**Definition** (Union of design problems). Given two design problems  $f: A \longrightarrow B$  and  $g: A \longrightarrow B$ , their *union*  $f \lor g: A \longrightarrow B$  is defined by

$$(f \lor g) : A^{\text{op}} \times B \to_{\mathbf{Pos}} \mathbf{Bool}$$
  
 $\langle a^*, b \rangle \mapsto f(a^*, b) \lor g(a^*, b).$