

Clausal Form

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{ {¬A,C}, {¬B,D}, {¬E,B}, {¬E,A}, {A,E}, {E,B},{¬B, ¬C, ¬D} }

A (partial) truth assignment makes a clause true
iff it makes at least one of its literals true
(so it can never make the empty clause {} true)

A (partial) truth assignment makes a clausal form true
iff it makes all of its clauses true
(so the empty clausal form {} is always true).

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$$\mathbf{X} = \{ X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} \}$$

Resolution rule for clauses

$$\frac{\mathbf{X} \quad \mathbf{Y}}{(\mathbf{X} \cup \mathbf{Y}) \setminus \{ \neg A, A \}} \quad \text{where } \neg A \in \mathbf{X}, A \in \mathbf{Y}$$

If either X or Y is a singleton then this is just unit propagation.

So, *resolution is a generalisation of unit propagation.*
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