COMP 410 Lecture 2

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SAT and Semantic Tableau

SAT Background

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Relevance to Logic Programming

- Methods for solving SAT can be used to execute logic programs
- Logic programming can be phrased as SAT with some additional stuff

Semantic Tableau

- One method for solving SAT instances
- Basic idea: iterate over the formula
 - Maintain subformulas that must be true
 - Learn which variables must be true/false
 - Stop at conflicts (unsatisfiable), or when no subformulas remain (have solution)







































Exercise: First Side of SAT Sheet

Logical Or



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Examples

Example I: $(\neg b V a) \land b$















Example 2: (x V \neg y) \land (\neg x V z)

$(x V \neg y) \land (\neg x V z)$

$$(x \lor \neg y) \land (\neg x \lor z)$$

$$[(x \lor \neg y), (\neg x \lor z)]$$

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$$[x, (\neg x \lor z)]$$

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$$[(\neg x \lor z)]$$

$$\{x \rightarrow t\}$$

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Exercise: Second Side of SAT Sheet