

Formula renaming

We extend the machinery from propositional to first-order logic:

$$\nu(\forall x \phi) = \nu(\exists x \phi) = \nu(\phi) \text{ and } \bar{\nu}(\forall x \phi) = \bar{\nu}(\exists x \phi) = \bar{\nu}(\phi).$$

Introduce top-down fresh predicates for beneficial subformulas:

$$\psi[\phi]_p \Rightarrow_{\text{OCNF}} \psi[P(x_1, \dots, x_n)]_p \wedge \text{def}(\psi, p, P)$$

where $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ are the free variables in ϕ , P/n is a predicate new to $\psi[\phi]_p$, $\nu(\psi[\phi]_p) > \nu(\psi[P]_p \wedge \text{def}(\psi, p, P))$, and $\text{def}(\psi, p, P)$ is defined polarity dependent analogous to the propositional case:

$$\text{def}(\psi, p, P) := \forall x_1, \dots, x_n [\psi|_p \circ P(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$$

where $\circ \in \{\rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \leftarrow\}$.