

$\{L_1, \dots, L_n\}$ is *unifiable* iff there is a σ with $\sigma(L_1) = \dots = \sigma(L_n)$.
 σ is *mgu* iff for every unifier σ' there is a substitution δ with $\sigma' = \delta \circ \sigma$.

Unification Algorithm

1. Let $\sigma = \emptyset$ be the “identical” substitution.
2. If $|\sigma(K)| = 1$, then stop and return σ .
3. Otherwise, check all $\sigma(L_i)$ in parallel from left to right, until there are different symbols in two literals.
4. If none of these symbols is a variable, then stop with *clash failure*.
5. Otherwise, let X be the variable and t be the subterm in the other literal. If X occurs in t , then stop with *occur failure*.
6. Otherwise, let $\sigma = \{X/t\} \circ \sigma$ and go back to step 2.

Resolution for Predicate Logic

R is a *resolvent* of K_1 and K_2 iff

- $\nu_1(K_1)$ and $\nu_2(K_2)$ are variable-disjoint
- $L_1, \dots, L_m \in \nu_1(K_1)$, $L'_1, \dots, L'_n \in \nu_2(K_2)$ with $n, m \geq 1$ and $\{\overline{L_1}, \dots, \overline{L_m}, L'_1, \dots, L'_n\}$ has mgu σ
- $R = \sigma((\nu_1(K_1) \setminus \{L_1, \dots, L_m\}) \cup (\nu_2(K_2) \setminus \{L'_1, \dots, L'_n\}))$

Example

$\{\underline{p(f(X))}, \neg q(Z), \underline{p(Z)}\}$

$\{\underline{\neg p(X)}, r(g(X))\}$

$\{\neg q(f(X)), r(g(f(X)))\}$

$\nu_1 = \emptyset$

$\nu_2 = \{X/U, U/X\}$

$\sigma = \{Z/f(X), U/f(X)\}$