

# PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC

# MATHEMATICAL LOGIC

- Logic is the foundation of computation.
- We will use logic for multiple purposes:
  - Describing specifications
  - Describing program executions
  - Mathematical guarantees of logic will translate to guarantees of program correctness
  - Decision procedures for logic will be used for verification.

# PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC

Is  $p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r \leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$  valid?

Is  $p \wedge \perp \rightarrow \neg q \vee \top$  satisfiable?

# SYNTAX

Atom

Truth Values -  $\perp$  : False,  $\top$  : True

Propositional Variables -  $p, q, r, \dots$

Logical  
Connectives

$\wedge$  : and,  $\vee$  : or,  $\neg$  : not,  $\rightarrow$  : implies,  $\leftrightarrow$  : if and only if (iff)

Literal

Atom or its negation

Formula

A literal or the application of logical connectives to formulae

# SEMANTICS

Interpretation  $I$

$I$  : Set of Propositional Variables  $\rightarrow \{ \perp, \top \}$

MODEL  
OF

Given an interpretation  $I$  and Formula  $F$ ,

$I \models F$

$F$  evaluates to  $\top$  under  $I$

$I \not\models F$

$F$  evaluates to  $\perp$  under  $I$

# SEMANTICS: INDUCTIVE DEFINITION

## Base Case:

$$I \models \top$$

$$I \not\models \perp$$

$$I \models p$$

$$I \not\models p$$

$$\text{iff } I(p) = \top$$

$$\text{iff } I(p) = \perp$$

## Inductive Case:

$$I \models \neg F$$

$$I \models F_1 \wedge F_2$$

$$I \models F_1 \vee F_2$$

$$I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$$

$$I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$$

$$\text{iff } I \not\models F$$

$$\text{iff } I \models F_1 \text{ and } I \models F_2$$

$$\text{iff } I \models F_1 \text{ or } I \models F_2$$

$$\text{iff } I \not\models F_1 \text{ or } I \models F_2$$

$$\text{iff } I \models F_1 \text{ and } I \models F_2, \text{ or } I \not\models F_1 \text{ and } I \not\models F_2$$

Other cases ...

# EXAMPLE

$$I = \{p : \text{True}, q : \text{False}\}$$

$$F = p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee \neg q$$

Is  $I \models F$ ?

1.  $I \not\models q$
2.  $I \not\models p \wedge q$
3.  $I \models p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee \neg q$

# PRECEDENCE OF LOGICAL CONNECTIVES

- We assume the following precedence from highest to lowest:
  - $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$
  - **Example:**  $\neg p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee q \wedge r$  is the same as  $((\neg p) \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee (q \wedge r))$ .
- We assume that all logical connectives associate to the right.
  - Example:  $p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r$  is the same as  $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$
- Parenthesis can be used to change precedence or associativity.



# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

- A formula  $F$  is satisfiable iff there exists an interpretation  $I$  such that  $I \models F$ .
- A formula  $F$  is valid iff for all interpretations  $I$ ,  $I \models F$ .
- A formula  $F$  is valid iff  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable.
  - A Decision Procedure for satisfiability is therefore also a decision procedure for validity. How?

# QUESTIONS

- A formula can either be SAT, UNSAT or VALID.
  - Does Validity  $\Rightarrow$  Satisfiability?
  - Does Satisfiability  $\Rightarrow$  Validity?
- Can a decision procedure for Validity be used as a decision procedure for Satisfiability?
  - F is satisfiable iff  $\neg F$  is not valid.
- Are the following formulae sat, unsat or valid?
  - $p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee q$
  - $p \vee q \rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$
  - $(p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r) \wedge (p \wedge q \wedge \neg r)$

# MORE TERMINOLOGY

- Formulae  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are **equivalent** (denoted by  $F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$ ) when the formula  $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$  is valid.
  - Example:  $p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q$
  - Another definition:  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are equivalent if for all interpretations  $I$ ,  $I \models F_1$  if and only if  $I \models F_2$ .
- Formula  $F_1$  **implies**  $F_2$  (denoted by  $F_1 \Rightarrow F_2$ ) when the formula  $F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  is valid.
  - Example:  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge p \Rightarrow q$
- Formulae  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are **equisatisfiable** when  $F_1$  is satisfiable if and only if  $F_2$  is satisfiable.
  - Example:  $p \wedge (q \vee r)$  and  $q \vee r$  are equisatisfiable

# MORE EXAMPLES

- Which of the following are true?
  - $\neg(F_1 \wedge F_2) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \vee \neg F_2$
  - $(F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2) \wedge (F_2 \leftrightarrow F_3) \Rightarrow (F_1 \leftrightarrow F_3)$
  - $p \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q$
  - $p$  and  $q$  are equisatisfiable.
- What is the simplest example of two formulae which are not equisatisfiable?

# DECISION PROCEDURES FOR SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

- Two methods
  - Truth Tables: Search for satisfying interpretation
  - Semantic Argument: Rule-based deductive approach
- Modern SAT solvers use combination of both approaches

# TRUTH TABLES - EXAMPLE

$$p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee \neg q$$

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee \neg q$	$p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee \neg q$
0	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	1
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# TRUTH TABLES - EXAMPLE

$p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee \neg q$  is valid

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# SEMANTIC ARGUMENT METHOD

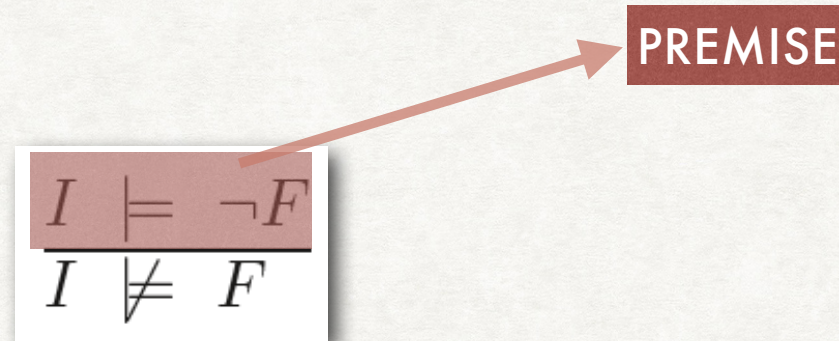
- Deductive approach for showing validity based on proof rules
- Main Idea: Proof by Contradiction.
  - Assume that a falsifying interpretation exists.
  - Use proof rules to deduce more facts.
  - Find contradictory facts.



# PROOF RULES (NEGATION)

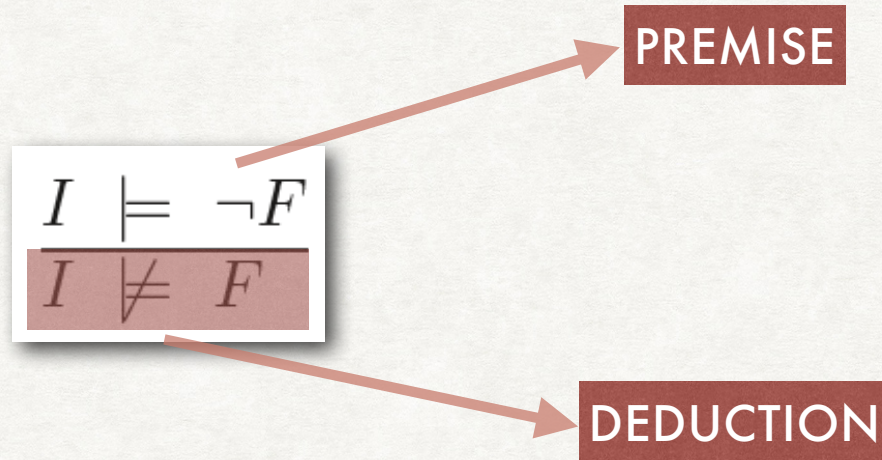
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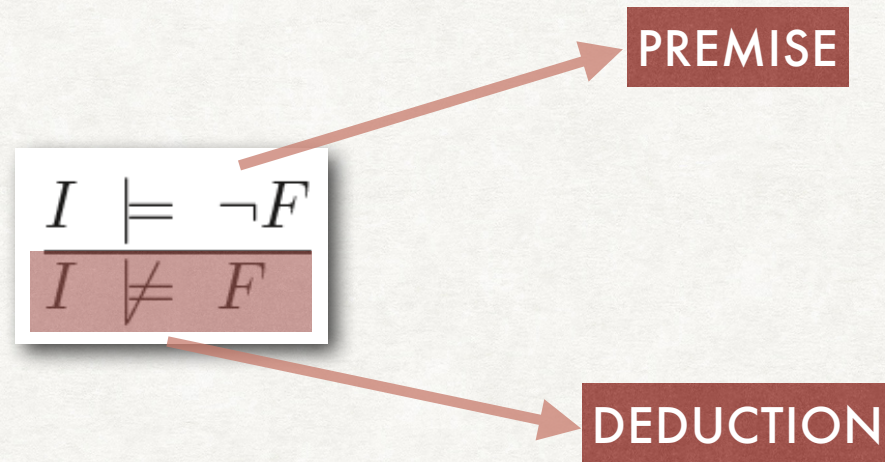


The diagram illustrates a logical rule for negation. It features a central box containing the rule: 
$$\frac{I \models \neg F}{I \not\models F}$$
 The top part of the box,  $I \models \neg F$ , is highlighted in a dark red color. To the right of this box is another dark red box containing the word "PREMISE". A red arrow points from the top-right corner of the first box to the "PREMISE" box.

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

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$$\frac{I \not\models F \wedge G}{\begin{array}{l} I \not\models F \quad | \quad I \not\models G \end{array}}$$

**BRANCHING:**

Need to show a contradiction in every branch

# PROOF RULES (DISJUNCTION)

$$\frac{I \models F \vee G}{I \models F \mid I \models G}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \vee G}{I \not\models F \mid I \not\models G}$$



# PROOF RULES (IMPLICATION)

$$\frac{I \models F \rightarrow G}{I \not\models F \mid I \models G}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \rightarrow G}{I \models F}$$
$$I \not\models G$$

# PROOF RULES (IFF)

$$\frac{I \models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge G \quad | \quad I \not\models F \vee G}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge \neg G \quad | \quad I \models \neg F \wedge G}$$

# PROOF RULES (CONTRADICTION)

$$\frac{I \models F \quad I \not\models F}{I \models \perp}$$

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Prove that  $p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee \neg q$  is valid

$$I \not\models p \wedge q \rightarrow p \vee \neg q$$

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$$I \models p \wedge q \quad I \not\models p \vee \neg q$$

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$$I \models p$$

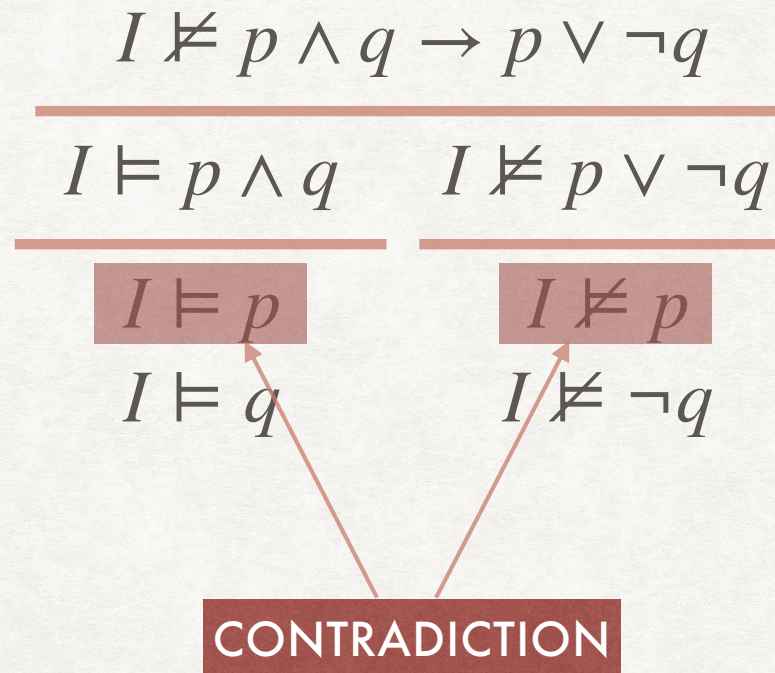
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$$I \models (p \rightarrow q \wedge p) \quad I \not\models q$$

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$$I \not\models p \quad | \quad I \models q$$

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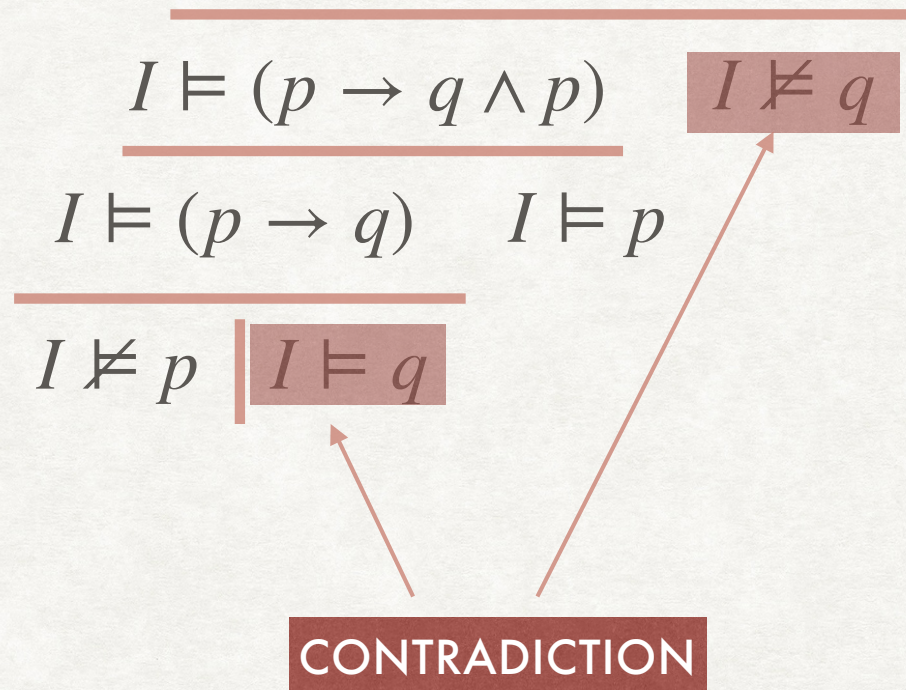
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CONTRADICTION

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Each branch should lead to a contradiction

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lectures slides and recorded video lectures are available on the course webpage.
- Chapter 1 of the BM book is uploaded on the course moodle page.
  - Please try Exercises 1.1-1.5.



# QUESTIONS

- Is the semantic argument method complete?
- Can we use the semantic argument method for satisfiability?
- What is the time complexity of the semantic argument method?

# DECISION PROCEDURES FOR SAT

- We will go through the DPLL algorithm.
  - Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland Algorithm
  - Combines truth table and deductive approaches
  - Requires formulae in Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)
  - Forms the basis of modern SAT solvers

# NORMAL FORMS

- A Normal Form of a formula  $F$  is another equivalent formula  $F'$  which obeys some syntactic restrictions.
- Three important normal forms:
  - Negation Normal Form (NNF): Should use only  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$  as the logical connectives, and  $\neg$  should only be applied to literals
  - Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF): Should be a disjunction of conjunction of literals
  - Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF): Should be a conjunction of disjunction of literals

# CONJUNCTIVE NORMAL FORM

- A conjunction of disjunction of literals

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

- Each inner disjunct is also called a clause
- Is every formula in CNF also in NNF?

# CNF CONVERSION

- We can use distribution of  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$  to obtain formula in CNF
  - $F_1 \vee (F_2 \wedge F_3) \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \vee F_2) \wedge (F_1 \vee F_3)$
  - Causes exponential blowup.
- Tseitin's transformation algorithm can be used to obtain an equisatisfiable CNF formula linear in size
  - BM Chapter 1

# TRUTH TABLE BASED METHOD

Decision Procedure for Satisfiability:  
Returns **true** if F is SAT, **false** if F is UNSAT

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    if (F = T) return true;  
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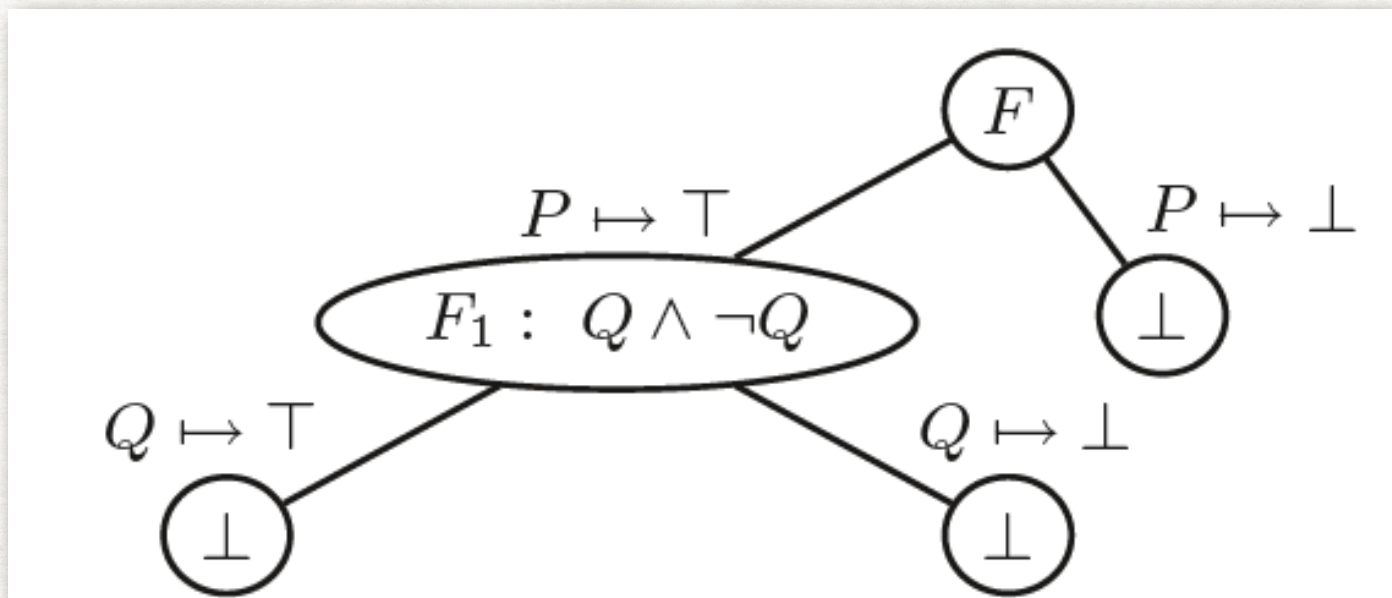
**F[G/P] : G REPLACES EVERY OCCURRENCE OF P IN F, THEN SIMPLIFY**

# SIMPLIFICATION

- Following equivalences can be used to simplify:
  - $F \wedge \perp \Leftrightarrow \perp$
  - $F \wedge \top \Leftrightarrow F$
  - $F \vee \perp \Leftrightarrow F$
  - $F \vee \top \Leftrightarrow \top$
- Note that these equivalences would be applied syntactically.
  - That is, if the formula contains a  $\top$  or  $\perp$ , it would be re-written according to the above equivalences.

# EXAMPLE

- $\text{SAT}((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge P \wedge \neg Q)$
- $F = (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge P \wedge \neg Q$
- $F[\top/P] \triangleq (\perp \vee Q) \wedge \top \wedge \neg Q \equiv Q \wedge \neg Q$



SIMPLIFICATION MAY SAVE BRANCHING ON SOME OCCASIONS



# DEDUCTION: CLAUSAL RESOLUTION FOR CNF

$$I \models p \vee F \quad I \models \neg p \vee G$$

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$$I \models F \vee G$$

[CLAUSAL RESOLUTION]

- Given a CNF Formula  $F = C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$ , if  $C'$  is a resolvent deduced from  $F$ , then  $F' = C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n, C'$  is equivalent to  $F$ .
- Example:  $F = (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge P \wedge \neg Q$ 
  - Rewritten as  $F = (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee \perp) \wedge \neg Q$
  - Resolvent:  $(Q \vee \perp) = Q$
  - $F' = (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge P \wedge \neg Q \wedge Q \rightarrow$  The next resolvent will be  $\perp$ .
- Idea: Repeatedly apply clausal resolution until no more new clauses can be deduced. If  $\perp$  is never deduced, then the formula is satisfiable.

# DEDUCTION: UNIT RESOLUTION FOR CNF

$$I \models p \quad I \models \neg p \vee F$$



$$I \models F$$


[UNIT RESOLUTION]

In Unit Resolution, the resolvent replaces the original clause

# BOOLEAN CONSTRAINT PROPAGATION (BCP) FOR CNF

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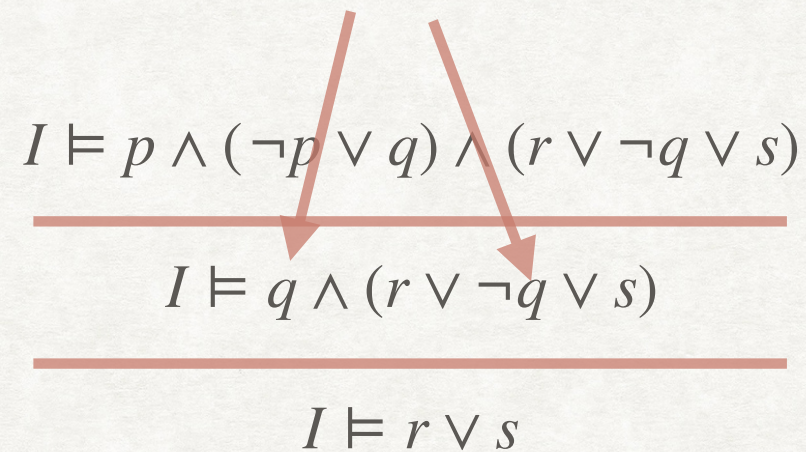
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[UNIT RESOLUTION]

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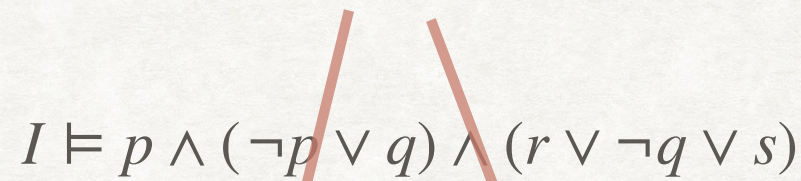
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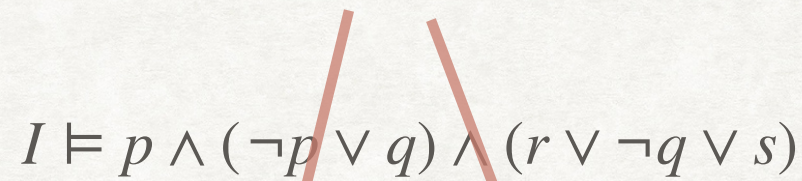
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[UNIT RESOLUTION]

$$I \models r \vee s$$


FIND A SATISFYING INTERPRETATION

# PURE LITERAL PROPAGATION (PLP)

## FOR CNF

- If a variable appears only positively or negatively in a formula, then all clauses containing the variable can be removed.
  - $p$  appears positively if every  $p$ -literal is just  $p$
  - $p$  appears negatively if every  $p$ -literal is  $\neg p$
- Removing such clauses from  $F$  results in a equisatisfiable formula  $F'$ 
  - Why?
  - Are  $F$  and  $F'$  equivalent?

# DPLL FOR CNF

Decision Procedure for Satisfiability of CNF Formula:  
Returns **true** if F is SAT, **false** if F is UNSAT

```
SAT(F){  
    F' = PLP(F);  
    F'' = BCP(F');  
    if (F'' = T) return true;  
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# EXAMPLE

$$F : (\neg p \vee q \vee r) \wedge (\neg q \vee r) \wedge (\neg q \vee \neg r) \wedge (p \vee \neg q \vee \neg r)$$

- SAT(F)
  - No PLP or BCP.
  - $q \leftarrow \text{CHOOSE}$ .
  - $F[\text{True}/q] = r \wedge \neg r \wedge (p \vee \neg r)$
- SAT(F[True/q])
  - After PLP:  $r \wedge \neg r$
  - After BCP: False
  - Return False and backtrack to previous call

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- SAT(F[False/q])
  - After PLP: True
  - Satisfiable!

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# DPLL IS JUST THE STARTING POINT!

- Modern SAT solvers use a variety of approaches to further improve performance
  - Non-chronological back tracking
  - Conflict-driven clause learning (CDCL)
  - Heuristics to CHOOSE appropriate variables and assignments
- Current SAT solvers can solve problems with **millions** of clauses in reasonable amount of time on average.

# ENCODING PROBLEMS IN PL

- Even though PL is relatively straightforward, many problems in diverse areas can be encoded in PL.
  - Problems in graph theory and combinatorics, games such as Sudoku, problems in biotechnology and bioinformatics, etc.
  - There exists a reduction from every NP-Complete problem to SAT.
- As an example, let us try to encode the graph-colouring problem in PL.

# GRAPH COLOURING IN PL

- In the graph colouring problem, the goal is to assign colours to vertices such that no two adjacent vertices have the same colour.
- Formally, consider graph  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ 
  - Vertices,  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$
  - Edges,  $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_l\} \subseteq V \times V$
  - Colours,  $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_m\}$
- Assign each vertex  $v \in V$  a color  $\text{color}(v) \in C$  such that
  - for edge  $e = (v, w) \in E$ ,  $\text{color}(v) \neq \text{color}(w)$ .



# GRAPH COLOURING IN PL

- We use binary variable  $p_v^c$  to denote that vertex  $v$  has been assigned color  $c$ .
- Properties that the colouring should satisfy:
  - Each vertex must be coloured from the set  $C$ .
  - Each vertex must be assigned at most one colour.
  - Two adjacent vertices must be assigned different colours.

# GRAPH COLOURING IN PL

- Each vertex must be coloured from the set  $C$ .

$$(p_{v_1}^{c_1} \vee p_{v_1}^{c_2} \vee \dots \vee p_{v_1}^{c_m}) \wedge \dots \wedge (p_{v_n}^{c_1} \vee p_{v_n}^{c_2} \vee \dots \vee p_{v_n}^{c_m})$$

- Each vertex must be assigned at most one colour.

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \bigvee_{1 \leq j < k \leq m} p_{v_i}^{c_j} \rightarrow \neg p_{v_i}^{c_k}$$

- Two adjacent vertices must be assigned different colours.

$$\bigwedge_{(v,v') \in E} \bigwedge_{k=1}^m \neg(p_v^{c_k} \wedge p_{v'}^{c_k})$$

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- An optimisation: We can omit the at-most one colour constraint.
  - This is because if there is a valid colouring which assigns more than one colour, then there is also a valid colouring assigning exactly one colour.
  - The original formula and the optimised formula are equisatisfiable.