Propositional Resolution and Prime Implicates Generation

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Abstract

We provide formal proofs in Isabelle-HOL (using mostly structured Isar proofs) of the soundness and completeness of the Resolution rule in propositional logic. The completeness proofs take into account the usual redundancy elimination rules (namely tautology elimination and subsumption), and several refinements of the Resolution rule are considered: ordered resolution (with selection functions), positive and negative resolution, semantic resolution and unit resolution (the latter refinement is complete only for clause sets that are Horn-renamable). We also define a concrete procedure for computing saturated sets and establish its soundness and completeness. The clause sets are not assumed to be finite, so that the results can be applied to formulas obtained by grounding sets of first-order clauses (however, a total ordering among atoms is assumed to be given).

Next, we show that the unrestricted Resolution rule is deductivecomplete, in the sense that it is able to generate all (prime) implicates of any set of propositional clauses (i.e., all entailment-minimal, nonvalid, clausal consequences of the considered set). The generation of prime implicates is an important problem, with many applications in artificial intelligence and verification (for abductive reasoning, knowledge compilation, diagnosis, debugging etc.). We also show that implicates can be computed in an incremental way, by fixing an ordering among all the atoms and resolving upon these atoms one by one in the considered order (with no backtracking). This feature is critical for the efficient computation of prime implicates. Building on these results, we provide a procedure for computing such implicates and establish its soundness and completeness.

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1 Syntax of Propositional Clausal Logic

We define the usual syntactic notions of clausal propositional logic. The set of atoms may be arbitrary (even uncountable), but a well-founded total order is assumed to be given.

theory Propositional-Resolution

$\mathbf{imports}\ \mathit{Main}$

begin

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{locale propositional-atoms} = \\ \textbf{fixes atom-ordering} :: ('at \times 'at) \ set \\ \textbf{assumes} \\ atom-ordering-wf : (wf \ atom-ordering) \\ \textbf{and} \quad atom-ordering-total: (\forall x \ y. \ (x \neq y \longrightarrow ((x,y) \in atom-ordering \lor (y,x) \in atom-ordering))) \end{array}
```

and atom-ordering-trans: $\forall x \ y \ z. \ (x,y) \in atom-ordering \longrightarrow (y,z) \in atom-ordering \longrightarrow (x,z) \in atom-ordering$

and a tom-ordering-irrefl: $\forall \, x \, y. \, (x,y) \in atom\text{-}ordering \longrightarrow (y,x) \notin atom\text{-}ordering$ begin

Literals are defined as usual and clauses and formulas are considered as sets. Clause sets are not assumed to be finite (so that the results can be applied to sets of clauses obtained by grounding first-order clauses).

```
datatype 'a Literal = Pos 'a | Neq 'a
definition atoms = \{ x:: 'at. True \}
fun atom :: 'a Literal \Rightarrow 'a
where
  (atom (Pos A)) = A \mid
 (atom (Neg A)) = A
fun complement :: 'a Literal \Rightarrow 'a Literal
where
  (complement (Pos A)) = (Neg A) \mid
  (complement (Neg A)) = (Pos A)
lemma atom-property : A = (atom L) \Longrightarrow (L = (Pos A) \lor L = (Neg A))
\langle proof \rangle
fun positive :: 'at Literal \Rightarrow bool
where
 (positive (Pos A)) = True \mid
 (positive (Neg A)) = False
fun negative :: 'at Literal \Rightarrow bool
where
  (negative (Pos A)) = False \mid
  (negative (Neg A)) = True
type-synonym 'a Clause = 'a Literal set
type-synonym 'a Formula = 'a Clause set
```

Note that the clauses are not assumed to be finite (some of the properties below hold for infinite clauses).

The following functions return the set of atoms occurring in a clause or formula.

fun atoms-clause :: 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at set where atoms-clause $C = \{ A. \exists L. L \in C \land A = atom(L) \}$

fun atoms-formula :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at set where atoms-formula $S = \{ A. \exists C. C \in S \land A \in atoms-clause(C) \}$ **lemma** atoms-formula-subset: $S1 \subseteq S2 \implies$ atoms-formula $S1 \subseteq$ atoms-formula $S2 \pmod{proof}$

lemma atoms-formula-union: atoms-formula $(S1 \cup S2) = atoms$ -formula $S1 \cup atoms$ -formula $S2 \langle proof \rangle$

The following predicate is useful to state that every clause in a set fulfills some property.

definition all-fulfill :: ('at Clause \Rightarrow bool) \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow bool where all-fulfill $P S = (\forall C. (C \in S \longrightarrow (P C)))$

The order on atoms induces a (non total) order among literals:

```
fun literal-ordering :: 'at Literal \Rightarrow 'at Literal \Rightarrow bool

where

(literal-ordering L1 L2) = ((atom L1, atom L2) \in atom-ordering)
```

definition strictly-maximal-literal :: 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Literal \Rightarrow bool where

 $(strictly-maximal-literal \ S \ A) \equiv (A \in S) \land (\forall B. (B \in S \land A \neq B) \longrightarrow (literal-ordering \ B \ A))$

2 Semantics

We define the notions of interpretation, satisfiability and entailment and establish some basic properties.

type-synonym 'a Interpretation = 'a set

fun validate-literal :: 'at Interpretation \Rightarrow 'at Literal \Rightarrow bool (infix $\models 65$) where (validate-literal I (Pos A)) = (A \in I) | (validate-literal I (Neg A)) = (A \notin I)

fun validate-clause :: 'at Interpretation \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow bool (infix $\models 65$) where

 $(validate\text{-}clause \ I \ C) = (\exists L. \ (L \in C) \land (validate\text{-}literal \ I \ L))$

fun validate-formula :: 'at Interpretation \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow bool (infix $\models 65$) where

 $(validate-formula \ I \ S) = (\forall \ C. \ (C \in S \longrightarrow (validate-clause \ I \ C)))$

definition satisfiable :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow bool where (satisfiable S) $\equiv (\exists I. (validate-formula I S))$

We define the usual notions of entailment between clauses and formulas.

```
definition entails :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow bool
where
  (entails \ S \ C) \equiv (\forall I. \ (validate-formula \ I \ S) \longrightarrow (validate-clause \ I \ C))
lemma entails-member:
 assumes C \in S
 shows entails S C
\langle proof \rangle
definition entails-formula :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow bool
  where (entails-formula S1 S2) = (\forall C \in S2. (entails S1 C))
definition equivalent :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow bool
  where (equivalent S1 S2) = (entails-formula S1 S2 \land entails-formula S2 S1)
lemma equivalent-symmetric: equivalent S1 S2 \implies equivalent S2 S1
\langle proof \rangle
lemma entailment-implies-validity:
 assumes entails-formula S1 S2
 assumes validate-formula I S1
 shows validate-formula I S2
\langle proof \rangle
lemma validity-implies-entailment:
 assumes \forall I. validate-formula I S1 \longrightarrow validate-formula I S2
  shows entails-formula S1 S2
\langle proof \rangle
lemma entails-transitive:
 assumes entails-formula S1 S2
 assumes entails-formula S2 S3
 shows entails-formula S1 S3
\langle proof \rangle
lemma equivalent-transitive:
 assumes equivalent S1 S2
 assumes equivalent S2 S3
 shows equivalent S1 S3
\langle proof \rangle
lemma entailment-subset :
```

```
assumes S2 \subseteq S1
shows entails-formula S1 S2
\langle proof \rangle
lemma entailed-formula-entails-implicates:
assumes entails-formula S1 S2
assumes entails S2 C
shows entails S1 C
```

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\langle proof \rangle
```

3 Inference Rules

We first define an abstract notion of a binary inference rule.

type-synonym 'a BinaryRule = 'a Clause \Rightarrow 'a Clause \Rightarrow 'a Clause \Rightarrow bool

definition *less-restrictive* :: 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow bool where

(less-restrictive R1 R2) = (\forall P1 P2 C. (R2 P1 P2 C) \longrightarrow ((R1 P1 P2 C) \lor (R1 P2 P1 C)))

The following functions allow to generate all the clauses that are deducible from a given clause set (in one step).

fun all-deducible-clauses:: 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula **where** all-deducible-clauses $R \ S = \{ C. \exists P1 \ P2. \ P1 \in S \land P2 \in S \land (R \ P1 \ P2 \ C) \}$

fun add-all-deducible-clauses:: 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula where add-all-deducible-clauses $R S = (S \cup all-deducible-clauses R S)$

```
definition derived-clauses-are-finite :: 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow bool

where derived-clauses-are-finite R =

(\forall P1 P2 C. (finite P1 \longrightarrow finite P2 \longrightarrow (R P1 P2 C) \longrightarrow finite C))
```

lemma less-restrictive-and-finite :
 assumes less-restrictive R1 R2
 assumes derived-clauses-are-finite R1
 shows derived-clauses-are-finite R2
 ⟨proof⟩

We then define the unrestricted resolution rule and usual resolution refinements.

3.1 Unrestricted Resolution

definition resolvent :: 'at BinaryRule where (resolvent P1 P2 C) \equiv $(\exists A. ((Pos A) \in P1 \land (Neg A) \in P2 \land (C = ((P1 - \{Pos A\}) \cup (P2 - \{Neg A\})))))$

For technical convience, we now introduce a slightly extended definition in which resolution upon a literal not occurring in the premises is allowed (the obtained resolvent is then redundant with the premises). If the atom is fixed then this version of the resolution rule can be turned into a total function.

fun resolvent-upon :: 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause where (resolvent-upon P1 P2 A) = ((P1 - { Pos A}) \cup (P2 - { Neg A })) lemma resolvent-upon-is-resolvent : assumes Pos A \in P1 assumes Neg A \in P2 shows resolvent P1 P2 (resolvent-upon P1 P2 A) (proof)

```
lemma resolvent-is-resolvent-upon :

assumes resolvent P1 P2 C

shows \exists A. C = resolvent-upon P1 P2 A

\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma resolvent-is-finite :
    shows derived-clauses-are-finite resolvent
    ⟨proof⟩
```

In the next subsections we introduce various resolution refinements and show that they are more restrictive than unrestricted resolution.

3.2 Ordered Resolution

In the first refinement, resolution is only allowed on maximal literals.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{definition} \ ordered-resolvent :: \ 'at \ Clause \Rightarrow \ 'at \ Clause \Rightarrow \ 'at \ Clause \Rightarrow \ bool \\ \textbf{where} \\ (ordered-resolvent \ P1 \ P2 \ C) \equiv \\ (\exists A. \ ((C = (\ (P1 - \{ \ Pos \ A\}) \cup (\ P2 - \{ \ Neg \ A \ \}))) \\ \land \ (strictly-maximal-literal \ P1 \ (Pos \ A)) \land \ (strictly-maximal-literal \ P2 \ (Neg \ A)))) \end{array}$

We now show that the maximal literal of the resolvent is always smaller than those of the premises.

```
lemma resolution-and-max-literal :

assumes R = resolvent-upon P1 P2 A

assumes strictly-maximal-literal P1 (Pos A)

assumes strictly-maximal-literal P2 (Neg A)

assumes strictly-maximal-literal R M
```

shows $(atom M, A) \in atom-ordering$ $\langle proof \rangle$

3.3 Ordered Resolution with Selection

In the next restriction strategy, some negative literals are selected with highest priority for applying the resolution rule, regardless of the ordering. Relaxed ordering restrictions also apply.

definition (selected-part Sel C) = { $L, L \in C \land (\exists A \in Sel, L = (Neg A))$ }

definition ordered-sel-resolvent :: 'at set \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow bool

where (ordered-sel-resolvent Sel P1 P2 C) \equiv ($\exists A. ((C = ((P1 - \{Pos A\}) \cup (P2 - \{Neg A\})))$ $\land (strictly-maximal-literal P1 (Pos A)) \land ((selected-part Sel P1) = \{\}) \land$ $(((strictly-maximal-literal P2 (Neg A)) \land (selected-part Sel P2) = \{\})$ $\lor (strictly-maximal-literal (selected-part Sel P2) (Neg A)))))$

lemma ordered-resolvent-is-resolvent : less-restrictive resolvent ordered-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

The next lemma states that ordered resolution with selection coincides with ordered resolution if the selected part is empty.

```
lemma ordered-resolvent-upon-is-resolvent :
  assumes strictly-maximal-literal P1 (Pos A)
  assumes strictly-maximal-literal P2 (Neg A)
  shows ordered-resolvent P1 P2 (resolvent-upon P1 P2 A)
  ⟨proof⟩
```

3.4 Semantic Resolution

In this strategy, resolution is applied only if one parent is false in some (fixed) interpretation. Note that ordering restrictions still apply, although they are relaxed.

definition validated-part :: 'at set \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause where (validated-part I C) = { L. $L \in C \land$ (validate-literal I L) }

definition ordered-model-resolvent ::

'at Interpretation \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow bool

where

 $\begin{array}{l} (ordered-model-resolvent \ I \ P1 \ P2 \ C) = \\ (\exists \ L. \ (C = (P1 - \{ \ L \ \} \cup (P2 - \{ \ complement \ L \ \}))) \land \\ ((validated-part \ I \ P1) = \{ \} \land (strictly-maximal-literal \ P1 \ L)) \\ \land (strictly-maximal-literal \ (validated-part \ I \ P2) \ (complement \ L))) \end{array}$

lemma ordered-model-resolvent-is-resolvent : less-restrictive resolvent (ordered-model-resolvent I) $\langle proof \rangle$

3.5 Unit Resolution

Resolution is applied only if one parent is unit (this restriction is incomplete).

definition Unit :: 'at Clause \Rightarrow bool where (Unit C) = ((card C) = 1)

definition unit-resolvent :: 'at BinaryRule **where** (unit-resolvent P1 P2 C) = ($(\exists L. (C = ((P1 - \{L\}) \cup (P2 - \{complement L\})))$ $\land L \in P1 \land (complement L) \in P2) \land Unit P1)$

lemma unit-resolvent-is-resolvent : less-restrictive resolvent unit-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

3.6 Positive and Negative Resolution

Resolution is applied only if one parent is positive (resp. negative). Again, relaxed ordering restrictions apply.

definition positive-part :: 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause **where** (positive-part C) = { L. ($\exists A. L = Pos A$) $\land L \in C$ }

definition *negative-part* :: 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause where

 $(negative-part \ C) = \{ L. (\exists A. \ L = Neg \ A) \land L \in C \}$

lemma decomposition-clause-pos-neg : $C = (negative-part \ C) \cup (positive-part \ C)$ $\langle proof \rangle$

where

 $\begin{array}{l} (ordered-positive-resolvent \ P1 \ P2 \ C) = \\ (\exists L. \ (C = (P1 - \{ \ L \ \} \cup (P2 - \{ \ complement \ L \ \}))) \land \\ ((negative-part \ P1) = \{ \} \land (strictly-maximal-literal \ P1 \ L)) \\ \land (strictly-maximal-literal \ (negative-part \ P2) \ (complement \ L))) \end{array}$

definition ordered-negative-resolvent :: 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow bool

where

 $\begin{array}{l} (ordered-negative-resolvent \ P1 \ P2 \ C) = \\ (\exists \ L. \ (C = (P1 - \{ \ L \ \} \cup (P2 - \{ \ complement \ L \ \}))) \land \\ ((positive-part \ P1) = \{ \} \land (strictly-maximal-literal \ P1 \ L)) \\ \land (strictly-maximal-literal \ (positive-part \ P2) \ (complement \ L))) \end{array}$

lemma positive-resolvent-is-resolvent : less-restrictive resolvent ordered-positive-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma negative-resolvent-is-resolvent : less-restrictive resolvent ordered-negative-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

4 Redundancy Elimination Rules

We define the usual redundancy elimination rules.

definition tautology :: 'a Clause \Rightarrow bool where $(tautology \ C) \equiv (\exists A. (Pos \ A \in C \land Neq \ A \in C))$ definition subsumes :: 'a Clause \Rightarrow 'a Clause \Rightarrow bool where (subsumes C D) $\equiv (C \subset D)$ definition redundant :: 'a Clause \Rightarrow 'a Formula \Rightarrow bool where redundant $C S = ((tautology C) \lor (\exists D. (D \in S \land subsumes D C)))$ definition strictly-redundant :: 'a Clause \Rightarrow 'a Formula \Rightarrow bool where strictly-redundant $C S = ((tautology C) \lor (\exists D. (D \in S \land (D \subset C))))$ definition simplify :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula where simplify $S = \{ C. C \in S \land \neg$ strictly-redundant $CS \}$ We first establish some basic syntactic properties. **lemma** tautology-monotonous : (tautology C) \implies ($C \subseteq D$) \implies (tautology D) $\langle proof \rangle$ **lemma** *simplify-involutive*: **shows** simplify (simplify S) = (simplify S) $\langle proof \rangle$ **lemma** *simplify-finite*: assumes all-fulfill finite S **shows** all-fulfill finite (simplify S)

 $\langle proof \rangle$

 $\langle proof \rangle$

```
lemma atoms-formula-simplify:
 shows atoms-formula (simplify S) \subseteq atoms-formula S
\langle proof \rangle
lemma subsumption-preserves-redundancy :
 assumes redundant C S
 assumes subsumes C D
 shows redundant D S
\langle proof \rangle
{\bf lemma}\ subsumption\-and\-max\-literal:
 assumes subsumes C1 C2
 assumes strictly-maximal-literal C1 L1
 assumes strictly-maximal-literal C2 L2
 assumes A1 = atom L1
 assumes A2 = atom L2
 shows (A1 = A2) \lor (A1, A2) \in atom-ordering
\langle proof \rangle
lemma superset-preserves-redundancy:
 assumes redundant C S
 assumes S \subseteq S'
 shows redundant CS'
\langle proof \rangle
lemma superset-preserves-strict-redundancy:
 assumes strictly-redundant CS
 assumes S \subseteq SS
 shows strictly-redundant C SS
```

The following lemmas relate the above notions with that of semantic entailment and thus establish the soundness of redundancy elimination rules.

```
lemma tautologies-are-valid :
   assumes tautology C
   shows validate-clause I C
   ⟨proof⟩
lemma subsumption-and-semantics :
   assumes subsumes C D
   assumes validate-clause I C
   shows validate-clause I D
   ⟨proof⟩
```

lemma redundancy-and-semantics : assumes redundant C S assumes validate-formula I S

```
shows validate-clause I C
\langle proof \rangle
lemma redundancy-implies-entailment:
 assumes redundant C S
 shows entails S C
\langle proof \rangle
lemma simplify-and-membership :
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 assumes T = simplify S
 assumes C \in S
 shows redundant C T
\langle proof \rangle
lemma simplify-preserves-redundancy:
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 assumes redundant C S
 shows redundant C (simplify S)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma simplify-preserves-strict-redundancy:
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 assumes strictly-redundant CS
 shows strictly-redundant C (simplify S)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma simplify-preserves-semantic :
 assumes T = simplify S
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 shows validate-formula I \ S \longleftrightarrow validate-formula I \ T
\langle proof \rangle
lemma simplify-preserves-equivalence :
 assumes T = simplify S
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 shows equivalent S T
\langle proof \rangle
After simplification, the formula contains no strictly redundant clause:
```

definition non-redundant :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow bool where non-redundant $S = (\forall C. (C \in S \longrightarrow \neg strictly - redundant C S))$

lemma simplify-non-redundant: shows non-redundant (simplify S) (proof)

lemma deducible-clause-preserve-redundancy: assumes redundant C S **shows** redundant C (add-all-deducible-clauses R S) $\langle proof \rangle$

5 Renaming

A renaming is a function changing the sign of some literals. We show that this operation preserves most of the previous syntactic and semantic notions.

definition rename-literal :: 'at set \Rightarrow 'at Literal \Rightarrow 'at Literal where rename-literal $A \ L = (if \ ((atom \ L) \in A) \ then \ (complement \ L) \ else \ L)$

definition rename-clause :: 'at set \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause where rename-clause $A \ C = \{L, \exists LL, LL \in C \land L = (rename-literal A LL)\}$

definition rename-formula :: 'at set \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula where rename-formula $A S = \{C. \exists CC. CC \in S \land C = (rename-clause A CC)\}$

lemma inverse-renaming : (rename-literal A (rename-literal A L)) = L $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma inverse-clause-renaming : (rename-clause A (rename-clause A L)) = L $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma inverse-formula-renaming : rename-formula A (rename-formula A L) = L $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma renaming-preserves-cardinality : card (rename-clause A C) = card C $\langle proof \rangle$

```
lemma renaming-preserves-literal-order :
   assumes literal-ordering L1 L2
   shows literal-ordering (rename-literal A L1) (rename-literal A L2)
   ⟨proof⟩
```

lemma inverse-renaming-preserves-literal-order :
 assumes literal-ordering (rename-literal A L1) (rename-literal A L2)
 shows literal-ordering L1 L2
 ⟨proof⟩

lemma renaming-is-injective: **assumes** rename-literal A L1 = rename-literal A L2 **shows** L1 = L2 $\langle proof \rangle$

```
lemma renaming-preserves-strictly-maximal-literal :
    assumes strictly-maximal-literal C L
    shows strictly-maximal-literal (rename-clause A C) (rename-literal A L)
    ⟨proof⟩
```

lemma renaming-and-selected-part : selected-part UNIV C = rename-clause Sel (validated-part Sel (rename-clause Sel C)) $\langle proof \rangle$

```
lemma renaming-preserves-tautology:
  assumes tautology C
  shows tautology (rename-clause Sel C)
  ⟨proof⟩
```

lemma rename-union : rename-clause Sel $(C \cup D)$ = rename-clause Sel $C \cup$ rename-clause Sel D(proof)

```
lemma renaming-set-minus-subset :
rename-clause Sel (C - \{L\}) \subseteq rename-clause Sel C - \{rename-literal Sel L\} \langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma renaming-set-minus : rename-clause Sel (C - \{L\})
= (rename-clause Sel C) - {rename-literal Sel L}
\langle proof \rangle
```

definition rename-interpretation :: 'at set \Rightarrow 'at Interpretation \Rightarrow 'at Interpretation

where rename-interpretation Sel I = { A. $(A \in I \land A \notin Sel)$ } \cup { A. $(A \notin I \land A \in Sel)$ }

```
lemma renaming-preserves-semantic :
   assumes validate-literal I L
   shows validate-literal (rename-interpretation Sel I) (rename-literal Sel L)
   ⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma renaming-preserves-satisfiability:
   assumes satisfiable S
   shows satisfiable (rename-formula Sel S)
   ⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma renaming-preserves-subsumption:
assumes subsumes C D
shows subsumes (rename-clause Sel C) (rename-clause Sel D)
(proof)
```

6 Soundness

In this section we prove that all the rules introduced in the previous section are sound. We first introduce an abstract notion of soundness.

```
definition Sound :: 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow bool
where
  (Sound Rule) \equiv \forall I P1 P2 C. (Rule P1 P2 C \longrightarrow (validate-clause I P1) \longrightarrow
(validate-clause I P2)
   \longrightarrow (validate-clause I C))
lemma soundness-and-entailment :
 assumes Sound Rule
 assumes Rule P1 P2 C
 assumes P1 \in S
 assumes P2 \in S
 shows entails S C
\langle proof \rangle
lemma all-deducible-sound:
 assumes Sound R
 shows entails-formula S (all-deducible-clauses R S)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma add-all-deducible-sound:
 assumes Sound R
 shows entails-formula S (add-all-deducible-clauses R S)
\langle proof \rangle
```

If a rule is more restrictive than a sound rule then it is necessarily sound.

```
lemma less-restrictive-correct:
assumes less-restrictive R1 R2
assumes Sound R1
shows Sound R2
(proof)
```

We finally establish usual concrete soundness results.

theorem resolution-is-correct: (Sound resolvent) $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem ordered-resolution-correct : Sound ordered-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem ordered-model-resolution-correct : Sound (ordered-model-resolvent I) $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem ordered-positive-resolution-correct : Sound ordered-positive-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem ordered-negative-resolution-correct : Sound ordered-negative-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

 ${\bf theorem} \ unit-resolvent-correct: Sound \ unit-resolvent$

 $\langle proof \rangle$

7 Refutational Completeness

In this section we establish the refutational completeness of the previous inference rules (under adequate restrictions for the unit resolution rule). Completeness is proven w.r.t. redundancy elimination rules, i.e., we show that every saturated unsatisfiable clause set contains the empty clause.

We first introduce an abstract notion of saturation.

definition saturated-binary-rule :: 'a BinaryRule \Rightarrow 'a Formula \Rightarrow bool where

(saturated-binary-rule Rule S) \equiv ($\forall P1 P2 C. (((P1 \in S) \land (P2 \in S) \land (Rule P1 P2 C)))$

 \longrightarrow redundant C S)

definition Complete :: 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow bool **where** (Complete Rule) = ($\forall S$. ((saturated-binary-rule Rule S) \longrightarrow (all-fulfill finite S)

 \longrightarrow ({} $\notin S$) \longrightarrow satisfiable S)) If a set of clauses is saturated under some rule then it is necessarily saturated

under more restrictive rules, which entails that if a rule is less restrictive than a complete rule then it is also complete.

```
lemma less-restrictive-saturated:
assumes less-restrictive R1 R2
assumes saturated-binary-rule R1 S
shows saturated-binary-rule R2 S
(proof)
```

lemma less-restrictive-complete: assumes less-restrictive R1 R2 assumes Complete R2 shows Complete R1 (proof)

7.1 Ordered Resolution

We define a function associating every set of clauses S with a "canonic" interpretation constructed from S. If S is saturated under ordered resolution and does not contain the empty clause then the interpretation is a model of S. The interpretation is defined by mean of an auxiliary function that maps every atom to a function indicating whether the atom occurs in the interpretation corresponding to a given clause set. The auxiliary function is defined by induction on the set of atoms.

function canonic-int-fun-ordered :: 'at \Rightarrow ('at Formula \Rightarrow bool)

where

 $\begin{array}{l} (canonic-int-fun-ordered\ A) = \\ (\lambda S.\ (\exists\ C.\ (C \in S) \land (strictly-maximal-literal\ C\ (Pos\ A)\) \\ \land\ (\forall\ B.\ (Pos\ B \in C \longrightarrow (B,\ A) \in atom-ordering \longrightarrow (\neg(canonic-int-fun-ordered\ B)\ S))) \\ \land\ (\forall\ B.\ (Neg\ B \in C \longrightarrow (B,\ A) \in atom-ordering \longrightarrow ((canonic-int-fun-ordered\ B)\ S))))) \\ \land\ (\forall\ B.\ (Neg\ B \in C \longrightarrow (B,\ A) \in atom-ordering \longrightarrow ((canonic-int-fun-ordered\ B)\ S))))) \\ \langle proof \rangle \\ \textbf{termination}\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}$

definition canonic-int-ordered :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Interpretation where

 $(canonic-int-ordered S) = \{ A. ((canonic-int-fun-ordered A) S) \}$

We first prove that the canonic interpretation validates every clause having a positive strictly maximal literal

```
lemma int-validate-cl-with-pos-max :
assumes strictly-maximal-literal C (Pos A)
assumes C \in S
shows validate-clause (canonic-int-ordered S) C
\langle proof \rangle
```

 ${\bf lemma}\ strictly-maximal-literal-exists:$

```
\forall C. (((finite C) \land (card C) = n \land n \neq 0 \land (\neg (tautology C)))) \\ \longrightarrow (\exists A. (strictly-maximal-literal C A)) (is ?P n)
```

 $\langle proof \rangle$

We then deduce that all clauses are validated.

```
lemma canonic-int-validates-all-clauses :

assumes saturated-binary-rule ordered-resolvent S

assumes all-fulfill finite S

assumes \{\} \notin S

assumes C \in S

shows validate-clause (canonic-int-ordered S) C

\langle proof \rangle
```

theorem ordered-resolution-is-complete : Complete ordered-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

7.2 Ordered Resolution with Selection

We now consider the case where some negative literals are considered with highest priority. The proof reuses the canonic interpretation defined in the previous section. The interpretation is constructed using only clauses with no selected literals. By the previous result, all such clauses must be satisfied. We then show that the property carries over to the clauses with non empty selected part.

definition empty-selected-part Sel $S = \{ C, C \in S \land (selected-part Sel C) = \{ \} \}$

lemma saturated-ordered-sel-res-empty-sel :

assumes saturated-binary-rule (ordered-sel-resolvent Sel) S shows saturated-binary-rule ordered-resolvent (empty-selected-part Sel S) (proof)

definition ordered-sel-resolvent-upon :: 'at set \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow 'at $Clause \Rightarrow 'at \Rightarrow bool$ where ordered-sel-resolvent-upon Sel P1 P2 $C A \equiv$ $(((C = ((P1 - \{Pos A\}) \cup (P2 - \{Neg A\}))))$ \land (strictly-maximal-literal P1 (Pos A)) \land ((selected-part Sel P1) = {}) $\land (((strictly-maximal-literal P2 (Neg A)) \land (selected-part Sel P2) = \{\})$ \lor (strictly-maximal-literal (selected-part Sel P2) (Neg A))))) ${\bf lemma} \ ordered-sel-resolvent-upon-is-resolvent:$ assumes ordered-sel-resolvent-upon Sel P1 P2 C A shows ordered-sel-resolvent Sel P1 P2 C $\langle proof \rangle$ **lemma** resolution-decreases-selected-part: assumes ordered-sel-resolvent-upon Sel P1 P2 C A assumes Neg $A \in P2$ assumes finite P1 assumes finite P2 **assumes** card (selected-part Sel P2) = Suc n**shows** card (selected-part Sel C) = n $\langle proof \rangle$ lemma canonic-int-validates-all-clauses-sel : assumes saturated-binary-rule (ordered-sel-resolvent Sel) S assumes all-fulfill finite S assumes $\{\} \notin S$ assumes $C \in S$ **shows** validate-clause (canonic-int-ordered (empty-selected-part Sel S)) C $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem ordered-resolution-is-complete-ordered-sel : Complete (ordered-sel-resolvent Sel) $\langle proof \rangle$

7.3 Semantic Resolution

We show that under some particular renaming, model resolution simulates ordered resolution where all negative literals are selected, which immediately entails the refutational completeness of model resolution.

```
lemma ordered-res-with-selection-is-model-res :
   assumes ordered-sel-resolvent UNIV P1 P2 C
   shows ordered-model-resolvent Sel (rename-clause Sel P1) (rename-clause Sel
P2)
        (rename-clause Sel C)
   ⟨proof⟩
```

```
theorem ordered-resolution-is-complete-model-resolution:
Complete (ordered-model-resolvent Sel)
\langle proof \rangle
```

7.4 Positive and Negative Resolution

We show that positive and negative resolution simulate model resolution with some specific interpretation. Then completeness follows from previous results.

lemma empty-interpretation-validate : validate-literal {} $L = (\exists A. (L = Neg A))$ $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma universal-interpretation-validate : validate-literal UNIV $L = (\exists A. (L = Pos A))$ $\langle proof \rangle$

```
lemma negative-part-lemma:
(negative-part C) = (validated-part {} C)
\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma positive-part-lemma:
(positive-part C) = (validated-part UNIV C)
\langle proof \rangle
```

lemma negative-resolvent-is-model-res: less-restrictive ordered-negative-resolvent (ordered-model-resolvent UNIV) ⟨proof⟩

```
lemma positive-resolvent-is-model-res:
less-restrictive ordered-positive-resolvent (ordered-model-resolvent {})
(proof)
```

theorem ordered-positive-resolvent-is-complete : Complete ordered-positive-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem ordered-negative-resolvent-is-complete: Complete ordered-negative-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

7.5 Unit Resolution and Horn Renamable Clauses

Unit resolution is complete if the considered clause set can be transformed into a Horn clause set by renaming. This result is proven by showing that unit resolution simulates semantic resolution for Horn-renamable clauses (for some specific interpretation).

definition Horn :: 'at Clause \Rightarrow bool **where** (Horn C) = ((card (positive-part C)) ≤ 1)

```
definition Horn-renamable-formula :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow bool
where Horn-renamable-formula S = (\exists I. (all-fulfill Horn (rename-formula I S)))
```

theorem unit-resolvent-complete-for-Horn-renamable-set: **assumes** saturated-binary-rule unit-resolvent S **assumes** all-fulfill finite S **assumes** $\{\} \notin S$ **assumes** Horn-renamable-formula S **shows** satisfiable S $\langle proof \rangle$

8 Computation of Saturated Clause Sets

We now provide a concrete (rather straightforward) procedure for computing saturated clause sets. Starting from the initial set, we define a sequence of clause sets, where each set is obtained from the previous one by applying the resolution rule in a systematic way, followed by redundancy elimination rules. The algorithm is generic, in the sense that it applies to any binary inference rule.

fun inferred-clause-sets :: 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'at Formula where

(inferred-clause-sets $R \ S \ 0) = (simplify \ S) \mid$

(inferred-clause-sets $R \ S \ (Suc \ N)) =$

(simplify (add-all-deducible-clauses R (inferred-clause-sets R S N)))

The saturated set is constructed by considering the set of persistent clauses, i.e., the clauses that are generated and never deleted.

fun saturation :: 'at BinaryRule \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula **where** saturation $R S = \{ C. \exists N. (\forall M. (M \ge N \longrightarrow C \in inferred-clause-sets R S M)) \}$

We prove that all inference rules yield finite clauses.

theorem ordered-resolvent-is-finite : derived-clauses-are-finite ordered-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem model-resolvent-is-finite : derived-clauses-are-finite (ordered-model-resolvent I)

 $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem positive-resolvent-is-finite : derived-clauses-are-finite ordered-positive-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem negative-resolvent-is-finite : derived-clauses-are-finite ordered-negative-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

theorem unit-resolvent-is-finite : derived-clauses-are-finite unit-resolvent $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma all-deducible-clauses-are-finite:
 assumes derived-clauses-are-finite R
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 shows all-fulfill finite (all-deducible-clauses R S)
 ⟨proof⟩

This entails that all the clauses occurring in the sets in the sequence are finite.

```
lemma all-inferred-clause-sets-are-finite:
  assumes derived-clauses-are-finite R
  assumes all-fulfill finite S
  shows all-fulfill finite (inferred-clause-sets R S N)
(proof)
```

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{lemma } add-all-deducible-clauses-finite:\\ \textbf{assumes } derived-clauses-are-finite \ R\\ \textbf{assumes } all-fulfill \ finite \ S\\ \textbf{shows } all-fulfill \ finite \ (add-all-deducible-clauses \ R \ (inferred-clause-sets \ R \ S \ N))\\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
```

We show that the set of redundant clauses can only increase.

lemma sequence-of-inferred-clause-sets-is-monotonous: **assumes** derived-clauses-are-finite R **assumes** all-fulfill finite S **shows** $\forall C$. redundant C (inferred-clause-sets R S N) \longrightarrow redundant C (inferred-clause-sets R S (N+M::nat))

$\langle proof \rangle$

We show that non-persistent clauses are strictly redundant in some element of the sequence.

lemma non-persistent-clauses-are-redundant: **assumes** $D \in$ inferred-clause-sets $R \ S \ N$ **assumes** $D \notin$ saturation $R \ S$ **assumes** all-fulfill finite S

```
assumes derived-clauses-are-finite R
shows \exists M. strictly-redundant D (inferred-clause-sets R S M)
\langle proof \rangle
```

This entails that the clauses that are redundant in some set in the sequence are also redundant in the set of persistent clauses.

We deduce that the set of persistent clauses is saturated.

```
theorem persistent-clauses-are-saturated:
assumes derived-clauses-are-finite R
assumes all-fulfill finite S
shows saturated-binary-rule R (saturation R S)
\langle proof \rangle
```

Finally, we show that the computed saturated set is equivalent to the initial formula.

```
theorem saturation-is-correct:
  assumes Sound R
  assumes derived-clauses-are-finite R
  assumes all-fulfill finite S
  shows equivalent S (saturation R S)
  ⟨proof⟩
```

end

 \mathbf{end}

9 Prime Implicates Generation

We show that the unrestricted resolution rule is deductive complete, i.e. that it is able to generate all (prime) implicates of any given clause set.

theory Prime-Implicates

imports Propositional-Resolution

begin

 ${\bf context} \ propositional\mbox{-}atoms$

begin

9.1 Implicates and Prime Implicates

We first introduce the definitions of implicates and prime implicates.

definition *implicates* :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula where *implicates* $S = \{ C. entails S C \}$

definition prime-implicates :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at Formula where prime-implicates S = simplify (implicates S)

9.2 Generation of Prime Implicates

We introduce a function simplifying a given clause set by evaluating some literals to false. We show that this partial evaluation operation preserves saturatedness and that if the considered set of literals is an implicate of the initial clause set then the partial evaluation yields a clause set that is unsatisfiable. Then the proof follows from refutational completeness: since the partially evaluated set is unsatisfiable and saturated it must contain the empty clause, and therefore the initial clause set necessarily contains a clause subsuming the implicate.

fun partial-evaluation :: 'a Formula \Rightarrow 'a Literal set \Rightarrow 'a Formula where

 $(partial-evaluation \ S \ C) = \{ E. \exists D. \ D \in S \land E = D - C \land \neg (\exists L. \ (L \in C) \land (complement \ L) \in D) \}$

```
lemma partial-evaluation-is-saturated :
    assumes saturated-binary-rule resolvent S
    shows saturated-binary-rule ordered-resolvent (partial-evaluation S C)
    ⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma evaluation-wrt-implicate-is-unsat :
   assumes entails S C
   assumes ¬tautology C
   shows ¬satisfiable (partial-evaluation S C)
   ⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma entailment-and-implicates:

assumes entails-formula S1 S2

shows implicates S2 \subseteq implicates S1

\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma equivalence-and-implicates:
  assumes equivalent S1 S2
  shows implicates S1 = implicates S2
  ⟨proof⟩
```

```
lemma equivalence-and-prime-implicates:
assumes equivalent S1 S2
shows prime-implicates S1 = prime-implicates S2
```

 $\langle proof \rangle$

```
{\bf lemma}\ unrestricted\ resolution\ is\ deductive\ complete\ :
 assumes saturated-binary-rule resolvent S
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 assumes C \in implicates S
 shows redundant C S
\langle proof \rangle
lemma prime-implicates-generation-correct :
 assumes saturated-binary-rule resolvent S
 assumes non-redundant S
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 shows S \subseteq prime-implicates S
\langle proof \rangle
theorem prime-implicates-of-saturated-sets:
 assumes saturated-binary-rule resolvent S
 assumes all-fulfill finite S
 assumes non-redundant S
 shows S = prime-implicates S
\langle proof \rangle
```

9.3 Incremental Prime Implicates Computation

We show that it is possible to compute the set of prime implicates incrementally i.e., to fix an ordering among atoms, and to compute the set of resolvents upon each atom one by one, without backtracking (in the sense that if the resolvents upon a given atom are generated at some step i then no resolvents upon the same atom are generated at step i < j. This feature is critical in practice for the efficiency of prime implicates generation algorithms.

We first introduce a function computing all resolvents upon a given atom.

definition all-resolvents-upon :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at \Rightarrow 'at Formula **where** (all-resolvents-upon S A) = { C. $\exists P1 P2. P1 \in S \land P2 \in S \land C =$ (resolvent-upon P1 P2 A) }

```
lemma resolvent-upon-correct:

assumes P1 \in S

assumes P2 \in S

assumes C = resolvent-upon P1 P2 A

shows entails S C

\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma all-resolvents-upon-is-finite:

assumes all-fulfill finite S

shows all-fulfill finite (S \cup (all-resolvents-upon S A))
```

 $\langle proof \rangle$

```
lemma atoms-formula-resolvents:
shows atoms-formula (all-resolvents-upon S(A) \subseteq atoms-formula S
```

 $\langle proof \rangle$

We define a partial saturation predicate that is restricted to a specific atom.

definition partial-saturation :: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at \Rightarrow 'at Formula \Rightarrow bool where

 $(partial-saturation \ S \ A \ R) = (\forall \ P1 \ P2. \ (P1 \in S \longrightarrow P2 \in S \longrightarrow (redundant \ (resolvent-upon \ P1 \ P2 \ A) \ R)))$

We show that the resolvent of two redundant clauses in a partially saturated set is itself redundant.

```
lemma resolvent-upon-and-partial-saturation :

assumes redundant P1 S

assumes redundant P2 S

assumes partial-saturation S A (S \cup R)

assumes C = resolvent-upon P1 P2 A

shows redundant C (S \cup R)

\langle proof \rangle
```

We show that if R is a set of resolvents of a set of clauses S then the same holds for $S \cup R$. For the clauses in S, the premises are identical to the resolvent and the inference is thus redundant (this trick is useful to simplify proofs).

definition *in-all-resolvents-upon*:: 'at Formula \Rightarrow 'at \Rightarrow 'at Clause \Rightarrow bool where

in-all-resolvents-upon $S \land C = (\exists P1 P2. (P1 \in S \land P2 \in S \land C = resolvent-upon P1 P2 \land))$

```
lemma every-clause-is-a-resolvent:

assumes all-fulfill (in-all-resolvents-upon S A) R

assumes all-fulfill (\lambda x. \neg(tautology x)) S

assumes P1 \in S \cup R

shows in-all-resolvents-upon S A P1

\langle proof \rangle
```

We show that if a formula is partially saturated then it stays so when new resolvents are added in the set.

```
lemma partial-saturation-is-preserved :

assumes partial-saturation S \ E1 \ S

assumes partial-saturation S \ E2 \ (S \cup R)

assumes all-fulfill (\lambda x. \neg (tautology x)) S

assumes all-fulfill (in-all-resolvents-upon S \ E2) R

shows partial-saturation (S \cup R) E1 \ (S \cup R)

\langle proof \rangle
```

The next lemma shows that the clauses inferred by applying the resolution rule upon a given atom contain no occurrence of this atom, unless the inference is redundant.

The next lemma shows that partial saturation can be ensured by computing all (non-redundant) resolvents upon the considered atom.

```
lemma ensures-partial-saturation :

assumes partial-saturation S E2 (S \cup R)

assumes all-fulfill (\lambda x. \neg(tautology x)) S

assumes all-fulfill (in-all-resolvents-upon S E2) R

assumes all-fulfill (\lambda x. (\negredundant x S)) R

shows partial-saturation (S \cup R) E2 (S \cup R)

\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma resolvents-preserve-equivalence:

shows equivalent S (S \cup (all\text{-resolvents-upon } S A))

\langle proof \rangle
```

Given a sequence of atoms, we define a sequence of clauses obtained by resolving upon each atom successively. Simplification rules are applied at each iteration step.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{fun resolvents-sequence :: } (nat \Rightarrow 'at) \Rightarrow 'at \ Formula \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'at \ Formula \\ \textbf{where} \\ (resolvents-sequence \ A \ S \ 0) = (simplify \ S) \mid \\ (resolvents-sequence \ A \ S \ (Suc \ N)) = \\ (simplify \ ((resolvents-sequence \ A \ S \ N) \\ \cup \ (all-resolvents-upon \ (resolvents-sequence \ A \ S \ N) \ (A \ N)))) \end{array}$

The following lemma states that partial saturation is preserved by simplification.

```
lemma redundancy-implies-partial-saturation:

assumes partial-saturation S1 A S1

assumes S2 \subseteq S1

assumes all-fulfill (\lambda x. redundant x S2) S1

shows partial-saturation S2 A S2

\langle proof \rangle
```

The next theorem finally states that the implicate generation algorithm is sound and complete in the sense that the final clause set in the sequence is exactly the set of prime implicates of the considered clause set. **theorem** incremental-prime-implication-generation: **assumes** atoms-formula $S = \{ X. \exists I::nat. I < N \land X = (A \ I) \}$ **assumes** all-fulfill finite S **shows** (prime-implicates S) = (resolvents-sequence $A \ S \ N$) $\langle proof \rangle$

end end