

# Logical Agents

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## LESSON 7

# Reading

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## Chapter 7

# Outline

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## Knowledge-based agents

- Logic: models and entailment (suy diễn, suy luận)
- A simple Logic: propositional (Boolean) logic (logic mệnh đề)
- Inference rules and theorem proving
  - Forward chaining
  - Backward chaining
  - resolution

# Knowledge based agents

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- Knowledge base (KB) = set of sentences in a formal language
- Declarative (as opposed to procedural) approach to build an agent:
  - Tell it what it needs to know
- Then it can Ask itself what to do - answers should follow from the KB
- Agents can be viewed at the knowledge level
  - i.e., what they know, regardless of how implemented
- Or at the implementation level
  - i.e., data structures in KB and algorithms that manipulate them

# A simple knowledge-based agent

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function KB-AGENT(percept) returns an action
  static: KB, a knowledge base
         t, a counter, initially 0, indicating time

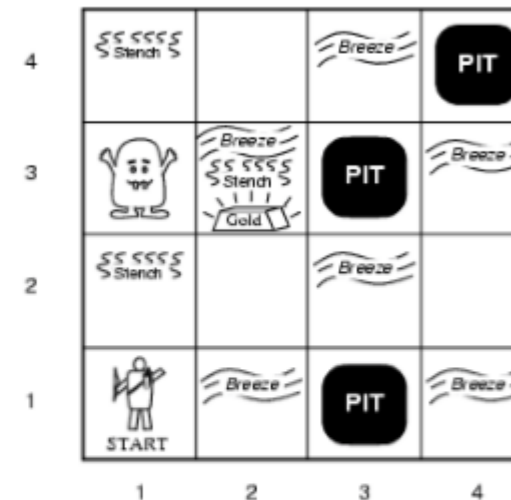
  TELL(KB, MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE(percept, t))
  action ← ASK(KB, MAKE-ACTION-QUERY(t))
  TELL(KB, MAKE-ACTION-SENTENCE(action, t))
  t ← t + 1
  return action
```

The agent must be able to:

- Represent states, actions, etc. (biểu diễn trạng thái, hành động)
- Incorporate new percepts (tích hợp nhận thức mới)
- Update internal representations of the world (cập nhật biểu diễn bên trong)
- Deduce hidden properties of the world (suy diễn đặc điểm)
- Deduce appropriate actions (suy diễn các hành động tương ứng)

# Wumpus World PEAS description

- **Performance measure**
  - gold +1000, death -1000
  - -1 per step, -10 for using the arrow
- **Environment**
  - Squares adjacent to wumpus are smelly
  - Squares adjacent to pit are breezy
  - Glitter iff gold is in the same square
  - Shooting kills wumpus if you are facing it
  - Shooting uses up the only arrow
  - Grabbing picks up gold if in same square
  - Releasing drops the gold in same square
- **Sensors:** Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream
- **Actuators:** Turn Left, Turn Right, Forward, Grab, Release, Shoot



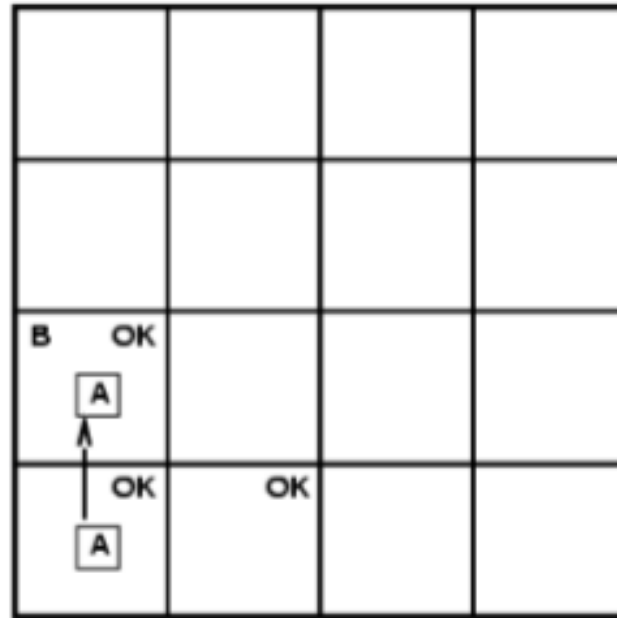
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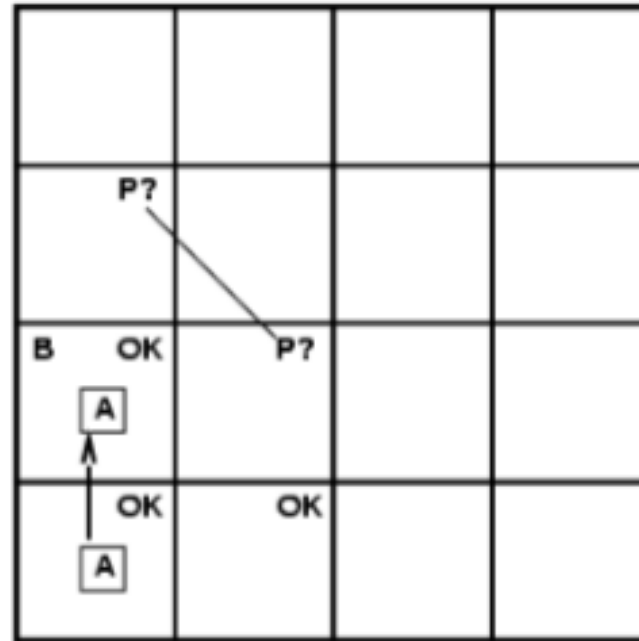
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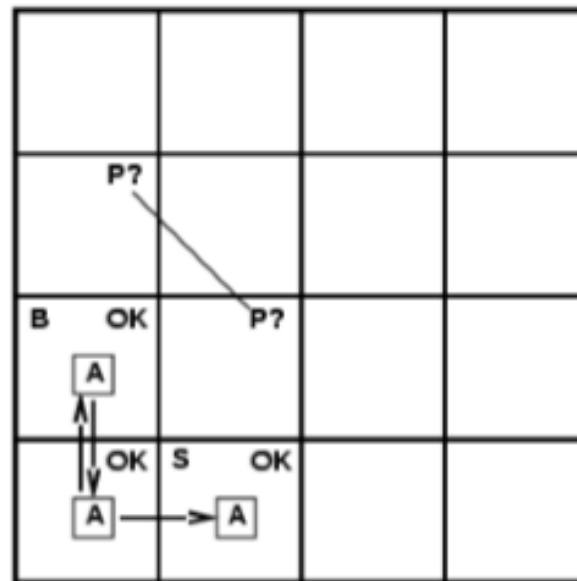
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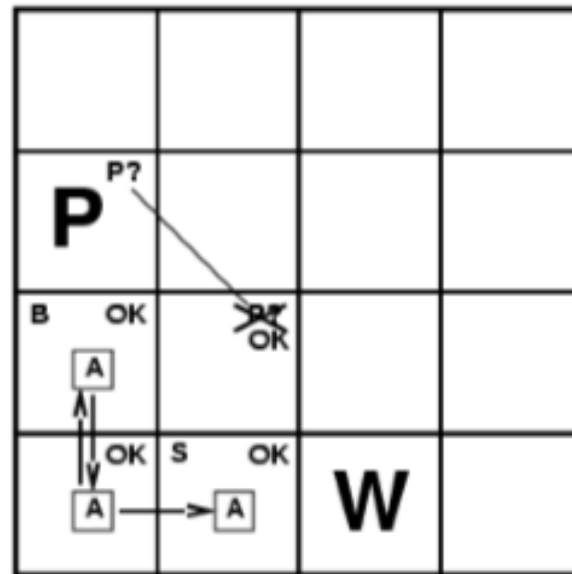
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# Logics

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- **Logics** are formal languages for representing information such that conclusions can be drawn
- **Syntax** defines the sentences in the language
- **Semantics** define the "meaning" of sentences;
  - i.e., define **truth** of a sentence in a world
- E.g., the language of arithmetic
  - $x+2 \geq y$  is a sentence;  $x^2+y > \{\}$  is not a sentence
  - $x+2 \geq y$  is true iff the number  $x+2$  is no less than the number  $y$
  - $x+2 \geq y$  is true in a world where  $x = 7, y = 1$
  - $x+2 \geq y$  is false in a world where  $x = 0, y = 6$

# Entailment

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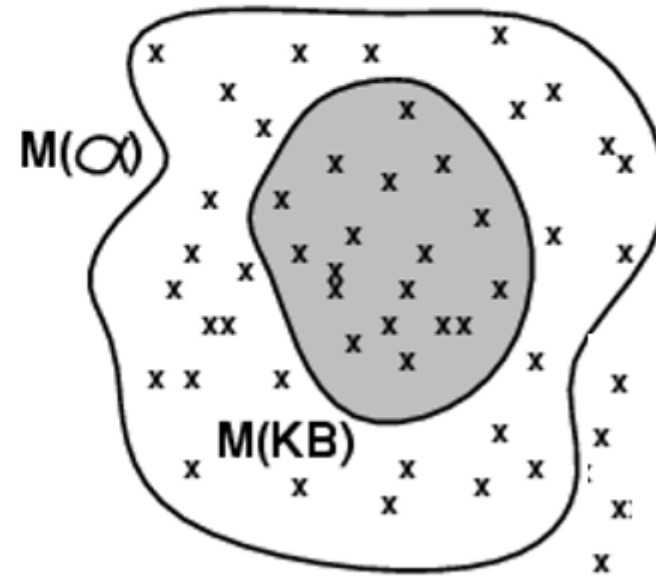
- **Entailment** means that one thing **follows from** another:

$$KB \models \alpha$$

- Knowledge base  $KB$  entails sentence  $\alpha$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is true in all worlds where  $KB$  is true
  - E.g., a KB containing "Today is sunny" and "Yesterday was rainy" entails "Either today is sunny or yesterday was rainy"
  - E.g.,  $x+y = 4$  entails  $4 = x+y$
  - Entailment is a relationship between sentences (i.e., **syntax**) that is based on **semantics**

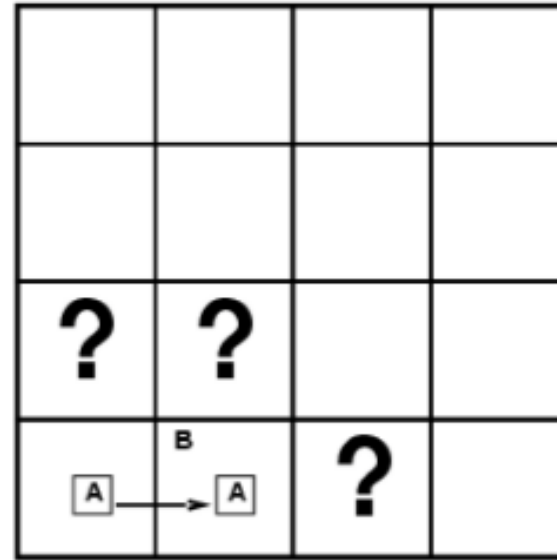
# Models

- Logicians often think in terms of **models** ("possible worlds"), which are formally structured worlds with respect to which truth can be evaluated
- We say  $m$  **is a model of** a sentence  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha$  is true in  $m$
- $M(\alpha)$  is the set of all models of  $\alpha$
- Then  $KB \models \alpha$  iff  $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$ 
  - E.g.  $KB =$  Today is sunny and yesterday was rainy  
 $\alpha =$  Today is sunny



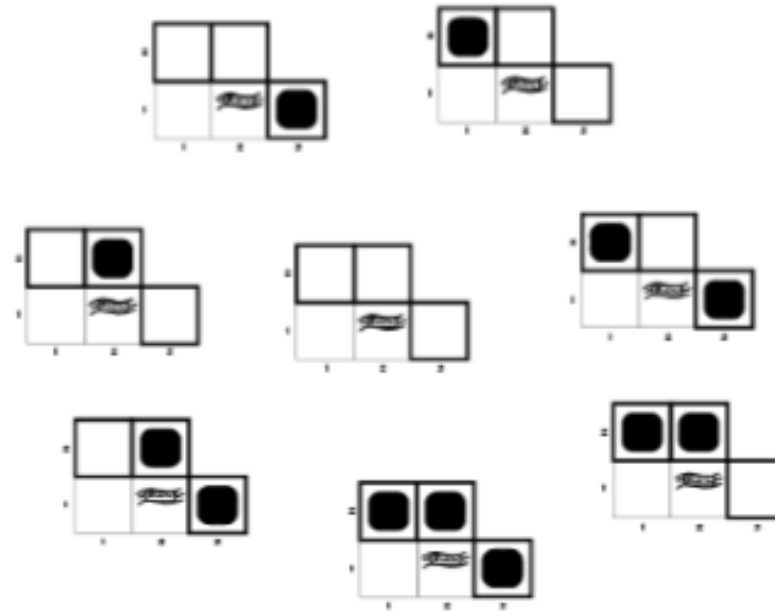
# Entailment in the wumpus world

- Situation after detecting nothing in [1,1], moving right, breeze in [2,1]
- Consider possible models for KB assuming only pits
- 3 Boolean choices  $\Rightarrow$  8 possible models



# Wumpus world models

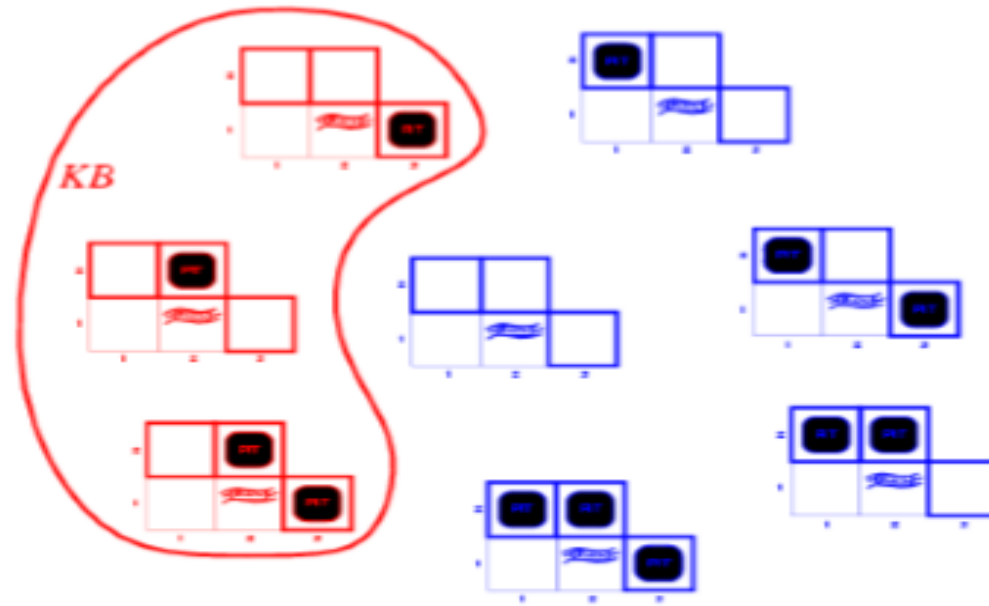
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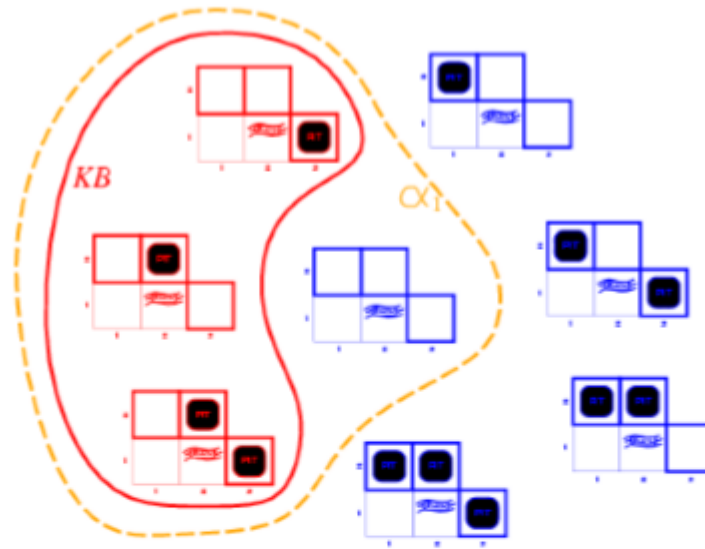
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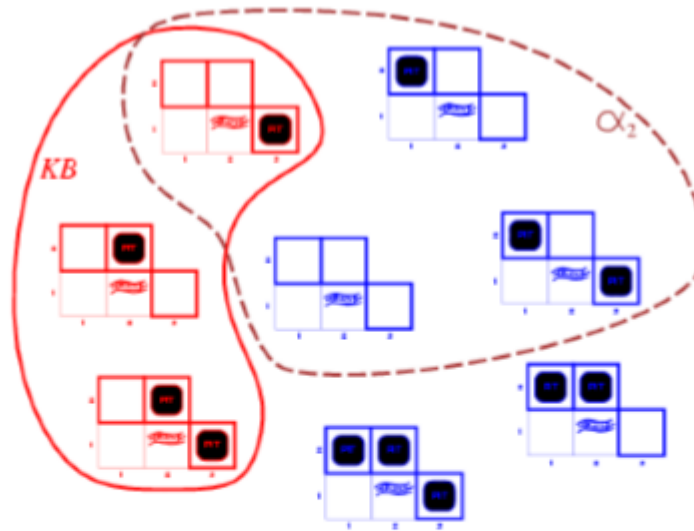
# Wumpus models



- $KB$  = wumpus-world rules + observations
- $\alpha_1$  = "[1,2] is safe",  $KB \models \alpha_1$ , proved by model checking

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- $KB$  = wumpus-world rules + observations
- $\alpha_2$  = "[2,2] is safe",  $KB \not\models \alpha_2$

# Inference

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- Define:  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$  = sentence  $\alpha$  can be derived from  $KB$  by procedure  $i$ 
  - **Soundness**:  $i$  is sound if whenever  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$ , it is also true that  $KB \models \alpha$
  - **Completeness**:  $i$  is complete if whenever  $KB \models \alpha$ , it is also true that  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$
- An inference procedure will answer any question whose answer follows from what is known by the  $KB$ .

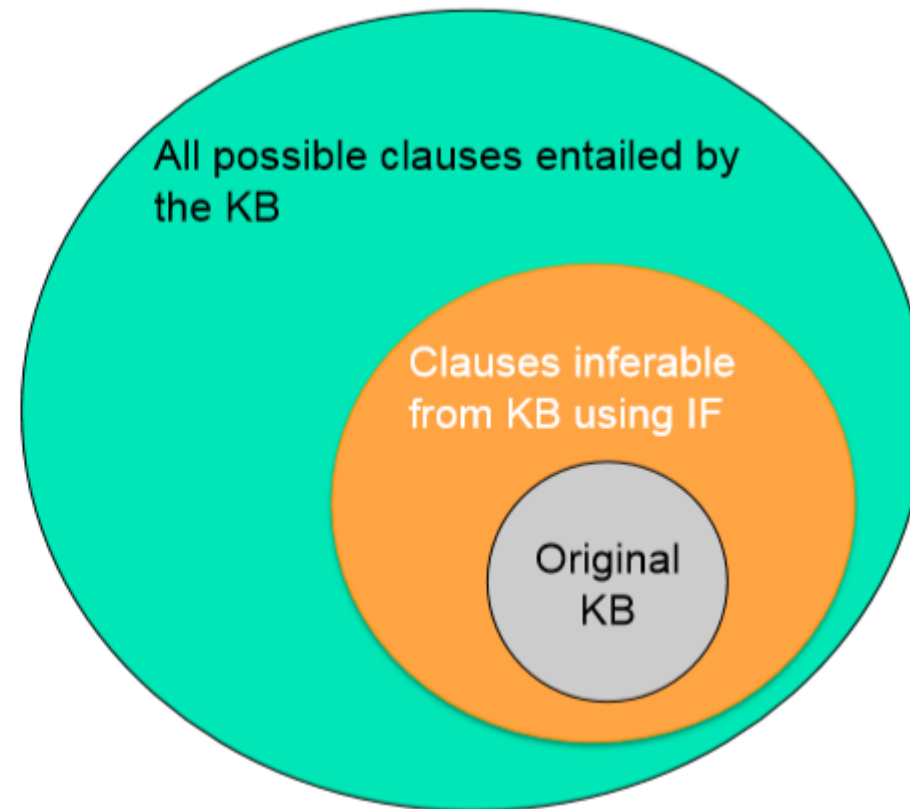
“Entailment is like the needle ( $\alpha$ ) being in the haystack ( $KB$ ) and inference is like finding it”

We want to know: Is a set of inference operators  
**complete** and **sound**?

# Completeness

**Completeness:**  $i$  is complete if whenever  $KB \models \alpha$ , it is also true that  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$

- An incomplete inference algorithm cannot reach all possible conclusions
  - Equivalent to completeness in search (chapter 3)



# Propositional logic: Syntax

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- Propositional logic is the simplest logic – illustrates basic ideas
- The proposition symbols  $P_1, P_2$  etc are sentences
  - If  $S$  is a sentence,  $\neg S$  is a sentence (negation)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences,  $S_1 \wedge S_2$  is a sentence (conjunction)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences,  $S_1 \vee S_2$  is a sentence (disjunction)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences,  $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$  is a sentence (implication)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences,  $S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$  is a sentence (biconditional)

# Propositional logic: Semantics

Each model specifies true/false for each proposition symbol

E.g.  $P_{1,2}$  false     $P_{2,2}$  true     $P_{3,1}$  false

With these symbols, 8 possible models can be enumerated automatically.  
Rules for evaluating truth with respect to a model  $m$ :

$\neg S$	is true iff	$S$ is false
$S_1 \wedge S_2$	is true iff	$S_1$ is true <b>and</b> $S_2$ is true
$S_1 \vee S_2$	is true iff	$S_1$ is true <b>or</b> $S_2$ is true
$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$	is true iff	$S_1$ is false <b>or</b> $S_2$ is true
i.e.,	is false iff	$S_1$ is true <b>and</b> $S_2$ is false
$S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$	is true iff	$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$ is true <b>and</b> $S_2 \Rightarrow S_1$ is true

Simple recursive process evaluates an arbitrary sentence, e.g.,

$$\neg P_{1,2} \wedge (P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}) = \text{true} \wedge (\text{true} \vee \text{false}) = \text{true} \wedge \text{true} = \text{true}$$

# Truth tables for connectives

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$p$	$q$	$\sim p$	$\sim q$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$\sim p \Rightarrow \sim q$	$q \Rightarrow p$	$\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p$
T	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T



# Wumpus world sentences

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Let  $P_{i,j}$  be true if there is a pit in  $[i, j]$ .

Let  $B_{i,j}$  be true if there is a breeze in  $[i, j]$ .

- $\neg P_{1,1}$
- $\neg B_{1,1}$
- $B_{2,1}$

How do we translate "Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares"?

# Truth tables for inference

$B_{1,1}$	$B_{2,1}$	$P_{1,1}$	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{2,1}$	$P_{2,2}$	$P_{3,1}$	$KB$	$\alpha_1$
false	false	false	false	false	false	false	false	true
false	false	false	false	false	false	true	false	true
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true	true	true	true	true	true	true	false	false

$$R_1 = \neg P_{1,1}$$

$$R_4 = \neg B_{1,1}$$

$$R_5 = B_{2,1}$$

$\alpha_1 = \neg P_{1,2}$ ? (Is 1,2 safe from pits)?

# Inference by enumeration

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Depth-first enumeration of all models is sound and complete

```
function TT-ENTAILS?(KB,  $\alpha$ ) returns true or false  
  symbols  $\leftarrow$  a list of the proposition symbols in KB and  $\alpha$   
  return TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , symbols, [])  
  
function TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , symbols, model) returns true or false  
  if EMPTY?(symbols) then  
    if PL-TRUE?(KB, model) then return PL-TRUE?( $\alpha$ , model)  
    else return true  
  else do  
    P  $\leftarrow$  FIRST(symbols); rest  $\leftarrow$  REST(symbols)  
    return TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , rest, EXTEND(P, true, model)) and  
      TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , rest, EXTEND(P, false, model))
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For  $n$  symbols, time complexity is  $O(2^n)$  , space complexity is  $O(n)$

# Logical equivalence

- Two sentences are **logically equivalent** iff true in same models:  $\alpha \equiv \beta$  iff  $\alpha \models \beta$  and  $\beta \models \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \wedge \\(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \vee \\((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \wedge \\((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \vee \\\neg(\neg\alpha) &\equiv \alpha && \text{double-negation elimination} \\(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) && \text{contraposition} \\(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) && \text{implication elimination} \\(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) &\equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) && \text{biconditional elimination} \\\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee \\(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \vee \text{ over } \wedge\end{aligned}$$

# Validity and satisfiability

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A sentence is **valid** if it is true in **all** models,  
e.g., *True*,  $A \vee \neg A$ ,  $A \Rightarrow A$ ,  $(A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow B$

**Validity** is connected to **inference** via the **Deduction Theorem**:  
 $KB \models \alpha$  if and only if  $(KB \Rightarrow \alpha)$  is valid

A sentence is **satisfiable** if it is true in **some** model  
e.g.,  $A \vee B$ ,  $C$

A sentence is **unsatisfiable** if it is true in **no** models  
e.g.,  $A \wedge \neg A$

**Satisfiability** is connected to **inference** via the following:  
 $KB \models \alpha$  if and only if  $(KB \wedge \neg \alpha)$  is **unsatisfiable**

# Proof methods

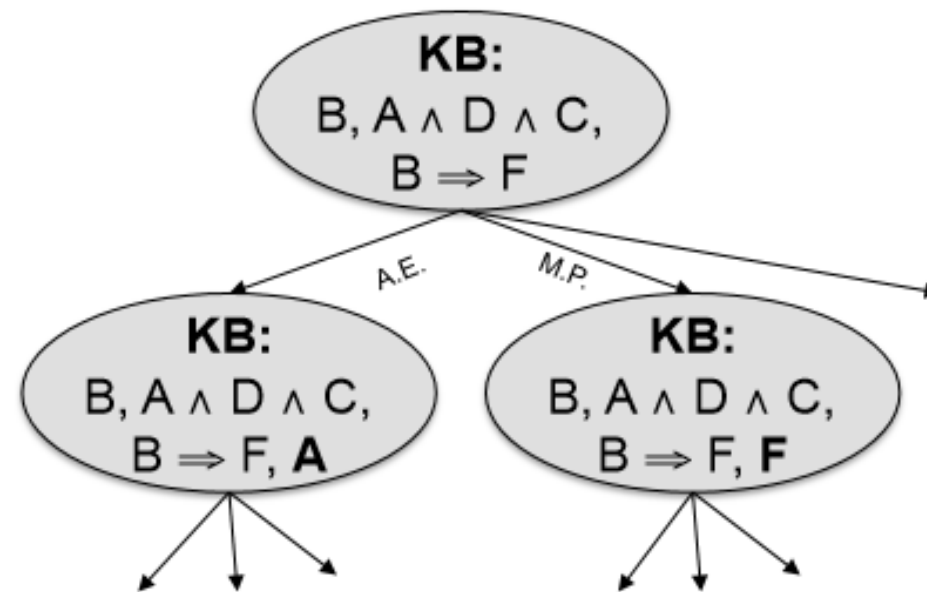
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- Proof methods divide into (roughly) two kinds:
- Application of inference rules
  - Legitimate (sound) generation of new sentences from old
  - **Proof** = a sequence of inference rule applications Can use inference rules as operators in a standard search algorithm
  - Typically require transformation of sentences into a normal form
- **Model checking**
  - truth table enumeration (always exponential in  $n$  )
  - improved backtracking, e.g., Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL)
  - heuristic search in model space (sound but incomplete)
    - e.g., min-conflicts like hill-climbing algorithms

# Applying inference rules

Equivalent to a search problem

- KB state = node
- Inference rule application = edge



# Resolution

## Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

conjunction of "disjunctions of literals" (clauses)

E.g.,  $(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (B \vee \neg C \vee \neg D)$

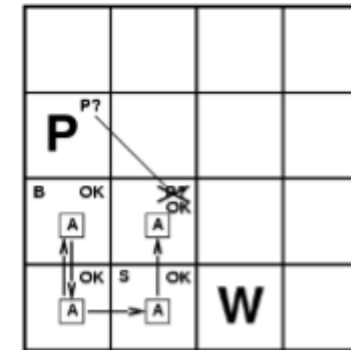
- **Resolution** inference rule (for CNF):

$$\frac{\ell_1 \vee \dots \vee \ell_k, \quad m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_n}{\ell_1 \vee \dots \vee \ell_{i-1} \vee \ell_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee \ell_k \vee m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n}$$

where  $\ell_i$  and  $m_i$  are complementary literals.

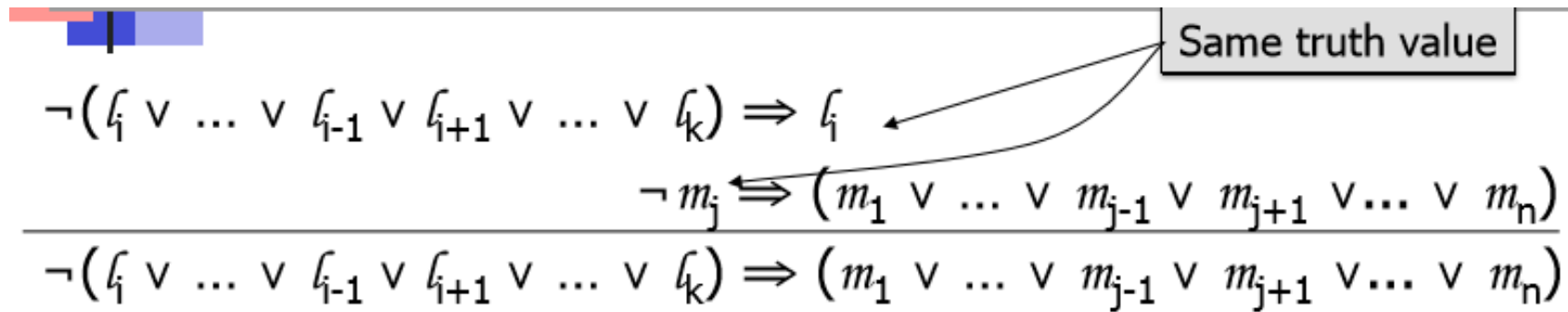
E.g.,  $\frac{P_{1,3} \vee P_{2,2}, \quad \neg P_{2,2}}{P_{1,3}}$

- Resolution is sound and complete for propositional logic





# Soundness of Resolution



$$\begin{array}{l}
 \neg(l_i \vee \dots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee l_k) \Rightarrow l_i \\
 \neg m_j \Leftrightarrow (m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n) \\
 \hline
 \neg(l_i \vee \dots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee l_k) \Rightarrow (m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n)
 \end{array}$$

where  $l_i$  and  $m_j$  are complementary literals.

If  $l_i$  true, then  $m_j$  is false, hence  $(m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n)$  must be true.

If  $m_j$  true, then  $l_i$  is false, hence  $(l_i \vee \dots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee l_k)$

# Conversion to CNF

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$$B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

1. Eliminate  $\Leftrightarrow$ , replacing  $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  with  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$ .  
 $(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$
2. Eliminate  $\Rightarrow$ , replacing  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  with  $\neg \alpha \vee \beta$ .  
 $(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})$
3. Move  $\neg$  inwards using de Morgan's rules and double-negation:  
 $(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge ((\neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})$
4. Apply distributivity law ( $\wedge$  over  $\vee$ ) and flatten:  
 $(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1})$

# Resolution algorithm

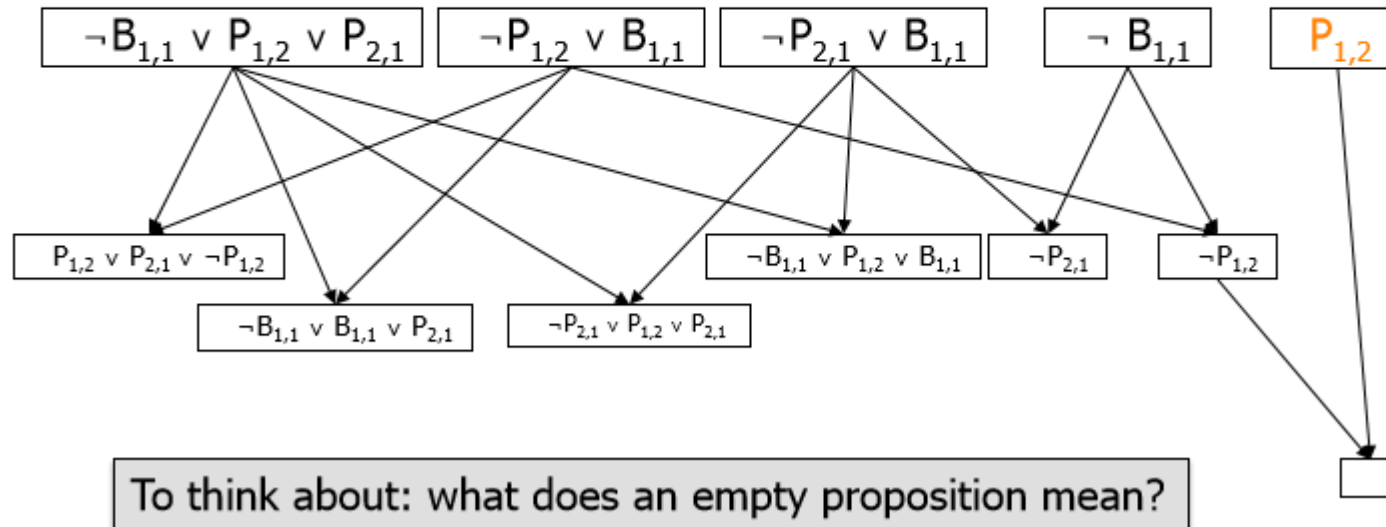
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- Proof by contradiction, i.e., show  $KB \wedge \neg \alpha$  unsatisfiable

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function PL-RESOLUTION( $KB, \alpha$ ) returns true or false  
   $clauses \leftarrow$  the set of clauses in the CNF representation of  $KB \wedge \neg \alpha$   
   $new \leftarrow \{ \}$   
  loop do  
    for each  $C_i, C_j$  in  $clauses$  do  
       $resolvents \leftarrow$  PL-RESOLVE( $C_i, C_j$ )  
      if  $resolvents$  contains the empty clause then return true  
       $new \leftarrow new \cup resolvents$   
  if  $new \subseteq clauses$  then return false  
   $clauses \leftarrow clauses \cup new$ 
```

# Resolution example

- $KB = (B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge \neg B_{1,1}$
- $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$  (negate the premise for proof by refutation)



# The power of false

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- Given:  $(P) \wedge (\neg P)$
- Prove:  $Z$

$\neg P$	Given
$P$	Given
$\neg Z$	Given
	Unsatisfiable

- Can we prove  $\neg Z$ , using the givens above?

# Forward and backward chaining

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- **Horn Form** (restricted)  
KB = **conjunction** of **Horn clauses**
  - Horn clause =
    - proposition symbol; or
    - (conjunction of symbols)  $\Rightarrow$  symbol
  - E.g.,  $C \wedge (B \Rightarrow A) \wedge (C \wedge D \Rightarrow B)$
- **Modus Ponens** (for Horn Form): complete for Horn KBs

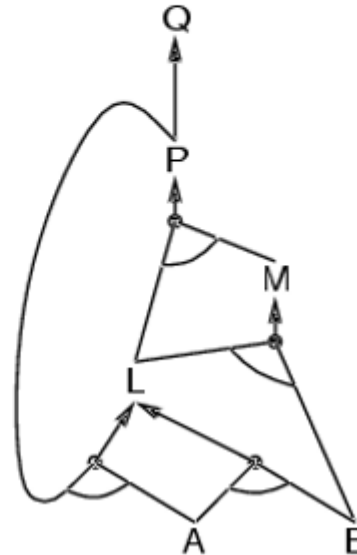
$$\frac{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \quad \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n \Rightarrow \beta}{\beta}$$

- Can be used with **forward chaining** or **backward chaining**.
- These algorithms are very natural and run in **linear** time

# Forward chaining

- Idea: fire any rule whose premises are satisfied in the *KB*,
  - add its conclusion to the *KB*, until query is found

$P \Rightarrow Q$   
 $L \wedge M \Rightarrow P$   
 $B \wedge L \Rightarrow M$   
 $A \wedge P \Rightarrow L$   
 $A \wedge B \Rightarrow L$   
 $A$   
 $B$



# Forward chaining algorithm

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function PL-FC-ENTAILS?(KB, q) returns true or false
  local variables: count, a table, indexed by clause, initially the number of premises
                  inferred, a table, indexed by symbol, each entry initially false
                  agenda, a list of symbols, initially the symbols known to be true

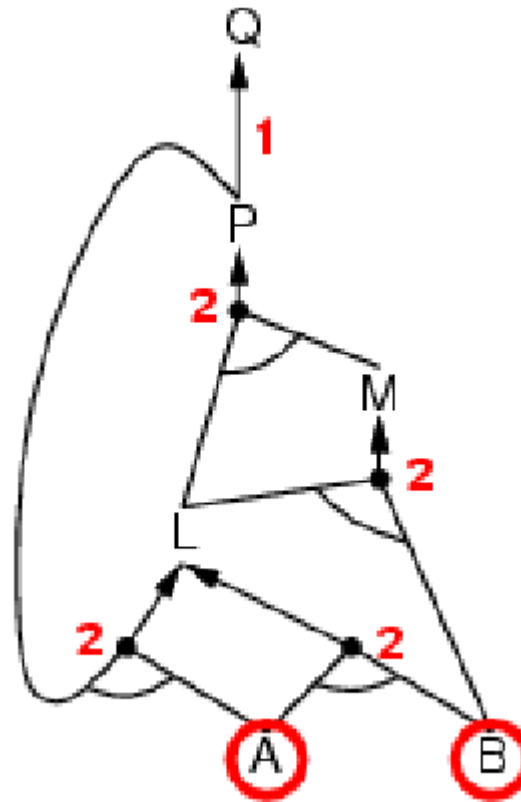
  while agenda is not empty do
    p ← POP(agenda)
    unless inferred[p] do
      inferred[p] ← true
      for each Horn clause c in whose premise p appears do
        decrement count[c]
        if count[c] = 0 then do
          if HEAD[c] = q then return true
          PUSH(HEAD[c], agenda)
  return false
```

- Forward chaining is sound and complete for Horn KB



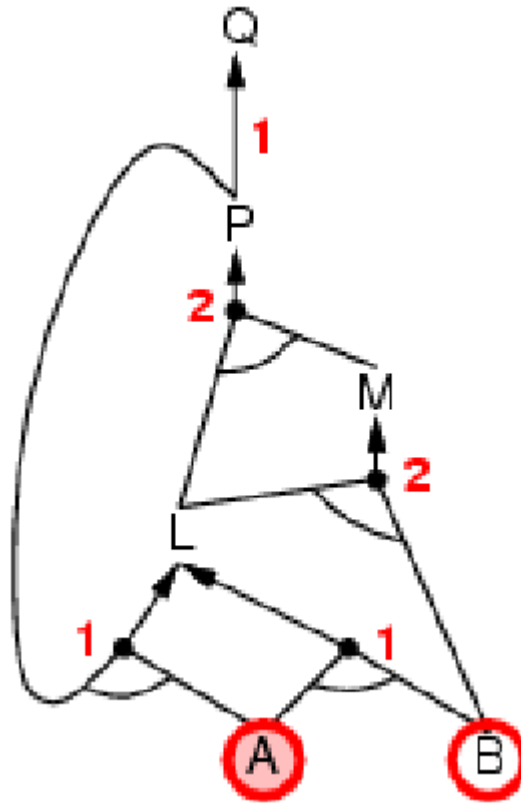
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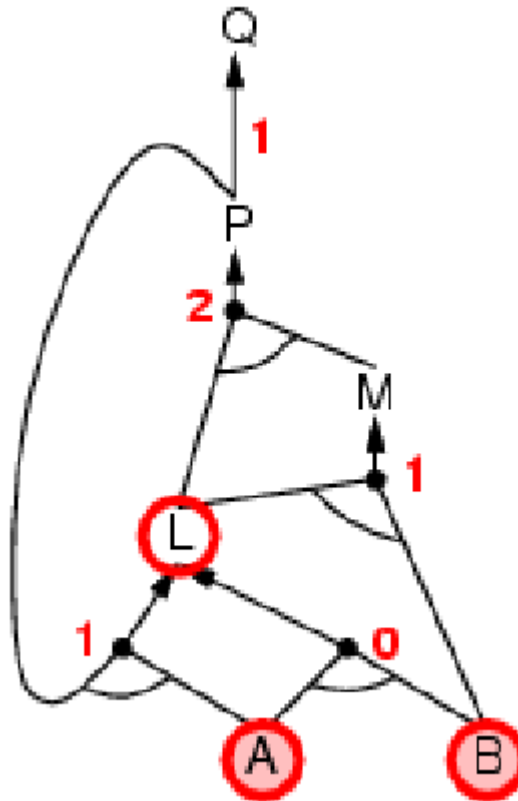
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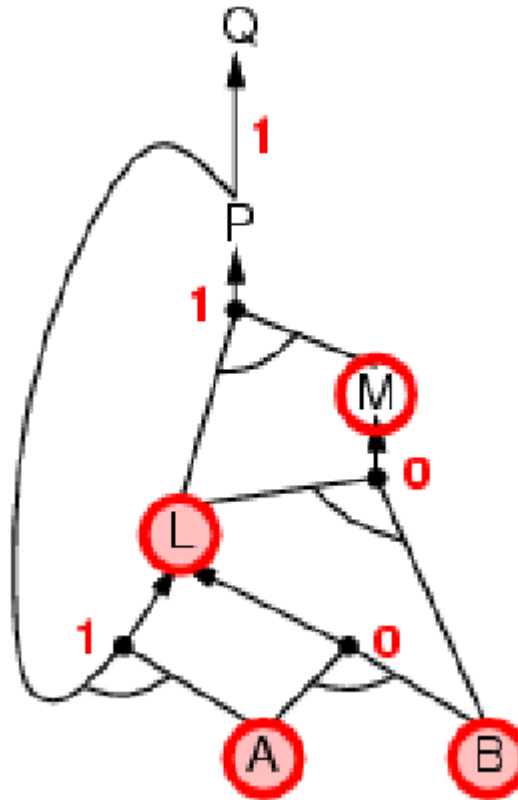
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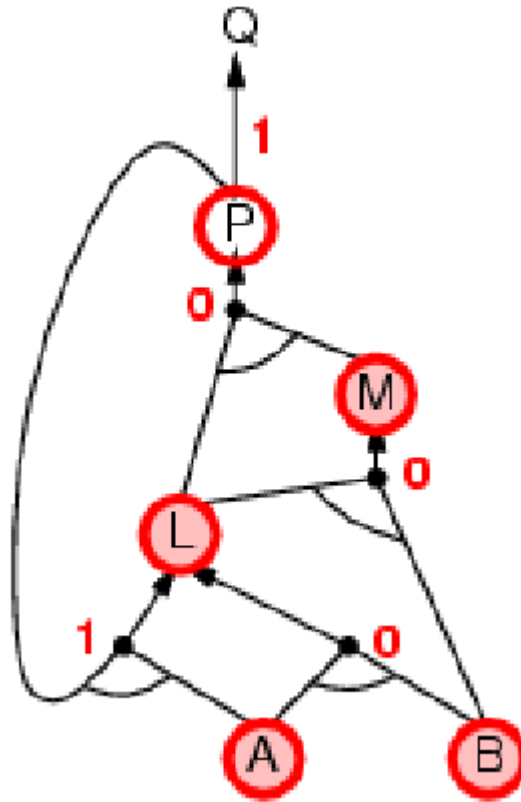
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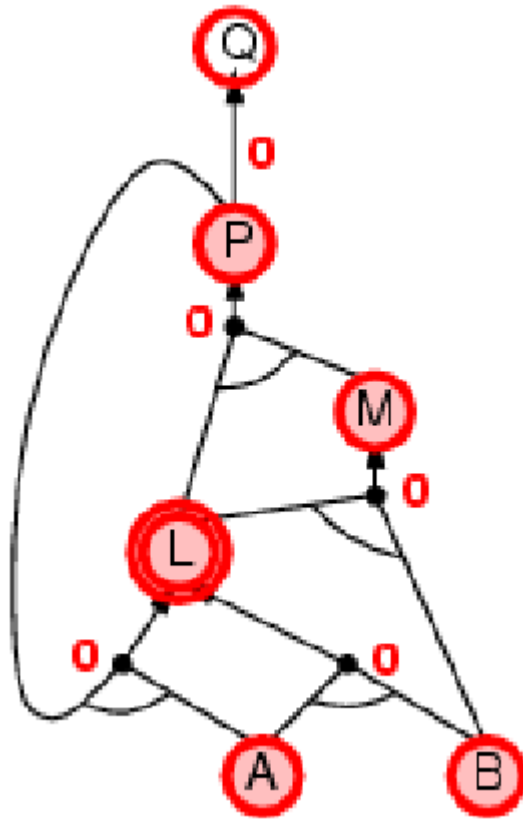
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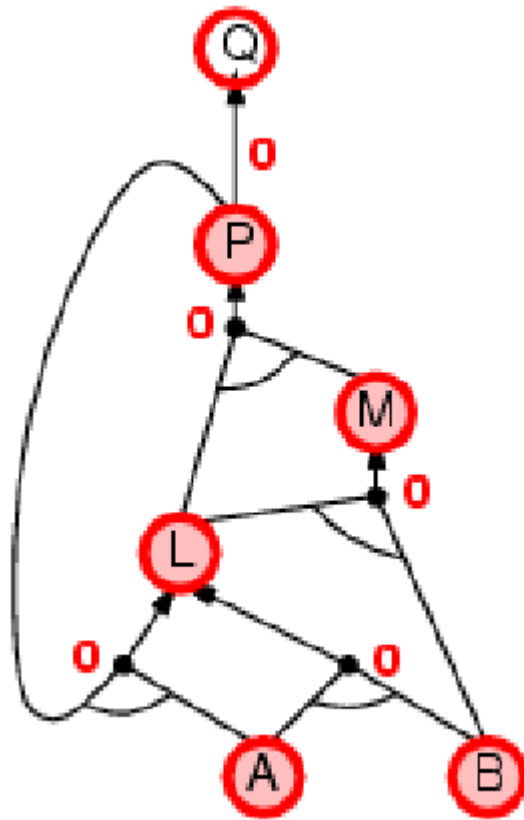
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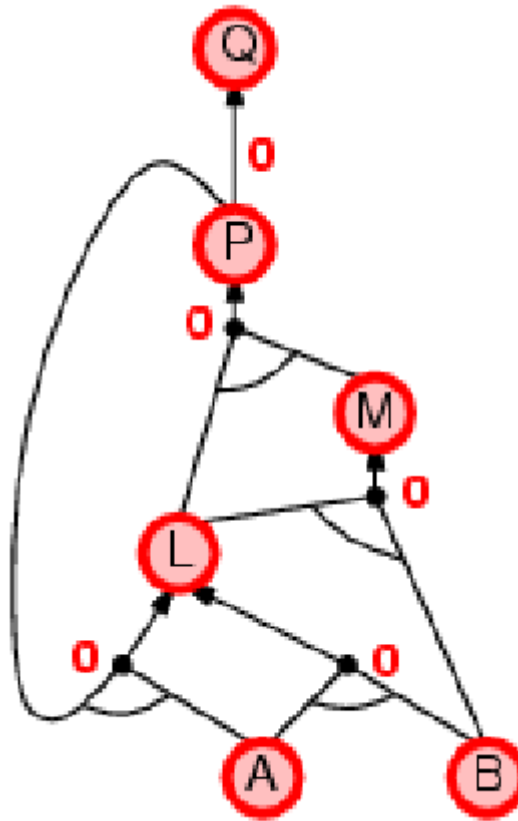
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# Proof of completeness

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FC derives every atomic sentence that is entailed by  $KB$

1. FC reaches a **fixed point** where no new atomic sentences are derived
2. Consider the final state as a model  $m$ , assigning true/false to symbols
3. Every clause in the original  $KB$  is true in  $m$   
 $a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_k \Rightarrow b$
4. Hence  $m$  is a model of  $KB$
5. If  $KB \models q$ ,  $q$  is true in **every** model of  $KB$ , including  $m$

# Backward chaining

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Idea: work backwards from the query  $q$  :

- to prove  $q$  by BC,
  - check if  $q$  is known already, or
  - prove by BC all premises of some rule concluding  $q$

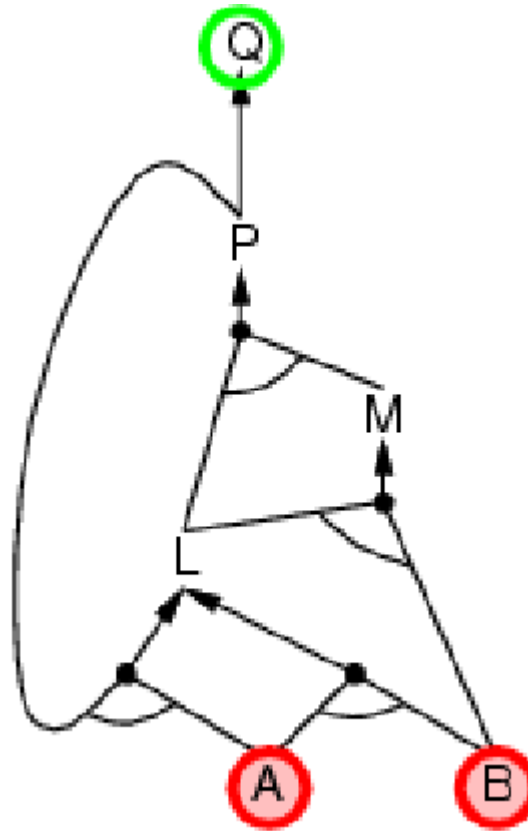
Avoid loops: check if new subgoal is already on the goal stack

Avoid repeated work: check if new subgoal

- 1. has already been proved true, or
- 2. has already failed

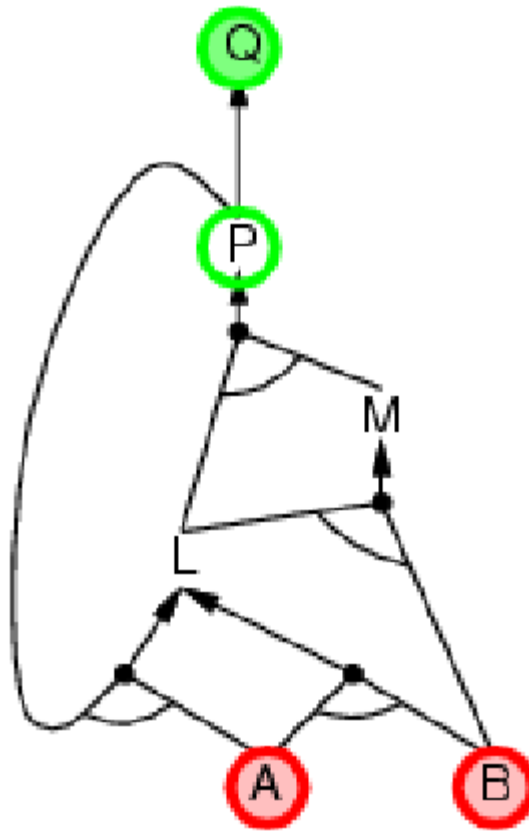
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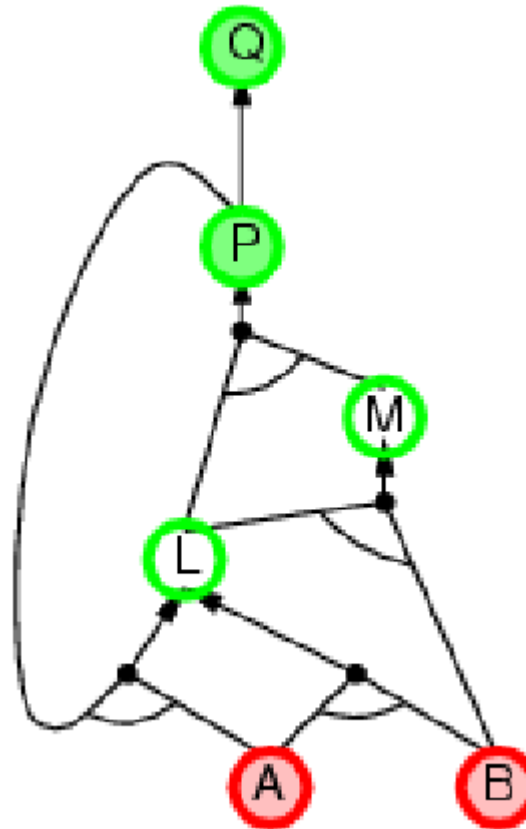
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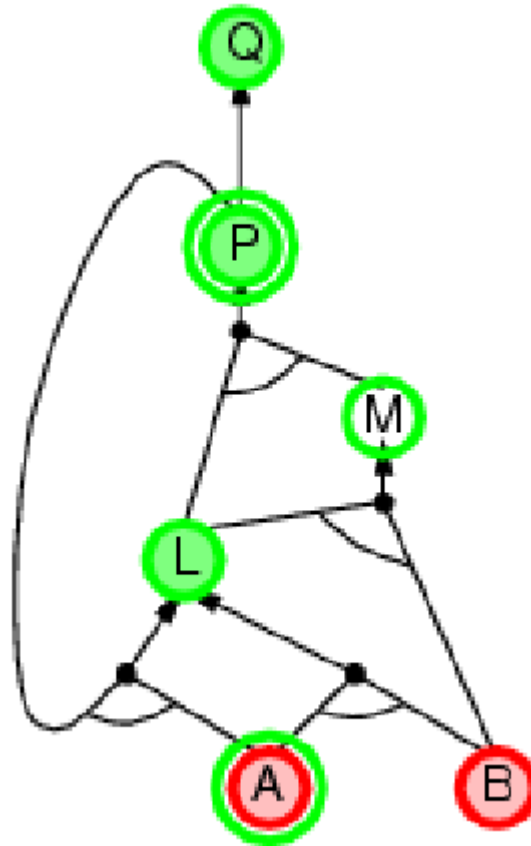
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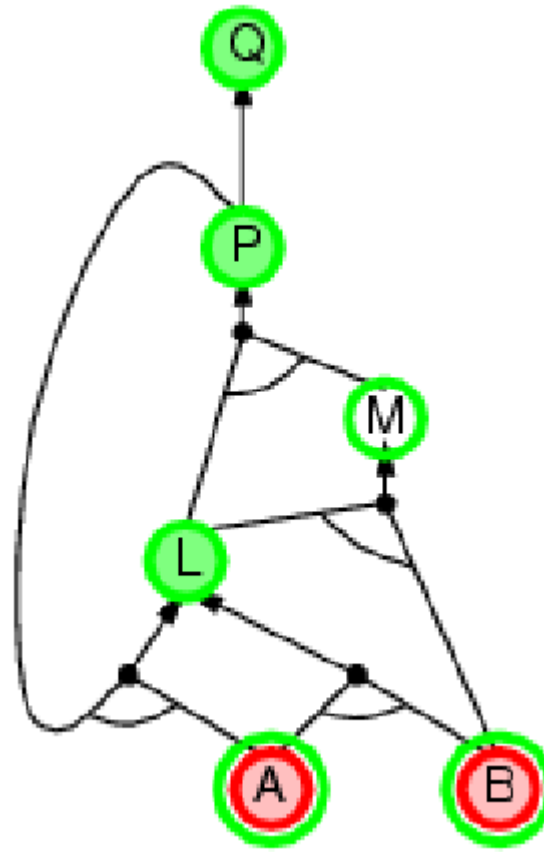
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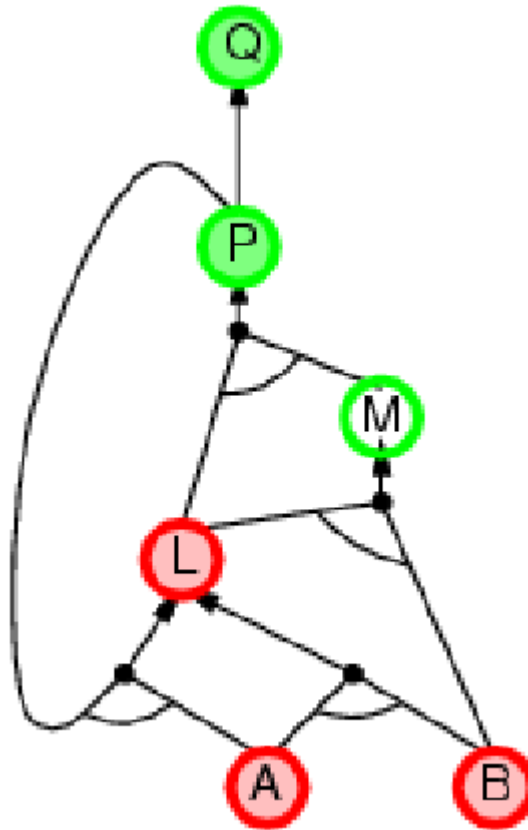
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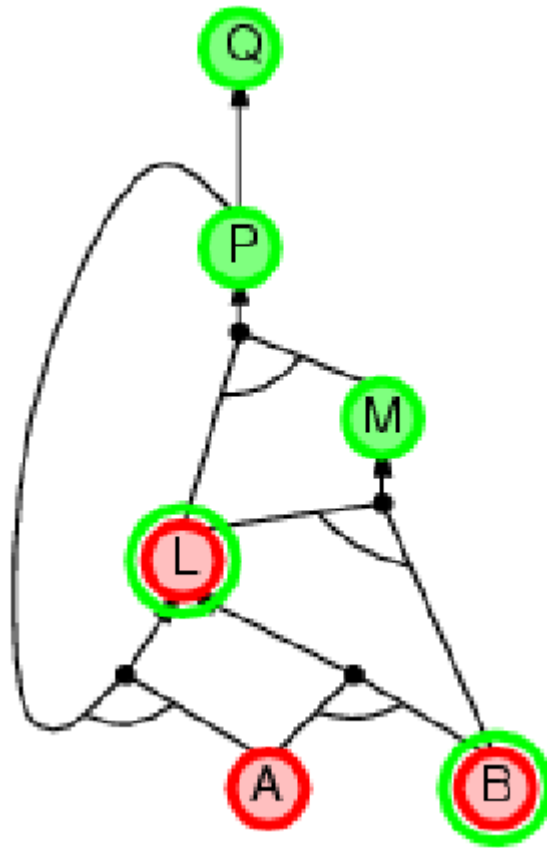
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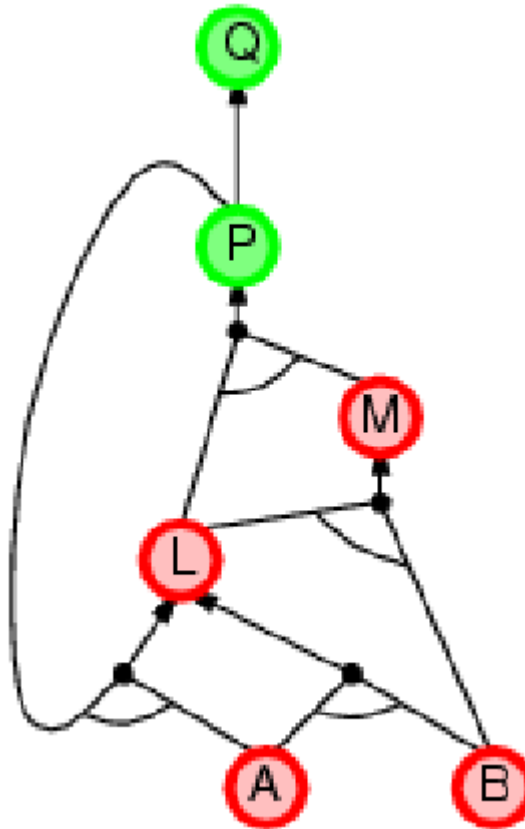
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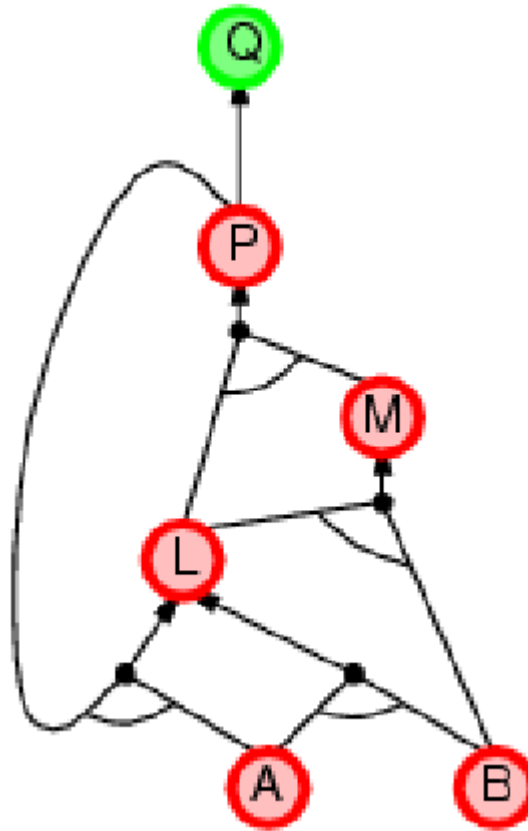
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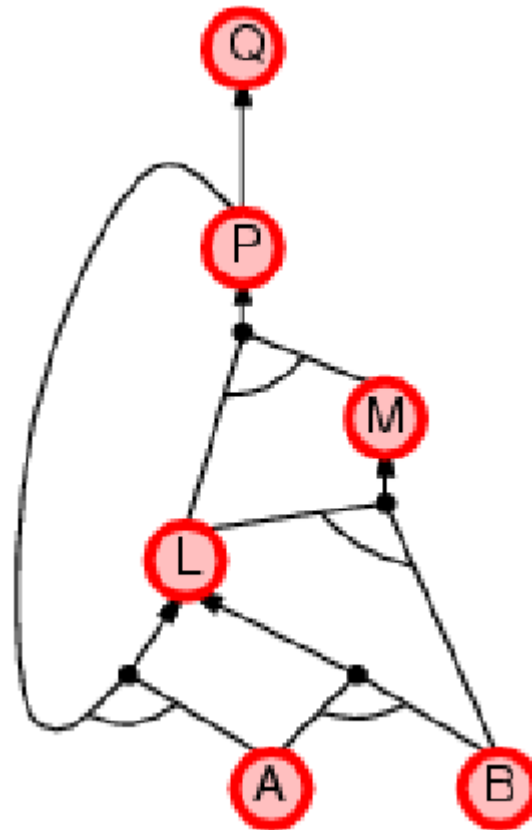
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# Forward vs. backward chaining

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- FC is **data-driven**, automatic, unconscious processing,
  - e.g., object recognition, routine decisions
- May do lots of work that is irrelevant to the goal
- BC is **goal-driven**, appropriate for problem-solving,
  - e.g., Where are my keys? How do I get into a PhD program?
- Complexity of BC can be **much less** than linear in size of KB

# Efficient propositional inference

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- Two families of efficient algorithms for propositional inference:
- Complete backtracking search algorithms
  - DPLL algorithm (Davis, Putnam, Logemann, Loveland)
- Incomplete local search algorithms □ WalkSAT algorithm

# The DPLL algorithm

Determine if an input propositional logic sentence (in CNF) is satisfiable.

Improvements over truth table enumeration:

1. Early termination

A clause is true if any literal is true.

A sentence is false if any clause is false.

2. Pure symbol heuristic

Pure symbol: always appears with the same "sign" in all clauses.

e.g., In the three clauses  $(A \vee \neg B)$ ,  $(\neg B \vee \neg C)$ ,  $(C \vee A)$ , A and B are pure, C is impure.

Make a pure symbol literal true.

Least constraining value

3. Unit clause heuristic

Unit clause: only one literal in the clause

The only literal in a unit clause must be true.

Most constrained value

What are correspondences between  
DPLL and in general CSPs?

# The DPLL algorithm

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**function** DPLL-SATISFIABLE?(*s*) **returns** *true* or *false*

**inputs:** *s*, a sentence in propositional logic

*clauses*  $\leftarrow$  the set of clauses in the CNF representation of *s*

*symbols*  $\leftarrow$  a list of the proposition symbols in *s*

**return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols*, [])

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**function** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols*, *model*) **returns** *true* or *false*

**if** every clause in *clauses* is true in *model* **then return** *true*

**if** some clause in *clauses* is false in *model* **then return** *false*

*P*, *value*  $\leftarrow$  FIND-PURE-SYMBOL(*symbols*, *clauses*, *model*)

**if** *P* is non-null **then return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols* - *P*, [*P* = *value* | *model*])

*P*, *value*  $\leftarrow$  FIND-UNIT-CLAUSE(*clauses*, *model*)

**if** *P* is non-null **then return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols* - *P*, [*P* = *value* | *model*])

*P*  $\leftarrow$  FIRST(*symbols*); *rest*  $\leftarrow$  REST(*symbols*)

**return** DPLL(*clauses*, *rest*, [*P* = *true* | *model*]) **or**

DPLL(*clauses*, *rest*, [*P* = *false* | *model*])



# The WalkSAT algorithm

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- Incomplete, local search algorithm
- Evaluation function: The min-conflict heuristic of minimizing the number of unsatisfied clauses
- Balance between greediness and randomness

# The WalkSAT algorithm

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function WALKSAT(clauses, p, max-flips) returns a satisfying model or failure  
  inputs: clauses, a set of clauses in propositional logic  
           p, the probability of choosing to do a “random walk” move  
           max-flips, number of flips allowed before giving up  
  
  model ← a random assignment of true/false to the symbols in clauses  
  for i = 1 to max-flips do  
    if model satisfies clauses then return model  
    clause ← a randomly selected clause from clauses that is false in model  
    with probability p flip the value in model of a randomly selected symbol  
      from clause  
    else flip whichever symbol in clause maximizes the number of satisfied clauses  
  return failure
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# Hard satisfiability problems

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- Consider random 3-CNF sentences. e.g.,

$$(\neg D \vee \neg B \vee C) \wedge (B \vee \neg A \vee \neg C) \wedge (\neg C \vee \neg B \vee E) \wedge (E \vee \neg D \vee B) \wedge (B \vee E \vee \neg C)$$

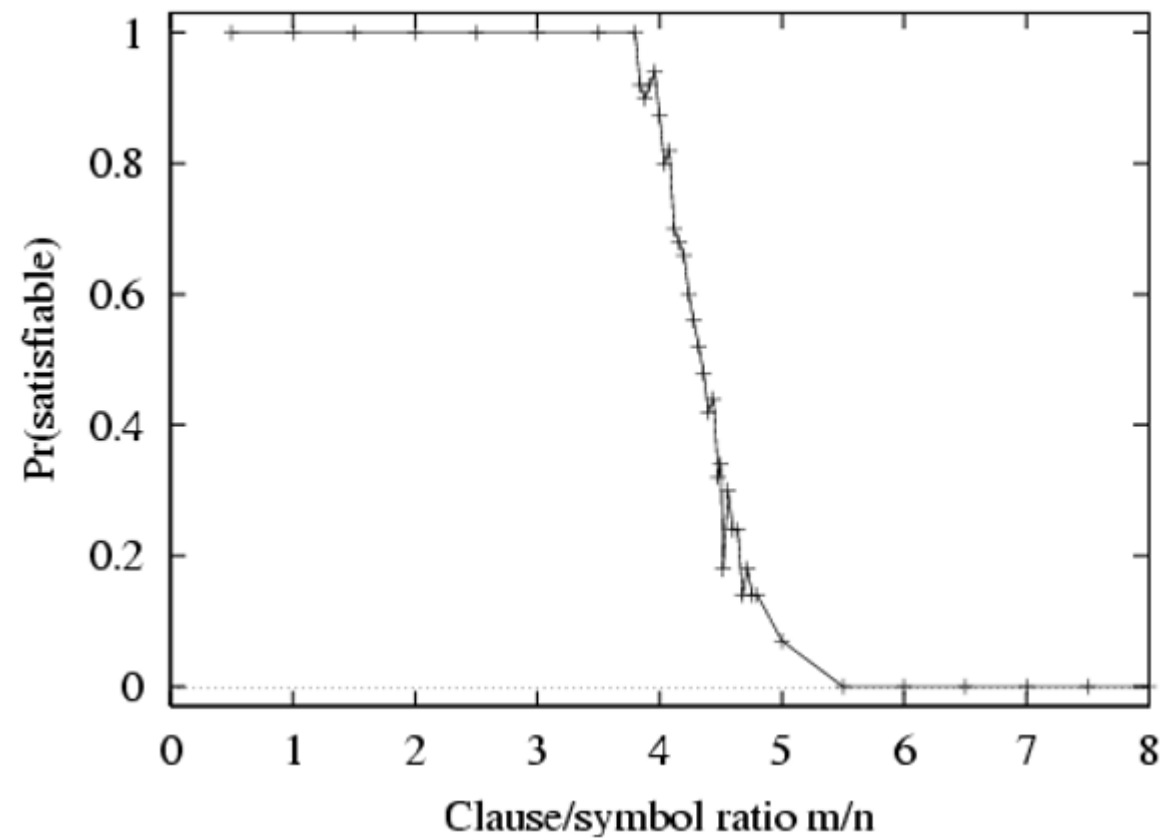
m = number of clauses

n = number of symbols

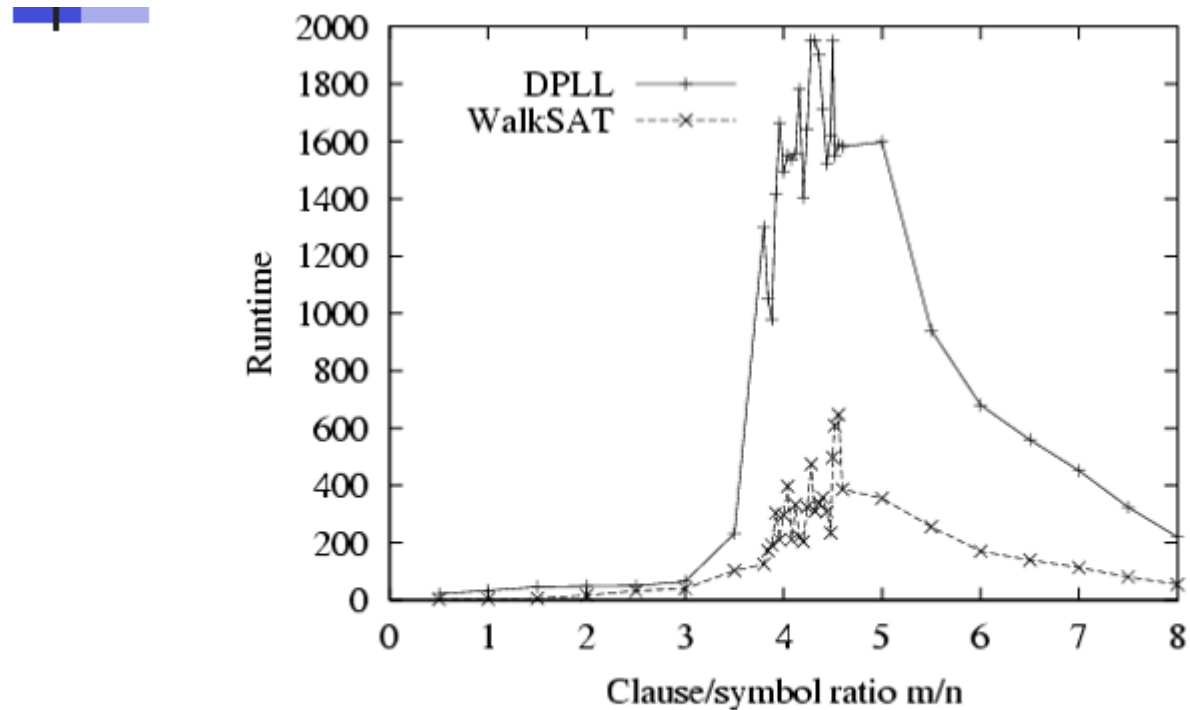
- Hard problems seem to cluster near  $m/n = 4.3$  (critical point)

# Hard satisfiability problems

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# Hard satisfiability problems



- Median runtime for 100 **satisfiable** random 3-CNF sentences,  $n = 50$

# Inference-based agents in the wumpus world

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A wumpus-world agent using propositional logic:

$\neg P_{1,1}$   
 $\neg W_{1,1}$   
 $B_{x,y} \Leftrightarrow (P_{x,y+1} \vee P_{x,y-1} \vee P_{x+1,y} \vee P_{x-1,y})$   
 $S_{x,y} \Leftrightarrow (W_{x,y+1} \vee W_{x,y-1} \vee W_{x+1,y} \vee W_{x-1,y})$   
 $W_{1,1} \vee W_{1,2} \vee \dots \vee W_{4,4}$   
 $\neg W_{1,1} \vee \neg W_{1,2}$   
 $\neg W_{1,1} \vee \neg W_{1,3}$   
...

Have to propositionalize  
each of these  $x,y$  rules

Expressing that there is  
exactly one wumpus

$\Rightarrow$  64 distinct proposition symbols, 155 sentences

# Expressiveness limitation of propositional logic

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- KB contains "physics" sentences for every single square
- For every time  $t$  and every location  $[x,y]$ ,  
$$L_{x,y}^t \wedge \textit{FacingRight}^t \wedge \textit{Forward}^t \Rightarrow L_{x+1,y}^t$$
- Rapid proliferation of clauses

# Summary

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- Logical agents apply **inference** to a **knowledge base** to derive new information and make decisions
- Basic concepts of logic:
  - **syntax**: formal structure of **sentences**
  - **semantics**: truth of sentences w.r.t. **models**
  - **entailment**: necessary truth of one sentence given another
  - **inference**: deriving sentences from other sentences
  - **soundness**: derivations produce only entailed sentences
  - **completeness**: derivations can produce all entailed sentences
- The wumpus world requires the ability to represent partial and negated information, reason by cases, etc.
- Resolution is complete for propositional logic Forward, backward chaining are linear-time, complete for Horn clauses
- Propositional logic lacks expressive power