

LOGICS EXERCISE

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Submission of homework: Before tutorial on 27.06.2017. You have to do the homework yourself; no teamwork allowed.

Exercise 8.1. [Decidability]

1. Resolution for first-order logic is sound and complete.
2. Satisfiability and validity for first-order logic are undecidable.

How do you reconcile these two facts?

Solution:

Resolution gives us a semi-decision procedure for unsatisfiability. That is, if a given formula is not unsatisfiable, it might not terminate. For it to be a decision procedure, it would need to always terminate.

Exercise 8.2. [Ground Resolution]

Use ground resolution to prove that the following formula is valid:

$$(\forall x P(x, f(x))) \longrightarrow \exists y P(c, y)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &\neg((\forall x P(x, f(x))) \longrightarrow \exists y P(c, y)) \\ &(\forall x P(x, f(x))) \wedge \neg \exists y P(c, y) \\ &(\forall x P(x, f(x))) \wedge \forall y \neg P(c, y) \\ &\forall x \forall y (P(x, f(x)) \wedge \neg P(c, y)) \end{aligned} \tag{Skolem-Form}$$

Now enumerate the Herbrand expansion:

$$E(F) = \{P(c, f(c)) \wedge \neg P(c, f(c)), \dots\}$$

With resolution, we immediately get \square from the first item in the enumeration.

Exercise 8.3. [Barber Paradox]

Consider the following facts:

1. Every barber shaves those who do not shave themselves.
2. No barber shaves anyone who shaves themself.

Show with resolution that there are no barbers by resolution.

Solution:

We model this using the conjunction of the following formula:

- $\forall x(B(x) \rightarrow (\forall y(\neg S(y, y) \rightarrow S(x, y))))$
- $\forall x(B(x) \rightarrow (\forall y(S(y, y) \rightarrow \neg S(x, y))))$
- $\exists xB(x)$

The predicate symbol B means “is barber” and the predicate symbol S means “shaves”. The first two formulas follow directly from the facts. The last formula is used to obtain an unsatisfiable formula, which is what we need for a resolution proof.

The Skolem normal form of this conjunction is:

$$\forall x \forall y ((B(x) \rightarrow \neg S(y, y) \rightarrow S(x, y)) \wedge (B(x) \rightarrow S(y, y) \rightarrow \neg S(x, y)) \wedge B(c))$$

This can be translated into clauses easily (we have already renamed variables here):

$$\{B(c)\}, \{\neg B(x), \neg S(y, y), \neg S(x, y)\}, \{\neg B(z), S(w, w), S(z, w)\}$$

Resolution:

1. $\{B(c)\}$
2. $\{\neg B(x), \neg S(y, y), \neg S(x, y)\}$
3. $\{\neg B(z), S(w, w), S(z, w)\}$
4. $\{\neg S(y, y), \neg S(c, y)\}$ (1, 2, with $\{x \mapsto c\}$)
5. $\{S(w, w), S(c, w)\}$ (1, 3, with $\{z \mapsto c\}$)
6. \square (4, 5, with $\{y \mapsto c, w \mapsto c\}$)

Homework 8.1. [Restricted Resolution] (8 points)

In the resolution procedure as defined in the lecture slides, we can unify arbitrarily many literals from two clauses. Consider a modified resolution procedure, where exactly one literal is picked. We add another rule (“collapsing rule”): For a clause $C = \{L_1, \dots, L_n\}$, where $\{L_i, L_j\}$ can be unified using a mgu δ , add another clause $C' = (C - L_i)\delta$.

For example, given the clause

$$C = \{\neg W(x), \neg W(f(y)), T(x, y), \neg W(f(c))\}$$

we can apply the collapsing rule as follows:

$$L_1 = \neg W(x), L_2 = \neg W(f(y)), \delta = \{x \mapsto f(y)\}, C' = \{\neg W(f(y)), T(f(y), y), \neg W(f(c))\}$$

(Note that there are multiple possible ways to apply the collapsing rule to C .)

Prove that our modified resolution calculus, including collapsing rule, can be simulated by the original resolution calculus, and vice versa.

Homework 8.2. [Resolution] (8 points)

Show with resolution that:

1. $\forall x(\neg R(x) \rightarrow R(f(x))) \rightarrow \exists x(R(x) \wedge R(f(f(x))))$ is valid
2. $\exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg P(f(f(x)))) \wedge \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow P(f(x)))$ is unsatisfiable

Homework 8.3. [Equality] (4 points)

We consider how to model equality in predicate logic. In the lecture slides, the following axiom schema for congruence is used:

$$\frac{Eq(x_i, y)}{Eq(f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, y, \dots, x_n))}$$

Assume that this schema is replaced by:

$$\frac{Eq(x_1, y_1) \quad \dots \quad Eq(x_n, y_n)}{Eq(f(x_1, \dots, x_n), f(y_1, \dots, y_n))}$$

Reflexivity, symmetry and transitivity stay unchanged. Show that the above modified schemas is equivalent to the schemas from the lecture.

Hint: Simulate the modified schema with the original one and vice versa.