

# Predicate Logic

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# Predicate Logic ( 谓词逻辑 )

## 1.1 Propositional Logic

Step 0. Proof.

Step 1. Convert program into mathematical formula.

Step 2. Ask the computer to solve the formula.

## 1.2 First Order Logic

Step 1. Convert it into first order logic formula.

Step 2. Ask the computer to solve the formula.

## 1.3 Auto-active Proof

Step 1. Axiom system

Step 2. Ask the computer to check the invariants

# Propositional Logic

```
void f(bool a, bool b)
{
    unsigned x, y;
    if (a)
        x = 1;
    else
        x = 0;
    if (b)
        y = 1;
    else
        y = 0;
    assert(x + y > 0);
}
```



$formula\{X1 = [00...01]\} \wedge$   
 $formula\{X2 = [00...00]\} \wedge$   
 $formula\{Y4 = [00...01]\} \wedge$   
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*This is complicated.*

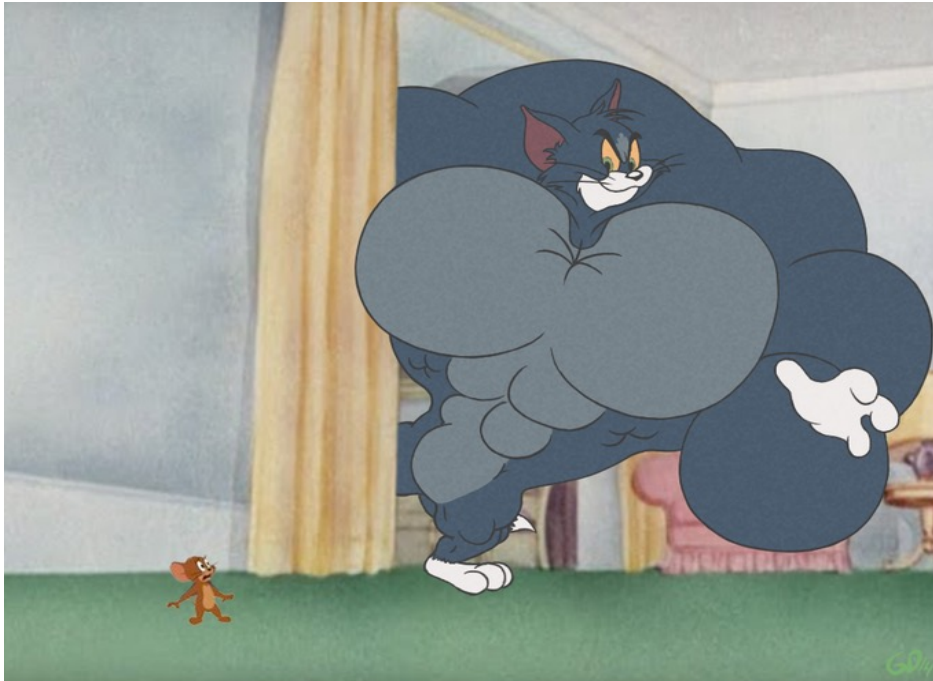
*How to simplify it?*

# Predicate ( 谓词 )

## DEFINITION

Predicates describe properties of individuals ( 个体词 ) .

The range of individuals is domain of discourse ( 论域 ) .



*individuals*

*STRONGER(Tom, Jerry)*

*We use upper-case words to  
represent predicates.*

# Predicate (谓词)

## DEFINITION

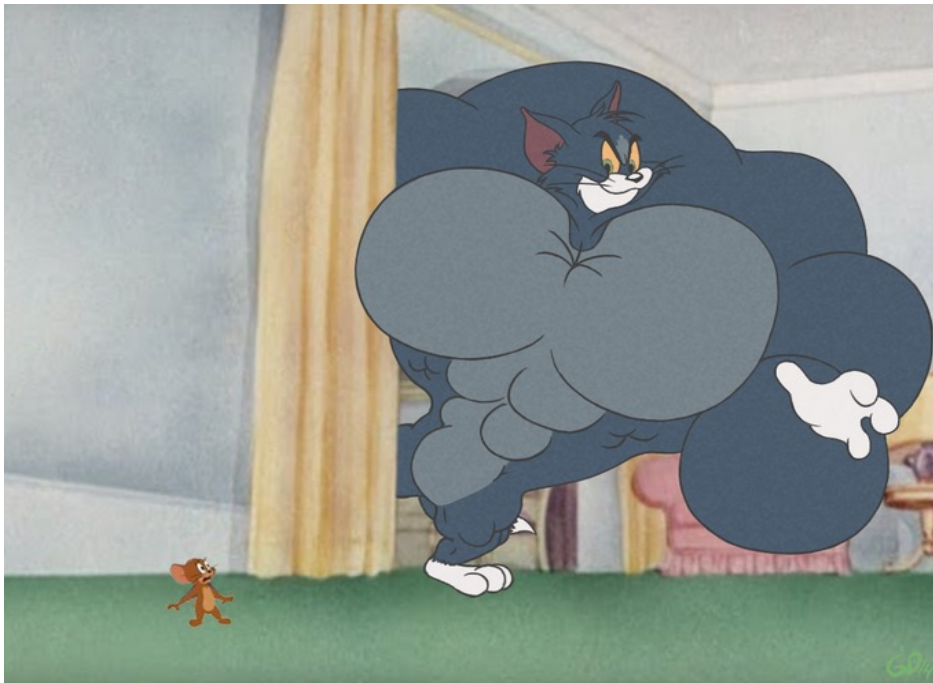
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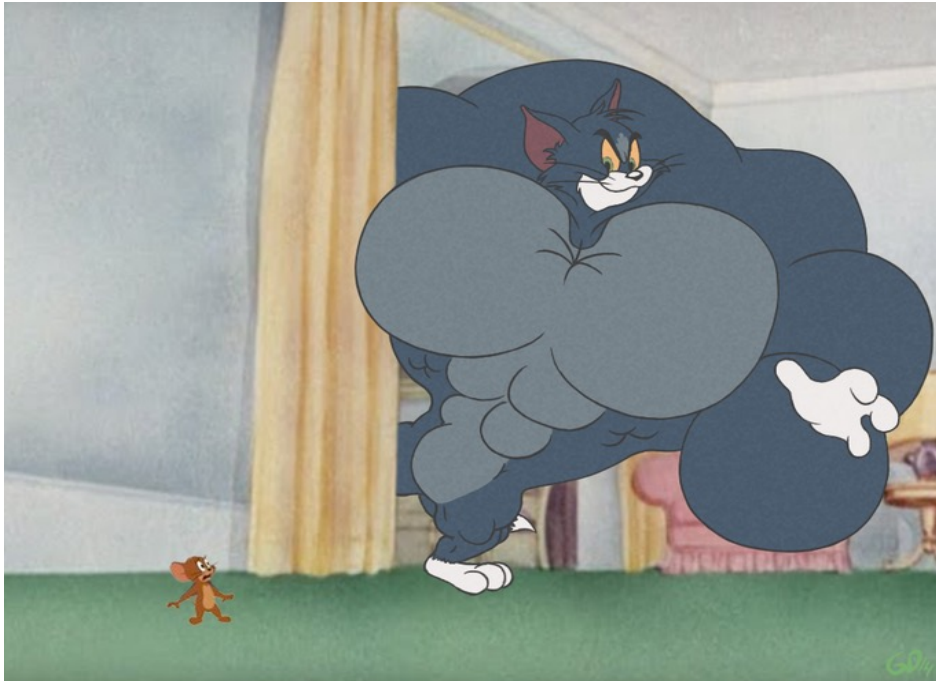
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# Predicate ( 谓词 )

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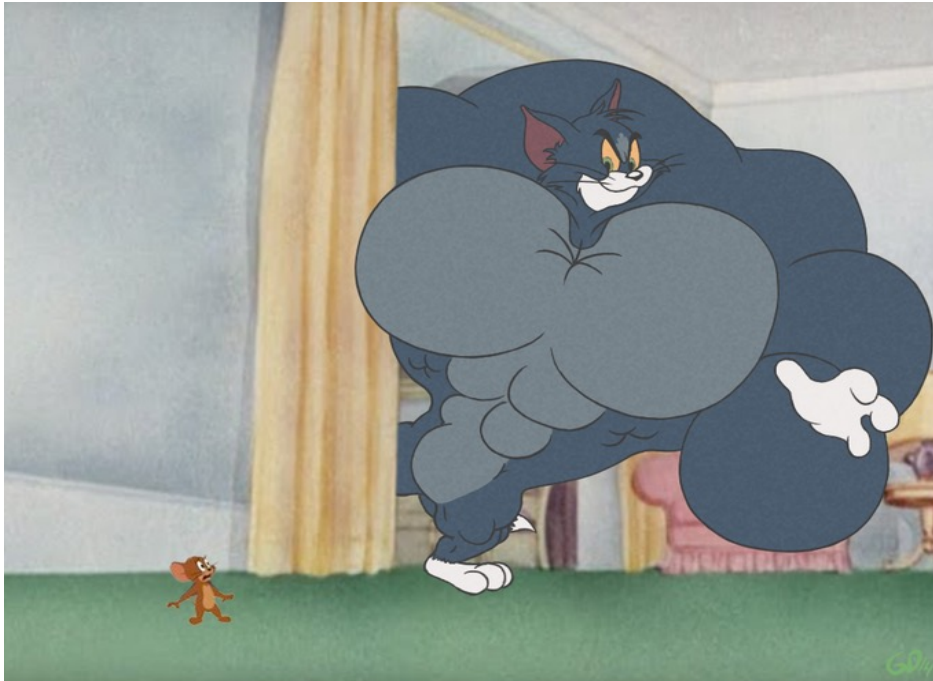
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*STRONGER(Tom, Jerry)*

*STRONGER* takes two arguments.

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$$P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

*n*-ary predicate  
(*n*元谓词)

$$7 = 5$$

Equality is a special  
predicate of arity 2.

# Predicate ( 谓词 )

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

It is not a proposition. Because  $P$  is a predicate variable (谓词变项) and  $x$ s are individual variables (个体变项). It is a proposition only when they are all constants.

# Predicate ( 谓词 )

$formula\{X1 = [00...01]\} \wedge$

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After introducing predicates

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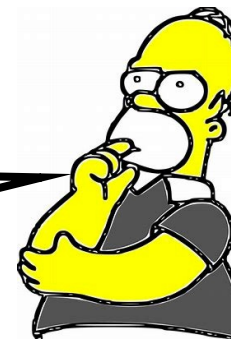
$y5 = 0 \wedge$

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can we go further?



# Function ( 函数 )

## DEFINITION

A function maps individuals to an individual instead of T or F.

Functions are represented by lower-case words.



Function with one argument

$bestfriend(SpongeBob) = PatrickStar$

predicate

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*a proposition*

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# Function ( 函数 )

When working in predicate logic, be careful to keep individuals (actual things) and propositions (true or false) separate.

$$\text{best friend}(\text{SpongeBob}) \overset{\triangle!}{\rightarrow} \text{PatrickStar}$$

Don't use connectives to  
associate individuals.

$$\overset{\triangle!}{\text{not}}(T) = F$$

Functions cannot operate  
on propositions.

# The Type-Checking Table

|             | arguments    | results       |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| connectives | propositions | a proposition |
| predicates  | individuals  | a proposition |
| functions   | individuals  | an individual |

# Examples

## Propositional logic

- Equality: no
- Predicates:  $P, Q, R, \dots$
- Functions: no

Predicate logic is an expansion of propositional logic.

Propositional variables can be treated as nullary predicates.

## Number theory

- Equality: yes
- Predicates:  $>, <, \dots$
- Functions:  $+, -, \dots$

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*ite: a?x1:x2*

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*We reserve logical connectives.*

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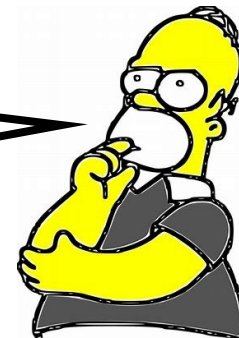
$$x3 = \text{ite}(a, x1, x2) \wedge$$

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There are some individual variables. It is not a real proposition. But we cannot replace them with constants.

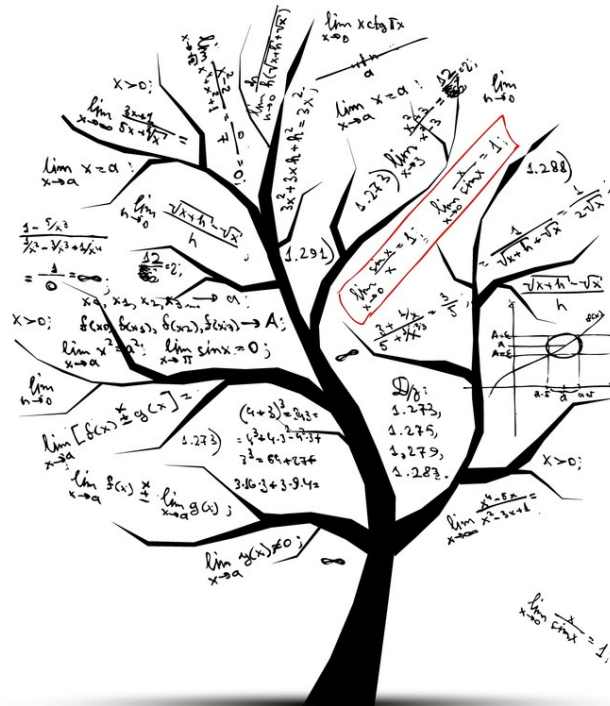
How to express "for all integers"?



# Quantifier ( 量词 )

## DEFINITION

A quantifier turns a formula about individuals having some property into a formula about the number (quantity) of individuals having the property.



We have met  
quantifiers in  
mathematics.

# The Universal Quantifier ( 全称量词 )

## DEFINITION

The universal quantifier expresses that a proposition can be satisfied by every member of the domain of discourse, which is interpreted as "given any" or "for all".



All toys look like Jerry.

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It is the scope ( 辖域 ) of the universal quantifier.

$(\forall x)(\text{LIKEJERRY}(x))$

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$x$  is bound by the universal quantifier.  
It is a bound variable (约束变元).

$$(\forall x)(LIKEJERRY(x))$$

# The Universal Quantifier ( 全称量词 )



$$(\forall x)(MOUSE(x))$$

# The Universal Quantifier ( 全称量词 )



$(\forall x)(MOUSE(x))$

**FALSE**

# The Universal Quantifier ( 全称量词 )

Domain is empty.

$$(\forall x)(MOUSE(x))$$

**TRUE**

# The Existential Quantifier ( 存在量词 )

## DEFINITION

The existential quantifier expresses that a proposition can be satisfied by some member of the domain of discourse, which is interpreted as "there exists", "there is at least one", or "for some".



There exists a real Jerry.

$$(\exists x)(ISJERRY(x))$$

# The Existential Quantifier ( 存在量词 )



$$(\exists x)(ELEPHANT(x))$$

# The Existential Quantifier ( 存在量词 )



$(\exists x)(ELEPHANT(x))$  **TRUE**

# The Existential Quantifier ( 存在量词 )

Domain is empty.

$$(\exists x)(ELEPHANT(x))$$

**FALSE**

# Quantifier ( 量词 )

The blue rectangle is the scope of "exists x".

$$(\exists x)((\forall y)(x \leq y))$$

x and y are all bound variables.

The red rectangle is the scope of "for all y".

# Quantifier ( 量词 )

Generally, we don't use repeated names.

The red rectangle is the scope of "exists x".

The first x is a bound variable.

$$(\exists x) \boxed{P(x)} \vee Q(x)$$

The second x is a free variable (自由变元). It is not bound by any quantifiers.

# Quantifier ( 量词 )

Proposition should not include free variables

There are two ways to eliminate free variables

- Replace free variables with constants
- Use quantifiers to convert free variables to bound variables

We can change the name of bound variables (变元易名规则)

$$(\forall y)(LIKEJERRY(y)) = (\forall x)(LIKEJERRY(x))$$

# Quantifier ( 量词 )

## PROPERTY

$$1) (\forall x)(\forall y)P(x, y) = (\forall x)((\forall y)P(x, y))$$

$$2) (\forall x)(\exists y)P(x, y) = (\forall x)((\exists y)P(x, y))$$

$$3) (\exists x)(\forall y)P(x, y) = (\exists x)((\forall y)P(x, y))$$

$$4) (\exists x)(\exists y)P(x, y) = (\exists x)((\exists y)P(x, y))$$

$$5) (\forall x)(\forall y)P(x, y) = (\forall y)(\forall x)P(x, y)$$

$$6) (\exists x)(\exists y)P(x, y) = (\exists y)(\exists x)P(x, y)$$

# Quantifier ( 量词 )

To understand quantifiers better,  
we can discuss quantifiers with  
finite domain of discourse.

# Quantifier ( 量词 )

Assuming that domain include k elements  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

Then

$$(\forall x)P(x) = P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k)$$

$$(\exists x)P(x) = P(1) \vee P(2) \vee \dots \vee P(k)$$

# Exercise

Now the domain is  $\{1, 2\}$ .

$$(\forall x)(\forall y)P(x, y)$$

$$(\exists x)(\exists y)P(x, y)$$

$$(\exists x)(\forall y)P(x, y)$$

$$(\forall y)(\exists x)P(x, y)$$

Can you convert these  
expressions to be quantifier-free?



# Quantifier ( 量词 )

$$(\forall x)(\forall y)P(x, y) = P(1, 1) \wedge P(1, 2) \wedge P(2, 1) \wedge P(2, 2)$$

$$(\exists x)(\exists y)P(x, y) = P(1, 1) \vee P(1, 2) \vee P(2, 1) \vee P(2, 2)$$

$$(\exists x)(\forall y)P(x, y) = (P(1, 1) \wedge P(1, 2)) \vee (P(2, 1) \wedge P(2, 2))$$

$$(\forall y)(\exists x)P(x, y) = (P(1, 1) \vee P(2, 1)) \wedge (P(1, 2) \vee P(2, 2))$$

The conversion can help us  
understand some  
important properties.

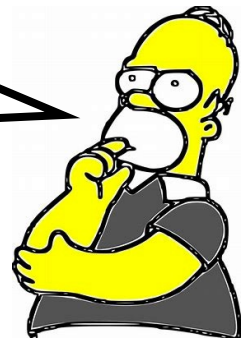


# Quantifier ( 量词 )

$$(\exists x)(\forall y)P(x, y) = (P(1, 1) \wedge P(1, 2)) \vee (P(2, 1) \wedge P(2, 2))$$

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The two different quantifiers cannot be swapped. But what the relation between them?



# Quantifier ( 量词 )

$$(\forall y)(\exists x)P(x, y)$$

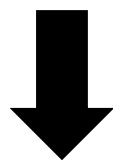
$$=(P(1, 1) \vee P(2, 1)) \wedge (P(1, 2) \vee P(2, 2))$$

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$$=(\exists x)(\forall y)P(x, y) \vee (P(2, 1) \wedge P(1, 2)) \vee (P(1, 1) \wedge P(2, 2))$$



$$(\exists x)(\forall y)P(x, y) \Rightarrow (\forall y)(\exists x)P(x, y)$$

# Quantifier ( 量词 )

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$$(\forall x1)(\forall x2)(\forall y4)(\forall x3)(\forall y5)(\forall y6)(\forall a)(\forall b)($$

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After introducing quantifiers

# Well-formed Formula ( 合式公式 )

We can use predicates, functions, quantifiers, individuals and connectives to build many expressions. But not all of them have legal semantics.

# Well-formed Formula ( 合式公式 )

Parameter requirements:

- Predicates can only operate on individuals
- Functions can only operate on individuals
- Quantifiers can only bound individuals

Symbol writing:

- Propositional variables:  $p, q, r, \dots$
- Individual variables:  $x, y, z, \dots$
- Individual constants:  $a, b, c, \dots$  or upper-case words
- Predicate variables:  $P, Q, R, \dots$
- Predicate constants: upper-case words
- Functions:  $f, g, \dots$

# Well-formed Formula ( 合式公式 )

## DEFINITION

**Terms** are expressions generated from the individuals by the functions.

## DEFINITION

An **atomic formula** (原子谓词公式) is an expression of the form  $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  where  $P$  is a predicate of arity  $n$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are terms.

# Well-formed Formula ( 合式公式 )

## INDUCTIVE DEFINITION of WFF

- 1). Every atomic formula is in WFF.
- 2). If  $A$  and  $B$  are WFFs, so are  $(\neg A)$ ,  $(A \wedge B)$ ,  $(A \vee B)$ ,  $(A \rightarrow B)$ , and  $(A \leftrightarrow B)$ . There is no variable which is bounded in one wff and free in the other wff.
- 3). If  $A$  is a WFF and  $x$  is free in  $A$ , then  $(\forall x)A$ ,  $(\exists x)A$  are wffs.
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# Well-formed Formula ( 合式公式 )

## Propositional Logic

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# Exercise

$$P(x) \vee (\forall x)Q(x)$$

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$$

$$(\exists x)(\forall x)P(x)$$

$$(\exists x)P(y, z)$$

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow (\exists y)Q(x, y))$$

# Exercise

$$P(x) \vee (\forall x)Q(x) \quad \boxed{\times}$$

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \quad \boxed{\checkmark}$$

$$(\exists x)(\forall x)P(x) \quad \boxed{\times}$$

$$(\exists x)P(y, z) \quad \boxed{\times}$$

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow (\exists y)Q(x, y)) \quad \boxed{\checkmark}$$

# Well-formed Formula ( 合式公式 )

All rational numbers are real numbers.

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

*P means x is a rational number.*

*Q means x is a real number.*

Some real numbers are not rational numbers.

*A means x is a real number.*

*B means x is a rational number.*

$$(\exists x)(A(x) \wedge \neg B(x))$$

# Validity ( 有効性 )

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$$\text{sum}(x3, y6) > 0)$$

We want to prove it  
is always true. Then  
the assertion will  
not fail.

# Validity ( 有効性 )

## DEFINITION

The interpretation ( 解释 ) of predicate formula includes predicate variables, propositional variables, functions and free individual variables.

## DEFINITION

If a formula is always true under any interpretations, it is universally valid ( 普遍有效 ) .  $(\forall x)(P(x) \vee \neg P(x))$

# Validity ( 有效性 )

## DEFINITION

If a formula is true under some interpretation, it is satisfiable ( 可满足的 ) .

$$(\forall x)P(x)$$

*All positive integers are greater than 0.*

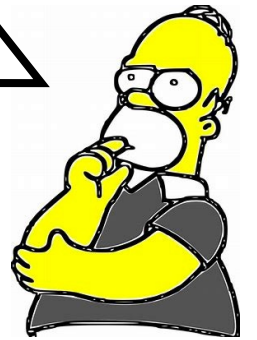
## DEFINITION

If a formula is always false under any interpretations, it is unsatisfiable ( 不可满足的 ) .

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \wedge \neg P(x))$$

# Validity ( 有効性 )

What is the relation between universally valid formula and satisfiable formula in predicate logic?



# Validity ( 有効性 )

## RELATION

- 1) P is universally valid iff  $\neg P$  is unsatisfiable
- 2) P is satisfiable iff  $\neg P$  is not universally valid

$(\forall x1)(\forall x2)(\forall y4)(\forall x3)(\forall y5)(\forall y6)(\forall a)(\forall b)($

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$sum(x3, y6) > 0)$

universally  
valid



$\neg(\forall x1)(\forall x2)(\forall y4)(\forall x3)(\forall y5)(\forall y6)(\forall a)(\forall b)($

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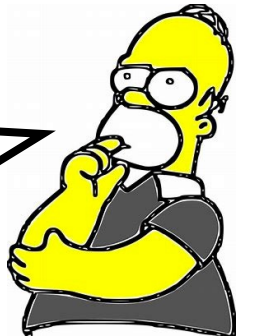
# Decision Problem ( 判定問題 )

## DEFINITION

Decision problem in predicate logic is whether there is an effective algorithm to determine if a formula is universally valid.

*The algorithm must be automatic  
and terminate in finite steps.*

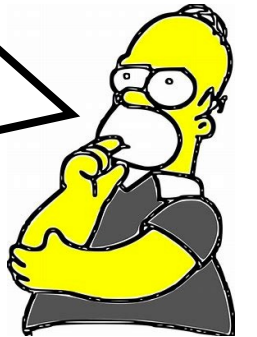
*Is predicate logic decidable?*



# Decision Problem ( 判定问题 )

| P | Q | $P \nabla Q$ |
|---|---|--------------|
| T | T | F            |
| F | T | T            |
| T | F | T            |
| F | F | F            |

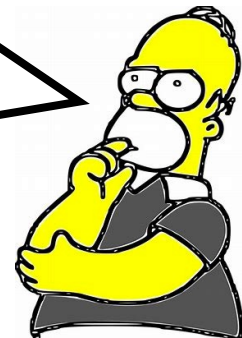
Propositional logic is a special predicate logic. It is decidable because we can use truth table to determine the validity.



# Decision Problem ( 判定问题 )

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + y - z & = & 8 \\ -3x - y + 2z & = & -11 \\ -2x + y + 2z & = & -3 \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 8 \\ -3 & -1 & 2 & -11 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & -3 \end{array} \right] \quad \rightarrow \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{rcl} x & = & 2 \\ y & = & 3 \\ z & = & -1 \end{array}$$

A system of linear equations is decidable. We can use Gaussian elimination to solve it.



# Decision Problem ( 判定問題 )

- Predicate logic is not decidable
- Predicate logic with finite domain is decidable
- Formula with only unary predicate variable is decidable
- The following forms are decidable

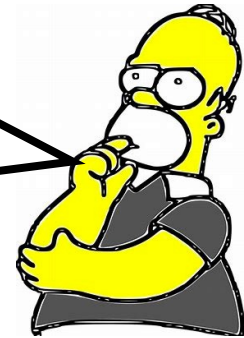
$$(\forall x_1) \dots (\forall x_n) P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$(\exists x_1) \dots (\exists x_n) P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

# Decision Problem ( 判定問題 )

That is why we need deduction.

*We have used deduction in  
propositional logic*



# Deduction ( 推理 )

tautology implication

Prove  $(P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow S)) \wedge (\neg R \vee P) \wedge Q \Rightarrow R \rightarrow S$ .

(1)  $\neg R \vee P$

(2)  $R \rightarrow P$

(3)  $R$

(4)  $P$

(5)  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow S)$

(6)  $Q \rightarrow S$

(7)  $Q$

(8)  $S$

(9)  $R \rightarrow S$

introduce premise

replacement rule

introduce premise

Hypothetical reasoning on (2)(3)

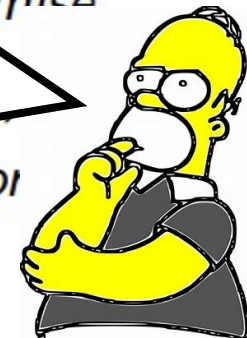
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(4)(5)

implication

deduction theorem

Many terms, rules and symbols can be introduced from propositional logic.



# Deduction Formula ( 推理公式 )

There are many important tautology implication expressions.

They can be used to produce new theorems.

$$\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow P$$

$$\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow \neg Q$$

$$P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow Q$$

$$(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \Rightarrow P \rightarrow R$$

$$P \wedge Q \Rightarrow P$$

$$P \Rightarrow P \vee Q$$

Tautology implication in propositional logic can also be applied here.

# Deduction Formula ( 推理公式 )

$$(\exists x)(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x)P(x) \wedge (\exists x)Q(x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$(\exists x)P(x) \wedge (\exists x)Q(x) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$$

Does it also hold?



# Deduction Formula ( 推理公式 )



*x is a mouse.*

*x is a mouse and  
x is an elephant.*

$$(\exists x)P(x) \wedge (\exists x)Q(x) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \quad \boxed{\times}$$

*x is an elephant.*

*The arrow is not  
bi-directional.*



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$$(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow (\forall x)Q(x)$$

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x)P(x) \leftrightarrow (\exists x)Q(x)$$

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge (\forall x)(Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$$

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge P(a) \Rightarrow Q(a)$$

$$(\forall x)(\forall y)P(x, y) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(\forall y)P(x, y)$$

$$(\exists x)(\forall y)P(x, y) \Rightarrow (\forall y)(\exists x)P(x, y)$$

They can be  
understood through  
semantics. (5.4.3)

# Deduction Calculus ( 推理演算 )

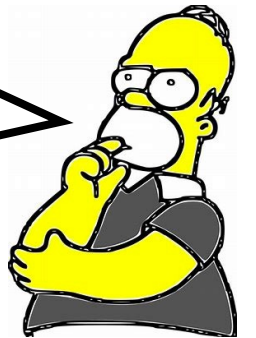
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(2)  $P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$  *remove universal quantifier*

(全称量词消去规则)  $x$  is an arbitrary individual in the domain and it is free in  $P$  and  $Q$ .

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(5)  $P(x) \rightarrow R(x)$  *syllogism on (2)(4)*

三段论

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(6)  $(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$

(全称量词引入规则) If any element in the domain satisfies the property and  $x$  is free in  $P$  and  $R$ , we can use the rule.

*inference* on (2)(4)

*introduce universal quantifier*

# Deduction Calculus ( 推理演算 )

We can also remove existential quantifier ( 存在量词消去规则 ) .

$$(\exists x)P(x) \Rightarrow P(c)$$

*c is an individual constant.*

$$(\exists x)P(x) = (\exists x)(c < x) \quad \boxed{\times}$$

*P should not include c.*

$$(\exists x)P(x) = (\exists x)(x > y) \quad \boxed{\times}$$

*P should not include free variables.*

# Deduction Calculus ( 推理演算 )

We can also introduce existential quantifier (存在量词引入规则) .

$$P(c) \Rightarrow (\exists x)P(x)$$

*c is an individual  
constant.*

$$P(c) = (\exists x)(x > 0) \quad \boxed{\times}$$

*P should not include x.*

# Exercise

*Premise* :  $(\forall x)(P(x) \vee Q(x)), (\forall x)(Q(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x))$

*Conclusion* :  $(\exists x)(R(x) \rightarrow P(x))$

①  $(\forall x)(P(x) \vee Q(x))$

前提

②  $(\forall x)(Q(x) \rightarrow \neg R(x))$

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⑤  $\neg Q(x) \rightarrow P(x)$

③ 置换

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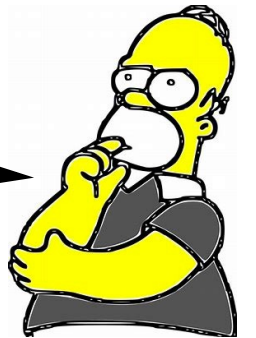
⑦ 存在量词引入

# Deduction Calculus ( 推理演算 )

$$(\forall x)(\exists y)P(x, y) \Rightarrow (\exists y)P(x, y) \Rightarrow P(x, a)$$

$$P(x, a) \quad \longrightarrow \quad (\forall x)P(x, a) \quad \longrightarrow \quad (\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y)$$

can we do this reasoning?



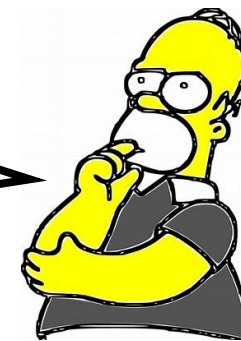
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why?



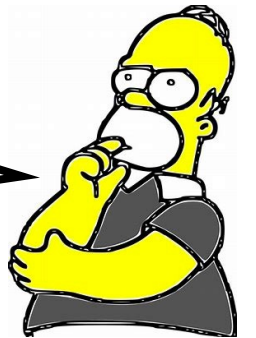
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$$P(x, a) \longrightarrow (\forall x)P(x, a) \longrightarrow (\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y)$$

Because  $y$  and  $a$  depend on  $x$ .



# Exercise

$$(1)(\forall x)(\exists y)(x > y)$$

*introduce premise*

$$(2)(\exists y)(z > y)$$

*remove universal quantifier*

$$(3)z > b$$

*remove existential quantifier*

$$(4)(\forall z)(z > b)$$

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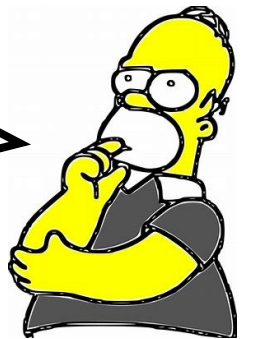
$$(5)b > b$$

*remove universal quantifier*

$$(6)(\forall x)(x > x)$$

*introduce universal quantifier*

Is it right?



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# Resolution Reasoning(归结推理法)

Deduction before depends on many proof skills. Resolution reasoning is more automatic.

# A Quick Recap

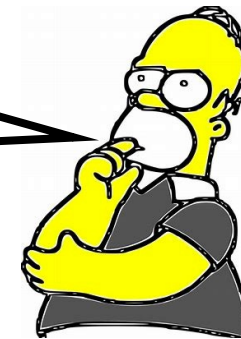
## DEFINITION

For formula  $A = P \vee Q$  and  $B = \neg P \vee R$ ,  $R(A, B) = Q \vee R$  is a resolvent(归结式) of  $A$  and  $B$ .

- To prove  $C \Rightarrow D$ , we just need to prove  $C \wedge \neg D$  is a contradiction
- Convert  $C \wedge \neg D$  to CNF  $P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n$
- Repeatedly produce resolvents from  $P_i$
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$$(P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee R) \\ \Rightarrow Q \vee R$$

Now the main problem is how to  
eliminate quantifiers?



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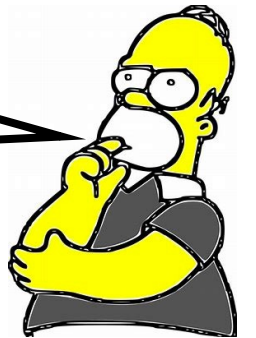
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$$(P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee R) \Rightarrow Q \vee R$$

We can firstly move all quantifiers to the left.



# Prenex Normal Form(前束范式)

## DEFINITION

A formula of the predicate calculus is in prenex normal form(PNF) if it is written as a string of quantifiers and bound variables, followed by a quantifier-free part, called the matrix (母式/基式) .

$$(Q_1x_1) \dots (Q_nx_n)M(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

quantifiers

# Prenex Normal Form(前束范式)

## DEFINITION

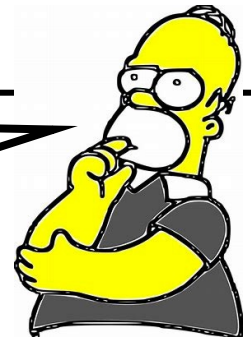
A and B are equivalent if A and B have the same truth value under any interpretation.

$A \leftrightarrow B$  is universally valid /  $A = B$  /  $A \Leftrightarrow B$

## THEOREM

Every formula in predicate logic is equivalent to a formula in prenex normal form.

How to convert a formula to PNF? We need some equations.



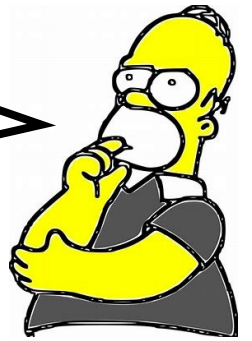
# Equivalence(等值)

double negation law

$$\neg\neg(\forall x)P(x) = (\forall x)P(x)$$

$$(\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow (\exists x)Q(x) = \neg(\forall x)P(x) \vee (\exists x)Q(x)$$

Some equations in  
propositional logic can be  
directly applied.



# Equivalence(等値)

$$(\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow (\exists x)Q(x) = \neg(\forall x)P(x) \vee (\exists x)Q(x)$$

We need to move "not"  
inside.

## THEOREM

$$\neg(\forall x)P(x) = (\exists x)\neg P(x)$$

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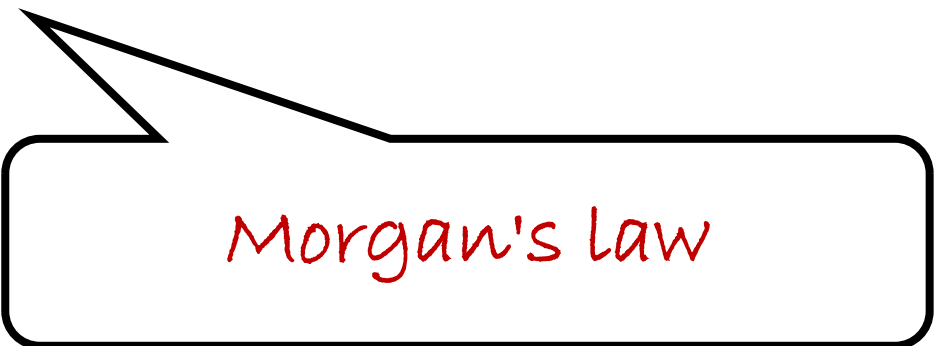
No  $x$  satisfies  $P$ .

Every  $x$  doesn't  
satisfy  $P$ .

# Equivalence(等値)

If the domain is  $\{1, 2\}$

$$\begin{aligned}& \neg(\forall x)P(x) \\&= \neg(P(1) \wedge P(2)) \\&= \neg P(1) \vee \neg P(2) \\&= (\exists x)\neg P(x)\end{aligned}$$



Morgan's law

# Equivalence(等值)

We can prove through semantics.

$$\neg(\forall x)P(x) = (\exists x)\neg P(x)$$

$$\neg(\forall x)P(x) = T$$



$$P(x_0) = F$$



$$\neg P(x_0) = T$$



$$(\exists x)\neg P(x) = T$$

$$(\exists x)\neg P(x) = T$$



$$\neg P(x_0) = T$$



$$P(x_0) = F$$



$$\neg(\forall x)P(x) = T$$

# Equivalence(等値)

If there are many quantifiers, we need to flip every quantifiers and move “not” inside.

$$\neg(\forall x)(\forall y)P(x, y) = (\exists x)(\exists y)\neg P(x, y)$$

# Equivalence(等値)

## THEOREM

**Distributive Law (分配律) :**

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \vee q) = (\forall x)P(x) \vee q$$

$$(\exists x)(P(x) \vee q) = (\exists x)P(x) \vee q$$

$$(\forall x)(P(x) \wedge q) = (\forall x)P(x) \wedge q$$

$$(\exists x)(P(x) \wedge q) = (\exists x)P(x) \wedge q$$

*x has nothing to do with q.*

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$$(\exists x)(p \rightarrow Q(x)) = p \rightarrow (\exists x)Q(x)$$

*x has nothing to do with p  
and q.*

# Exercise

$$(\forall x)(p \rightarrow Q(x)) = p \rightarrow (\forall x)Q(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(\forall x)(p \rightarrow Q(x)) \\ &= (\forall x)(\neg p \vee Q(x)) \\ &= \neg p \vee (\forall x)Q(x) \\ &= p \rightarrow (\forall x)Q(x) \end{aligned}$$

Can you prove it with laws before?



# Equivalence(等值)

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$$(\exists x)(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) = (\exists x)P(x) \wedge (\exists x)Q(x)$$

*Are they true?*

# Equivalence(等值)

Assuming the domain is  $\{1, 2\}$  and you will understand it better.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall x)(P(x) \vee Q(x)) \\ &= (P(1) \vee Q(1)) \wedge (P(2) \vee Q(2)) \\ &= ((P(1) \vee Q(1)) \wedge P(2)) \vee ((P(1) \vee Q(1)) \wedge Q(2)) \\ &= (P(1) \wedge P(2)) \vee (Q(1) \wedge P(2)) \vee (P(1) \wedge Q(2)) \vee (Q(1) \wedge Q(2)) \\ &= (\forall x)P(x) \vee (\forall x)Q(x) \vee (Q(1) \wedge P(2)) \vee (P(1) \wedge Q(2)) \end{aligned}$$

# Equivalence(等值)

We can change the name of bound variables.

## THEOREM

**Distributive Law (分配律) :**

$$(\forall x)(\forall y)(P(x) \vee Q(y)) = (\forall x)P(x) \vee (\forall x)Q(x)$$

$$(\exists x)(\exists y)(P(x) \wedge Q(y)) = (\exists x)P(x) \wedge (\exists x)Q(x)$$

*Proof*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall x)P(x) \vee (\forall x)Q(x) \\ &= (\forall x)P(x) \vee (\forall y)Q(y) \\ &= (\forall x)(P(x) \vee (\forall y)Q(y)) \\ &= (\forall x)(\forall y)(P(x) \vee Q(y)) \end{aligned}$$

# Prenex Normal Form(前束范式)

Now we can convert formulas to PNF.

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Step1: eliminate arrows.

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Step1: eliminate arrows.

Step2: move "not" inside.

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$$=(\forall x)((\exists y)P(a, x, y) \wedge (\exists z)\neg Q(z, b) \wedge \neg R(x))$$

Step1: eliminate arrows.

Step2: move "not" inside.

Step3: move quantifiers to the left.

Step4: change names of bound variables.

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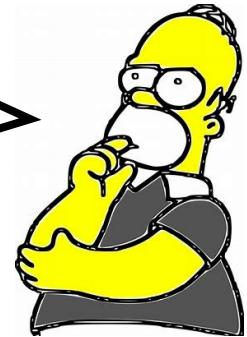
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*Can we eliminate  
existential quantifier?*



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## DEFINITION

A formula is in Skolem normal form if it is in prenex normal form with only universal quantifiers.

## THEOREM

Every formula  $A$  can be converted to corresponding Skolem normal form  $B$ .  $A$  is unsatisfiable iff  $B$  is unsatisfiable.

*This transformation does not preserve semantics but it does preserve satisfiability, which is consistent with resolution method.*

# Skolem Normal Form(Skolem标准形)

$$(\forall x)(\exists y)(\exists z)S(a, b, x, y, z)$$



*y depends on x*

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$$(\forall x)(\exists z)S(a, b, x, f(x), g(x))$$

*z depends on x*

*If x doesn't depend on any variables, we replace x with a constant.*



# Exercise

$$(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)(\exists u)(\forall v)(\exists w)P(x, y, z, u, v, w)$$

$$(\forall y)(\forall z)(\forall v)P(a, y, z, f(y, z), v, g(y, z, v)).$$

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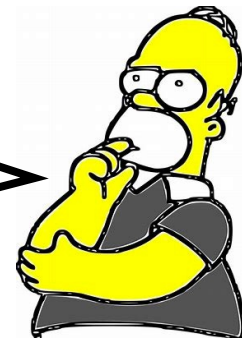
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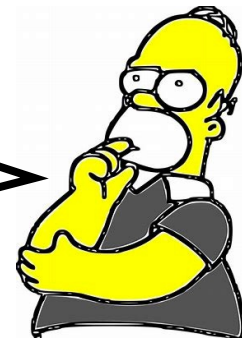
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*resolution on (2)(5)*

$$(7) \square$$

*resolution on (4)(6)*

# Exercise

$$A1 = (\exists x)(P(x) \wedge (\forall y)(D(y) \rightarrow L(x, y)))$$

$$A2 = (\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow (\forall y)(Q(y) \rightarrow \neg L(x, y)))$$

$$B = (\forall x)(D(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x))$$

Prove  $A1 \wedge A2 \Rightarrow B$

证明 不难建立  $A_1$  的子句集为  $\{P(a), \neg D(y) \vee L(a, y)\}$ ,  $A_2$  的子句集为  $\{\neg P(x) \vee \neg Q(y) \vee \neg L(x, y)\}$ ,  $\neg B$  的子句集为  $\{D(b), Q(b)\}$ . 求并集得子句集  $S$ , 进而建立归结过程:

(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)  $D(b)$

(5)  $Q(b)$

(6)  $L(a, b)$

(2)(4) 归结

(7)  $\neg Q(y) \vee \neg L(a, y)$

(1)(3) 归结

(8)  $\neg L(a, b)$

(5)(7) 归结

(9)  $\square$

(6)(8) 归结

# Thanks & Questions