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Example of resolution proof: we will prove a property of groups, namely the existence of the right-inverse

Group axioms:

$$(P(x, y, z) \equiv x \circ y = z)$$

operation. Example:
0 is +
or
0 is *

(1) closure under the operation

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

$$(or: \forall x \forall y \exists z x \circ y = z)$$

and
the universe
is reals.

(2) associativity

$\forall u \forall v \forall w \forall x \forall y \forall z$

$$((P(x, y, u) \wedge P(y, z, v)) \Rightarrow (P(x, v, w) \Leftrightarrow P(u, z, w)))$$

$$\text{OR: } x \circ y = u \wedge y \circ z = v \Rightarrow (x \circ v = w \Leftrightarrow u \circ z = w)$$

$y \circ z$ $x \circ y$

(3) existence of left-neutral element and of left inverse;

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

in the example interpretation
0 or 1

$$\text{OR } \exists x (x \circ y = y \wedge \exists z z \circ y = x)$$

\uparrow left inverse \uparrow left-neutral element

Show the existence of the right-inverse:

$$(4) \exists x (\forall y P(x, y, y) \wedge \forall y \exists z P(y, z, x))$$

$x \circ y = y$
left-neutral element

$y \circ z = x$
right-inverse

(1) \wedge (2) \wedge (3) \neq (4) or (1) \wedge (2) \wedge (3) $\wedge \sim$ (4) is inconsistent

We will show this by resolution.

We convert (1), (2), (3), \sim (4) into clause form, and obtain

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)

(a) comes from (1): $\{P(x, y, m(x, y))\}$
(by Skolemizing)

(b) from 2 (\Rightarrow): $\{\neg P(x, y, a), \neg P(y, z, v), \neg P(x, v, w), P(a, z, w)\}$

(c) from 2 (\Leftarrow): $\{\neg P(x, y, u), \neg P(y, z, v), \neg P(a, z, w), P(x, v, w)\}$

(d) from 3 $\{P(e, y, y)\}$ (e is the ^{left} neutral element)

(e) from 3 $\{P(i(y), y, e)\}$ ($i(y)$ is the ^{left} inverse of y)

(f) from (4) $\{\neg P(x, j(x), j(x)), \neg P(k(x), z, x)\}$

OR: $\neg (x \circ j(x) = j(x)) \wedge \neg (k(x) \circ z = x)$

$$\begin{array}{cc}
 (f) & (d) \\
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 \{ \approx P(k(e), z, e) \} &
 \end{array}$$

Complete;

~~HW~~ b shows the substitution for at least

the first step Due Thursday.