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Backward validation is better when you have fewer queries than facts as backwards validation will result in a number of trees \leq to the number of queries.

Forwards validation will result in a number of tree \geq to the number of known facts.

2)

getPremis(KB, Q) returns list of lists of premises //(e.g. a list of clauses)

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prems = new list;
for clause in KB
    if(c.conclusion == Q)
        prems.add(C.premises);
return prems;
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backwardsEntails(KB, Q, his)

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if(agenda.contains(Q))
    return true;
prems = getPremis(KB, Q);
for pl in prems
    entails = false;
    for p in pl
        if(his.contains(p)) return false; //to avoid loops
        his.add(p);
        if(!backwardsEntails(KB, p, his))
            entails = false;
            break;
    else
        entails = true;
        his.remove(p);
    if(entails)
        agenda.add(Q);
        return true;
return false;
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pl-bc-Entails(KB, Q) =

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his = new list;
return backwardsEntails(KB, Q, his);
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3)

Since A requires C and is in a cyclical dependence with G, KB does not entail A. The algorithm will stop the cyclical recursion by finding C in the history when trying to evaluate G, and return that C is false.

4)

If we assume that getPremis(), agenda.contains() & his.contains() could be converted to have constant complexity (e.g. via hashset), this would run in linear time since each premise is at most evaluated as being true or false once.