

# *Logic and Proof*

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## Introduction to Logic

Logic concerns *statements* in some *language*

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The language can be informal (e.g. English) or *formal*

Some statements are *true*, others *false* or perhaps *meaningless*, . . .

Logic concerns relationships between statements: consistency, entailment, . . .

Logical *proofs* model human reasoning

## Statements

Statements are declarative assertions:

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*Black is the colour of my true love's hair.*

They are not greetings, questions, commands, . . . :

*What is the colour of my true love's hair?*

*I wish my true love had hair.*

*Get a haircut!*

### Schematic Statements

The *meta-variables*  $X, Y, Z, \dots$  range over 'real' objects

*Black is the colour of  $X$ 's hair.*

*Black is the colour of  $Y$ .*

*$Z$  is the colour of  $Y$ .*

Schematic statements can express general statements, or questions:

*What things are black?*

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### Interpretations and Validity

An *interpretation* maps meta-variables to real objects

The interpretation  $Y \mapsto \text{coal}$  *satisfies* the statement

*Black is the colour of  $Y$ .*

but the interpretation  $Y \mapsto \text{strawberries}$  does not!

A statement  $\bar{A}$  is *valid* if all interpretations satisfy  $\bar{A}$ .

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### Consistency, or Satisfiability

A set  $S$  of statements is *consistent* if some interpretation satisfies all elements of  $S$  at the same time. Otherwise  $S$  is *inconsistent*.

Examples of inconsistent sets:

$\{X \text{ part of } Y, Y \text{ part of } Z, X \text{ NOT part of } Z\}$

$\{n \text{ is a positive integer, } n \neq 1, n \neq 2, \dots\}$

satisfiable/unsatisfiable = consistent/inconsistent

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### Entailment, or Logical Consequence

A set  $S$  of statements *entails*  $A$  if every interpretation that satisfies all elements of  $S$ , also satisfies  $A$ . We write  $S \models A$ .

$\{X \text{ part of } Y, Y \text{ part of } Z\} \models X \text{ part of } Z$

$\{n \neq 1, n \neq 2, \dots\} \models n \text{ is NOT a positive integer}$

$S \models A$  if and only if  $\{\neg A\} \cup S$  is inconsistent

$\models A$  if and only if  $A$  is valid

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### Inference

Want to check  $A$  is valid

Checking all interpretations can be effective — but if there are infinitely many?

Let  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \models B$ . If  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are true then  $B$  must be true. Write this as the inference

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{B}$$

Use inferences to construct finite proofs!

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### Schematic Inference Rules

$$\frac{X \text{ part of } Y \quad Y \text{ part of } Z}{X \text{ part of } Z}$$

A valid inference:

$$\frac{\text{spoke part of wheel} \quad \text{wheel part of bike}}{\text{spoke part of bike}}$$

An inference may be valid even if the premises are false!

$$\frac{\text{cow part of chair} \quad \text{chair part of ant}}{\text{cow part of ant}}$$

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## Survey of Formal Logics

**propositional logic** is traditional *boolean algebra*.

**first-order logic** can say *for all* and *there exists*.

**higher-order logic** reasons about sets and functions. It has been applied to hardware verification.

**modal/temporal logics** reason about what *must*, or *may*, happen.

**type theories** support *constructive* mathematics.

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### Syntax of Propositional Logic

$P, Q, R, \dots$  propositional letter

$t$  true

$f$  false

$\neg A$  not  $A$

$A \wedge B$   $A$  and  $B$

$A \vee B$   $A$  or  $B$

$A \rightarrow B$  if  $A$  then  $B$

$A \leftrightarrow B$   $A$  if and only if  $B$

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### Semantics of Propositional Logic

$\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow$  and  $\leftrightarrow$  are *truth-functional*: functions of their operands

| $A$ | $B$ | $\neg A$ | $A \wedge B$ | $A \vee B$ | $A \rightarrow B$ | $A \leftrightarrow B$ |
|-----|-----|----------|--------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| $t$ | $t$ | $f$      | $t$          | $t$        | $t$               | $t$                   |
| $t$ | $f$ | $f$      | $f$          | $t$        | $f$               | $f$                   |
| $f$ | $t$ | $t$      | $f$          | $t$        | $t$               | $f$                   |
| $f$ | $f$ | $t$      | $f$          | $f$        | $t$               | $t$                   |

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### Interpretations of Propositional Logic

An *interpretation* is a function from the propositional letters to  $\{t, f\}$ .

Interpretation  $I$  *satisfies* a formula  $A$  if the formula evaluates to  $t$ .

Write  $\models_I A$

$A$  is *valid* (a *tautology*) if every interpretation satisfies  $A$

Write  $\models A$

$S$  is *satisfiable* if some interpretation satisfies every formula in  $S$

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### Implication, Entailment, Equivalence

$A \rightarrow B$  means simply  $\neg A \vee B$

$A \models B$  means if  $\models_I A$  then  $\models_I B$  for every interpretation  $I$

$A \models B$  if and only if  $\models A \rightarrow B$

#### Equivalence

$A \simeq B$  means  $A \models B$  and  $B \models A$

$A \simeq B$  if and only if  $\models A \leftrightarrow B$

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### Equivalences

$$A \wedge A \simeq A$$

$$A \wedge B \simeq B \wedge A$$

$$(A \wedge B) \wedge C \simeq A \wedge (B \wedge C)$$

$$A \vee (B \wedge C) \simeq (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$$

$$A \wedge \mathbf{f} \simeq \mathbf{f}$$

$$A \wedge \mathbf{t} \simeq A$$

$$A \wedge \neg A \simeq \mathbf{f}$$

Dual versions: exchange  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$  and  $\mathbf{t}$ ,  $\mathbf{f}$  in any equivalence

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### Negation Normal Form

1. Get rid of  $\leftrightarrow$  and  $\rightarrow$ , leaving just  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\neg$ :

$$A \leftrightarrow B \simeq (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A)$$

$$A \rightarrow B \simeq \neg A \vee B$$

2. Push negations in, using de Morgan's laws:

$$\neg\neg A \simeq A$$

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

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

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### From NNF to Conjunctive Normal Form

3. Push disjunctions in, using distributive laws:

$$A \vee (B \wedge C) \simeq (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$$

$$(B \wedge C) \vee A \simeq (B \vee A) \wedge (C \vee A)$$

4. Simplify:

- Delete any disjunction containing  $P$  and  $\neg P$
- Delete any disjunction that includes another
- Replace  $(P \vee A) \wedge (\neg P \vee A)$  by  $A$

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### Converting a Non-Tautology to CNF

$$P \vee Q \rightarrow Q \vee R$$

1. Elim  $\rightarrow$ :  $\neg(P \vee Q) \vee (Q \vee R)$
2. Push  $\neg$  in:  $(\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (Q \vee R)$
3. Push  $\vee$  in:  $(\neg P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee Q \vee R)$
4. Simplify:  $\neg P \vee Q \vee R$

Not a tautology: try  $P \mapsto \mathbf{t}$ ,  $Q \mapsto \mathbf{f}$ ,  $R \mapsto \mathbf{f}$

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**Tautology checking using CNF**

$$((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P$$

1. Elim  $\rightarrow$ :  $\neg[\neg(\neg P \vee Q) \vee P] \vee P$

2. Push  $\neg$  in:  $[\neg\neg(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P] \vee P$   
 $[(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P] \vee P$

3. Push  $\vee$  in:  $(\neg P \vee Q \vee P) \wedge (\neg P \vee P)$

4. Simplify:  $t \wedge t$

$t$  *It's a tautology!*

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### A Simple Proof System

#### Axiom Schemes

$$\text{K} \quad A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$$

$$\text{S} \quad (A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$$

$$\text{DN} \quad \neg\neg A \rightarrow A$$

#### Inference Rule: Modus Ponens

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B}$$

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### A Simple (?) Proof of $A \rightarrow A$

$$(A \rightarrow ((D \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A)) \rightarrow \tag{1}$$

$$((A \rightarrow (D \rightarrow A)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow A)) \quad \text{by S}$$

$$A \rightarrow ((D \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \quad \text{by K} \tag{2}$$

$$(A \rightarrow (D \rightarrow A)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow A) \quad \text{by MP, (1), (2)} \tag{3}$$

$$A \rightarrow (D \rightarrow A) \quad \text{by K} \tag{4}$$

$$A \rightarrow A \quad \text{by MP, (3), (4)} \tag{5}$$

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### Some Facts about Deducibility

$A$  is *deducible from* the set  $S$  if there is a finite proof of  $A$  starting from elements of  $S$ . Write  $S \vdash A$ .

**Soundness Theorem.** If  $S \vdash A$  then  $S \models A$ .

**Completeness Theorem.** If  $S \models A$  then  $S \vdash A$ .

**Deduction Theorem.** If  $S \cup \{A\} \vdash B$  then  $S \vdash A \rightarrow B$ .

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### Gentzen's Natural Deduction Systems

A varying context of *assumptions*

Each logical connective defined *independently*

*Introduction* rule for  $\wedge$ : how to deduce  $A \wedge B$

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$$

*Elimination* rules for  $\wedge$ : what to deduce *from*  $A \wedge B$

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{A} \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{B}$$

### The Sequent Calculus

Sequent  $A_1, \dots, A_m \Rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$  means,

if  $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_m$  then  $B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_n$

$A_1, \dots, A_m$  are *assumptions*;  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  are *goals*

$\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  are *sets* in  $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$

$A, \Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta$  is trivially true (*basic sequent*)

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### Sequent Calculus Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A \quad A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (cut)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A}{\neg A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ } (\neg l) \quad \frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \neg A} \text{ } (\neg r)$$

$$\frac{A, B, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{A \wedge B, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ } (\wedge l) \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A \wedge B} \text{ } (\wedge r)$$

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### More Sequent Calculus Rules

$$\frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \quad B, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{A \vee B, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (\vee l) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A, B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A \vee B} (\vee r)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A \quad B, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{A \rightarrow B, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (\rightarrow l) \qquad \frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A \rightarrow B} (\rightarrow r)$$

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### Easy Sequent Calculus Proofs

$$\frac{\overline{A, B \Rightarrow A}}{A \wedge B \Rightarrow A} (\wedge l) \qquad \frac{A \wedge B \Rightarrow A}{\Rightarrow A \wedge B \rightarrow A} (\rightarrow r)$$

$$\frac{\overline{A, B \Rightarrow B, A}}{A \Rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A} (\rightarrow r) \qquad \frac{A \Rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A}{\Rightarrow A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A} (\rightarrow r) \qquad \frac{\Rightarrow A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A}{\Rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A)} (\vee r)$$

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### Part of a Distributive Law

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{A \Rightarrow A, B} \quad \frac{\overline{B, C \Rightarrow A, B}}{B \wedge C \Rightarrow A, B} \quad (\wedge l) \\
 \hline
 \frac{A \vee (B \wedge C) \Rightarrow A, B}{A \vee (B \wedge C) \Rightarrow A \vee B} \quad (\vee l) \\
 \hline
 \frac{A \vee (B \wedge C) \Rightarrow A \vee B \quad \text{similar}}{A \vee (B \wedge C) \Rightarrow (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)} \quad (\wedge r)
 \end{array}$$

Second subtree proves  $A \vee (B \wedge C) \Rightarrow A \vee C$  similarly

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### A Failed Proof

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{A \Rightarrow B, C \quad \overline{B \Rightarrow B, C}}{A \vee B \Rightarrow B, C} \quad (\vee l) \\
 \hline
 \frac{A \vee B \Rightarrow B \vee C}{\Rightarrow A \vee B \rightarrow B \vee C} \quad (\rightarrow r)
 \end{array}$$

$A \mapsto \mathbf{t}, B \mapsto \mathbf{f}, C \mapsto \mathbf{f}$  falsifies unproved sequent!

### Ordered Binary Decision Diagrams

Canonical form: essentially decision trees with sharing

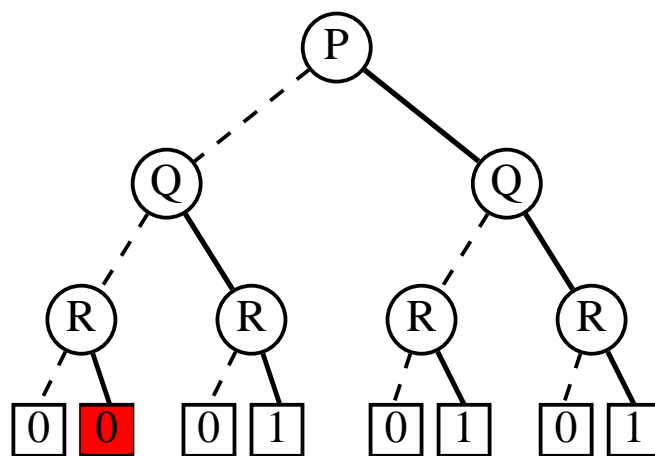
- *ordered* propositional symbols ('variables')
- *sharing* of identical subtrees
- *hashing* and other optimisations

Detects if a formula is tautologous (**t**) or inconsistent (**f**)

A **FAST** way of verifying digital circuits, . . .

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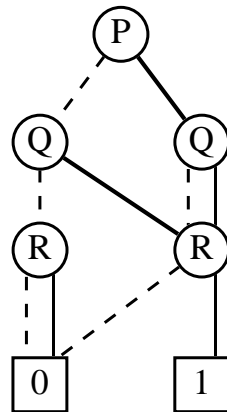
### Decision Diagram for $(P \vee Q) \wedge R$



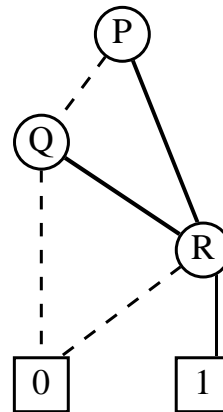
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### Converting a Decision Diagram to an OBDD



No duplicates



No redundant tests

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### Building OBDDs Efficiently

Do not construct full tree! (see Bryant, §3.1)

Do not expand  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$ ,  $\oplus$  (exclusive OR) to other connectives

Treat  $\neg Z$  as  $Z \rightarrow \mathbf{f}$  or  $Z \oplus \mathbf{t}$

Recursively convert operands

Combine operand OBDDs — respecting ordering and sharing

Delete test if it proves to be redundant

### Canonical Form Algorithm

To do  $Z \wedge Z'$ , where  $Z$  and  $Z'$  are already canonical:

*Trivial if either is **t** or **f**. Treat  $\vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$  similarly!*

Let  $Z = \text{if}(P, X, Y)$  and  $Z' = \text{if}(P', X', Y')$

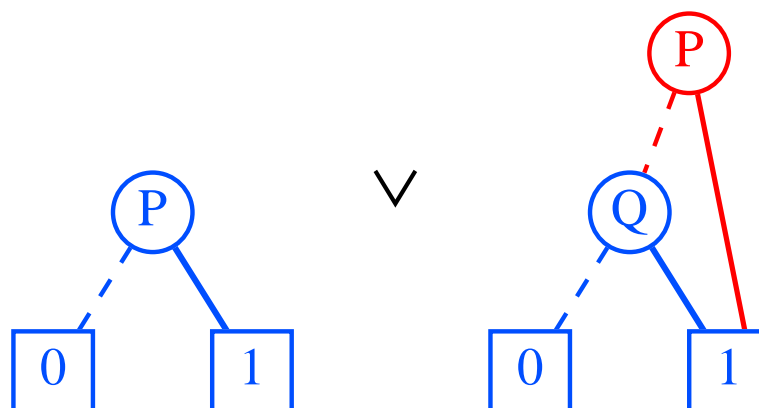
If  $P = P'$  then recursively do  $\text{if}(P, X \wedge X', Y \wedge Y')$

If  $P < P'$  then recursively do  $\text{if}(P, X \wedge Z', Y \wedge Z')$

If  $P > P'$  then recursively do  $\text{if}(P', Z \wedge X', Z \wedge Y')$

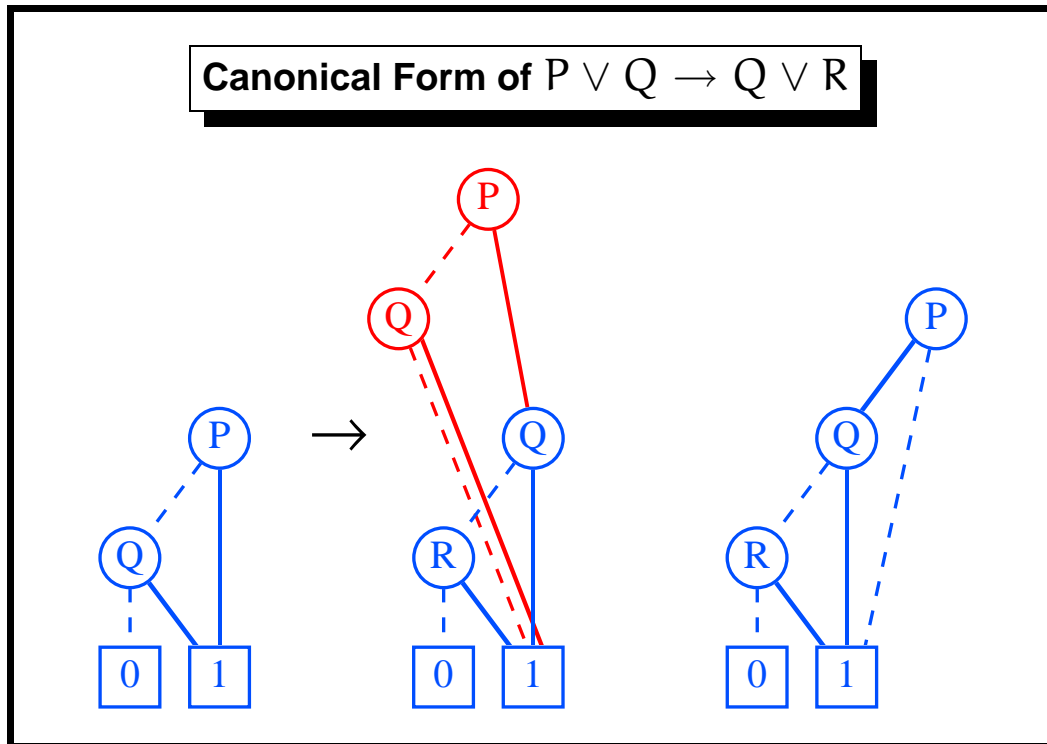
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### Canonical Form of $P \vee Q$



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### Optimisations Based On Hash Tables

Never build the same OBDD twice: share pointers

- Pointer identity:  $X = Y$  whenever  $X \leftrightarrow Y$
- Fast removal of redundant tests by  $\text{if}(P, X, X) \simeq X$
- Fast processing of  $X \wedge X, X \vee X, X \rightarrow X, \dots$

Never process  $X \wedge Y$  twice; keep table of canonical forms

**Final Observations**

The variable ordering is crucial. Consider

$$(P_1 \wedge Q_1) \vee \cdots \vee (P_n \wedge Q_n)$$

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A good ordering is  $P_1 < Q_1 < \cdots < P_n < Q_n$

A dreadful ordering is  $P_1 < \cdots < P_n < Q_1 < \cdots < Q_n$

Many digital circuits have small OBDDs (*not multiplication!*)

OBDDs can solve problems in hundreds of variables

General case remains intractable!

### Outline of First-Order Logic

Reasons about *functions* and *relations* over a set of *individuals*

$$\frac{\text{father}(\text{father}(x)) = \text{father}(\text{father}(y))}{\text{cousin}(x, y)}$$

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Reasons about *all* and *some* individuals:

$$\frac{\text{All men are mortal} \quad \text{Socrates is a man}}{\text{Socrates is mortal}}$$

Does not reason about *all functions* or *all relations*, . . .

### Function Symbols; Terms

Each *function symbol* stands for an  $n$ -place function

A *constant symbol* is a 0-place function symbol

A *variable* ranges over all individuals

A *term* is a variable, constant or has the form

$$f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

where  $f$  is an  $n$ -place function symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms

We choose the language, adopting any desired function symbols

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### Relation Symbols; Formulae

Each *relation symbol* stands for an  $n$ -place relation

*Equality* is the 2-place relation symbol  $=$

An *atomic formula* has the form

$$R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

where  $R$  is an  $n$ -place relation symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms

A *formula* is built up from atomic formulæ using  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \dots$

(Later we add *quantifiers*)

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### Power of Quantifier-Free FOL

Very expressive, given strong induction rules

Prove equivalence of mathematical functions:

$$p(z, 0) = 1$$

$$q(z, 1) = z$$

$$p(z, n + 1) = p(z, n) \times z$$

$$q(z, 2 \times n) = q(z \times z, n)$$

$$q(z, 2 \times n + 1) = q(z \times z, n) \times z$$

*Boyer/Moore Theorem Prover*: checked Gödel's Theorem,  $\dots$

Many systems based on *equational reasoning*

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### Universal and Existential Quantifiers

$\forall x A$  for all  $x$ ,  $A$  holds

$\exists x A$  there exists  $x$  such that  $A$  holds

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*Syntactic variations:*

$\forall xyz A$  abbreviates  $\forall x \forall y \forall z A$

$\forall z . A \wedge B$  is an alternative to  $\forall z (A \wedge B)$

The variable  $x$  is *bound* in  $\forall x A$ ; compare with  $\int f(x) dx$

### Expressiveness of Quantifiers

*All men are mortal:*

$\forall x (\text{man}(x) \rightarrow \text{mortal}(x))$

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*All mothers are female:*

$\forall x \text{female}(\text{mother}(x))$

*There exists a unique  $x$  such that  $A$ , written  $\exists! x A$*

$\exists x [A(x) \wedge \forall y (A(y) \rightarrow y = x)]$

### How do we interpret mortal(Socrates)?

Interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (D, I)$  of our first-order language

$D$  is a non-empty *universe*

$I$  maps symbols to ‘real’ functions, relations

$c$  a constant symbol  $I[c] \in D$

$f$  an  $n$ -place function symbol  $I[f] \in D^n \rightarrow D$

$P$  an  $n$ -place relation symbol  $I[P] \subseteq D^n$

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### How do we interpret cousin(Charles, y)?

A *valuation* supplies the values of free variables

It is a function  $V : \text{variables} \rightarrow D$

$\mathcal{I}_V[t]$  extends  $V$  to a term  $t$  by the obvious recursion:

$\mathcal{I}_V[x] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} V(x) \quad \text{if } x \text{ is a variable}$

$\mathcal{I}_V[c] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I[c]$

$\mathcal{I}_V[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I[f](\mathcal{I}_V[t_1], \dots, \mathcal{I}_V[t_n])$

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### The Meaning of Truth — in FOL

For interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  and valuation  $V$

$\models_{\mathcal{I}, V} P(t)$       if  $I[P](\mathcal{I}_V[t])$  holds

$\models_{\mathcal{I}, V} t = u$       if  $\mathcal{I}_V[t]$  equals  $\mathcal{I}_V[u]$

$\models_{\mathcal{I}, V} A \wedge B$       if  $\models_{\mathcal{I}, V} A$  and  $\models_{\mathcal{I}, V} B$

$\models_{\mathcal{I}, V} \exists x A$       if  $\models_{\mathcal{I}, V\{m/x\}} A$  holds for some  $m \in D$

$\models_{\mathcal{I}} A$               if  $\models_{\mathcal{I}, V} A$  holds for all  $V$

$A$  is *satisfiable* if  $\models_{\mathcal{I}} A$  for some  $\mathcal{I}$

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### Free v Bound Variables

All occurrences of  $x$  in  $\forall x A$  and  $\exists x A$  are *bound*

An occurrence of  $x$  is *free* if it is not bound:

$$\forall x \exists y R(x, y, f(x, z))$$

May *rename* bound variables:

$$\forall w \exists y' R(w, y', f(w, z))$$

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### Substitution for Free Variables

$A[t/x]$  means 'substitute  $t$  for  $x$  in  $A$ ':

$$(B \wedge C)[t/x] \text{ is } B[t/x] \wedge C[t/x]$$

$$(\forall x B)[t/x] \text{ is } \forall x B$$

$$(\forall y B)[t/x] \text{ is } \forall y B[t/x] \quad (x \neq y)$$

$$(P(u))[t/x] \text{ is } P(u[t/x])$$

No variable in  $t$  may be bound in  $A$ !

$$(\forall y x = y)[y/x] \text{ is not } \forall y y = y!$$

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### Some Equivalences for Quantifiers

$$\neg(\forall x A) \simeq \exists x \neg A$$

$$(\forall x A) \wedge B \simeq \forall x (A \wedge B)$$

$$(\forall x A) \vee B \simeq \forall x (A \vee B)$$

$$(\forall x A) \wedge (\forall x B) \simeq \forall x (A \wedge B)$$

$$(\forall x A) \rightarrow B \simeq \exists x (A \rightarrow B)$$

$$\forall x A \simeq \forall x A \wedge A[t/x]$$

Dual versions: exchange  $\forall, \exists$  and  $\wedge, \vee$

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### Reasoning by Equivalences

$$\exists x (x = a \wedge P(x)) \simeq \exists x (x = a \wedge P(a))$$

$$\simeq \exists x (x = a) \wedge P(a)$$

$$\simeq P(a)$$

$$\exists z (P(z) \rightarrow P(a) \wedge P(b))$$

$$\simeq \forall z P(z) \rightarrow P(a) \wedge P(b)$$

$$\simeq \forall z P(z) \wedge P(a) \wedge P(b) \rightarrow P(a) \wedge P(b)$$

$$\simeq \mathbf{t}$$

### Sequent Calculus Rules for $\forall$

$$\frac{A[t/x], \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\forall x A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (\forall l) \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \forall x A} (\forall r)$$

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Rule  $(\forall l)$  can create many instances of  $\forall x A$

Rule  $(\forall r)$  holds *provided*  $x$  is not free in the conclusion!

**Not** allowed to prove

$$\frac{\overline{P(y) \Rightarrow P(y)}}{P(y) \Rightarrow \forall y P(y)} (\forall r)$$

### Examples of the $\forall$ Rules

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$$\frac{\overline{A \Rightarrow B, A} \quad \overline{A, B \Rightarrow B}}{A, A \rightarrow B \Rightarrow B} (\rightarrow l) \quad \frac{\overline{P(f(y)) \Rightarrow P(f(y))}}{\forall x P(x) \Rightarrow P(f(y))} (\forall l)$$

$$\frac{A, \forall x (A \rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B}{A, \forall x (A \rightarrow B) \Rightarrow \forall x B} (\forall r) \quad \frac{\forall x P(x) \Rightarrow P(f(y))}{\forall x P(x) \Rightarrow \forall y P(f(y))} (\forall r)$$

$$\frac{A, \forall x (A \rightarrow B) \Rightarrow \forall x B}{\forall x (A \rightarrow B) \Rightarrow A \rightarrow \forall x B} (\rightarrow r)$$

$x$  must not be free in  $A$  !

### Sequent Calculus Rules for $\exists$

$$\frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\exists x A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (\exists l) \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A[t/x]}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \exists x A} (\exists r)$$

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Rule  $(\exists l)$  holds *provided*  $x$  is not free in the conclusion!

Rule  $(\exists r)$  can create many instances of  $\exists x A$

Say, to prove

$$\exists z (P(z) \rightarrow P(a) \wedge P(b))$$

### Part of the $\exists$ Distributive Law

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A \Rightarrow A, B}}{A \Rightarrow A \vee B} (\vee r)}{A \Rightarrow \exists x (A \vee B)} (\exists r) \quad \frac{\overline{A \Rightarrow \exists x (A \vee B)}}{\exists x A \Rightarrow \exists x (A \vee B)} (\exists l) \quad \frac{\text{similar}}{\exists x B \Rightarrow \exists x (A \vee B)} (\exists l)$$

$$\frac{\exists x A \Rightarrow \exists x (A \vee B) \quad \exists x B \Rightarrow \exists x (A \vee B)}{\exists x A \vee \exists x B \Rightarrow \exists x (A \vee B)} (\vee l)$$

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Second subtree proves  $\exists x B \Rightarrow \exists x (A \vee B)$  similarly

### A Failed Proof

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & A, B[y/x] \Rightarrow A \wedge B & \\
 \hline
 & A, B[y/x] \Rightarrow \exists x (A \wedge B) & (\exists r) \\
 \hline
 & A, \exists x B \Rightarrow \exists x (A \wedge B) & (\exists l) \\
 \hline
 & \exists x A, \exists x B \Rightarrow \exists x (A \wedge B) & (\exists l) \\
 \hline
 & \exists x A \wedge \exists x B \Rightarrow \exists x (A \wedge B) & (\wedge l)
 \end{array}$$

Cannot use  $(\exists l)$  twice with the same  $x$

We can easily falsify the topmost sequent

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### Clause Form

*Clause*: a disjunction of *literals*

$$\neg K_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg K_m \vee L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_n$$

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Set notation:  $\{\neg K_1, \dots, \neg K_m, L_1, \dots, L_n\}$

Kowalski notation:  $K_1, \dots, K_m \rightarrow L_1, \dots, L_n$

$L_1, \dots, L_n \leftarrow K_1, \dots, K_m$

Empty clause  $\square$

*Empty clause means contradiction!*

### Outline of Clause Form Methods

To prove  $\bar{A}$ , obtain a contradiction from  $\neg \bar{A}$ :

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1. Translate  $\neg \bar{A}$  into CNF as  $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_m$

2. This is the set of clauses  $A_1, \dots, A_m$

3. Transform the clause set, preserving consistency

Empty *clause* refutes  $\neg \bar{A}$

Empty *clause set* means  $\neg \bar{A}$  is satisfiable

### The Davis-Putnam Decision Procedure

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1. Delete tautological clauses:  $\{P, \neg P, \dots\}$
2. For each unit clause  $\{L\}$ ,
  - delete all clauses containing  $L$
  - delete  $\neg L$  from all clauses
3. Delete all clauses containing *pure literals*
4. Perform a *case split* on some literal

### Davis-Putnam on a Non-Tautology

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Consider  $P \vee Q \rightarrow Q \vee R$

Clauses are  $\{P, Q\} \quad \{\neg Q\} \quad \{\neg R\}$

$\{P, Q\} \quad \{\neg Q\} \quad \{\neg R\}$  initial clauses

$\{P\} \quad \{\neg R\}$  unit  $\neg Q$

$\{\neg R\}$  unit  $P$  (also pure)

unit  $\neg R$  (also pure)

Clauses satisfiable by  $P \mapsto \mathbf{t}, Q \mapsto \mathbf{f}, R \mapsto \mathbf{f}$

### Example of a Case Split on $P$

$\{\neg Q, R\}$   $\{\neg R, P\}$   $\{\neg R, Q\}$   $\{\neg P, Q, R\}$   $\{P, Q\}$   $\{\neg P, \neg Q\}$

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|                 |                 |                 |              |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| $\{\neg Q, R\}$ | $\{\neg R, Q\}$ | $\{Q, R\}$      | $\{\neg Q\}$ | if $P$ is true  |
|                 | $\{\neg R\}$    | $\{R\}$         |              | unit $\neg Q$   |
|                 | $\square$       |                 |              | unit $R$        |
| <hr/>           |                 |                 |              |                 |
| $\{\neg Q, R\}$ | $\{\neg R\}$    | $\{\neg R, Q\}$ | $\{Q\}$      | if $P$ is false |
| $\{\neg Q\}$    |                 |                 | $\{Q\}$      | unit $\neg R$   |
|                 |                 |                 | $\square$    | unit $\neg Q$   |

### The Resolution Rule

From  $B \vee A$  and  $\neg B \vee C$  infer  $A \vee C$

In set notation,

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$$\frac{\{B, A_1, \dots, A_m\} \quad \{\neg B, C_1, \dots, C_n\}}{\{A_1, \dots, A_m, C_1, \dots, C_n\}}$$

Some special cases:

$$\frac{\{B\} \quad \{\neg B, C_1, \dots, C_n\}}{\{C_1, \dots, C_n\}} \qquad \frac{\{B\} \quad \{\neg B\}}{\square}$$

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### Simple Example: Proving $P \wedge Q \rightarrow Q \wedge P$

Hint: use  $\neg(A \rightarrow B) \simeq A \wedge \neg B$

1. Negate!  $\neg[P \wedge Q \rightarrow Q \wedge P]$
2. Push  $\neg$  in:  $(P \wedge Q) \wedge \neg(Q \wedge P)$   
 $(P \wedge Q) \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg P)$

Clauses:  $\{P\}$   $\{Q\}$   $\{\neg Q, \neg P\}$

Resolve  $\{P\}$  and  $\{\neg Q, \neg P\}$  getting  $\{\neg Q\}$

Resolve  $\{Q\}$  and  $\{\neg Q\}$  getting  $\square$

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### Another Example

Refute  $\neg[(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R) \rightarrow P \vee (Q \wedge R)]$

From  $(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$ , get clauses  $\{P, Q\}$  and  $\{P, R\}$

From  $\neg[P \vee (Q \wedge R)]$  get clauses  $\{\neg P\}$  and  $\{\neg Q, \neg R\}$

Resolve  $\{\neg P\}$  and  $\{P, Q\}$  getting  $\{Q\}$

Resolve  $\{\neg P\}$  and  $\{P, R\}$  getting  $\{R\}$

Resolve  $\{Q\}$  and  $\{\neg Q, \neg R\}$  getting  $\{\neg R\}$

Resolve  $\{R\}$  and  $\{\neg R\}$  getting  $\square$

### Refinements of Resolution

*Preprocessing:* removing tautologies, symmetries . . .

*Set of Support:* working from the goal

*Weighting:* priority to the smallest clauses

*Subsumption:* deleting redundant clauses

*Hyper-resolution:* avoiding intermediate clauses

*Indexing:* data structures for speed

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### Reducing FOL to Propositional Logic

*Prenex:* Move quantifiers to the front

*Skolemize:* Remove quantifiers, preserving consistency

*Herbrand models:* Reduce the class of interpretations

*Herbrand's Thm:* Contradictions have *finite, ground* proofs

*Unification:* Automatically find the right instantiations

Finally, combine unification with *resolution*

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### Prenex Normal Form

Convert to Negation Normal Form using additionally

$$\neg(\forall x A) \simeq \exists x \neg A$$

$$\neg(\exists x A) \simeq \forall x \neg A$$

Then move quantifiers to the front using

$$(\forall x A) \wedge B \simeq \forall x (A \wedge B)$$

$$(\forall x A) \vee B \simeq \forall x (A \vee B)$$

and the similar rules for  $\exists$

### Skolemization

Take a formula of the form

$$\forall x_1 \forall x_2 \cdots \forall x_k \exists y A$$

Choose a new  $k$ -place function symbol, say  $f$

Delete  $\exists y$  and replace  $y$  by  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ . We get

$$\forall x_1 \forall x_2 \cdots \forall x_k A[f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)/y]$$

Repeat until no  $\exists$  quantifiers remain

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### Example of Conversion to Clauses

For proving  $\exists x [P(x) \rightarrow \forall y P(y)]$

$\neg [\exists x [P(x) \rightarrow \forall y P(y)]]$  negated goal

$\forall x [P(x) \wedge \exists y \neg P(y)]$  conversion to NNF

$\forall x \exists y [P(x) \wedge \neg P(y)]$  pulling  $\exists$  out

$\forall x [P(x) \wedge \neg P(f(x))]$  Skolem term  $f(x)$

$\{P(x)\} \quad \{\neg P(f(x))\}$  Final clauses

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### Correctness of Skolemization

The formula  $\forall x \exists y A$  is consistent

$\iff$  it holds in some interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = (D, I)$

$\iff$  for all  $x \in D$  there is some  $y \in D$  such that  $A$  holds

$\iff$  some function  $\hat{f}$  in  $D \rightarrow D$  yields suitable values of  $y$

$\iff A[f(x)/y]$  holds in some  $\mathcal{I}'$  extending  $\mathcal{I}$  so that  $f$  denotes  $\hat{f}$

$\iff$  the formula  $\forall x A[f(x)/y]$  is consistent.

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### Herbrand Interpretations for a set of clauses $S$

$H_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{the set of constants in } S$

$H_{i+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} H_i \cup \{f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \mid t_1, \dots, t_n \in H_i$

and  $f$  is an  $n$ -place function symbol in  $S\}$

$H \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{i \geq 0} H_i \quad \text{Herbrand Universe}$

$HB \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \mid t_1, \dots, t_n \in H$

and  $P$  is an  $n$ -place predicate symbol in  $S\}$

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### Example of an Herbrand Model

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \neg \text{even}(1) \\ \text{even}(2) \\ \text{even}(X \cdot Y) \leftarrow \text{even}(X), \text{even}(Y) \end{array} \right\} \text{ clauses}$$

$$H = \{1, 2, 1 \cdot 1, 1 \cdot 2, 2 \cdot 1, 2 \cdot 2, 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1), \dots\}$$

$$HB = \{\text{even}(1), \text{even}(2), \text{even}(1 \cdot 1), \text{even}(1 \cdot 2), \dots\}$$

$$I[\text{even}] = \{\text{even}(2), \text{even}(1 \cdot 2), \text{even}(2 \cdot 1), \text{even}(2 \cdot 2), \dots\}$$

(for model where  $\cdot$  means product; could instead use sum!)

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### A Key Fact about Herbrand Interpretations

Let  $S$  be a set of clauses.

$S$  is unsatisfiable  $\iff$  no Herbrand interpretation satisfies  $S$

- Holds because some Herbrand model mimicks every 'real' model
- We must consider only a small class of models
- Herbrand models are syntactic, easily processed by computer

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### Herbrand's Theorem

*Let  $S$  be a set of clauses.*

*$S$  is unsatisfiable  $\iff$  there is a finite unsatisfiable set  $S'$  of ground instances of clauses of  $S$ .*

- **Finite:** we can compute it
- **Instance:** result of substituting for variables
- **Ground:** and no variables remain: it's propositional!

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## Unification

*Finding a common instance of two terms*

- Logic programming (Prolog)
- Polymorphic type-checking (ML)
- Constraint satisfaction problems
- Resolution theorem proving for FOL
- Many other theorem proving methods

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## Substitutions

A finite set of *replacements*

$$\theta = [t_1/x_1, \dots, t_k/x_k]$$

where  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  are distinct variables and  $t_i \neq x_i$

$$f(t, u)\theta = f(t\theta, u\theta) \quad (\text{terms})$$

$$P(t, u)\theta = P(t\theta, u\theta) \quad (\text{literals})$$

$$\{L_1, \dots, L_m\}\theta = \{L_1\theta, \dots, L_m\theta\} \quad (\text{clauses})$$

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### Composing Substitutions

*Composition* of  $\phi$  and  $\theta$ , written  $\phi \circ \theta$ , satisfies for all terms  $t$

$$t(\phi \circ \theta) = (t\phi)\theta$$

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It is defined by (for all relevant  $x$ )

$$\phi \circ \theta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [(x\phi)\theta / x, \dots]$$

Consequences include  $\theta \circ [] = \theta$ , and *associativity*:

$$(\phi \circ \theta) \circ \sigma = \phi \circ (\theta \circ \sigma)$$

### Most General Unifiers

$\theta$  is a *unifier* of terms  $t$  and  $u$  if  $t\theta = u\theta$

$\theta$  is *more general* than  $\phi$  if  $\phi = \theta \circ \sigma$

$\theta$  is *most general* if it is more general than every other unifier

If  $\theta$  unifies  $t$  and  $u$  then so does  $\theta \circ \sigma$ :

$$t(\theta \circ \sigma) = t\theta\sigma = u\theta\sigma = u(\theta \circ \sigma)$$

A most general unifier of  $f(a, x)$  and  $f(y, g(z))$  is  $[a/y, g(z)/x]$

The common instance is  $f(a, g(z))$

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### Algorithm for Unifying Two Terms

Represent terms by *binary trees*

Each term is a *Variable*  $x, y \dots$ , *Constant*  $a, b \dots$ , or *Pair*  $(t, t')$

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Constants do not unify with different Constants

Constants do not unify with Pairs

Variable  $x$  and term  $t$ : unifier is  $[t/x]$  — **unless**  $x$  occurs in  $t$

**Cannot unify  $f(x)$  with  $x$ !**

### Unifying Two Pairs

$\theta \circ \theta'$  unifies  $(t, t')$  with  $(u, u')$

if  $\theta$  unifies  $t$  with  $u$  and  $\theta'$  unifies  $t'\theta$  with  $u'\theta$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (t, t')(\theta \circ \theta') &= (t, t')\theta\theta' \\
 &= (t\theta\theta', t'\theta\theta') \\
 &= (u\theta\theta', u'\theta\theta') \\
 &= (u, u')\theta\theta' \\
 &= (u, u')(\theta \circ \theta')
 \end{aligned}$$

### Examples of Unification

|              |             |              |                      |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| $f(x, b)$    | $f(x, x)$   | $f(x, x)$    | $j(x, x, z)$         |
| $f(a, y)$    | $f(a, b)$   | $f(y, g(y))$ | $j(w, a, h(w))$      |
| $f(a, b)$    | ?           | ?            | $j(a, a, h(a))$      |
| $[a/x, b/y]$ | <b>FAIL</b> | <b>FAIL</b>  | $[a/w, a/x, h(a)/z]$ |

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We always get a **most general** unifier

### Theorem-Proving Examples

$$(\exists y \forall x R(x, y)) \rightarrow (\forall x \exists y R(x, y))$$

Clauses after negation are  $\{R(x, a)\}$  and  $\{\neg R(b, y)\}$

$R(x, a)$  and  $R(b, y)$  have unifier  $[b/x, a/y]$ : *contradiction!*

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$$(\forall x \exists y R(x, y)) \rightarrow (\exists y \forall x R(x, y))$$

Clauses after negation are  $\{R(x, f(x))\}$  and  $\{\neg R(g(y), y)\}$

$R(x, f(x))$  and  $R(g(y), y)$  are not unifiable: *occurs check*

Formula is not a theorem!

### Variations on Unification

*Efficient unification algorithms:* near-linear time

*Indexing & Discrimination networks:* fast retrieval of a unifiable term

*Order-sorted unification:* type-checking in Haskell

*Associative/commutative operators:* problems in group theory

*Higher-order unification:* support  $\lambda$ -calculus

*Boolean unification:* reasoning about sets

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### Binary Resolution

$$\frac{\{B, A_1, \dots, A_m\} \quad \{\neg D, C_1, \dots, C_n\}}{\{A_1, \dots, A_m, C_1, \dots, C_n\}\sigma} \quad \text{provided } B\sigma = D\sigma$$

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First *rename variables apart* in the clauses! — say, to resolve

$$\{P(x)\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\neg P(g(x))\}$$

Always use a *most general* unifier (MGU)

Soundness? Same argument as for the propositional version

### Factorisation

Collapsing similar literals *in one clause*:

$$\frac{\{B_1, \dots, B_k, A_1, \dots, A_m\}}{\{B_1, A_1, \dots, A_m\}\sigma} \quad \text{provided } B_1\sigma = \dots = B_k\sigma$$

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*Normally combined with resolution*

Prove  $\forall x \exists y \neg(P(y, x) \leftrightarrow \neg P(y, y))$

The clauses are  $\{\neg P(y, a), \neg P(y, y)\} \quad \{P(y, y), P(y, a)\}$

Factoring yields  $\{\neg P(a, a)\} \quad \{P(a, a)\}$

Resolution yields the empty clause!

### A Non-Trivial Example

$$\exists x [P \rightarrow Q(x)] \wedge \exists x [Q(x) \rightarrow P] \rightarrow \exists x [P \leftrightarrow Q(x)]$$

Clauses are  $\{P, \neg Q(b)\}$   $\{P, Q(x)\}$   $\{\neg P, \neg Q(x)\}$   $\{\neg P, Q(a)\}$

Resolve  $\{P, \neg Q(b)\}$  with  $\{P, Q(x)\}$  getting  $\{P\}$

Resolve  $\{\neg P, \neg Q(x)\}$  with  $\{\neg P, Q(a)\}$  getting  $\{\neg P\}$

Resolve  $\{P\}$  with  $\{\neg P\}$  getting  $\square$

*Implicit factoring:*  $\{P, P\} \mapsto \{P\}$

*Many other proofs!*

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### Prolog Clauses and Their Execution

*At most one* positive literal per clause!

*Definite* clause  $\{\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_m, B\}$  or  $B \leftarrow A_1, \dots, A_m$ .

*Goal* clause  $\{\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_m\}$  or  $\leftarrow A_1, \dots, A_m$ .

*Linear* resolution: a program clause with last goal clause

*Left-to-right* through program clauses

*Left-to-right* through goal clause's literals

*Depth-first search:* backtracks, but still incomplete

*Unification without occurs check:* fast, but unsound!

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### A (Pure) Prolog Program

```
parent(elizabeth,charles).
parent(elizabeth,andrew).

parent(charles,william).
parent(charles,henry).

parent(andrew,beatrice).
parent(andrew,eugenia).

grand(X,Z) :- parent(X,Y), parent(Y,Z).
cousin(X,Y) :- grand(Z,X), grand(Z,Y).
```

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### Prolog Execution

```
                                :- cousin(X,Y).
                                :- grand(Z1,X), grand(Z1,Y).
                                :- parent(Z1,Y2), parent(Y2,X), grand(Z1,Y).
*                               :- parent(charles,X), grand(elizabeth,Y).
X=william                      :- grand(elizabeth,Y).
                                :- parent(elizabeth,Y5), parent(Y5,Y).
*                               :- parent(andrew,Y).
Y=beatrice                    :- □.
```

\* = backtracking choice point

16 solutions including `cousin(william,william)`  
 and `cousin(william,henry)`

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### The Method of Model Elimination

A Prolog-like method; complete for First-Order Logic

Contrapositives: treat clause  $\{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  as  $m$  clauses

$$A_1 \leftarrow \neg A_2, \dots, \neg A_m$$

$$A_2 \leftarrow \neg A_3, \dots, \neg A_m, \neg A_1$$

$$\vdots$$

*Extension* rule: when proving goal  $P$ , may assume  $\neg P$

A brute force method: efficient but no refinements such as subsumption

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### A Survey of Automatic Theorem Provers

**Hyper-resolution:** Otter, Gandalf, SPASS, Vampire, . . .

**Model Elimination:** Prolog Technology Theorem Prover, SETHEO

**Parallel ME:** PARTHENON, PARTHEO

**Higher-Order Logic:** TPS, LEO

**Tableau (sequent) based:** LeanTAP, 3TAP, . . .

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### Approaches to Equality Reasoning

Equality is *reflexive, symmetric, transitive*

Equality is *substitutive* over functions, predicates

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- *Use specialized prover: Knuth-Bendix, . . .*
- *Assert axioms directly*
- *Paramodulation rule*

$$\frac{\{B[t], A_1, \dots, A_m\} \quad \{t = u, C_1, \dots, C_n\}}{\{B[u], A_1, \dots, A_m, C_1, \dots, C_n\}}$$

### Modal Operators

$W$ : set of *possible worlds* (machine states, future times, . . .)

$R$ : *accessibility relation* between worlds

$(W, R)$  is called a *modal frame*

$\Box A$  means  $A$  is *necessarily true* } — in all **accessible** worlds  
 $\Diamond A$  means  $A$  is *possibly true*

$\neg \Diamond A \simeq \Box \neg A$

$A$  cannot be true  $\iff A$  must be false

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### Semantics of Propositional Modal Logic

For a particular frame  $(W, R)$

An *interpretation*  $I$  maps the propositional letters to subsets of  $W$

$w \Vdash A$  means  $A$  is true in world  $w$   $(w \in W)$

$w \Vdash P \iff w \in I(P)$

$w \Vdash A \wedge B \iff w \Vdash A \text{ and } w \Vdash B$

$w \Vdash \Box A \iff v \Vdash A \text{ for all } v \text{ such that } R(w, v)$

$w \Vdash \Diamond A \iff v \Vdash A \text{ for some } v \text{ such that } R(w, v)$

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### Truth and Validity in Modal Logic

For a particular frame  $(W, R)$ , and interpretation  $I$

$w \Vdash A$  means  $A$  is true in world  $w$

$\models_{W,R,I} A$  means  $w \Vdash A$  for all  $w$  in  $W$

$\models_{W,R} A$  means  $w \Vdash A$  for all  $w$  and all  $I$

$\models A$  means  $\models_{W,R} A$  for all frames;  $A$  is *universally valid*

... but typically we constrain  $R$  to be, say, **transitive**

*All tautologies are universally valid*

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### A Hilbert-Style Proof System for $K$

Extend your favourite propositional proof system with

Dist  $\Box(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Box A \rightarrow \Box B)$

Inference Rule: *Necessitation*

$$\frac{A}{\Box A}$$

Treat  $\Diamond$  as a definition

$$\Diamond A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \Box \neg A$$

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### Variant Modal Logics

Start with pure modal logic, K

Add axioms to constrain the accessibility relation:

|   |                                  |              |          |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| T | $\Box A \rightarrow A$           | (reflexive)  | logic T  |
| 4 | $\Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$ | (transitive) | logic S4 |
| B | $A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$  | (symmetric)  | logic S5 |

And countless others!

**We shall mainly look at S4**

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### Extra Sequent Calculus Rules for S4

$$\frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Box A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (\Box l) \quad \frac{\Gamma^* \Rightarrow \Delta^*, A}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \Box A} (\Box r)$$

$$\frac{A, \Gamma^* \Rightarrow \Delta^*}{\Diamond A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (\Diamond l) \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \Diamond A} (\Diamond r)$$

$$\Gamma^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\Box B \mid \Box B \in \Gamma\} \quad \text{Erase non-}\Box \text{ assumptions}$$

$$\Delta^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\Diamond B \mid \Diamond B \in \Delta\} \quad \text{Erase non-}\Diamond \text{ goals}$$

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### A Proof of the Distribution Axiom

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\overline{A \Rightarrow B, A} \quad \overline{B, A \Rightarrow B}}{A \rightarrow B, A \Rightarrow B} \quad (\rightarrow l) \\
 \frac{A \rightarrow B, A \Rightarrow B}{A \rightarrow B, \Box A \Rightarrow B} \quad (\Box l) \\
 \frac{A \rightarrow B, \Box A \Rightarrow B}{\Box(A \rightarrow B), \Box A \Rightarrow B} \quad (\Box l) \\
 \frac{\Box(A \rightarrow B), \Box A \Rightarrow B}{\Box(A \rightarrow B), \Box A \Rightarrow \Box B} \quad (\Box r)
 \end{array}$$

And thus  $\Box(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Box A \rightarrow \Box B)$

**Must** apply  $(\Box r)$  first!

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### Part of an Operator String Equivalence

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\Diamond A \Rightarrow \Diamond A} \\
 \frac{\Diamond A \Rightarrow \Diamond A}{\Box \Diamond A \Rightarrow \Diamond A} \quad (\Box l) \\
 \frac{\Box \Diamond A \Rightarrow \Diamond A}{\Diamond \Box \Diamond A \Rightarrow \Diamond A} \quad (\Diamond l) \\
 \frac{\Diamond \Box \Diamond A \Rightarrow \Diamond A}{\Box \Diamond \Box \Diamond A \Rightarrow \Diamond A} \quad (\Box l) \\
 \frac{\Box \Diamond \Box \Diamond A \Rightarrow \Diamond A}{\Box \Diamond \Box \Diamond A \Rightarrow \Box \Diamond A} \quad (\Box r)
 \end{array}$$

In fact,  $\Box \Diamond \Box \Diamond A \simeq \Box \Diamond A$  also  $\Box \Box A \simeq \Box A$

The S4 operator strings are  $\Box \quad \Diamond \quad \Box \Diamond \quad \Diamond \Box \quad \Box \Diamond \Box \quad \Diamond \Box \Diamond$

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### Two Failed Proofs

$$\frac{\frac{\Rightarrow A}{\Rightarrow \Diamond A} (\Diamond r)}{A \Rightarrow \Box \Diamond A} (\Box r)$$

$$\frac{\frac{B \Rightarrow A \wedge B}{B \Rightarrow \Diamond(A \wedge B)} (\Diamond r)}{\Diamond A, \Diamond B \Rightarrow \Diamond(A \wedge B)} (\Diamond l)$$

Can extract a countermodel from the proof attempt

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### Simplifying the Sequent Calculus

7 connectives (or 9 for modal logic):

$$\neg \quad \wedge \quad \vee \quad \rightarrow \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \forall \quad \exists \quad (\Box \quad \Diamond)$$

Left and right: so 14 rules (or 18) plus basic sequent, cut

Idea! Work in **Negation Normal Form**

Fewer connectives:  $\wedge \quad \vee \quad \forall \quad \exists \quad (\Box \quad \Diamond)$

Sequents need *one side only!*

### Simplified Calculus: Left-Only

$$\frac{}{\neg A, A, \Gamma \Rightarrow} \text{ (basic)} \quad \frac{\neg A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \quad A, \Gamma \Rightarrow}{\Gamma \Rightarrow} \text{ (cut)}$$

$$\frac{A, B, \Gamma \Rightarrow}{A \wedge B, \Gamma \Rightarrow} (\wedge l) \quad \frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \quad B, \Gamma \Rightarrow}{A \vee B, \Gamma \Rightarrow} (\vee l)$$

$$\frac{A[t/x], \Gamma \Rightarrow}{\forall x A, \Gamma \Rightarrow} (\forall l) \quad \frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow}{\exists x A, \Gamma \Rightarrow} (\exists l)$$

Rule  $(\exists l)$  holds *provided*  $x$  is not free in the conclusion!

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### Left-Only Sequent Rules for S4

$$\frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow}{\Box A, \Gamma \Rightarrow} (\Box I) \qquad \frac{A, \Gamma^* \Rightarrow}{\Diamond A, \Gamma \Rightarrow} (\Diamond I)$$

$$\Gamma^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\Box B \mid \Box B \in \Gamma\} \quad \text{Erase non-}\Box \text{ assumptions}$$

From 14 (or 18) rules to 4 (or 6)

Left-only system uses **proof by contradiction**

Right-only system is precisely dual

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### Proving $\forall x (A \rightarrow B) \Rightarrow A \rightarrow \forall x B$

Left-only, NNF version:  $A \wedge \exists x \neg B, \forall x (\neg A \vee B) \Rightarrow$

( $x$  not free in  $A$ )

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{A, \neg B, \neg A \Rightarrow}{A, \neg B, \neg A \vee B \Rightarrow} (\vee I)}{A, \neg B, \forall x (\neg A \vee B) \Rightarrow} (\forall I)}{A, \exists x \neg B, \forall x (\neg A \vee B) \Rightarrow} (\exists I)}{A \wedge \exists x \neg B, \forall x (\neg A \vee B) \Rightarrow} (\wedge I)$$

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### Adding Unification

Rule  $(\forall\iota)$  now inserts a **new** free variable:

$$\frac{A[z/x], \Gamma \Rightarrow}{\forall x A, \Gamma \Rightarrow} (\forall\iota)$$

Let unification instantiate any free variable

In  $\neg A, B, \Gamma \Rightarrow$  try unifying  $A$  with  $B$  to make basic sequent

**Updating a variable affects *entire proof tree***

What about rule  $(\exists\iota)$ ? *Skolemize!*

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### Skolemization from NNF

Follow tree structure; don't pull out quantifiers!

$$[\forall y \exists z Q(y, z)] \wedge \exists x P(x) \quad \text{to} \quad [\forall y Q(y, f(y))] \wedge P(a)$$

Better to push quantifiers in (*miniscope*)

$$\text{Proving } \exists x \forall y [P(x) \rightarrow P(y)]$$

$$\text{Negate; convert to NNF: } \forall x \exists y [P(x) \wedge \neg P(y)]$$

$$\text{Push in the } \exists y : \forall x [P(x) \wedge \exists y \neg P(y)]$$

$$\text{Push in the } \forall x : \forall x P(x) \wedge \exists y \neg P(y)$$

$$\text{Skolemize: } \forall x P(x) \wedge \neg P(a)]$$

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### A Proof of $\exists x \forall y [P(x) \rightarrow P(y)]$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 y \mapsto f(z) \\
 \hline
 P(y), \neg P(f(y)), P(z), \neg P(f(z)) \Rightarrow \\
 \hline
 P(y), \neg P(f(y)), P(z) \wedge \neg P(f(z)) \Rightarrow \\
 \hline
 P(y), \neg P(f(y)), \forall x [P(x) \wedge \neg P(f(x))] \Rightarrow \\
 \hline
 P(y) \wedge \neg P(f(y)), \forall x [P(x) \wedge \neg P(f(x))] \Rightarrow \\
 \hline
 \forall x [P(x) \wedge \neg P(f(x))] \Rightarrow
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{basic} \\
 (\wedge I) \\
 (\forall I) \\
 (\wedge I) \\
 (\forall I)
 \end{array}$$

Unification chooses the term for  $(\forall I)$

### A Failed Proof

Try to prove  $\forall x [P(x) \vee Q(x)] \Rightarrow \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$

NNF:  $\exists x \neg P(x) \wedge \exists x \neg Q(x), \forall x [P(x) \vee Q(x)] \Rightarrow$

Skolemize:  $\neg P(a) \wedge \neg Q(b), \forall x [P(x) \vee Q(x)] \Rightarrow$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 y \mapsto a \qquad y \mapsto b??? \\
 \hline
 \neg P(a), \neg Q(b), P(y) \Rightarrow \quad \neg P(a), \neg Q(b), Q(y) \Rightarrow \\
 \hline
 \neg P(a), \neg Q(b), P(y) \vee Q(y) \Rightarrow \\
 \hline
 \neg P(a), \neg Q(b), \forall x [P(x) \vee Q(x)] \Rightarrow \\
 \hline
 \neg P(a) \wedge \neg Q(b), \forall x [P(x) \vee Q(x)] \Rightarrow
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 (\vee I) \\
 (\forall I) \\
 (\wedge I)
 \end{array}$$

### The World's Smallest Theorem Prover?

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prove((A,B),UnExp,Lits,FreeV,VarLim) :- !,
    prove(A,[B|UnExp],Lits,FreeV,VarLim).
prove((A;B),UnExp,Lits,FreeV,VarLim) :- !,
    prove(A,UnExp,Lits,FreeV,VarLim),
    prove(B,UnExp,Lits,FreeV,VarLim).
prove(all(X,Fml),UnExp,Lits,FreeV,VarLim) :- !,
    \+ length(FreeV,VarLim),
    copy_term((X,Fml,FreeV),(X1,Fml1,FreeV)),
    append(UnExp,[all(X,Fml)],UnExp1),
    prove(Fml1,UnExp1,Lits,[X1|FreeV],VarLim).
prove(Lit,_,[L|Lits],_,_) :-
    (Lit = -Neg; -Lit = Neg) ->
    (unify(Neg,L); prove(Lit,[],Lits,_,_)).
prove(Lit,[Next|UnExp],Lits,FreeV,VarLim) :-
    prove(Next,UnExp,[Lit|Lits],FreeV,VarLim).

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