

Logic



What is logic?

- Logic is an “algebra” for manipulating only two values: **true (T)** and **false (F)**
- Nevertheless, logic can be quite challenging
- This talk will cover:
 - Propositional logic--the simplest kind
 - Predicate logic (predicate calculus)--an extension of propositional logic
 - Resolution theory--a general way of doing proofs in predicate logic
 - Possibly: Conversion to clause form
 - Possibly: Other logics (just to make you aware that they exist)



Propositional logic



Propositional logic

- Propositional logic consists of:
 - The **logical values** **true** and **false** (T and F)
 - **Propositions**: “Sentences,” which
 - Are **atomic** (that is, they must be treated as indivisible units, with no internal structure), and
 - Have a single logical value, either **true** or **false**
 - **Operators**, both unary and binary; when applied to logical values, yield logical values
 - The usual operators are **and**, **or**, **not**, and **implies**



Truth tables

- Logic, like arithmetic, has **operators**, which apply to one, two, or more values (**operands**)
- A truth table lists the results for each possible arrangement of operands
 - Order is important: $x \text{ op } y$ may or may not give the same result as $y \text{ op } x$
- The rows in a truth table list all possible sequences of truth values for n operands, and specify a result for each sequence
 - Hence, there are 2^n rows in a truth table for n operands



Unary operators

- There are four possible unary operators:

X	Constant true, (T)
T	T
F	T

X	Identity, (X)
T	T
F	F

X	Constant false, (F)
T	F
F	F

X	Negation, $\neg X$
T	F
F	T

- Only the last of these (negation) is widely used (and has a symbol, \neg , for the operation)



Combined tables for unary operators

X	Constant T	Constant F	Identity	$\neg X$
T	T	F	T	F
F	T	F	F	T



Binary operators

- There are sixteen possible binary operators:

X	Y																
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F

- All these operators have names, but I haven't tried to fit them in
- Only a few of these operators are normally used in logic



Useful binary operators

- Here are the binary operators that are traditionally used:

		AND	OR	IMPLIES	BICONDITIONAL
X	Y	$X \wedge Y$	$X \vee Y$	$X \Rightarrow Y$	$X \Leftrightarrow Y$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	F	F	T	T

- Notice in particular that **material implication** (\Rightarrow) only approximately means the same as the English word “implies”
- All the other operators can be constructed from a combination of these (along with unary **not**, \neg)



Logical expressions

- All logical expressions can be computed with some combination of **and** (\wedge), **or** (\vee), and **not** (\neg) operators
- For example, logical implication can be computed this way:

X	Y	$\neg X$	$\neg X \vee Y$	$X \Rightarrow Y$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

- Notice that $\neg X \vee Y$ is equivalent to $X \Rightarrow Y$



Another example

- Exclusive or (**xor**) is true if exactly one of its operands is true

X	Y	$\neg X$	$\neg Y$	$\neg X \wedge Y$	$X \wedge \neg Y$	$(\neg X \wedge Y) \vee (X \wedge \neg Y)$	X xor Y
T	T	F	F	F	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	F	F	F

- Notice that $(\neg X \wedge Y) \vee (X \wedge \neg Y)$ is equivalent to X xor Y



Worlds

- A **world** is a collection of prepositions and logical expressions relating those prepositions
- Example:
 - Propositions: JohnLovesMary, MaryIsFemale, MaryIsRich
 - Expressions:
 $\text{MaryIsFemale} \wedge \text{MaryIsRich} \Rightarrow \text{JohnLovesMary}$
- A proposition “says something” about the world, but since it is atomic (you can’t look inside it to see component parts), propositions tend to be very specialized and inflexible



Models

A **model** is an assignment of a truth value to each proposition, for example:

- JohnLovesMary: T, MaryIsFemale: T, MaryIsRich: F
- An expression is **satisfiable** if there is a model for which the expression is **true**
 - For example, the above model satisfies the expression
 $\text{MaryIsFemale} \wedge \text{MaryIsRich} \Rightarrow \text{JohnLovesMary}$
- An expression is **valid** if it is satisfied by *every* model
 - This expression is *not* valid:
 $\text{MaryIsFemale} \wedge \text{MaryIsRich} \Rightarrow \text{JohnLovesMary}$
because it is not satisfied by this model:
JohnLovesMary: F, MaryIsFemale: T, MaryIsRich: T
 - But this expression *is* valid:
 $\text{MaryIsFemale} \wedge \text{MaryIsRich} \Rightarrow \text{MaryIsFemale}$

Inference rules in propositional logic

- Here are just a few of the rules you can apply when reasoning in propositional logic:

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \wedge \\(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \vee \\((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \wedge \\((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \vee \\ \neg(\neg\alpha) &\equiv \alpha && \text{double-negation elimination} \\(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) && \text{contraposition} \\(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) && \text{implication elimination} \\(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) &\equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) && \text{biconditional elimination} \\ \neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\ \neg(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee \\(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \vee \text{ over } \wedge\end{aligned}$$



Implication elimination

- A particularly important rule allows you to get rid of the implication operator, \Rightarrow :
 - $X \Rightarrow Y \equiv \neg X \vee Y$
- We will use this later on as a necessary tool for simplifying logical expressions
- The symbol \equiv means “is logically equivalent to”



Conjunction elimination

- Another important rule for simplifying logical expressions allows you to get rid of the conjunction (**and**) operator, \wedge :
- This rule simply says that if you have an **and** operator at the top level of a fact (logical expression), you can break the expression up into two separate facts:
 - $MaryIsFemale \wedge MaryIsRich$
 - becomes:
 - $MaryIsFemale$
 - $MaryIsRich$



Inference by computer

- To do inference (reasoning) by computer is basically a *search* process, taking logical expressions and applying inference rules to them
 - Which logical expressions to use?
 - Which inference rules to apply?
- Usually you are trying to “prove” some particular statement
- Example:
 - $it_is_raining \vee it_is_sunny$
 - $it_is_sunny \Rightarrow I_stay_dry$
 - $it_is_rainy \Rightarrow I_take_umbrella$
 - $I_take_umbrella \Rightarrow I_stay_dry$
 - To prove: I_stay_dry



Forward and backward reasoning

- Situation: You have a collection of logical expressions (**premises**), and you are trying to prove some additional logical expression (the **conclusion**)
- You can:
 - Do **forward reasoning**: Start applying inference rules to the logical expressions you have, and stop if one of your results is the conclusion you want
 - Do **backward reasoning**: Start from the conclusion you want, and try to choose inference rules that will get you back to the logical expressions you have
- With the tools we have discussed so far, *neither* is feasible



Example

- Given:
 - $it_is_raining \vee it_is_sunny$
 - $it_is_sunny \Rightarrow I_stay_dry$
 - $it_is_raining \Rightarrow I_take_umbrella$
 - $I_take_umbrella \Rightarrow I_stay_dry$
- You can conclude:
 - $it_is_sunny \vee it_is_raining$
 - $I_take_umbrella \vee it_is_sunny$
 - $\neg I_stay_dry \Rightarrow I_take_umbrella$
 - Etc., etc. ... there are *just too many* things you can conclude!



Predicate Calculus



Predicate calculus

- **Predicate calculus** is also known as “**First Order Logic**” (FOL)
- Predicate calculus includes:
 - All of propositional logic
 - Logical values **true, false**
 - Variables **x, y, a, b,...**
 - Connectives **$\neg, \Rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \Leftrightarrow$**
 - Constants **KingJohn, 2, Villanova,...**
 - Predicates **Brother, >,...**
 - Functions **Sqrt, MotherOf,...**
 - Quantifiers **\forall, \exists**



Constants, functions, and predicates

- A **constant** represents a “thing”--it has no truth value, and it does not occur “bare” in a logical expression
 - Examples: `DavidMatuszek`, `5`, `Earth`, `goodIdea`
- Given zero or more arguments, a **function** produces a constant as its value:
 - Examples: `motherOf(DavidMatuszek)`, `add(2, 2)`, `thisPlanet()`
- A **predicate** is like a function, but produces a truth value
 - Examples: `greatInstructor(DavidMatuszek)`, `isPlanet(Earth)`, `greater(3, add(2, 2))`



Universal quantification

- The universal quantifier, \forall , is read as “for each” or “for every”
 - Example: $\forall x, x^2 \geq 0$ (for all x , x^2 is greater than or equal to zero)
- Typically, \Rightarrow is the main connective with \forall :
 $\forall x, \text{at}(x, \text{Villanova}) \Rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$
means “Everyone at Villanova is smart”
- Common mistake: using \wedge as the main connective with \forall :
 $\forall x, \text{at}(x, \text{Villanova}) \wedge \text{smart}(x)$
means “Everyone is at Villanova and everyone is smart”
- If there are no values satisfying the condition, the result is **true**
 - Example: $\forall x, \text{isPersonFromMars}(x) \Rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$ is **true**



Existential quantification

- The existential quantifier, \exists , is read “for some” or “there exists”
 - Example: $\exists x, x^2 < 0$ (there exists an x such that x^2 is less than zero)
- Typically, \wedge is the main connective with \exists :
 $\exists x, \text{at}(x, \text{Villanova}) \wedge \text{smart}(x)$
means “There is someone who is at Villanova and is smart”
- Common mistake: using \Rightarrow as the main connective with \exists :
 $\exists x, \text{at}(x, \text{Villanova}) \Rightarrow \text{smart}(x)$
This is true if there is someone at Villanova who is smart...
...but it is also true if there is someone who is *not* at Villanova
By the rules of material implication, the result of $F \Rightarrow T$ is T



Properties of quantifiers

- $\forall x \forall y$ is the same as $\forall y \forall x$
- $\exists x \exists y$ is the same as $\exists y \exists x$
- $\exists x \forall y$ is *not* the same as $\forall y \exists x$
- $\exists x \forall y \text{ Loves}(x,y)$
 - “There is a person who loves everyone in the world”
 - More exactly: $\exists x \forall y (\text{person}(x) \wedge \text{person}(y) \Rightarrow \text{Loves}(x,y))$
- $\forall y \exists x \text{ Loves}(x,y)$
 - “Everyone in the world is loved by at least one person”
- **Quantifier duality**: each can be expressed using the other
- $\forall x \text{ Likes}(x, \text{IceCream})$ $\neg \exists x \neg \text{Likes}(x, \text{IceCream})$
- $\exists x \text{ Likes}(x, \text{Broccoli})$ $\neg \forall x \neg \text{Likes}(x, \text{Broccoli})$



Parentheses

- Parentheses are often used with quantifiers
- Unfortunately, everyone uses them differently, so don't be upset at any usage you see
- Examples:
 - $(\forall x) \text{ person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{iceCream})$
 - $(\forall x) (\text{person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{iceCream}))$
 - $(\forall x) [\text{person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{iceCream})]$
 - $\forall x, \text{ person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{iceCream})$
 - $\forall x (\text{person}(x) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(x, \text{iceCream}))$
- I prefer parentheses that show the **scope** of the quantifier
 - $\exists x (x > 0) \wedge \exists x (x < 0)$



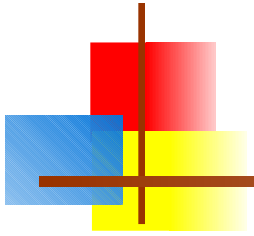
More rules

- Now there are numerous additional rules we can apply!
- Here are two exceptionally important rules:
 - $\neg\forall x, p(x) \Rightarrow \exists x, \neg p(x)$
“If not every x satisfies $p(x)$, then there exists a x that does not satisfy $p(x)$ ”
 - $\neg\exists x, p(x) \Rightarrow \forall x, \neg p(x)$
“If there does not exist an x that satisfies $p(x)$, then all x do not satisfy $p(x)$ ”
- In any case, the search space is *just too large* to be feasible
- This was the case until 1970, when J. Robinson discovered **resolution**



Interlude: Definitions

- **syntax**: defines the formal structure of sentences
- **semantics**: determines the truth of sentences wrt (with respect to) models
- **entailment**: one statement entails another if the truth of the first means that the second must also be true
- **inference**: deriving sentences from other sentences
- **soundness**: derivations produce only entailed sentences
- **completeness**: derivations can produce all entailed sentences



Resolution



Logic by computer was infeasible

- Why is logic so hard?
 - You start with a large collection of facts (predicates)
 - You start with a large collection of possible transformations (rules)
 - Some of these rules apply to a single fact to yield a new fact
 - Some of these rules apply to a pair of facts to yield a new fact
 - So at every step you must:
 - Choose some rule to apply
 - Choose one or two facts to which you might be able to apply the rule
 - If there are n facts
 - There are n potential ways to apply a single-operand rule
 - There are $n * (n - 1)$ potential ways to apply a two-operand rule
 - Add the new fact to your ever-expanding fact base
 - The search space is huge!



The magic of resolution

- Here's how resolution works:
 - You transform each of your facts into a particular form, called a **clause** (this is the tricky part)
 - You apply a *single rule*, the **resolution principle**, to a pair of clauses
 - Clauses are **closed** with respect to resolution--that is, when you resolve two clauses, you get a new clause
 - You add the new clause to your fact base
- So the number of facts you have grows linearly
 - You still have to choose a pair of facts to resolve
 - You never have to choose a rule, because there's only one



The fact base

- A fact base is a collection of “facts,” expressed in predicate calculus, that are presumed to be true (valid)
- These facts are implicitly “**anded**” together
- Example fact base:
 - $\text{seafood}(X) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(\text{John}, X)$ (where X is a variable)
 - $\text{seafood}(\text{shrimp})$
 - $\text{pasta}(X) \Rightarrow \neg \text{likes}(\text{Mary}, X)$ (where X is a *different* variable)
 - $\text{pasta}(\text{spaghetti})$
- That is,
 - $(\text{seafood}(X) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(\text{John}, X)) \wedge \text{seafood}(\text{shrimp}) \wedge$
 $(\text{pasta}(Y) \Rightarrow \neg \text{likes}(\text{Mary}, Y)) \wedge \text{pasta}(\text{spaghetti})$
 - Notice that we had to change some X s to Y s
 - The **scope** of a variable is the single fact in which it occurs



Clause form

- A **clause** is a **disjunction** ("or") of zero or more literals, some or all of which may be negated
- Example:
 $\text{sinks}(X) \vee \text{dissolves}(X, \text{water}) \vee \neg \text{denser}(X, \text{water})$
- Notice that clauses use only “or” and “not”—they do not use “and,” “implies,” or either of the quantifiers “for all” or “there exists”
- The impressive part is that *any* predicate calculus expression can be put into clause form
 - Existential quantifiers, \exists , are the trickiest ones



Unification

- From the pair of facts (not yet clauses, just facts):
 - $\text{seafood}(X) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(\text{John}, X)$ (where X is a variable)
 - $\text{seafood}(\text{shrimp})$
- We ought to be able to conclude
 - $\text{likes}(\text{John}, \text{shrimp})$
- We can do this by **unifying** the variable X with the constant **shrimp**
 - This is the *same* “unification” as is done in Prolog
- This unification turns $\text{seafood}(X) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(\text{John}, X)$ into $\text{seafood}(\text{shrimp}) \Rightarrow \text{likes}(\text{John}, \text{shrimp})$
- Together with the given fact $\text{seafood}(\text{shrimp})$, the final deductive step is easy



The resolution principle

- Here it is:

- From $X \vee \text{someLiterals}$
and $\neg X \vee \text{someOtherLiterals}$

conclude: $\text{someLiterals} \vee \text{someOtherLiterals}$

- That's all there is to it!

- Example:

- $\text{broke}(\text{Bob}) \vee \text{well-fed}(\text{Bob})$
 $\neg \text{broke}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg \text{hungry}(\text{Bob})$

 $\text{well-fed}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg \text{hungry}(\text{Bob})$



A common error

- You can only do *one* resolution at a time
- Example:
 - $\text{broke}(\text{Bob}) \vee \text{well-fed}(\text{Bob}) \vee \text{happy}(\text{Bob})$
 $\neg\text{broke}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg\text{hungry}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg\text{happy}(\text{Bob})$
- You can resolve on **broke** to get:
 - $\text{well-fed}(\text{Bob}) \vee \text{happy}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg\text{hungry}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg\text{happy}(\text{Bob}) \equiv \text{T}$
- Or you can resolve on **happy** to get:
 - $\text{broke}(\text{Bob}) \vee \text{well-fed}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg\text{broke}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg\text{hungry}(\text{Bob}) \equiv \text{T}$
- Note that both legal resolutions yield a **tautology** (a trivially true statement, containing $X \vee \neg X$), which is correct but useless
- But you *cannot* resolve on both at once to get:
 - $\text{well-fed}(\text{Bob}) \vee \neg\text{hungry}(\text{Bob})$



Contradiction

- A special case occurs when the result of a resolution (the **resolvent**) is empty, or “NIL”
- Example:
 - hungry(Bob)
 - \neg hungry(Bob)
 - -----
 - NIL
- In this case, the fact base is **inconsistent**
- This will turn out to be a very useful observation in doing resolution theorem proving



A first example

- “Everywhere that John goes, Rover goes. John is at school.”
 - $\text{at}(\text{John}, X) \Rightarrow \text{at}(\text{Rover}, X)$ (not yet in clause form)
 - $\text{at}(\text{John}, \text{school})$ (already in clause form)
- We use implication elimination to change the first of these into clause form:
 - $\neg \text{at}(\text{John}, X) \vee \text{at}(\text{Rover}, X)$
 - $\text{at}(\text{John}, \text{school})$
- We can resolve these on $\text{at}(-, -)$, but to do so we have to unify X with school ; this gives:
 - $\text{at}(\text{Rover}, \text{school})$



Refutation resolution

- The previous example was easy because it had very few clauses
- When we have a lot of clauses, we want to *focus* our search on the thing we would like to prove
- We can do this as follows:
 - Assume that our fact base is **consistent** (we can't derive **NIL**)
 - Add the *negation* of the thing we want to prove to the fact base
 - Show that the fact base is now inconsistent
 - Conclude the thing we want to prove



Example of refutation resolution

- “Everywhere that John goes, Rover goes. John is at school.
Prove that Rover is at school.”
 1. $\neg \text{at}(\text{John}, X) \vee \text{at}(\text{Rover}, X)$
 2. $\text{at}(\text{John}, \text{school})$
 3. $\neg \text{at}(\text{Rover}, \text{school})$ (this is the added clause)
- Resolve #1 and #3:
 4. $\neg \text{at}(\text{John}, X)$
- Resolve #2 and #4:
 5. NIL
- Conclude the negation of the added clause: $\text{at}(\text{Rover}, \text{school})$
- This seems a roundabout approach for such a simple example, but it works well for larger problems



A second example

- Start with:
 - $it_is_raining \vee it_is_sunny$
 - $it_is_sunny \Rightarrow I_stay_dry$
 - $it_is_raining \Rightarrow I_take_umbrella$
 - $I_take_umbrella \Rightarrow I_stay_dry$
- Convert to clause form:
 1. $it_is_raining \vee it_is_sunny$
 2. $\neg it_is_sunny \vee I_stay_dry$
 3. $\neg it_is_raining \vee I_take_umbrella$
 4. $\neg I_take_umbrella \vee I_stay_dry$
- Prove that I stay dry:
 5. $\neg I_stay_dry$
- Proof:
 6. (5, 2) $\neg it_is_sunny$
 7. (6, 1) $it_is_raining$
 8. (5, 4) $\neg I_take_umbrella$
 9. (8, 3) $\neg it_is_raining$
 10. (9, 7) NIL
- Therefore, $\neg(\neg I_stay_dry)$
 - I_stay_dry



Conversion to clause form

A nine-step process

Reference: *Artificial Intelligence*, by Elaine Rich and Kevin Knight



Running example

- All Romans who know Marcus either hate Caesar or think that anyone who hates anyone is crazy
- $\forall x, [\text{Roman}(x) \wedge \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \Rightarrow$
 $[\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee$
 $(\forall y, \exists z, \text{hate}(y, z) \Rightarrow \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y))]$



Step 1: Eliminate implications

- Use the fact that $x \Rightarrow y$ is equivalent to $\neg x \vee y$
- $\forall x, [\text{Roman}(x) \wedge \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \Rightarrow$
 $[\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee$
 $(\forall y, \exists z, \text{hate}(y, z) \Rightarrow \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y))]$
- $\forall x, \neg [\text{Roman}(x) \wedge \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \vee$
 $[\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee$
 $(\forall y, \neg(\exists z, \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y)))]$



Step 2: Reduce the scope of \neg

- Reduce the scope of negation to a single term, using:

- $\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$
- $\neg(a \wedge b) \equiv (\neg a \vee \neg b)$
- $\neg(a \vee b) \equiv (\neg a \wedge \neg b)$
- $\neg\forall x, p(x) \equiv \exists x, \neg p(x)$
- $\neg\exists x, p(x) \equiv \forall x, \neg p(x)$

- $\forall x, \neg[\text{Roman}(x) \wedge \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \vee$
 $[\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee$
 $(\forall y, \neg(\exists z, \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y)))]$

- $\forall x, [\neg\text{Roman}(x) \vee \neg\text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \vee$
 $[\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee$
 $(\forall y, \forall z, \neg\text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y)))]$



Step 3: Standardize variables apart

- $\forall x, P(x) \vee \forall x, Q(x)$
becomes
 $\forall x, P(x) \vee \forall y, Q(y)$
- This is just to keep the scopes of variables from getting confused
- Not necessary in our running example



Step 4: Move quantifiers

- Move all quantifiers to the left, without changing their relative positions
- $\forall x, [\neg \text{Roman}(x) \vee \neg \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \vee$
 $[\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee$
 $(\forall y, \forall z, \neg \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y))]$
- $\forall x, \forall y, \forall z, [\neg \text{Roman}(x) \vee \neg \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \vee$
 $[\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee$
 $(\neg \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y))]$



Step 5: Eliminate existential quantifiers

- We do this by introducing **Skolem functions**:
 - If $\exists x, p(x)$ then just pick one; call it x'
 - If the existential quantifier is under control of a universal quantifier, then the picked value has to be a function of the universally quantified variable:
 - If $\forall x, \exists y, p(x, y)$ then $\forall x, p(x, y(x))$
- Not necessary in our running example



Exercise

- Convert the following in to skolem form

$$\exists u \forall v \forall x \exists y P(f(u), v, x, y) \Rightarrow Q(u, v, y)$$



Step 6: Drop the prefix (quantifiers)

- $\forall x, \forall y, \forall z, [\neg \text{Roman}(x) \vee \neg \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \vee [\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee (\neg \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y))]$
- At this point, all the quantifiers are universal quantifiers
- We can just take it for granted that all variables are universally quantified
- $[\neg \text{Roman}(x) \vee \neg \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \vee [\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee (\neg \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y))]$



Step 7: Create a conjunction of disjuncts

- $[\neg \text{Roman}(x) \vee \neg \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus})] \vee$
 $[\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee (\neg \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y))]$

becomes

$\neg \text{Roman}(x) \vee \neg \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus}) \vee$
 $\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee \neg \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y)$



Step 8: Create separate clauses

- Every place we have an \wedge , we break our expression up into separate pieces
- Not necessary in our running example



Step 9: Standardize apart

- Rename variables so that no two clauses have the same variable
- Not necessary in our running example
- Final result:
 - $\neg \text{Roman}(x) \vee \neg \text{know}(x, \text{Marcus}) \vee$
 $\text{hate}(x, \text{Caesar}) \vee \neg \text{hate}(y, z) \vee \text{thinkCrazy}(x, y)$
- That's it! It's a long process, but easy enough to do mechanically



Exercise

- Convert the following into clausal form

$$\exists x \forall y (\forall z P(f(x), y, z) \Rightarrow (\exists u Q(x, u) \& \exists v R(y, v)))$$