

# Knowledge Representation and Inference

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# Intelligent Agent

- We learned how an agent decide , e.g. through search, classification, clustering...etc. (i.e. the control policy)
- But before deciding on an action, an intelligent agent needs **knowledge** about the real world
- An intelligent agent also needs **reasoning** to act efficiently.

# In Other Words...

- An intelligent agent must be able to do the following:
  - An agent should be able to represent states, actions, etc.
  - An agent should be able to incorporate new percepts
  - An agent can update the internal representation of the world
  - An agent can deduce the internal representation of the world
  - An agent can deduce appropriate actions.

# Knowledge Representation And Reasoning



- Concerned with representing information about the real world so that a computer can understand and can utilize this knowledge to solve the complex real world problems
- Knowledge representation and reasoning enable agents to reach good decisions.
- How does it represent the knowledge to help it decide?

# Knowledge Representation And Reasoning



## 1. Knowledge-base

- It is a collection of sentences that are expressed in a language which is called a knowledge representation language.
- The Knowledge-base stores fact about the world.
- Knowledge-base is required for updating knowledge for an agent to learn with experiences and take action as per the knowledge.

## 2. Inference system.

- Inference means deriving new sentences from old.
- Inference system generates new facts so that an agent can update the KB.
- An inference system works mainly in two rules which are given as:
  - **Forward chaining**
  - **Backward chaining**

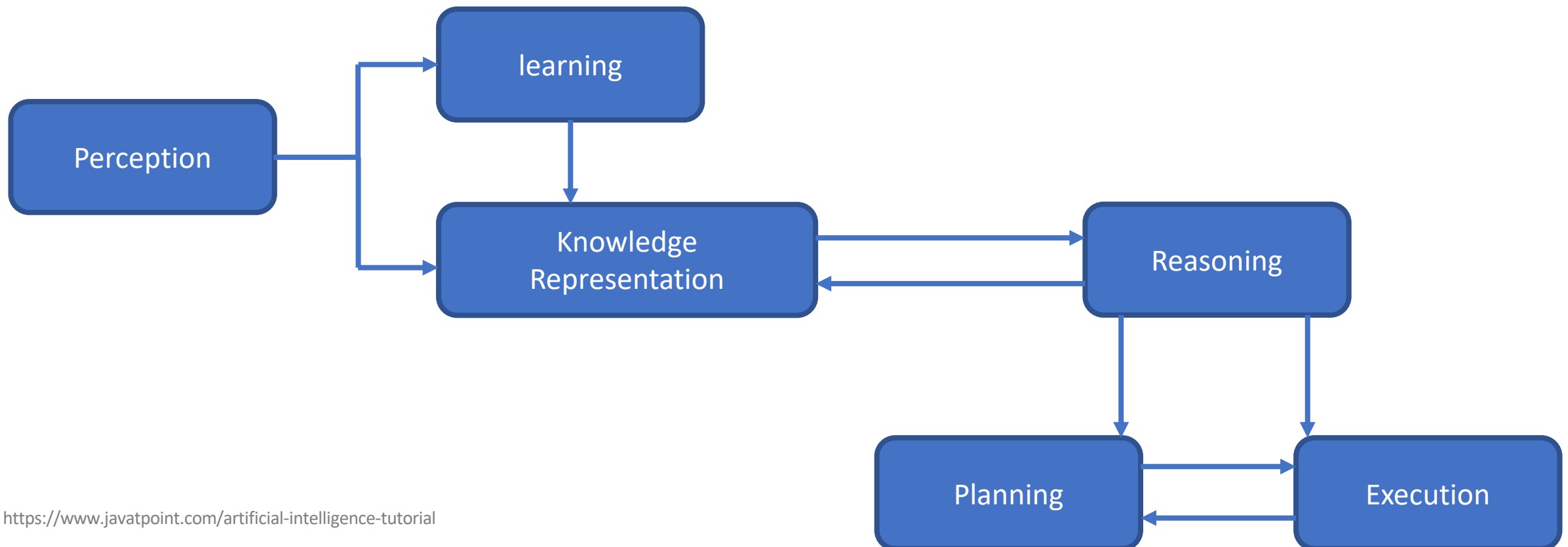
# Objectives Of Knowledge Representation And Reasoning



1. Form **representations** of the world.
2. Use a process of **inference** to derive **new representations** about the world.
3. Use these new representations to **deduce** what to do.

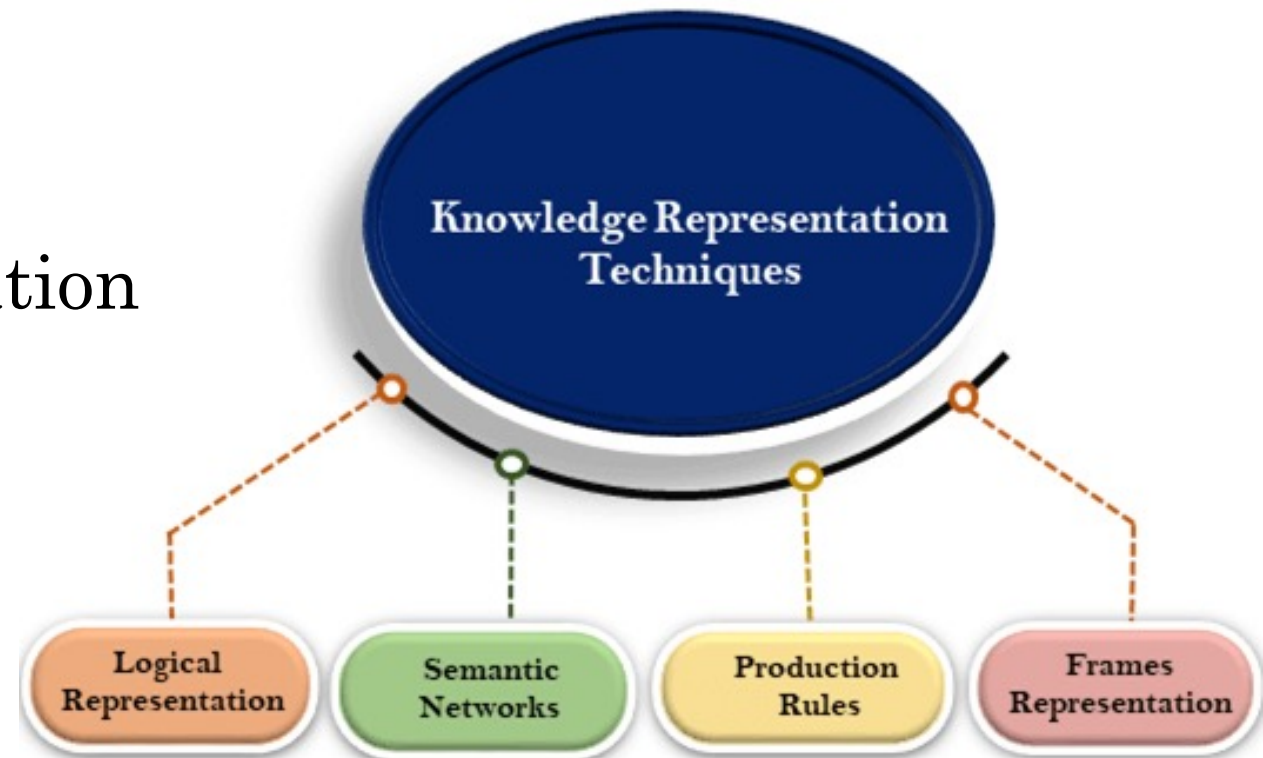
# AI knowledge cycle

An Artificial intelligence system has the following components for displaying intelligent behavior:



# Techniques of knowledge representation

- Logical Representation
- Semantic Network Representation
- Frame Representation
- Production Rules





# Logical Representation

- Logical representation is based on rules
- It has syntax rules and semantic rules
- Uses these rules to translate sentences into logics
- Logical representation can be categorized into mainly two logics:
  - Propositional logic
  - First order logic
  - We will learn more about this topic later

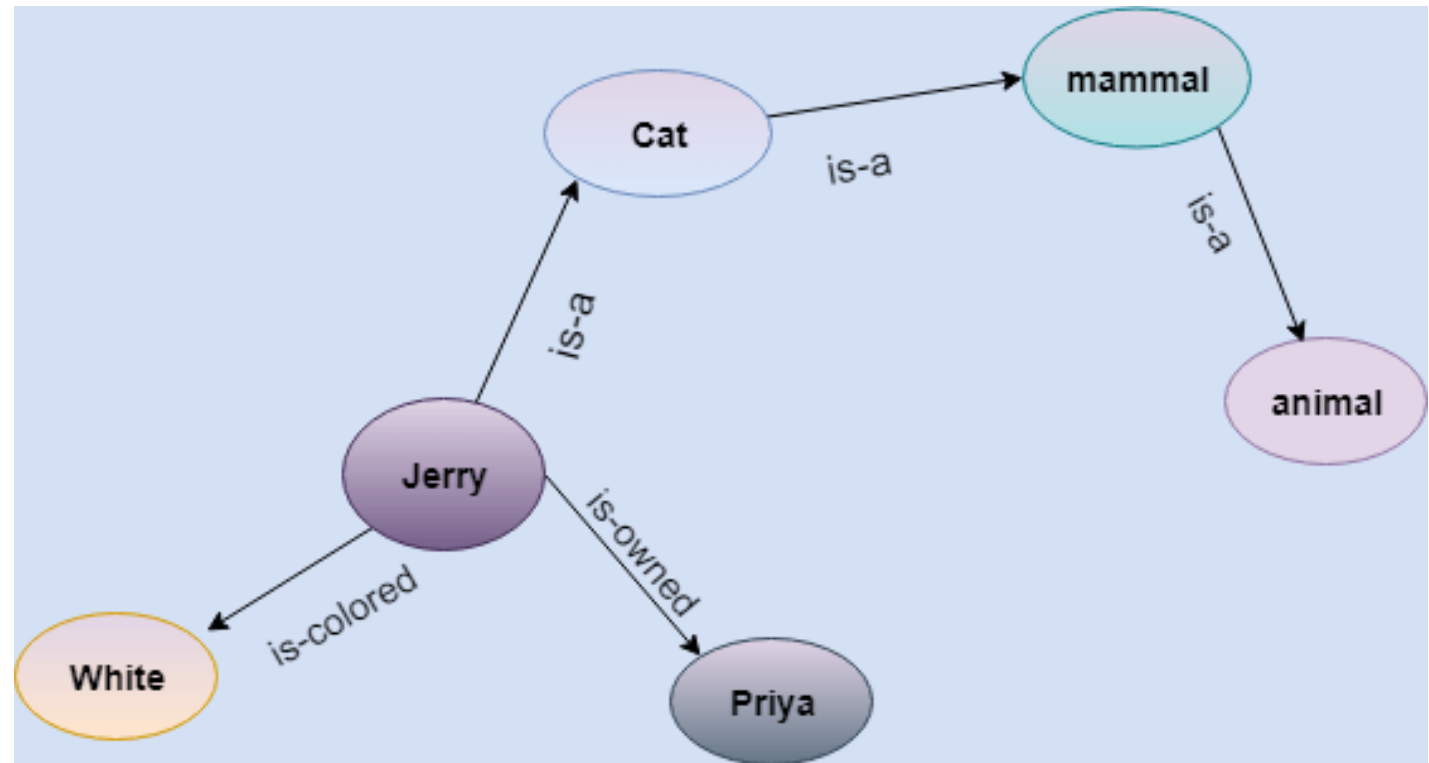
# Semantic Network Representation

- Knowledge is represented using graphical networks
  - nodes represent objects
  - arcs represent relationship between those objects.
    - IS-A relation (Inheritance)
    - Kind-of-relation

# Semantic Network Representation: An Example

*KB has the following Statements:*

- Jerry is a cat.
- Jerry is a mammal
- Jerry is owned by Priya.
- Jerry is brown colored.
- All Mammals are animal.



# Frame Representation

- A frame is a data structure whose components are called slots.
- Slots have names and accommodate information of various kinds.
- E.g: frame for a book

Slots	Values
<b>Title</b>	Artificial Intelligence
<b>Genre</b>	Computer Science
<b>Author</b>	Peter Norvig
<b>Edition</b>	Third Edition
<b>Year</b>	1996
<b>Page</b>	1152

# Production Rules

- Consist of (**condition, action**) pairs which mean, "If condition then action"
- E.g.
  - IF (at bus stop AND bus arrives) THEN action (get into the bus)
  - IF (on the bus AND paid AND empty seat) THEN action (sit down).
  - IF (on bus AND unpaid) THEN action (pay charges).
  - IF (bus arrives at destination) THEN action (get down from the bus).

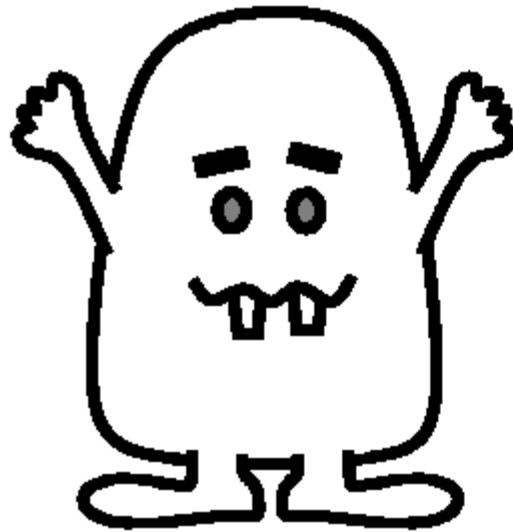
# Logical Reasoning

- Reasoning is a general process of thinking rationally, to find valid conclusions
- In each case where the agent draws a conclusion from the available information, that conclusion is guaranteed to be *correct* if the available information is correct

To further understand the concept, first we are going to introduce an example...

# Logical Reasoning

- Example: The Wumpus world



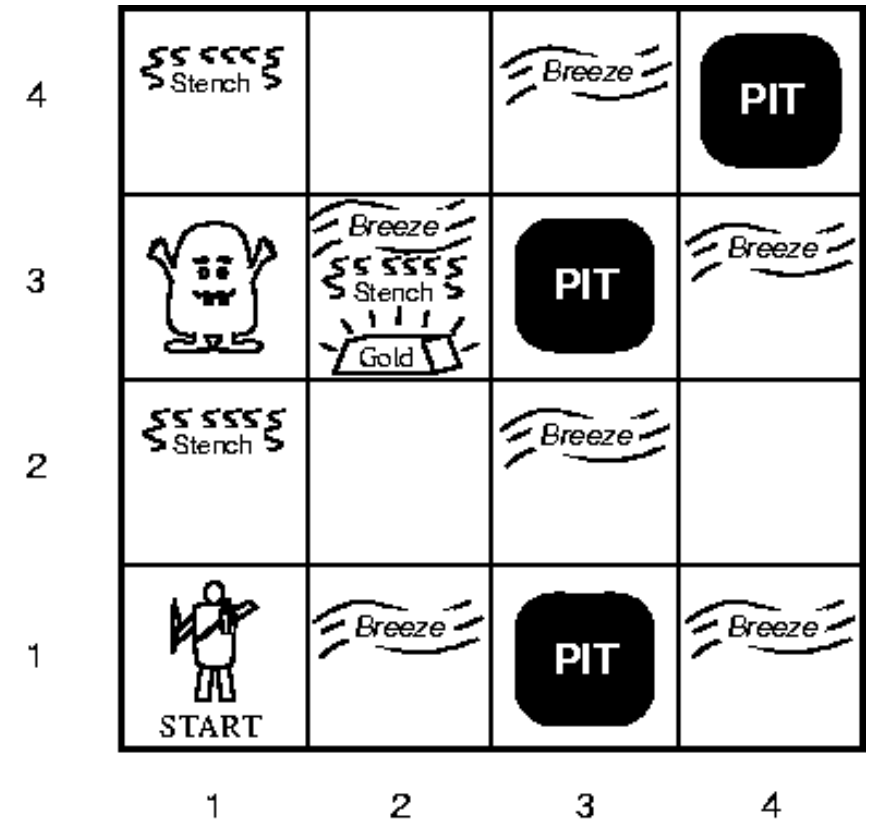
# About The Wumpus

- The Wumpus world was first written as a computer game in the 70ies
- The wumpus world is a cave consisting of rooms connected by passageways
- The terrible wumpus is a beast that eats anyone who enters its room
- The wumpus can be shot by an agent, but the agent has only one arrow
- Some rooms contain bottomless pits that will trap anyone who enters it
- The agent is in this cave to look for gold



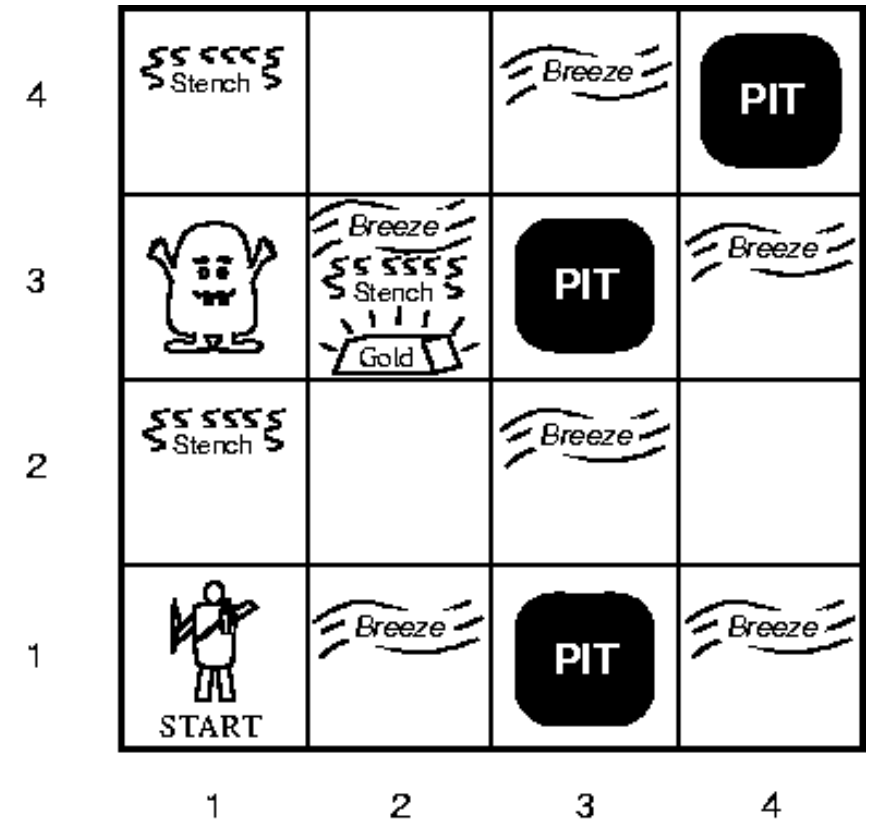
# The Wumpus World Environment

- Squares adjacent to wumpus are smelly.
- Squares adjacent to pit are breezy.
- Glitter if and only if gold is in the same square.
- Shooting kills the wumpus if you are facing it.
- Shooting uses up the only arrow.
- Grabbing picks up the gold if in the same square.
- Releasing drops the gold in the same square.



# The Wumpus World

- **Goals:** Get gold back to the start without entering wumpus square.
- **Percepts:** Breeze, Glitter, Smell.
- **Actions:** Left turn, Right turn, Forward, Grab, Release, Shoot.



# The Wumpus World

- **Is the world deterministic?**

Yes: outcomes are exactly specified.

- **Is the world fully accessible?**

No: only local perception of square you are in.

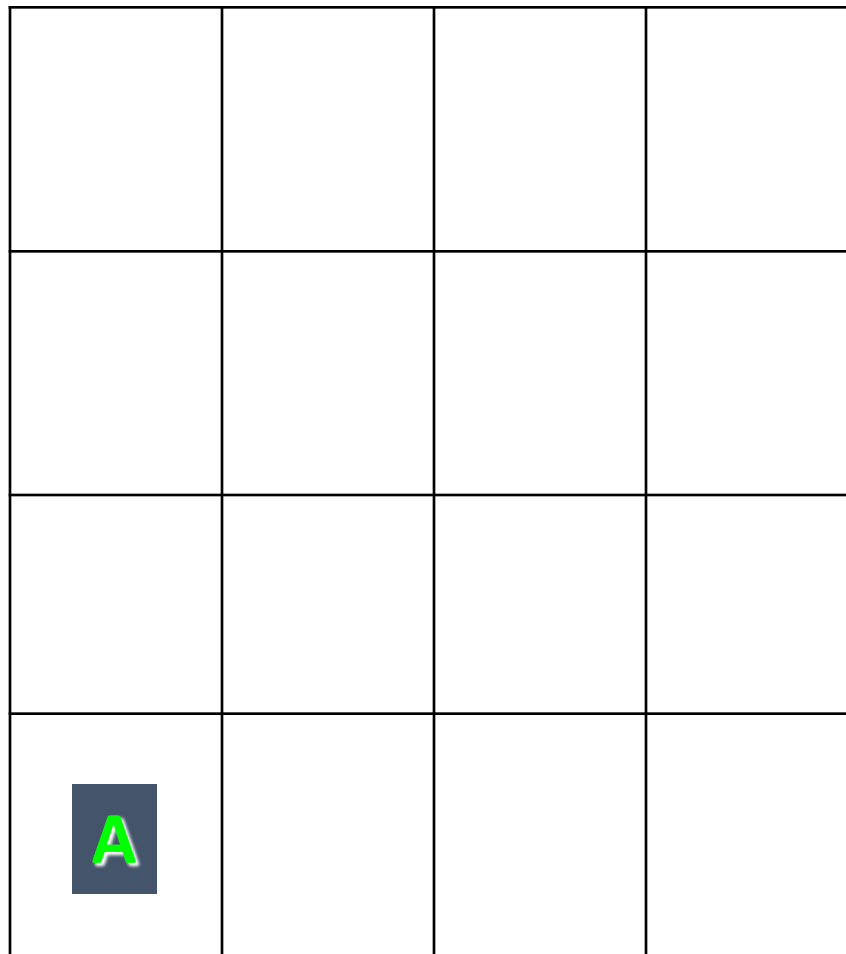
- **Is the world static?**

Yes: Wumpus and Pits do not move.

- **Is the world discrete?**

Yes.

# Exploring Wumpus World




# Exploring Wumpus World

Ok because:

Haven't fallen into a  
pit.

Haven't been eaten by  
a Wumpus.

OK 			


# Exploring Wumpus World

OK since

no Stench,


no Breeze,

neighbors are safe (OK).

OK			
OK 	OK		

# Exploring Wumpus World

We move and smell  
a stench.

OK 			
OK	OK		

# Exploring Wumpus World

We can infer the following.

Note: square (1,1) remains OK.

W?			
OK  stench	W?		
OK	OK		



# Exploring Wumpus World

Move and feel a  
breeze

What can we  
conclude?

W?			
OK stench	W?		
OK A breeze			

# Exploring Wumpus World

But, can the 2,2 square really have either a Wumpus or a pit? **NO!**

W?			
OK stench	W? P?		
OK	OK A breeze	P?	

what about the other P?  
and W? squares

# Exploring Wumpus World

W?			
OK stench	<del>W? P?</del>		
OK	OK A breeze	P?	

# Exploring Wumpus World


W?	OK		
OK stench	OK A	OK	
OK	OK breeze	P?	

# Exploring Wumpus World

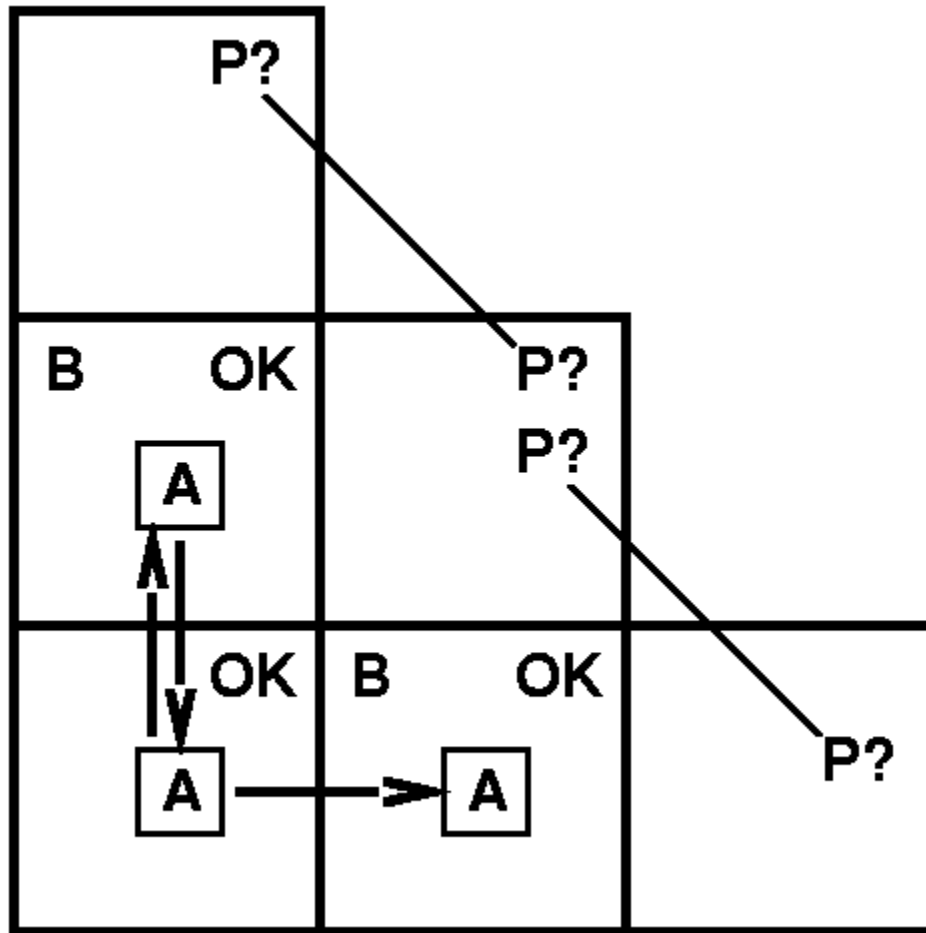
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And the exploration  
continues onward  
until the gold is found.

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W?	OK 		
OK stench	OK	OK	
OK	OK breeze	P?	

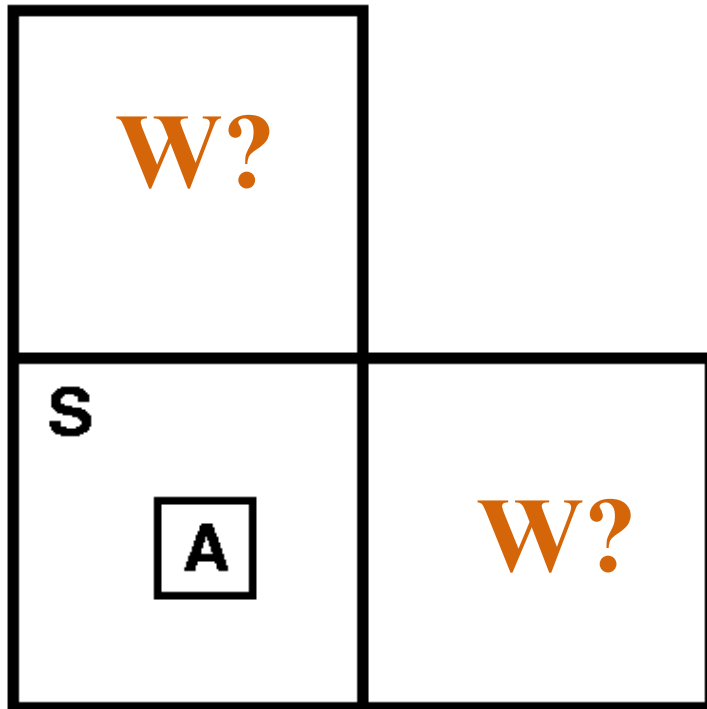
# A Tight Spot



Breeze in (1,2) and (2,1)  
→ no safe actions.

Assuming pits uniformly  
distributed, (2,2) is most likely to  
have a pit.

# Another Tight Spot



Smell in (1,1)

→ cannot move.

Can use a strategy of coercion:

- shoot straight ahead;
- wumpus was there  
→ dead → safe.
- wumpus wasn't there → safe.

# Logical Representation

- **Logics** are formal languages for representing information such that conclusions can be drawn.
- Each sentence is defined by a **syntax** and a **semantic**.
- **Syntax** defines the sentences in the language. It specifies well formed sentences.
- **Semantics** define the ``meaning" of sentences;
- i.e., in logic it defines the **truth of a sentence** in a possible world.

For example, in the language of arithmetic:

$x + 2 \geq y$  is a sentence.

$x + y >$  is not a sentence.

$x + 2 \geq y$  is true if 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  $x = 0, y = 6$ .



# Logical Representation

- **Model:** This word is used instead of “possible world” for the sake of precision.

*$m$  is a model of a sentence  $a$ , means  $a$  is true in model  $m$*

*$M(a)$  means the set of all models of  $a$*

all the models where  $a$  is true

- **Definition:** A model is a mathematical abstraction that simply fixes the truth or falsehood of **every relevant sentence**.
- **Example:**  $x$  is the number of men and  $y$  is the number of women sitting at a table playing bridge.  
constraint: no negatives

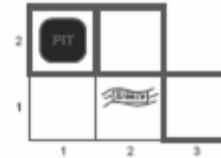
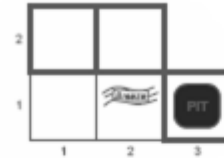
$x + y = 4$ , is a sentence which is true when the total number is four.

In this case the **Model** is a **possible assignment** of numbers to the variables  $x$  and  $y$ . Each assignment fixes the truth of any sentence whose variables are  $x$  and  $y$ .

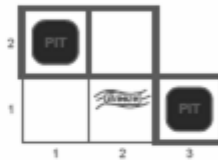
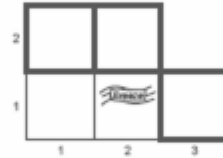
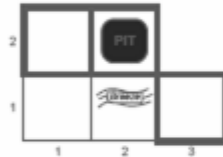
# Potential Models Of The Wumpus World

at least one breeze

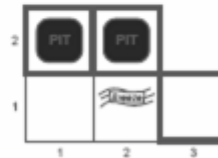
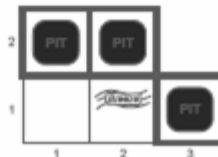
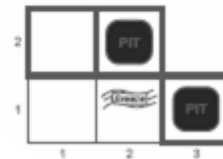
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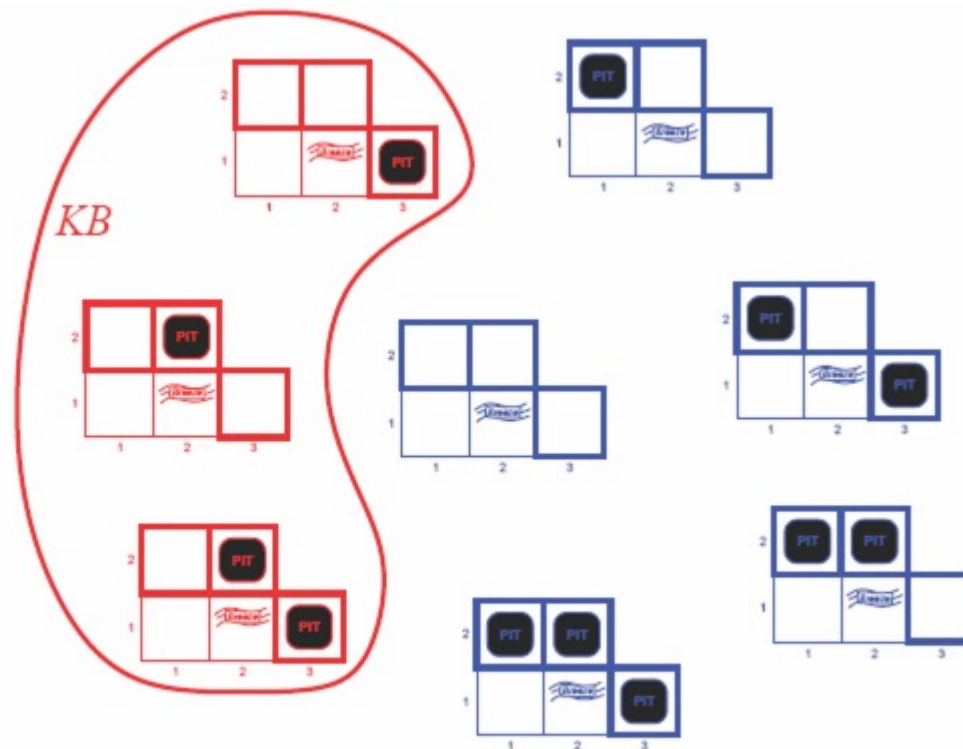


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Following the wumpus-world rules, in which models the KB corresponding to the observations of nothing in [1,1] and breeze in [2,1] is true?

# Potential Models Of The Wumpus World



$KB$  = wumpus-world rules + observations

# Logical Representation

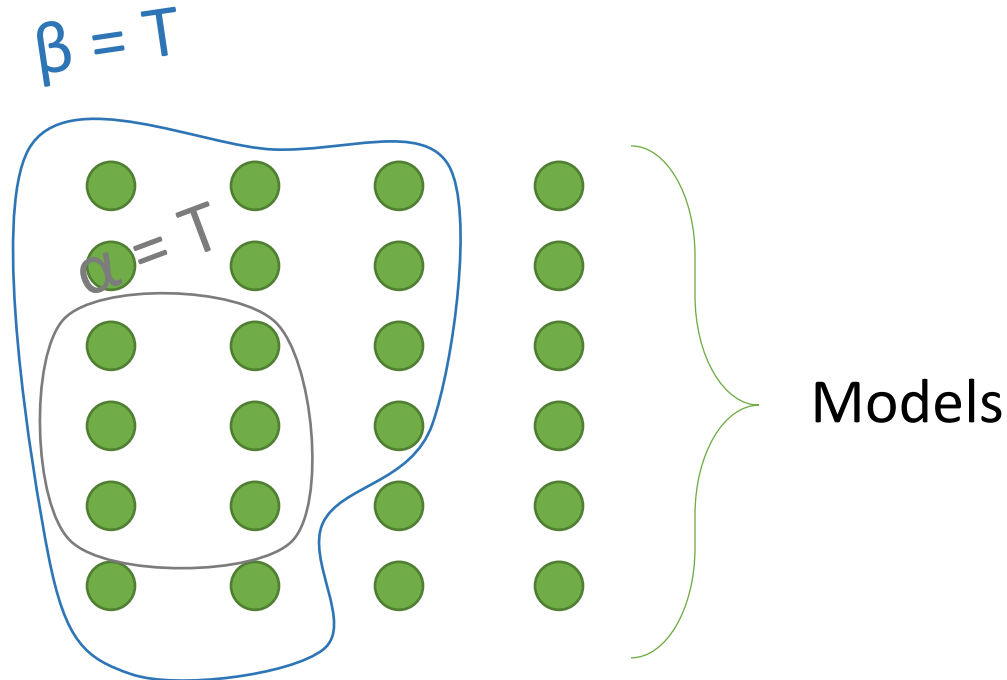
- **Entailment:** Logical reasoning requires the relation of logical entailment between sentences.  $\Rightarrow$  « a sentence follows logically from another sentence ».

Mathematical notation:  $\alpha \models \beta$  ( $\alpha$  entails the sentence  $\beta$ )

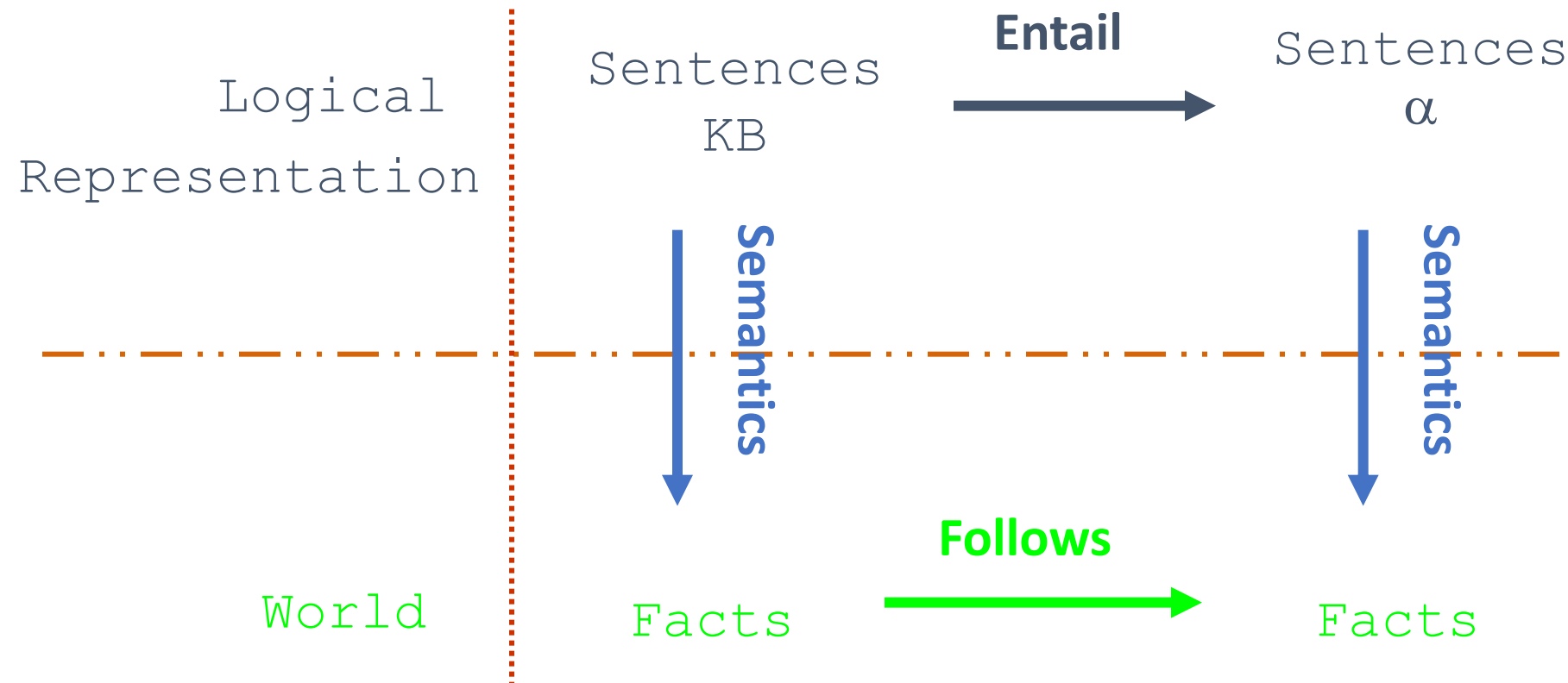
- Formal definition:  $\alpha \models \beta$  if and only if in every model in which  $\alpha$  is true,  $\beta$  is also true. (The truth of  $\alpha$  is contained in the truth of  $\beta$ ).

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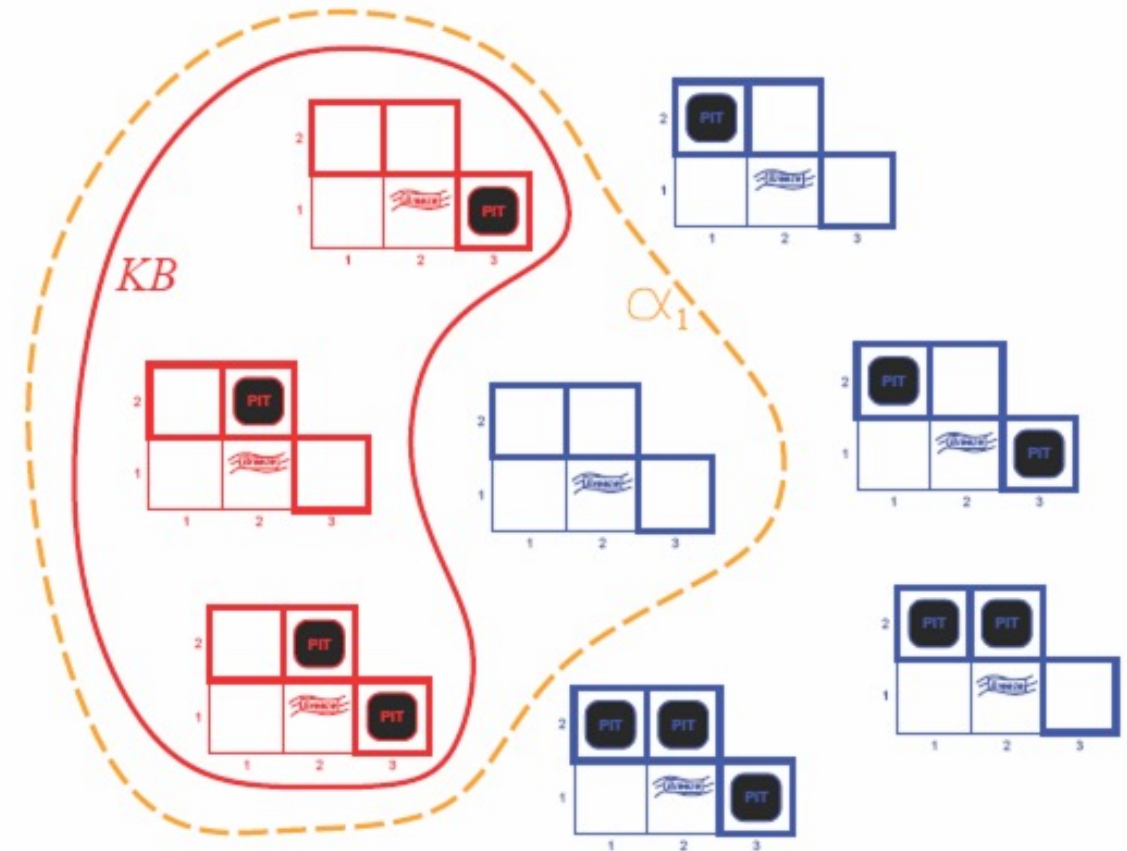


Logical reasoning should ensure that the **new configurations** represent aspects of the world that actually **follow from** the aspects that the **old configurations** represent.

# Entailment

- **KB:** breeze in [2,1]
- $\alpha_1$  : [1,2] is safe
- In every model in which KB is True,  $\alpha_1$  is also True, therefore:  

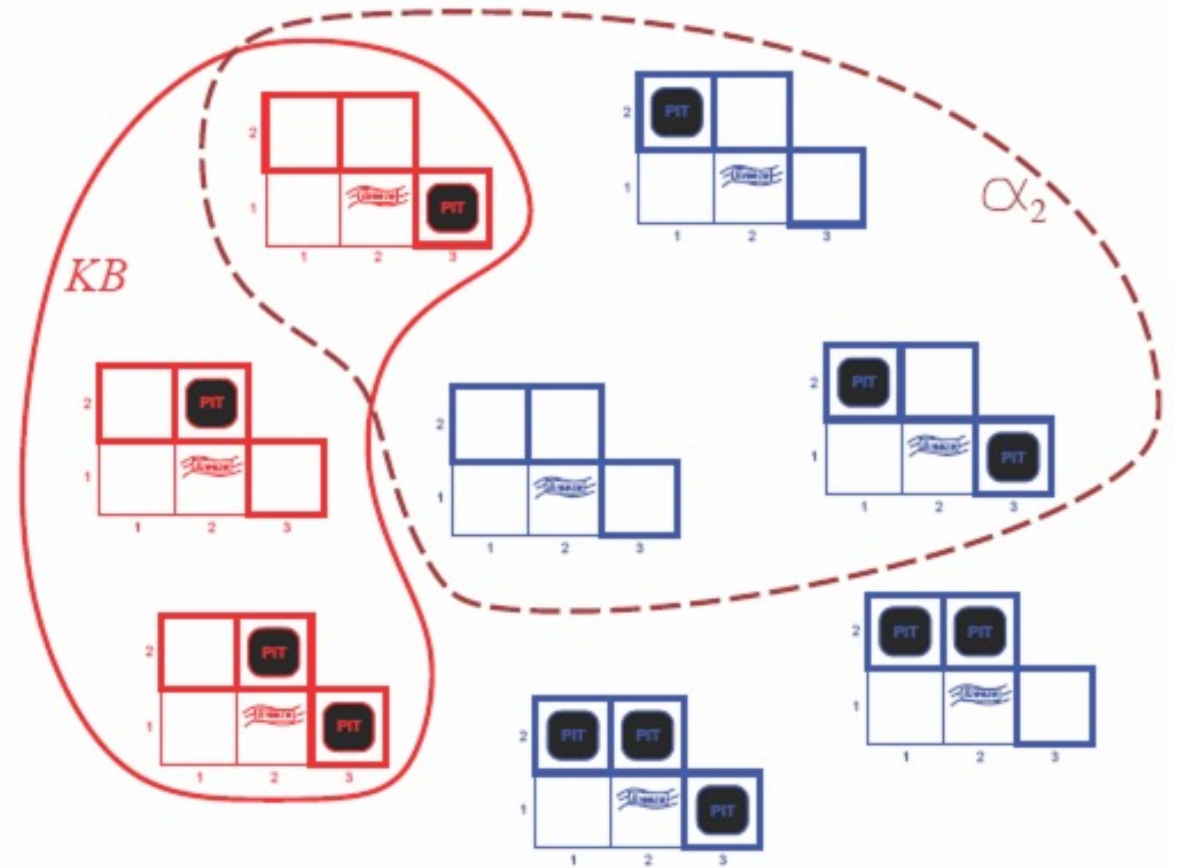
$$KB \models \alpha_1$$



# Entailment

- **KB:** breeze in [2,1]
- $\alpha_2$  : [2,2] is safe
- There are models in which KB is True, and  $\alpha_2$  is *not* True, therefore:

$$KB \not\models \alpha_2$$





# Model Checking

- The previous examples **not** only illustrate **entailment**, but also shows how **entailment** can be applied to ***derive conclusions*** or to carry out ***logical inference***
- The inference algorithm we used, is called **Model Checking**
- **Model checking**: Enumerates **all possible models** to check that  $\alpha$  is true in **all models** in which KB is true.

Mathematical notation:  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$

Where:  $i$  is the **inference algorithm** used.

The notation says:

- $\alpha$  is derived from KB by  $i$
- or  $i$  derives  $\alpha$  from KB.

# Entailment And Inference

- All consequence of KB is a **haystack**
- $\alpha$  is a **needle**
- Entailment:  
The needle in the haystack
- Inference:  
Finding the needle



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- An **inference procedure** can do two things:
  - Given KB, **generate new sentence  $\alpha$**  purported to be **entailed by KB**.
  - Given KB and  $\alpha$ , report **whether or not**  $\alpha$  is entailed by KB.
- **Sound or truth preserving:** inference algorithm that derives **only entailed sentences**.
  - $i$  is sound if: Whenever  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$ , it is also true that  $KB \models \alpha$
- **Completeness:** an inference algorithm is complete, if it can derive **any sentence that is entailed**.
  - $i$  is complete if: Whenever  $KB \models \alpha$ , it is also true that  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$

# Knowledge Representation & Reasoning



- **Soundness:** if the system proves that something is true, then it really is true. The system **doesn't derive contradictions**
- **Completeness:** if something is really true, **it can be proven using the system.** The system can be used to derive all the true mathematical statements one by one

# Propositional Logic

- Propositional logic is the *simplest logic*.
- Statements are made by propositions; declarative statements which are either true or false
- For example:
  - It is Sunday.
  - The Sun rises from West (False proposition)
  - $3+3=7$  (False proposition)
  - 5 is a prime number.

# Propositional Logic

**Syntax:** It defines the allowable sentences.

1. Atomic sentence:

- **Single proposition symbol.**

- uppercase names for symbols must have some mnemonic value: example  $W_{1,3}$  to say the Wumpus is in  $[1,3]$ .

- **True and False:** proposition symbols with fixed meaning.

2. Complex sentences:

- they are **constructed** from simpler sentences using logical connectives.
  - E.g. "It is raining today, and street is wet."

# Propositional Logic

## Logical connectives:

- $\neg$  (NOT) negation.
- $\wedge$  (AND) conjunction, operands are conjuncts.
- $\vee$  (OR), operands are disjuncts.
- $\Rightarrow$  (Implication or conditional) It is also known as rule or if-then statement.
- $\Leftrightarrow$  if and only if (biconditional).

# Propositional Logic

- Logical **constants** TRUE and FALSE are sentences.
- **Proposition symbols** P1, P2 etc. are sentences.
- Symbols **P1** and negated symbols  $\neg \mathbf{P1}$  are called **literals**.
- If S is a sentence,  $\neg S$  is a sentence (NOT).
- If S1 and S2 is a sentence,  $S1 \wedge S2$  is a sentence (AND).
- If S1 and S2 is a sentence,  $S1 \vee S2$  is a sentence (OR).
- If S1 and S2 is a sentence,  $S1 \Rightarrow S2$  is a sentence (Implies).
- If S1 and S2 is a sentence,  $S1 \Leftrightarrow S2$  is a sentence (Equivalent).



# Propositional Logic

A **BNF(Backus-Naur Form)** grammar of sentences in propositional Logic is defined by the following rules:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textit{Sentence} &\rightarrow \textit{AtomicSentence} \mid \textit{ComplexSentence} \\
 \textit{AtomicSentence} &\rightarrow \text{True} \mid \text{False} \mid \textit{Symbol} \\
 \textit{Symbol} &\rightarrow P \mid Q \mid R \dots \\
 \textit{ComplexSentence} &\rightarrow \neg \textit{Sentence} \\
 &\mid (\textit{Sentence} \Rightarrow \textit{Sentence}) \\
 &\mid (\textit{Sentence} \Leftrightarrow \textit{Sentence}) \\
 &\mid (\textit{Sentence} \wedge \textit{Sentence}) \\
 &\mid (\textit{Sentence} \vee \textit{Sentence})
 \end{aligned}$$

# Propositional Logic

## Order of precedence

From highest to lowest:

parenthesis ( Sentence )

- NOT  $\neg$
  - AND  $\wedge$
  - OR  $\vee$
  - Implies  $\Rightarrow$
  - Biconditional  $\Leftrightarrow$
- 
- Special cases:  $A \vee B \vee C$  no parentheses are needed
  - What about  $A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C$ ???

# Propositional Logic

- Semantic: it defines the **rules** for determining the truth of a sentence with respect to a particular model.

How to compute the **truth value** of any sentence given a **model**?

# Propositional Logic

Sentences

4 Models	P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
	False	False	True	False	False	True	True
	False	True	True	False	True	True	False
	True	False	False	False	True	False	False
	True	True	False	True	True	True	True

✓ Most sentences are **sometimes true**.

$$P \wedge Q$$

✓ Some sentences are **always true** (valid).

$$\neg P \vee P$$

✓ Some sentences are **never true** (unsatisfiable).

$$\neg P \wedge P$$

**$P \vee Q$  is True in 3 models:**

$$P = F \ \& \ Q = T$$

$$P = T \ \& \ Q = F$$

$$P = T \ \& \ Q = T$$

# Propositional Logic

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
False	False	True
False	True	True
True	False	False
True	True	True

Implication:  $P \Rightarrow Q$

“If P is True, then Q is true; otherwise I’m making no claims about the truth of Q.”  
(Or:  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is equivalent to  $\neg P \vee Q$ )

Under this definition, the following statement is true

$\text{Pigs\_fly} \Rightarrow \text{Everyone\_gets\_an\_A}$

Since “Pigs\_Fly” is false, the statement is true irrespective of the truth of  
“Everyone\_gets\_an\_A”. [Or is it? Correct inference only when “Pigs\_Fly” is known  
to be false.]

# Propositional Logic

## Propositional Inference:

Using Enumeration Method (Model checking)

- Let  $\alpha = A \vee B$  and

$$KB = (A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee \neg C)$$

- Is it the case that  $KB \models \alpha$ ?
- Check all possible models --  $\alpha$  must be true whenever  $KB$  is true.

A	B	C	KB $(A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee \neg C)$	$\alpha$ $A \vee B$
False	False	False	False	False
False	False	True	False	False
False	True	False	False	True
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# Propositional Logic



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KB  $\models$   $\alpha$



# Propositional Logic: Proof methods

## 1. Model checking

- Truth table enumeration (sound and complete for propositional logic).
- For  $n$  symbols, the number of modules is  $2^n$ , the time complexity is  $O(2^n)$ .
- Need a smarter way to do inference

## 2. 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. How?

# Validity and Satisfiability

- A sentence is **valid** (a tautology) if it is true in all models  
e.g., *True*,  $A \vee \neg A$ ,  $A \Rightarrow A$ ,
- **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.,  $A \vee B$
- A sentence is **unsatisfiable** if it is false in **all** 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*  
(there is no model for which  $KB = \text{true}$  and  $\alpha$  is false)

# Propositional Logic: Inference rules

An inference rule is **sound** if the conclusion is true in all cases where the premises are true.

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

Premise

Conclusion

# Propositional Logic: Inference rules

## An inference rule: Modus Ponens

- From an implication and the premise of the implication, you can infer the conclusion.

$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \quad \alpha \quad \text{Premise}}{\beta \quad \text{Conclusion}}$$

### Example:

“raining implies soggy courts”, “raining”

Infer: “soggy courts”

# Propositional Logic: Inference rules

## An inference rule: Modus Tollens

- if a conditional statement (“if  $\alpha$  then  $\beta$ ”) is accepted, and the consequent does not hold ( *not*  $\beta$  ), then the negation of the antecedent ( *not*  $\alpha$  ) can be inferred.

$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \neg \beta \quad \text{premise}}{\neg \alpha} \quad \text{Conclusion inferred}$$

### Example:

“raining implies soggy courts”, “courts not soggy”

Infer: “not raining”

# Propositional Logic: Inference rules

## An inference rule: AND elimination

- From a conjunction, you can infer any of the conjuncts.

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}{\alpha_i} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Premise} \\ \text{Conclusion} \end{array}$$

# Propositional Logic: Inference rules

other inference rules...

- **And-Introduction**

$$\frac{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n}{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge \dots \alpha_n}$$

Premise

Conclusion

- **Double Negation**

$$\frac{\neg \neg \alpha}{\alpha}$$

Premise

Conclusion

# Propositional Logic: Equivalence rules

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

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



# Propositional Logic: CNF & DNF

Other approaches to inference use syntactic operations on sentences, often expressed in standardized forms

## Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF—universal)

*conjunction of disjunctions of literals*  
*clauses*

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

## Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF—universal)

*disjunction of conjunctions of literals*  
*terms*

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

## Horn Form (restricted)

*conjunction of Horn clauses (clauses with  $\leq 1$  positive literal)*

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

Often written as set of implications:

$B \Rightarrow A$  and  $(C \wedge D) \Rightarrow B$

# Inference In Wumpus World

- Let  $S_{i,j}$  be true if there is a stench in cell  $i,j$
- Let  $B_{i,j}$  be true if there is a breeze in cell  $i,j$
- Let  $W_{i,j}$  be true if there is a Wumpus in cell  $i,j$

Given:

1.  $\neg B_{1,1} \rightarrow \text{observation}$
2.  $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \rightarrow \text{from Wumpus World rules}$

Let's make some inferences:

1.  $(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$  (By definition of the biconditional)
2.  $(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1}$  (And-elimination)
3.  $\neg B_{1,1} \Rightarrow \neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$  (equivalence with contrapositive)
4.  $\neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$  (modus ponens)
5.  $\neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1}$  (DeMorgan's rule)
6.  $\neg P_{1,2}, \neg P_{2,1}$  (And Elimination)

2	OK?	
1	OK	OK?
	1	2

# Inference in Wumpus World

## Initial KB

### Percept Sentences

$\neg S_{1,1}$                        $\neg B_{1,1}$   
 $S_{2,1}$                           $\neg B_{1,2}$   
 $\neg S_{1,2}$                           $B_{2,1}$   
 ...

### Environment Knowledge

$R_1: \neg S_{1,1} \Rightarrow \neg W_{1,1} \wedge \neg W_{2,1} \wedge \neg W_{1,2}$   
 $R_2: S_{2,1} \Rightarrow W_{1,1} \vee W_{2,1} \vee W_{2,2} \vee W_{3,1}$   
 $R_3: \neg B_{1,1} \Rightarrow \neg P_{1,1} \wedge \neg P_{2,1} \wedge \neg P_{1,2}$   
 $R_5: B_{1,2} \Rightarrow P_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{1,3}$   
 ...

Some inferences:

Apply **Modus Ponens** to  $R_1$

Add to KB

$$\neg W_{1,1} \wedge \neg W_{2,1} \wedge \neg W_{1,2}$$

Apply to this **AND-Elimination**

Add to KB

$$\neg W_{1,1}$$

$$\neg W_{2,1}$$

$$\neg W_{1,2}$$

# Inference In Wumpus World

$B_{1,2} \Leftrightarrow P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{1,3}$  (From Wumpus world rules)

$(B_{1,2} \Rightarrow P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{1,3}) \wedge (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{1,3} \Rightarrow B_{1,2})$  (Biconditional elimination)

$(P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{1,3} \Rightarrow B_{1,2})$  (And-Elimination)

$\neg B_{1,2} \Rightarrow \neg (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{1,3})$  (Contraposition)

$\neg B_{1,2} \Rightarrow \neg P_{1,1} \wedge \neg P_{2,2} \wedge \neg P_{1,3}$  (De Morgan)

Recall that when we were at (1,2) we could not decide on a safe move, so we backtracked, and explored (2,1), which yielded  $\neg B_{1,2}$

Using  $(\neg B_{1,2} \Rightarrow \neg P_{1,1} \wedge \neg P_{1,3} \wedge \neg P_{2,2})$  &  $\neg B_{1,2}$

this yields to:

$\neg P_{1,1} \wedge \neg P_{1,3} \wedge \neg P_{2,2}$  (Modes Ponens)

$\neg P_{1,1}, \neg P_{1,3}, \neg P_{2,2}$  (And-Elimination)

3	W?		
2	S	P? W?	
1	OK	B	P?
	1	2	3

- Now we can consider the implications of B2,1.

# Inference In Wumpus World

1.  $B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$
  2.  $B_{2,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}) \wedge (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}) \Rightarrow B_{2,1}$  (*biconditional Elimination*)
  3.  $B_{2,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$  (*And-Elimination*) +  $B_{2,1}$
  4.  $P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}$  (*modus ponens*)
  5.  $P_{1,1} \vee P_{3,1}$  (**resolution rule** because no pit in (2,2)  $\neg P_{2,2}$ )
  6.  $P_{3,1}$  (**resolution rule** because no pit in (1,1)  $\neg P_{1,1}$ )
- **The resolution rule:** if there is a pit in (1,1) or (3,1), and it's not in (1,1), then it's in (3,1).

$$P_{1,1} \vee P_{3,1}, \neg P_{1,1}$$


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$$P_{3,1}$$

# Resolution

Unit Resolution inference rule:

$$\frac{l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_k, m}{l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee l_k}$$

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

# Resolution

**Full resolution inference rule:**

$$\frac{l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_k, \quad m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_n}{l_1 \vee \dots \vee l_{i-1} \vee l_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee l_k \vee m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n}$$

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

# Resolution

For simplicity let's consider clauses of length two:

$$l_1 \vee l_2, \neg l_2 \vee l_3$$

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$$l_1 \vee l_3$$

To derive the **soundness of resolution** consider the values  $l_2$  can take:

- If  $l_2$  is **True**, then since we know that  $\neg l_2 \vee l_3$  holds, it must be the case that  $l_3$  is **True**.
- If  $l_2$  is **False**, then since we know that  $l_1 \vee l_2$  holds, it must be the case that  $l_1$  is **True**.



# Resolution

1. Properties of the resolution rule:
  - Sound
  - Complete (yields to a complete inference algorithm).
2. The resolution rule forms **the basis** for a family of complete inference algorithms.
3. Resolution rule is used to either confirm or refute a sentence but it **cannot** be used to enumerate true sentences.

# Resolution

4. Resolution can be applied only to **disjunctions** of literals. How can it lead to a **complete inference procedure** for all propositional logic?
5. Turns out any knowledge base can be expressed as a **conjunction of disjunctions** (conjunctive normal form, CNF).

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

# Resolution: Inference Procedure

6. Inference procedures based on resolution work by using the principle of **proof by contradiction**:

To show that  $KB \models \alpha$  we show that  $(KB \wedge \neg\alpha)$  is unsatisfiable

**The process:** 1. convert  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  to CNF  
2. resolution rule is applied to the resulting clauses.

# Resolution: Inference Procedure

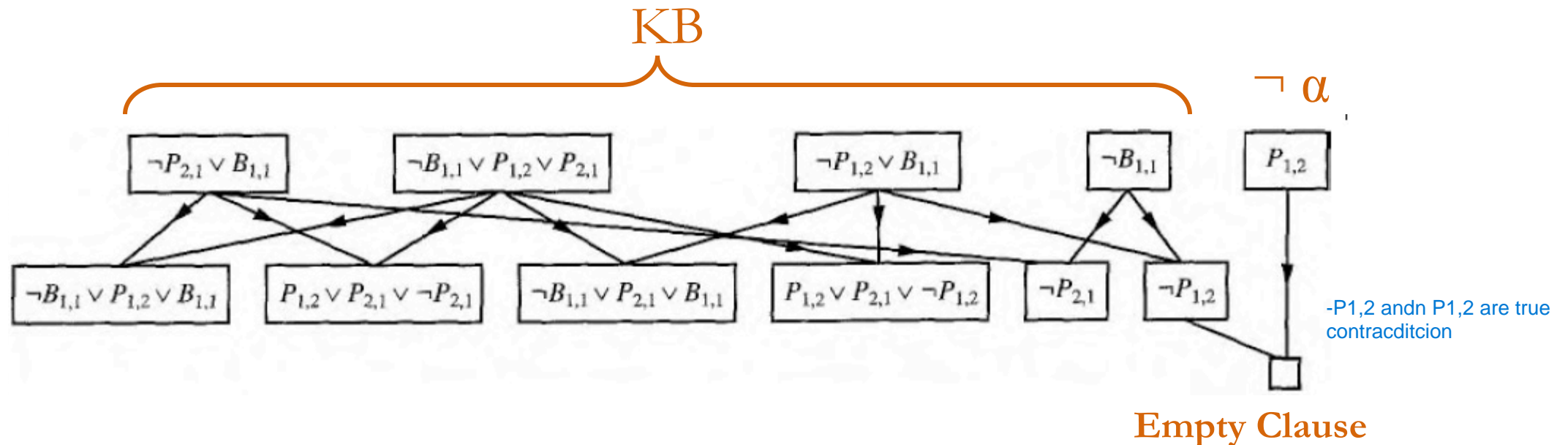
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function PL-RESOLUTION( $KB, \alpha$ ) returns true or false
  inputs:  $KB$ , the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic
            $\alpha$ , the query, a sentence in propositional logic

   $clauses \leftarrow$  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
   $clauses \leftarrow clauses \cup new$ 
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# Resolution: Inference Procedure

Example of proof by contradiction:

- $KB = (B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge \neg B_{1,1}$
- $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$



**Question:** convert  $(KB \wedge \neg \alpha)$  to CNF

# Resolution: Inference Procedure

**Answer:**

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

$$(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1}) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge \neg \neg P_{1,2} \text{ (*biconditional*)}$$

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \vee (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge (\neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge \neg \neg P_{1,2} \text{ (*contrapositive*)}$$

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge ((\neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge \neg \neg P_{1,2} \text{ (*de-morgan*)}$$

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge \neg B_{1,1} \wedge \neg \neg P_{1,2} \text{ (*distributivity*)}$$

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

# Inference For Horn Clauses

- . **Definite clause:** a disjunction of literals of which exactly one is positive.

Example:  $(\neg L_{1,1} \vee \neg \text{Breeze} \vee B_{1,1})$  , so all definite clauses are Horn clauses

- . **Goal clauses:** clauses with no positive literals.
- . **Horn Form (special form of CNF)**

KB = conjunction of Horn clauses

Horn clause = propositional symbol; or

(conjunction of symbols)  $\Rightarrow$  symbol

e.g.,  $C \wedge (B \Rightarrow A) \wedge (C \wedge D \Rightarrow B)$

**Modus Ponens** is a natural way to make **inference in Horn KBs**

# Inference For Horn Clauses

$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \quad \alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n \Rightarrow \beta$$


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$$\beta$$

Successive application of modus ponens leads to algorithms that are **sound and complete**, and run in linear time.



# Inference For Horn Clauses: Forward & Backward Chaining

- Forward chaining is a form of reasoning which start with atomic sentences in the knowledge base and applies inference rules (Modus Ponens) in the forward direction to extract more data until a goal is reached.
- Backward-chaining is a form of reasoning, which starts with the goal and works backward, chaining through rules to find known facts that support the goal.

# Forward Chaining Example

- Assume the KB with the following rules and facts:
- KB:

R1:  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$       F1: A

R2:  $C \wedge D \Rightarrow E$       F2: B

R3:  $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$       F3: D

**Theorem: E ?**

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

# Forward Chaining Example

- Theorem: E
- KB:
- R1:  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$
- R2:  $C \wedge D \Rightarrow E$
- R3:  $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$
- F1: A
- F2: B
- F3: D

# Forward Chaining Example

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- F1: A
- F2: B
- F3: D

Rule R1 is satisfied

- F4: C

# Forward Chaining Example

- Theorem: E
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- R1:  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$
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- R3:  $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$
- F1: A
- F2: B
- F3: D
- F4: C

Rule R2 is satisfied

- F5: E (proof)

# Backward Chaining Example

- Assume the KB with the following rules and facts:
- KB:

R1:  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$       F1: A

R2:  $C \wedge D \Rightarrow E$       F2: B

R3:  $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$       F3: D

**Theorem: E ?**

- Idea: work backwards from the query q: check if q is known already, or prove by backward chaining all premises of some rule concluding q.

# Backward Chaining Example

- Theorem:  $E$
- KB:
- R1:  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$
- R2:  $C \wedge D \Rightarrow E$
- R3:  $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$
- F1:  $A$
- F2:  $B$
- F3:  $D$

# Backward Chaining Example

- Theorem: E

E

- KB:

- R1:  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$

- R2:  $C \wedge D \Rightarrow E$

- R3:  $C \wedge F \Rightarrow G$

- F1: A

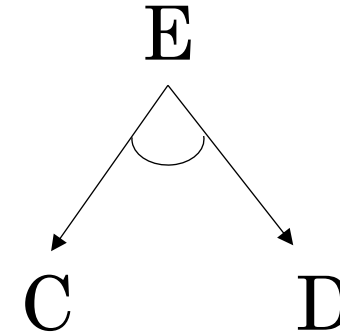
- F2: B

- F3: D



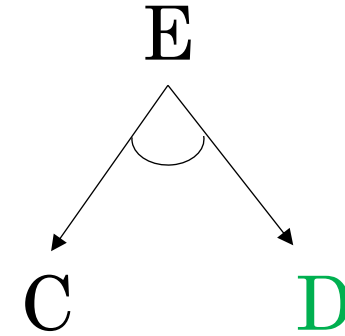
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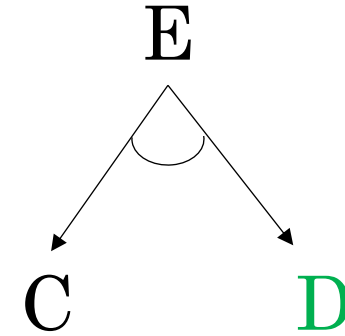
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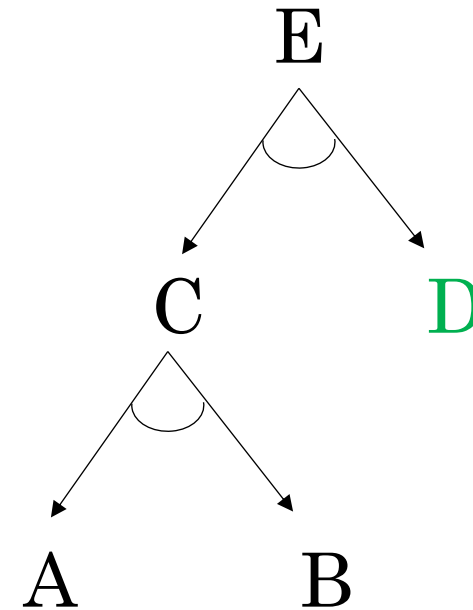
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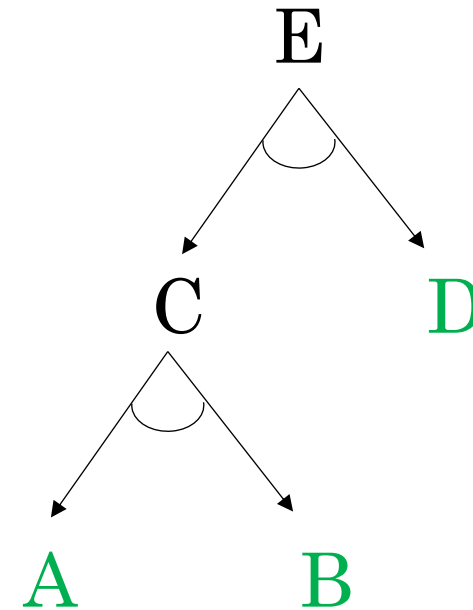
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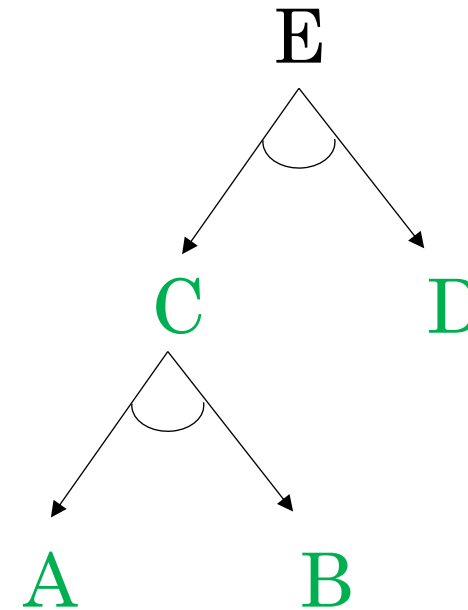
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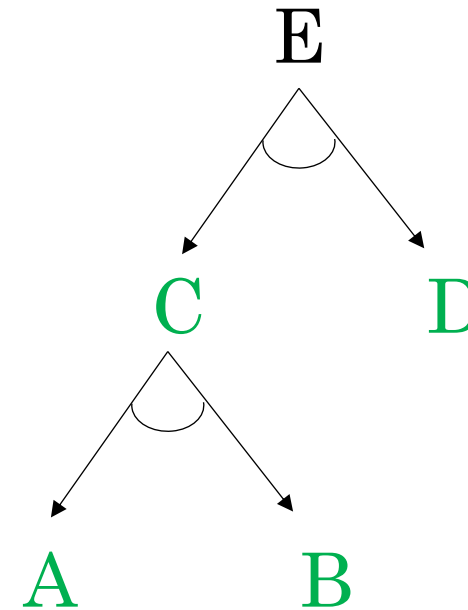
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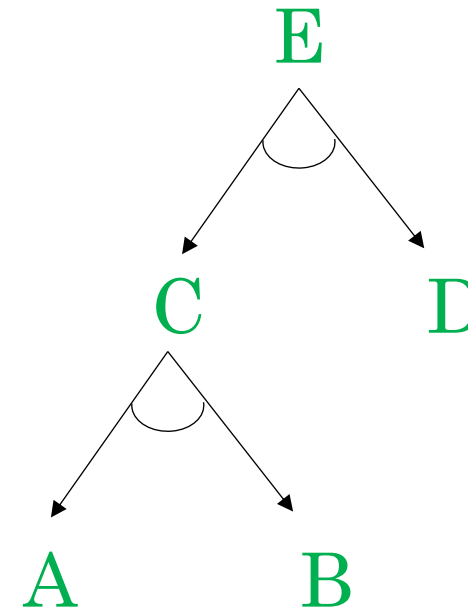
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- F1: A
- F2: B
- F3: D
- F4: C
- F5: E (proof)





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