

# Logic-based Program Verification

## *First-Order Logic*

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**Example 1** (Clausification) Transform the formulas  $F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4$ , and  $\neg G$  into a set of clauses, where

$$F_1 : \forall_{x,y} \exists_z P[x, y, z]$$

$$F_2 : \begin{aligned} & \forall_{x,y,z,u,v,w} (P[x, y, u] \wedge P[y, z, v] \wedge P[u, z, w] \Rightarrow P[x, v, w]) \\ & \wedge \\ & \forall_{x,y,z,u,v,w} (P[x, y, u] \wedge P[y, z, v] \wedge P[x, v, w] \Rightarrow P[u, z, w]) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_3 : \forall_x P[x, e, x] \wedge \forall_x P[e, x, x]$$

$$F_4 : \forall_x P[x, i[x], e] \wedge \forall_x P[i[x], x, e]$$

$$G : \left( \forall_x P[x, x, e] \right) \Rightarrow \left( \forall_{u,v,w} (P[u, v, w] \Rightarrow P[v, u, w]) \right)$$

**Solution.**  $F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4$  can almost immediately be transformed into clauses. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & P[x, y, f[x, y]] \\ & \neg P[x, y, u] \vee \neg P[y, z, v] \vee \neg P[u, z, w] \vee P[x, v, w] \\ & \neg P[x, y, u] \vee \neg P[y, z, v] \vee \neg P[x, v, w] \vee P[u, z, w] \\ & P[x, e, x] \\ & P[e, x, x] \\ & P[x, i[x], e] \\ & P[i[x], x, e] \end{aligned}$$

We transform  $\neg G$  into standard form

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg \left( \left( \forall_x P[x, x, e] \right) \Rightarrow \left( \forall_{u,v,w} (P[u, v, w] \Rightarrow P[v, u, w]) \right) \right) \\ \iff & \neg \left( \neg \left( \forall_x P[x, x, e] \right) \vee \left( \forall_{u,v,w} (\neg P[u, v, w] \vee P[v, u, w]) \right) \right) \\ \iff & \left( \forall_x P[x, x, e] \right) \wedge \left( \exists_{u,v,w} (P[u, v, w] \wedge \neg P[v, u, w]) \right) \\ \rightsquigarrow & \forall_x P[x, x, e] \wedge P[a, b, c] \wedge \neg P[b, a, c] \end{aligned}$$

which gives the following clauses

$$\begin{aligned} & P[x, x, e] \\ & P[a, b, c] \\ & \neg P[b, a, c] \end{aligned}$$

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**Example 2** (Most General Unifier) Find a most general unifier for

$$W = \{P[a, x, f[g[y]]], P[z, f[z], f[u]]\}$$

**Solution.** Let  $\sigma_0 = \varepsilon$  and  $W_0 = W$ . Since  $W_0$  is not a singleton,  $\sigma_0$  is not a mgu of  $W$ .

$$D_0 = \{a, z\}.$$

Let  $\sigma_1 = \varepsilon \circ \{z \rightarrow a\}$ ,  $W_1 = W_0\sigma_1 = \{P[a, x, f[g[y]]], P[a, f[a], f[u]]\}$ .

$W_1$  is not a singleton.  $D_1 = \{x, f[a]\}$ .

Let  $\sigma_2 = \{z \rightarrow a\}\{x \rightarrow f[a]\} = \{z \rightarrow a, x \rightarrow f[a]\}$ .  $W_2 = W_1\sigma_2 = \{P[a, f[a], f[g[y]]], P[a, f[a], f[u]]\}$ .

$W_2$  is not a singleton.  $D_2 = \{g[y], u\}$ .

Let  $\sigma_3 = \sigma_2\{u \rightarrow g[y]\} = \{z \rightarrow a, x \rightarrow f[a], u \rightarrow g[y]\}$ .

$W_3 = W_2\sigma_3 = \{P[a, f[a], f[g[y]]], P[a, f[a], f[g[y]]]\} = \{P[a, f[a], f[g[y]]]\}$ .

Since  $W_3$  is a singleton.  $\sigma_3 = \{z \rightarrow a, x \rightarrow f[a], u \rightarrow g[y]\}$  is a mgu for  $W$ . ◀

**Example 3** (Most General Unifier) Find a most general unifier for

$$W = \{Q[a], Q[b]\}$$

**Solution.** Let  $\sigma_0 = \varepsilon$  and  $W_0 = W$ . Since  $W_0$  is not a singleton,  $\sigma_0$  is not a mgu of  $W$ .

$D_0 = \{a, b\}$ . Since none of the elements of  $D_0$  is a variable we conclude that  $W$  is not unifiable. ◀

**Example 4** (Resolution 1) Prove by resolution the following

$$\forall_x F[x] \vee \forall_x H[x] \not\equiv \forall_x (F[x] \vee H[x])$$

**Solution.** Direction “ $\Rightarrow$ ”. Let

$$\begin{aligned} F & : \iff \forall_x F[x] \vee \forall_x H[x] \\ G & : \iff \forall_x (F[x] \vee H[x]) \end{aligned}$$

We prove that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F$  by resolution. We have

$$\begin{aligned} F & : \iff \forall_x F[x] \vee \forall_x H[x] \\ & \iff \forall_{x,y} F[x] \vee H[y] \\ \neg G & : \iff \neg \left( \forall_x (F[x] \vee H[x]) \right) \\ & \iff \exists_x (\neg F[x] \wedge \neg H[x]) \\ & \rightsquigarrow \neg F[a] \wedge \neg H[a] \end{aligned}$$

By transforming them into a set of clauses we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1) & \quad F[x] \vee H[y] \\ (2) & \quad \neg F[a] \\ (3) & \quad \neg H[a] \end{aligned}$$

By applying resolution we obtain the following clauses

$$\begin{aligned} (4) & \quad H[a] \quad (1) \wedge (2), \{x \rightarrow a, y \rightarrow a\} \\ (5) & \quad \emptyset \quad (3) \wedge (4) \end{aligned}$$

Direction “ $\Leftarrow$ ”. Let

$$\begin{aligned} F & : \iff \forall_x (F[x] \vee H[x]) \\ G & : \iff \forall_x F[x] \vee \forall_x H[x] \end{aligned}$$

We prove that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F$  by resolution. We have

$$\begin{aligned} F & : \iff \forall_x (F[x] \vee H[x]) \\ \neg G & : \iff \neg \left( \forall_x F[x] \vee \forall_x H[x] \right) \\ & \iff \exists_x \neg F[x] \wedge \exists_x \neg H[x] \\ & \rightsquigarrow \neg F[a] \wedge \neg H[b] \end{aligned}$$

By transforming them into a set of clauses we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1) & \quad F[x] \vee H[x] \\ (2) & \quad \neg F[a] \\ (3) & \quad \neg H[b] \end{aligned}$$

By applying resolution we obtain the following clauses

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad & H[a] \quad (1) \wedge (2), \{x \rightarrow a\} \\ (5) \quad & F[b] \quad (1) \wedge (3), \{x \rightarrow b\} \end{aligned}$$

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**Example 5** (Resolution 2) Prove by resolution that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  where

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 : \quad & \forall_x (C[x] \Rightarrow (W[x] \wedge R[x])) \\ F_2 : \quad & \exists_x (C[x] \wedge O[x]) \\ G : \quad & \exists_x (O[x] \wedge R[x]) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** We show that  $F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge \neg G$  is unsatisfiable by resolution. We transform  $F_1, F_2, \neg G$  into Skolem standard form. We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 : \quad & \forall_x (C[x] \Rightarrow (W[x] \wedge R[x])) \\ \iff \quad & \forall_x (\neg C[x] \vee (W[x] \wedge R[x])) \\ \iff \quad & \forall_x (\neg C[x] \vee W[x]) \wedge (\neg C[x] \vee R[x]) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2 : \quad & \exists_x (C[x] \wedge O[x]) \\ \rightsquigarrow \quad & C[a] \wedge O[a] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \neg G : \quad & \neg \left( \exists_x (O[x] \wedge R[x]) \right) \\ \iff \quad & \forall_x (\neg O[x] \vee \neg R[x]) \end{aligned}$$

We have the following set of clauses

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \neg C[x] \vee W[x] \\ (2) \quad & \neg C[x] \vee R[x] \\ (3) \quad & C[a] \\ (4) \quad & O[a] \\ (5) \quad & \neg O[x] \vee \neg R[x] \end{aligned}$$

By resolution we obtain also the following clauses

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad & \neg R[a] \quad (4) \wedge (5), \{x \rightarrow a\} \\ (7) \quad & \neg C[a] \quad (6) \wedge (2), \{x \rightarrow a\} \\ (8) \quad & \emptyset \quad (7) \wedge (3) \end{aligned}$$

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**Example 6** (Resolution 3) Prove by resolution that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  where

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &: \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (D[y] \Rightarrow L[x, y]) \right) \\ F_2 &: \forall_x \left( P[x] \Rightarrow \forall_y (Q[y] \Rightarrow \neg L[x, y]) \right) \\ G &: \forall_x (D[x] \Rightarrow \neg Q[x]) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** We show that  $F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge \neg G$  is unsatisfiable by resolution. We transform  $F_1, F_2, \neg G$  into Skolem standard form. We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &: \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (D[y] \Rightarrow L[x, y]) \right) \\ &\iff \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (\neg D[y] \vee L[x, y]) \right) \\ &\iff \exists_x \forall_y (P[x] \wedge (\neg D[y] \vee L[x, y])) \\ &\rightsquigarrow \forall_y (P[a] \wedge (\neg D[y] \vee L[a, y])) \\ \\ F_2 &: \forall_x \left( P[x] \Rightarrow \forall_y (Q[y] \Rightarrow \neg L[x, y]) \right) \\ &\iff \forall_x \left( P[x] \Rightarrow \forall_y (\neg Q[y] \vee \neg L[x, y]) \right) \\ &\iff \forall_x \left( \neg P[x] \vee \forall_y (\neg Q[y] \vee \neg L[x, y]) \right) \\ &\iff \forall_x \forall_y (\neg P[x] \vee \neg Q[y] \vee \neg L[x, y]) \\ \\ \neg G &: \neg \left( \forall_x (D[x] \Rightarrow \neg Q[x]) \right) \\ &\iff \neg \left( \forall_x (\neg D[x] \vee \neg Q[x]) \right) \\ &\iff \exists_x (D[x] \wedge Q[x]) \\ &\rightsquigarrow D[a] \wedge Q[a] \end{aligned}$$

We have the following set of clauses

- (1)  $P[a]$
- (2)  $\neg D[y] \vee L[a, y]$
- (3)  $\neg P[x] \vee \neg Q[y] \vee \neg L[x, y]$
- (4)  $D[a]$
- (5)  $Q[a]$

By resolution we obtain also the following clauses

$$\begin{array}{ll}
(6) & L[a, a] \quad (2) \wedge (4), \{y \rightarrow a\} \\
(7) & \neg P[a] \vee \neg Q[a] \quad (3) \wedge (6), \{x \rightarrow a, y \rightarrow a\} \\
(8) & \neg Q[a] \quad (1) \wedge (7) \\
(9) & \emptyset \quad (5) \wedge (8)
\end{array}$$

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**Example 7** (Resolution 4) Prove by resolution that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F$  where

$$\begin{array}{l}
F : \quad \forall_{x,y} \exists (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \Rightarrow \exists_y (I[y] \wedge E[x, y]) \\
G : \quad \neg \exists_x I[x] \Rightarrow \forall_{x,y} (S[x, y] \Rightarrow \neg M[y])
\end{array}$$

**Solution.** We show that  $F \wedge \neg G$  is unsatisfiable. First we transform the formulas into standard form. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
F &: \forall_x \left( \exists_y (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \right) \Rightarrow \exists_y (I[y] \wedge E[x, y]) \\
&\iff \forall_x \neg \left( \exists_y (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \right) \vee \exists_y (I[y] \wedge E[x, y]) \\
&\iff \forall_x \left( \forall_y (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \right) \vee \exists_y (I[y] \wedge E[x, y]) \\
&\iff \forall_x \left( \forall_y (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \right) \vee (I[f[x]] \wedge E[x, f[x]]) \\
&\iff \forall_{x,y} (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \vee (I[f[x]] \wedge E[x, f[x]]) \\
&\iff \forall_{x,y} ((\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y] \vee I[f[x]]) \wedge (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y] \vee E[x, f[x]])) \\
\neg G &: \neg \left( \neg \exists_x I[x] \Rightarrow \forall_{x,y} (S[x, y] \Rightarrow \neg M[y]) \right) \\
&\iff \neg \left( \neg \exists_x I[x] \Rightarrow \forall_{x,y} (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \right) \\
&\iff \neg \left( \exists_x I[x] \vee \forall_{x,y} (\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]) \right) \\
&\iff \left( \forall_x \neg I[x] \wedge \exists_{x,y} (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \right) \\
&\iff \forall_z \neg I[z] \wedge \exists_{x,y} (S[x, y] \wedge M[y]) \\
&\rightsquigarrow \forall_z \neg I[z] \wedge S[a, b] \wedge M[b]
\end{aligned}$$

We have the following set of clauses

- (1)  $\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y] \vee I[f[x]]$
- (2)  $\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y] \vee E[x, f[x]]$
- (3)  $\neg I[z]$
- (4)  $S[a, b]$
- (5)  $M[b]$

By resolution we obtain also the following clauses

- (6)  $\neg S[x, y] \vee \neg M[y]$     (1)  $\wedge$  (3),  $\{z \rightarrow f[x]\}$
- (7)  $\neg M[b]$     (4)  $\wedge$  (6),  $\{x \rightarrow a, y \rightarrow b\}$
- (8)  $\emptyset$     (5)  $\wedge$  (7)



**Example 8** (Resolution 5) Prove by resolution that  $G$  is a logical consequence of  $F_1, F_2$ , and  $F_3$  where

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_1 &: \forall_x (Q[x] \Rightarrow \neg P[x]) \\
 F_2 &: \forall_x \left( (R[x] \wedge \neg Q[x]) \Rightarrow \exists_y (T[x, y] \wedge S[y]) \right) \\
 F_3 &: \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (T[x, y] \Rightarrow P[y]) \wedge R[x] \right) \\
 G &: \exists_x (S[x] \wedge P[x])
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** We show that  $F_1 \wedge F_2 \wedge F_3 \wedge \neg G$  is unsatisfiable. First we transform the formulas into standard form.

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1 &: \forall_x (Q[x] \Rightarrow \neg P[x]) \iff \forall_x (\neg Q[x] \vee \neg P[x]) \\
F_2 &: \forall_x \left( (R[x] \wedge \neg Q[x]) \Rightarrow \exists_y (T[x, y] \wedge S[y]) \right) \\
&\iff \forall_x \left( \neg (R[x] \wedge \neg Q[x]) \vee \exists_y (T[x, y] \wedge S[y]) \right) \\
&\iff \forall_x \left( \neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee \exists_y (T[x, y] \wedge S[y]) \right) \\
&\iff \forall_{xy} (\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee (T[x, y] \wedge S[y])) \\
&\iff \forall_{xy} ((\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee T[x, y]) \wedge (\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee S[y])) \\
&\rightsquigarrow \forall_x ((\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee T[x, f[x]]) \wedge (\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee S[f[x]])) \\
F_3 &: \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (T[x, y] \Rightarrow P[y]) \wedge R[x] \right) \\
&\iff \exists_x \left( P[x] \wedge \forall_y (\neg T[x, y] \vee P[y]) \wedge R[x] \right) \\
&\iff \exists_{xy} (P[x] \wedge (\neg T[x, y] \vee P[y]) \wedge R[x]) \\
&\rightsquigarrow \forall_y (P[a] \wedge (\neg T[a, y] \vee P[y]) \wedge R[a]) \\
\neg G &: \neg \left( \exists_x (S[x] \wedge P[x]) \right) \\
&\iff \forall_x (\neg S[x] \vee \neg P[x])
\end{aligned}$$

We have the following set of clauses

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| (1) $\neg Q[x] \vee \neg P[x]$            |  |
| (2) $\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee T[x, f[x]]$ |  |
| (3) $\neg R[x] \vee Q[x] \vee S[f[x]]$    |  |
| (4) $P[a]$                                |  |
| (5) $\neg T[a, y] \vee P[y]$              |  |
| (6) $R[a]$                                |  |
| (7) $\neg S[x] \vee \neg P[x]$            |  |
| (8) $\neg Q[a]$                           | $(1) \wedge (4), \{x \rightarrow a\}$    |
| (9) $\neg R[a] \vee T[a, f[a]]$           | $(8) \wedge (2), \{x \rightarrow a\}$    |
| (10) $\neg R[a] \vee P[f[a]]$             | $(9) \wedge (5), \{y \rightarrow f[a]\}$ |
| (11) $P[f[a]]$                            | $(10) \wedge (6)$                        |
| (12) $\neg S[f[a]]$                       | $(11) \wedge (7)$                        |
| (13) $\neg R[a] \vee Q[a]$                | $(12) \wedge (3)$                        |
| (14) $Q[a]$                               | $(13) \wedge (6)$                        |
| (15) $\emptyset$                          | $(14) \wedge (8)$                        |

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