#### Definition (Satisfiability)

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

Definition (Validity)

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

#### Note

F is valid iff  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable

#### Proof.

*F* is valid iff  $\forall I : I \models F$  iff  $\neg \exists I : I \not\models F$  iff  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable.

Decision Procedure: An algorithm for deciding validity or satisfiability.

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## Examples: Satisfiability and Validity

Now assume, you are a decision procedure.

Which of the following formulae is satisfiable, which is valid?

- $F_1$  :  $P \land Q$ satisfiable, not valid
- $F_2$  :  $\neg(P \land Q)$ satisfiable, not valid
- $F_3 : P \lor \neg P$ satisfiable, valid
- $F_4$  :  $\neg(P \lor \neg P)$ unsatisfiable, not valid

• 
$$F_5$$
 :  $(P \rightarrow Q) \land (P \lor Q) \land \neg Q$   
unsatisfiable, not valid

Is there a formula that is unsatisfiable and valid?

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## Method 1: Truth Tables

$$F : P \land Q \rightarrow P \lor \neg Q$$
 $P Q$ 
 $P \land Q$ 
 $\neg Q$ 
 $P \lor \neg Q$ 
 $F$ 

 0
 0
 1
 1
 1

 0
 1
 0
 0
 1

 1
 0
 0
 1
 1

 1
 1
 1
 1
 1

 1
 1
 0
 1
 1

Thus F is valid.

 $F : P \lor Q \to P \land Q$  $P \lor Q$  $P \land$ F Ρ Q Q 0 0 0 0 1  $\leftarrow$  satisfying *I*  $\leftarrow$  falsifying *I* 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1

Thus F is satisfiable, but invalid.

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- Assume F is not valid and I a falsifying interpretation:  $I \not\models F$
- Apply proof rules.
- If no contradiction reached and no more rules applicable, F is invalid.
- If in every branch of proof a contradiction reached, F is valid.

## Semantic Argument: Proof rules

 $\frac{I \models \neg F}{I \not\models F}$  $\frac{I \not\models \neg F}{I \models F}$  $\frac{I \not\models F \land G}{I \not\models F \mid I \not\models G}$  $\frac{I \models F \land G}{I \models F} \quad \leftarrow \text{and}$  $\frac{I \models F \lor G}{I \models F \mid I \models G}$  $\frac{I \not\models F \lor G}{I \not\models F}$  $I \nvDash G$  $\frac{I \models F \rightarrow G}{I \not\models F \mid I \models G}$  $\frac{I \not\models F \to G}{I \models F}$ I ⊭ G  $\frac{I \models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge G \mid I \nvDash F \vee G} \qquad \frac{I \nvDash F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge \neg G \mid I \models \neg F \wedge G}$  $\begin{array}{c} I \models F \\ I \not\models F \\ \hline I \models - \end{array}$ 

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 $\mathsf{Prove} \quad F \,:\, P \,\wedge\, Q \,\rightarrow\, P \,\vee\, \neg Q \quad \text{ is valid.}$ 

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

1.	$I \not\models P \land Q \to P \lor \neg Q$	assumption
2.	$I \models P \land Q$	1, Rule $ ightarrow$
3.	$I \not\models P \lor \neg Q$	1, Rule $ ightarrow$
4.	$I \models P$	2, Rule $\wedge$
5.	$I \not\models P$	3, Rule $\lor$
6.	$I \models \bot$	4 and 5 are contradictory

Thus F is valid.

#### Example 2



$$\mathsf{Prove} \quad F \,:\, (P \to Q) \land (Q \to R) \to (P \to R) \quad \text{ is valid.}$$

Let's assume that F is not valid.

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

## Example 3

 $\mathsf{Is} \quad F \,:\, P \,\lor\, Q \to P \,\land\, Q \quad \mathsf{valid}?$ 

Let's assume that F is not valid.

We cannot always derive a contradiction. F is not valid.



Idea: Simplify decision procedure, by simplifying the formula first. Convert it into a simpler normal form, e.g.:

- Negation Normal Form: No  $\rightarrow$  and no  $\leftrightarrow$ ; negation only before atoms.
- Conjunctive Normal Form: Negation normal form, where conjunction is outside, disjunction is inside.
- Disjunctive Normal Form: Negation normal form, where disjunction is outside, conjunction is inside.

The formula in normal form should be equivalent to the original input.



 $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are equivalent  $(F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2)$ iff for all interpretations  $I, I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ 

To prove  $F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$  show  $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$  is valid.

 $\begin{array}{c} F_1 \ \underline{\text{implies}} \ F_2 \ (F_1 \ \Rightarrow \ F_2) \\ \hline \text{iff for all interpretations } I, \ I \ \models \ F_1 \ \rightarrow \ F_2 \end{array}$ 

 $F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$  and  $F_1 \Rightarrow F_2$  are not formulae!

## Equivalence is a Congruence relation



#### If $F_1 \Leftrightarrow F'_1$ and $F_2 \Leftrightarrow F'_2$ , then

- $\neg F_1 \Leftrightarrow \neg F'_1$
- $F_1 \vee F_2 \Leftrightarrow F_1' \vee F_2'$
- $F_1 \wedge F_2 \Leftrightarrow F'_1 \wedge F'_2$
- $F_1 \to F_2 \Leftrightarrow F_1' \to F_2'$
- $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2 \Leftrightarrow F_1' \leftrightarrow F_2'$
- if we replace in a formula F a subformula  $F_1$  by  $F'_1$  and obtain F', then  $F \Leftrightarrow F'$ .

Negations appear only in literals. (only  $\neg, \land, \lor$ )

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \neg \neg F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_1 & \neg \top \Leftrightarrow \bot & \neg \bot \Leftrightarrow \top \\ \neg (F_1 \land F_2) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \lor \neg F_2 \\ \neg (F_1 \lor F_2) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \land \neg F_2 \end{array} \right\} De \text{ Morgan's Law} \\ F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \lor F_2 \\ F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2 \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \rightarrow F_2) \land (F_2 \rightarrow F_1) \end{array}$$

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 $\mathsf{Convert} \quad F \,:\, (\mathit{Q}_1 \,\lor\, \neg \neg \mathit{R}_1) \,\land\, (\neg \mathit{Q}_2 \to \mathit{R}_2) \mathsf{ into } \mathsf{NNF}$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} (Q_1 \lor \neg \neg R_1) \land (\neg Q_2 \to R_2) \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad (Q_1 \lor R_1) \land (\neg Q_2 \to R_2) \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad (Q_1 \lor R_1) \land (\neg \neg Q_2 \lor R_2) \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad (Q_1 \lor R_1) \land (Q_2 \lor R_2) \end{array}$$

The last formula is equivalent to F and is in NNF.

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Disjunction of conjunctions of literals

$$\bigvee_{i} \bigwedge_{j} \ell_{i,j} \quad \text{for literals } \ell_{i,j}$$

To convert F into equivalent F' in DNF, transform F into NNF and then use the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\begin{array}{c} (F_1 \lor F_2) \land F_3 \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \land F_3) \lor (F_2 \land F_3) \\ F_1 \land (F_2 \lor F_3) \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \land F_2) \lor (F_1 \land F_3) \end{array} \right\} dist$$



Convert F :  $(Q_1 \lor \neg \neg R_1) \land (\neg Q_2 \rightarrow R_2)$  into DNF

$$\begin{array}{l} (Q_1 \lor \neg \neg R_1) \land (\neg Q_2 \to R_2) \\ \Leftrightarrow (Q_1 \lor R_1) \land (Q_2 \lor R_2) & \text{in NNF} \\ \Leftrightarrow (Q_1 \land (Q_2 \lor R_2)) \lor (R_1 \land (Q_2 \lor R_2)) & \text{dist} \\ \Leftrightarrow (Q_1 \land Q_2) \lor (Q_1 \land R_2) \lor (R_1 \land Q_2) \lor (R_1 \land R_2) & \text{dist} \end{array}$$

The last formula is equivalent to F and is in DNF. Note that formulas can grow exponentially.

# Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

Conjunction of disjunctions of literals

$$\bigwedge_{i} \bigvee_{j} \ell_{i,j} \quad \text{for literals } \ell_{i,j}$$

To convert F into equivalent F' in CNF, transform F into NNF and then use the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$(F_1 \land F_2) \lor F_3 \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \lor F_3) \land (F_2 \lor F_3) F_1 \lor (F_2 \land F_3) \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \lor F_2) \land (F_1 \lor F_3)$$

A disjunction of literals  $P_1 \lor P_2 \lor \neg P_3$  is called a clause. For brevity we write it as set:  $\{P_1, P_2, \overline{P_3}\}$ . A formula in CNF is a set of clauses (a set of sets of literals).



#### Definition (Equisatisfiability)

F and F' are equisatisfiable, iff

F is satisfiable if and only if F' is satisfiable

Every formula is equisatifiable to either  $\top$  or  $\bot$ . There is a efficient conversion of F to F' where

- F' is in CNF and
- F and F' are equisatisfiable

Note: efficient means polynomial in the size of F.

## Conversion to CNF

Basic Idea:

- Introduce a new variable P<sub>G</sub> for every subformula G; unless G is already an atom.
- For each subformula  $G : G_1 \circ G_2$  produce a small formula  $P_G \leftrightarrow P_{G_1} \circ P_{G_2}$ .
- encode each of these (small) formulae separately to CNF.

The formula

$$P_F \land \bigwedge_G CNF(P_G \leftrightarrow P_{G_1} \circ P_{G_2})$$

is equisatisfiable to F.

The number of subformulae is linear in the size of F. The time to convert one small formula is constant!

## Example: CNF

Convert  $F : P \lor Q \to P \land \neg R$  to CNF. Introduce new variables:  $P_F$ ,  $P_{P\lor Q}$ ,  $P_{P\land\neg R}$ ,  $P_{\neg R}$ . Create new formulae and convert them to CNF separately:

• 
$$P_F \leftrightarrow (P_{P \lor Q} \rightarrow P_{P \land \neg R})$$
 in CNF:  
 $F_1 : \{\{\overline{P_F}, \overline{P_{P \lor Q}}, P_{P \land \neg R}\}, \{P_F, P_{P \lor Q}\}, \{P_F, \overline{P_{P \land \neg R}}\}\}$   
•  $P_{P \lor Q} \leftrightarrow P \lor Q$  in CNF:  
 $F_2 : \{\{\overline{P_{P \lor Q}}, P \lor Q\}, \{P_{P \lor Q}, \overline{P}\}, \{P_{P \lor Q}, \overline{Q}\}\}$   
•  $P_{P \land \neg R} \leftrightarrow P \land P_{\neg R}$  in CNF:  
 $F_3 : \{\{\overline{P_{P \land \neg R}} \lor P\}, \{\overline{P_{P \land \neg R}}, P_{\neg R}\}, \{P_{P \land \neg R}, \overline{P}, \overline{P_{\neg R}}\}\}$   
•  $P_{\neg R} \leftrightarrow \neg R$  in CNF:  $F_4 : \{\{\overline{P_{\neg R}}, \overline{R}\}, \{P_{\neg R}, R\}\}$ 

 $\{\{P_F\}\} \cup F_1 \cup F_2 \cup F_3 \cup F_4 \text{ is in CNF and equisatisfiable to } F.$ 



- Algorithm to decide PL formulae in CNF.
- Published by Davis, Logemann, Loveland (1962).
- Often miscited as Davis, Putnam (1960), which describes a different algorithm.

Decides the satisfiability of PL formulae in CNF

Decision Procedure DPLL: Given F in CNF

```
let rec DPLL F =

let F' = PROP F in

let F'' = PLP F' in

if F'' = \top then true

else if F'' = \bot then false

else

let P = CHOOSE vars(F'') in

(DPLL F''\{P \mapsto \top\}) \lor (DPLL F''\{P \mapsto \bot\})
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Unit Propagation (PROP)

If a clause contains one literal  $\ell$ ,

- Set  $\ell$  to  $\top$ .
- Remove all clauses containing  $\ell$ .
- Remove  $\neg \ell$  in all clauses.

Based on resolution

$$\frac{\ell \quad \neg \ell \lor C}{C} \leftarrow \text{clause}$$

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Pure Literal Propagation (PLP)

If *P* occurs only positive (without negation), set it to  $\top$ . If *P* occurs only negative set it to  $\bot$ .

#### Example

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$$F : (\neg P \lor Q \lor R) \land (\neg Q \lor R) \land (\neg Q \lor \neg R) \land (P \lor \neg Q \lor \neg R)$$
  
Branching on Q

$$F\{Q \mapsto \top\} : (R) \land (\neg R) \land (P \lor \neg R)$$

By unit resolution

$$\frac{R \quad (\neg R)}{\perp}$$

 $F\{Q \mapsto \top\} = \bot \Rightarrow false$ 

On the other branch

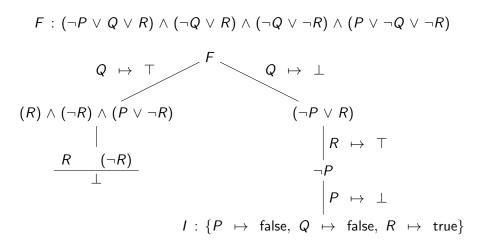
$$\begin{array}{rcl} F\{Q & \mapsto & \bot\} : (\neg P \lor R) \\ F\{Q & \mapsto & \bot, \ R & \mapsto & \top, \ P & \mapsto & \bot\} & = & \top \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{true} \end{array}$$

F is satisfiable with satisfying interpretation

 $I \ : \ \{P \ \mapsto \ \mathsf{false}, \ Q \ \mapsto \ \mathsf{false}, \ R \ \mapsto \ \mathsf{true}\}$ 

Example







A island is inhabited only by knights and knaves. Knights always tell the truth, and knaves always lie. You meet four inhabitants: Alice, Bob, Charles and Doris.

- Alice says that Doris is a knave.
- Bob tells you that Alice is a knave.
- Charles claims that Alice is a knave.
- Doris tells you, 'Of Charles and Bob, exactly one is a knight.'

## Knight and Knaves

Let A denote that Alice is a Knight, etc. Then:

- $A \leftrightarrow \neg D$
- $B \leftrightarrow \neg A$
- $C \leftrightarrow \neg A$
- $D \leftrightarrow \neg (C \leftrightarrow B)$

In CNF:

- $\{\overline{A}, \overline{D}\}, \{A, D\}$
- $\{\overline{B}, \overline{A}\}, \{B, A\}$
- $\{\overline{C},\overline{A}\}, \{C,A\}$
- $\{\overline{D}, \overline{C}, \overline{B}\}, \{\overline{D}, C, B\}, \{D, \overline{C}, B\}, \{D, C, \overline{B}\}$

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$$\begin{split} F \, : \, \{\{\overline{A},\overline{D}\},\{A,D\},\{\overline{B},\overline{A}\},\{B,A\},\{\overline{C},\overline{A}\},\{C,A\},\\ \{\overline{D},\overline{C},\overline{B}\},\{\overline{D},C,B\},\{D,\overline{C},B\},\{D,C,\overline{B}\}\} \end{split}$$

PROP and PLP are not applicable. Decide on A:

 $F\{A \mapsto \bot\} : \{\{D\}, \{B\}, \{C\}, \{\overline{D}, \overline{C}, \overline{B}\}, \{\overline{D}, C, B\}, \{D, \overline{C}, B\}, \{D, C, \overline{B}\}\}$ By PROP we get:

$$F\{A \mapsto \bot, D \mapsto \top, B \mapsto \top, C \mapsto \top\} : \bot$$

Unsatisfiable! Now set A to  $\top$ :

 $F\{A \mapsto \top\} : \{\{\overline{D}\}, \{\overline{B}\}, \{\overline{C}\}, \{\overline{D}, \overline{C}, \overline{B}\}, \{\overline{D}, C, B\}, \{D, \overline{C}, B\}, \{D, C, \overline{B}\}\}$ By prop we get:

$$F\{A \mapsto \top, D \mapsto \bot, B \mapsto \bot, C \mapsto \bot\} : \top$$

#### Satisfying assignment!

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Consider the following problem:

$$\{\{A_1, B_1\}, \{\overline{P_0}, \overline{A_1}, P_1\}, \{\overline{P_0}, \overline{B_1}, P_1\}, \{A_2, B_2\}, \{\overline{P_1}, \overline{A_2}, P_2\}, \{\overline{P_1}, \overline{B_2}, P_2\}, \dots, \{A_n, B_n\}, \{\overline{P_{n-1}}, \overline{A_n}, P_n\}, \{\overline{P_{n-1}}, \overline{B_n}, P_n\}, \{P_0\}, \{\overline{P_n}\}\}$$

For some literal orderings, we need exponentially many steps. Note, that

$$\{\{A_i, B_i\}, \{\overline{P_{i-1}}, \overline{A_i}, P_i\}, \{\overline{P_{i-1}}, \overline{B_i}, P_i\}\} \Rightarrow \{\{\overline{P_{i-1}}, P_i\}\}$$

If we learn the right clauses, unit propagation will immediately give unsatisfiable.



Do not change the clause set, but only assign literals (as global variables). When you assign true to a literal  $\ell$ , also assign false to  $\overline{\ell}$ . For a partial assignment

- A clause is true if one of its literals is assigned true.
- A clause is a conflict clause if all its literals are assigned false.
- A clause is a <u>unit clause</u> if all but one literals are assigned false and the last literal is unassigned.

If the assignment of a literal from a conflict clause is removed we get a unit clause.

Explain unsatisfiability of partial assignment by conflict clause and learn it!



Idea: Explain unsatisfiability of partial assignment by conflict clause and learn it!

- If a conflict is found we return the conflict clause.
- If variable in conflict were derived by unit propagation use resolution rule to generate a new conflict clause.
- If variable in conflict was derived by decision, use learned conflict as unit clause

## DPLL with CDCL

The functions DPLL and PROP return a conflict clause or satisfiable.

```
let rec DPLL =
  let PROP U =
     . . .
  if conflictclauses \neq \emptyset
     CHOOSE conflictclauses
  else if unitclauses \neq \emptyset
     PROP (CHOOSE unitclauses)
  else if coreclauses \neq \emptyset
      let \ell = CHOOSE ([] coreclauses) \cap unassigned in
      val[\ell] := \top
      let C = DPLL in
      if (C = \text{satisfiable}) satisfiable
      else
          val[\ell] := undef
           if (\bar{\ell} \notin C) C
           else LEARN C; PROP C
  else satisfiable
```

# Unit propagation

The function PROP takes a unit clause and does unit propagation. It calls DPLL recursively and returns a conflict clause or satisficity

```
let PROP U =
   let \ell = CHOOSE U \cap unassigned in
  val[\ell] := \top
   let C = DPLL in
   if (C = \text{satisfiable})
      satisfiable
   else
      val[\ell] := undef
      if (\bar{\ell} \notin C) C
      else U \setminus \{\ell\} \cup C \setminus \{\overline{\ell}\}
```

The last line does resolution:

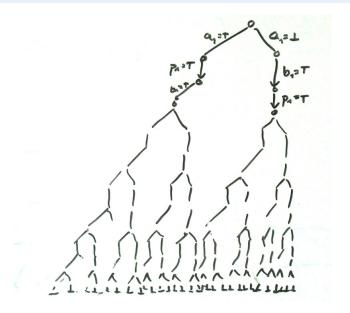
$$\frac{\ell \lor C_1 \quad \neg \ell \lor C_2}{C_1 \lor C_2}$$



 $\{\{A_1, B_1\}, \{\overline{P_0}, \overline{A_1}, P_1\}, \{\overline{P_0}, \overline{B_1}, P_1\}, \{A_2, B_2\}, \{\overline{P_1}, \overline{A_2}, P_2\}, \{\overline{P_1}, \overline{B_2}, P_2\}, \dots, \{A_n, B_n\}, \{\overline{P_{n-1}}, \overline{A_n}, P_n\}, \{\overline{P_{n-1}}, \overline{B_n}, P_n\}, \{P_0\}, \{\overline{P_n}\}\}$ 

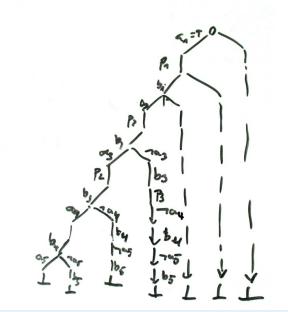
- Unit propagation (PROP) sets  $P_0$  and  $\overline{P_n}$  to true.
- Decide, e.g.  $A_1$ , PROP sets  $\overline{P_1}$
- Continue until  $A_{n-1}$ , PROP sets  $\overline{P_{n-1}}, \overline{A_n}$  and  $\overline{B_n}$
- Conflict clause computed:  $\{\overline{A_{n-1}}, \overline{P_{n-2}}, P_n\}.$
- Conflict clause does not depend on  $A_1, \ldots, A_{n-2}$  and can be used again.

# DPLL (without Learning)



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## DPLL with CDCL



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- Pure Literal Propagation is unnecessary:
   A pure literal is always chosen right and never causes a conflict.
   Madam SAT scheme use this are assume but differ in
- Modern SAT-solvers use this procedure but differ in
  - heuristics to choose literals/clauses.
  - efficient data structures to find unit clauses.
  - better conflict resolution to minimize learned clauses.
  - restarts (without forgetting learned clauses).
- Even with the optimal heuristics DPLL is still exponential: The Pidgeon-Hole problem requires exponential resolution proofs.



- Syntax and Semantics of Propositional Logic
- Methods to decide satisfiability/validity of formulae:
  - Truth table
  - Semantic Tableaux
  - DPLL
- Run-time of all algorithm is worst-case exponential in length of formula.
- Deciding satisfiability is NP-complete.

#### Further route of this lecture

- Syntax and Semantics of First Order Logic (FOL)
- Semantic Tableaux for FOL
- FOL is only semi-decidable
- ⇒ Restrictions to decidable fragments of FOL
  - Quantifier Free Fragment (QFF)
  - QFF of Equality
  - Presburger arithmetic
  - (QFF of) Linear integer arithmetic
  - Real arithmetic
  - (QFF of) Linear real/rational arithmetic
  - QFF of Recursive Data Structures
  - QFF of Arrays
  - Putting it all together (Nelson-Oppen).

# First-Order Logic

## Syntax of First-Order Logic



#### Also called Predicate Logic or Predicate Calculus

FOL Syntax	
<u>variables</u>	$x, y, z, \cdots$
<u>constants</u>	$a, b, c, \cdots$
<u>functions</u>	$f, g, h, \cdots$ with arity $n > 0$
<u>terms</u>	variables, constants or
	n-ary function applied to n terms as arguments
	a, x, f(a), g(x, b), f(g(x, f(b)))
predicates	$p, q, r, \cdots$ with arity $n \ge 0$
atom	op , $ot$ , or an n-ary predicate applied to n terms
literal	atom or its negation
	$p(f(x),g(x,f(x))),  \neg p(f(x),g(x,f(x)))$

Note: 0-ary functions: constant 0-ary predicates:  $P, Q, R, \dots$ 

#### quantifiers

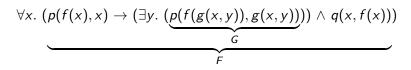
existential quantifier  $\exists x.F[x]$ "there exists an x such that F[x]" universal quantifier  $\forall x.F[x]$ "for all x, F[x]"

 $\begin{array}{ll} \underline{\text{FOL formula}} & \text{literal, application of logical connectives} \\ (\neg, \lor, \land, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow) \text{ to formulae,} \\ \text{ or application of a quantifier to a formula} \end{array}$ 

Example



FOL formula



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))"

#### Famous theorems in FOL

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

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

• Fermat's Last Theorem.

$$\forall n. integer(n) \land n > 2 \rightarrow \forall x, y, z. integer(x) \land integer(y) \land integer(z) \land x > 0 \land y > 0 \land z > 0 \rightarrow x^{n} + y^{n} \neq z^{n}$$

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For every regular Language *L* there is some  $n \ge 0$ , such that for all words  $z \in L$  with  $|z| \ge n$  there is a decomposition z = uvw with  $|v| \ge 1$  and  $|uv| \le n$ , such that for all  $i \ge 0$ :  $uv^i w \in L$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall L. \ regular language(L) \rightarrow \\ \exists n. \ integer(n) \land n \geq 0 \land \\ \forall z. \ z \in L \land |z| \geq n \rightarrow \\ \exists u, v, w. \ word(u) \land word(v) \land word(w) \land \\ z = uvw \land |v| \geq 1 \land |uv| \leq n \land \\ \forall i. \ integer(i) \land i \geq 0 \rightarrow uv^{i}w \in L \end{array}$$

Predicates: regularlanguage, integer, word,  $\cdot \in \cdot, \cdot \leq \cdot, \cdot \geq \cdot, \cdot = \cdot$ Constants: 0, 1 Functions:  $|\cdot|$  (word length), concatenation, iteration

# FOL Semantics

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

• Assignment  $\alpha_I$ 

- 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

$$\alpha_I[p]: D_I^n \to \{\top, \bot\}$$

In particular, each propositional variable P (0-ary predicate) assigned truth value  $(\top,\,\perp)$ 

### 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  
 $\alpha_I[f] : D_I^2 \rightarrow D_I \qquad \alpha_I[g] : D_I^2 \rightarrow D_I$   
 $(x, y) \mapsto x + y \qquad (x, y) \mapsto x - y$   
 $\alpha_I[p] : D_I^2 \rightarrow \{\top, \bot\}$   
 $(x, y) \mapsto \begin{cases} \top \text{ if } x < y \\ \bot \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$   
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  $13 + 42 \ge 1$ 2.  $I \not\models p(y,g(z,x))$ since  $42 \ge 1 - 13$ 3.  $I \models F$ by 1, 2, and  $\rightarrow$ 

F is true under I

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#### For a variable x:

#### Definition (x-variant)

An x-variant 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  $J : I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\}$  the x-variant of I in which  $\alpha_J[x] = v$  for some  $v \in D_I$ . Then

• 
$$I \models \forall x. F$$
 iff for all  $v \in D_I$ ,  $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\} \models F$ 

•  $I \models \exists x. F$  iff there exists  $v \in D_I$  s.t.  $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\} \models F$ 

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#### Consider

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

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

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

What is the truth-value of F?





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

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

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

iff

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

iff

for all  $v \in D_I$ , there exists  $v_1 \in D_I$ ,  $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\} \triangleleft \{y \mapsto v_1\} \models 2 \cdot y = x$ 

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

# Example $(\mathbb{Q})$



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

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

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

iff

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

iff

for all  $v \in D_I$ , there exists  $v_1 \in D_I$ ,  $I \triangleleft \{x \mapsto v\} \triangleleft \{y \mapsto v_1\} \models 2 \cdot y = x$ 

The latter is true since for  $v \in D_I$  we can choose  $v_1 = \frac{v}{2}$ .



#### Definition (Satisfiability)

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

#### Definition (Validity)

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

#### Note

F is valid iff  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable

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 substituion 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  $F\sigma$ .



### Definition (Substitution)

A substitution is a mapping from terms to terms, e.g.

$$\sigma : \{t_1 \mapsto s_1, \ldots, t_n \mapsto s_n\}$$

By  $F\sigma$  we denote the application of  $\sigma$  to formula F, i.e., the formula F where all occurences of  $t_1, \ldots, t_n$  are replaced by  $s_1, \ldots, s_n$ .

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

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Care has to be taken in the presence of quantifiers:

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

What is F[y]? We need to rename bounded variables occuring in the substitution:

$$F[y]$$
 :  $\exists y'. y' = Succ(y)$ 

Bounded renaming does not change the models of a formula:

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

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## Recursive Definition of Substitution

$$t\sigma = \begin{cases} \sigma(t) & t \in \operatorname{dom}(\sigma) \\ f(t_1\sigma, \dots, t_n\sigma) & t \notin \operatorname{dom}(\sigma) \wedge t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \\ x & t \notin \operatorname{dom}(\sigma) \wedge t = x \end{cases}$$
$$p(t_1, \dots, t_n)\sigma = p(t_1\sigma, \dots, t_n\sigma) \\ (\neg F)\sigma = \neg (F\sigma) \\ (F \wedge G)\sigma = (F\sigma) \wedge (G\sigma) \\ \cdots$$

$$(\forall x. F)\sigma = \begin{cases} \forall x. F\sigma & x \notin Vars(\sigma) \\ \forall x'. ((F\{x \mapsto x'\})\sigma) & \text{otherwise and } x' \text{ is fresh} \end{cases}$$
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### Example: Safe Substitution $F\sigma$

$$F: (\forall x. \ p(x, y)) \rightarrow q(f(y), x)$$
  
bound by  $\forall x \xrightarrow{\nearrow} free \ free \xrightarrow{\nearrow} free$   
$$\sigma: \{x \mapsto g(x), \ y \mapsto f(x), \ f(y) \mapsto h(x, y)\}$$
  
$$F\sigma?$$
  
Rename  
$$F': \forall x'. \ p(x', y) \rightarrow q(f(y), x)$$
  
$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$
  
where x' is a finite set of the set of

where x' is a fresh variable

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

### Soundness

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

#### Completeness

Each valid formula F has a semantic argument proof in which every branch reach I  $\models \bot$ 

#### Non-termination

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



If for interpretation I the assumption of the proof hold then there is an interpretation I' and a branch such that all statements on that branch hold.

I' differs from I in the values  $\alpha_I[a_i]$  of fresh constants  $a_i$ .

If all branches of the proof end with  $I \models \bot$ , then the assumption was wrong. Thus, if the assumption was  $I \not\models F$ , then F must be valid.

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

A (finite or infinite) branch is maximal, if

- it is closed ( $I \models \bot$ ), or
- no new formula can be derived.

A (finite or infinite) tree is maximal, if every branch is maximal.

There is a maximal (possibly infinite) proof tree.

If a branch is closed, it is finite.

If every branch is closed, the tree is finite (Kőnig's Lemma).

In this case, there is a finite semantic argument proof.

# Completeness (proof sketch, continued)

Otherwise, there is a maximal (possibly infinite) proof tree with at least  $\stackrel{=}{}$  one open branch *P*.

• The statements on that branch *P* form a Hintikka set:

• 
$$I \models F \land G \in P$$
 implies  $I \models F \in P$  and  $I \models G \in P$ .

- $I \not\models F \land G \in P$  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 terms  $t, I \models F[t] \in P$ .
- *I* ⊭ ∀x. *F*[x] ∈ *P* implies for some term *a*, *I* ⊭ *F*[*a*] ∈ *P*.
  Similarly for ∨, →, ↔, ∃.

**2** Choose  $D_I := \{t \mid t \text{ is term}\}, \alpha_I[f](t_1, ..., t_n) = f(t_1, ..., t_n),$ 

$$\alpha_{I}[x] = x, \quad \alpha_{I}[p](t_{1}, \dots, t_{n}) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & I \models p(t_{1}, \dots, t_{n}) \in P\\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

I satisfies all statements on the branch.
 In particular, I is a falsifying interpretation of F, thus F is not valid.



Also in first-order logic normal forms can be used:

- Devise an algorithm to convert a formula to a normal form.
- Then devise an algorithm for satisfiability/validity that only works on the normal form.

## Negation Normal Forms (NNF)

Negations appear only in literals. (only  $\neg, \land, \lor, \exists, \forall$ ) To transform *F* to equivalent *F'* in NNF use recursively the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\neg \neg F_{1} \Leftrightarrow F_{1} \quad \neg \top \Leftrightarrow \bot \quad \neg \bot \Leftrightarrow \top$$
$$\neg (F_{1} \land F_{2}) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_{1} \lor \neg F_{2} \\ \neg (F_{1} \lor F_{2}) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_{1} \land \neg F_{2} \end{cases}$$
 De Morgan's Law 
$$F_{1} \rightarrow F_{2} \Leftrightarrow \neg F_{1} \lor F_{2}$$
$$F_{1} \leftrightarrow F_{2} \Leftrightarrow (F_{1} \rightarrow F_{2}) \land (F_{2} \rightarrow F_{1})$$
$$\neg \forall x. \ F[x] \Leftrightarrow \exists x. \ \neg F[x]$$
$$\neg \exists x. \ F[x] \Leftrightarrow \forall x. \ \neg F[x]$$



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

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

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

$$F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \lor F_2$$
  

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

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

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

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 s.t.  $F' \Leftrightarrow F$ :

- Write F in NNF
- Rename quantified variables to fresh names
- Move all quantifiers to the front



Find equivalent PNF of

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

• Write F in NNF

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

• Rename quantified variables to fresh names

$$F_2 : \forall x. (\forall y. \neg p(x, y) \lor \neg p(x, z)) \lor \exists w. p(x, w)$$
  
 ^ in the scope of  $\forall x$ 

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### Example: PNF

• Move all quantifiers to the front

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

Alternately,

$$F'_3$$
:  $\forall x. \exists w. \forall y. \neg p(x, y) \lor \neg p(x, z) \lor p(x, w)$ 

Note: In  $F_2$ ,  $\forall y$  is in the scope of  $\forall x$ , therefore the order of quantifiers must be  $\cdots \forall x \cdots \forall y \cdots$ 

$$F_4 \Leftrightarrow F \text{ and } F'_4 \Leftrightarrow F$$

Note: However  $G \Leftrightarrow F$ 

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

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# 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 exists an algorithm for deciding if a PL formula F is valid, e.g., the truth-table procedure.

Similarly for satisfiability

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Decision Procedures