

# Logical Agents: Knowledge Representation II

CS3243: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence – Lecture 9a



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# Administrative Matters

# Upcoming...

- **Deadlines**
  - **Tutorial Assignment 7** (released last week)
    - Post-tutorial submission: Due this Friday!
  - **Tutorial Assignment 8** (released today)
    - Pre-tutorial Submission: Due this Sunday!
    - Post-tutorial Submission: Due next Friday!
  - **Project 3** (released 14 October)
    - Due in Week 12  
**12 November 2024**

**Final Content Lecture next week!**

- No Lecture in Week 12
- Course Review Lecture in Week 13
  - Includes review of  
Final Exam Paper Structure

Project Consultations:  
Thursdays (1900 hrs) via Zoom

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- Theorem-Proving Methods
- Resolution
- Uncertainty & Recap on Probability

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# Recap on Logical Agents

# Logical Agents

- Agent contains
  - Knowledge Base (KB)
    - Specified in some language (e.g., propositional logic)
  - Inference Engine (IE)
    - Based on sentences that will guide action choice,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$
    - Uses an algorithm that infers  $a_i$  such the  $KB \models a_i$
  - General algorithm
    - Pre-populate KB with domain knowledge
    - Each time step  $t$ :
      - Update KB with percepts
      - Use IE to make inferences
      - Update KB with inferences
      - Select and execute action based on inferences

Remember that there are two forms of “search” taking place

- Solving the problem environment
- Solving the inference problems ( $a$ )

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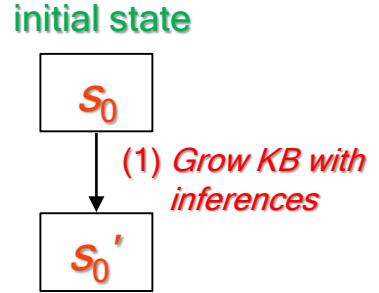
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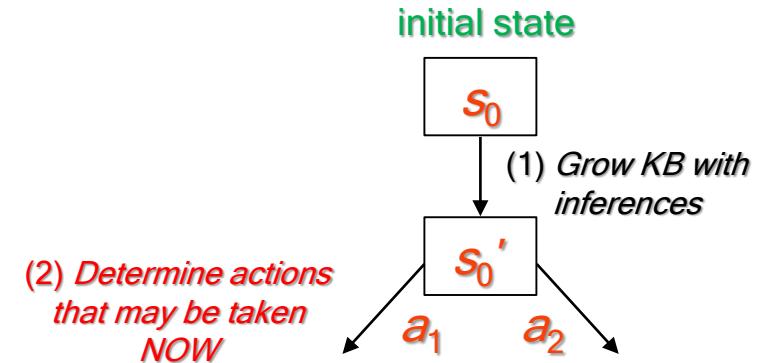
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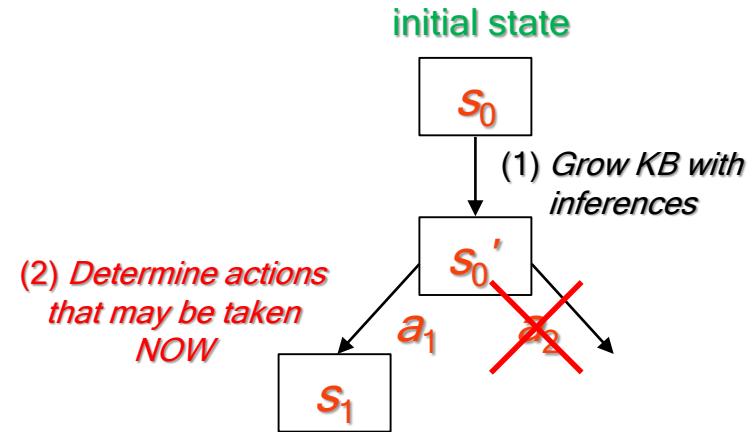
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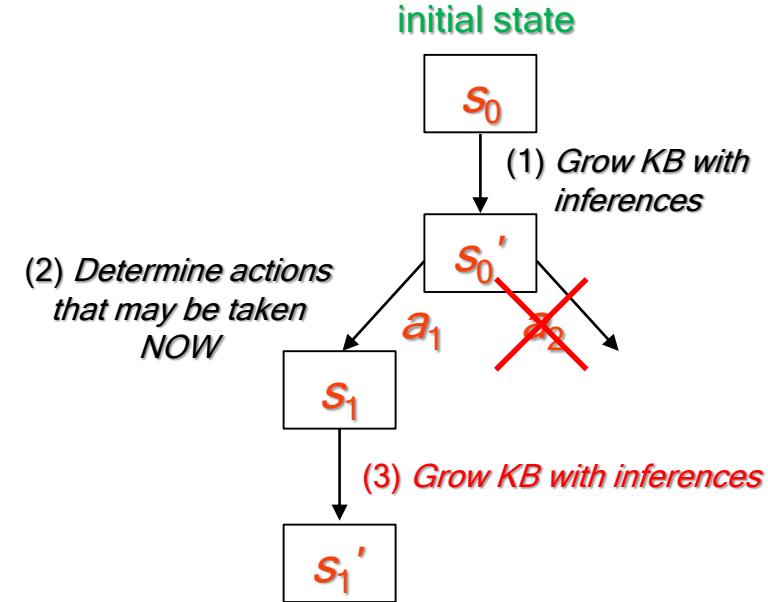
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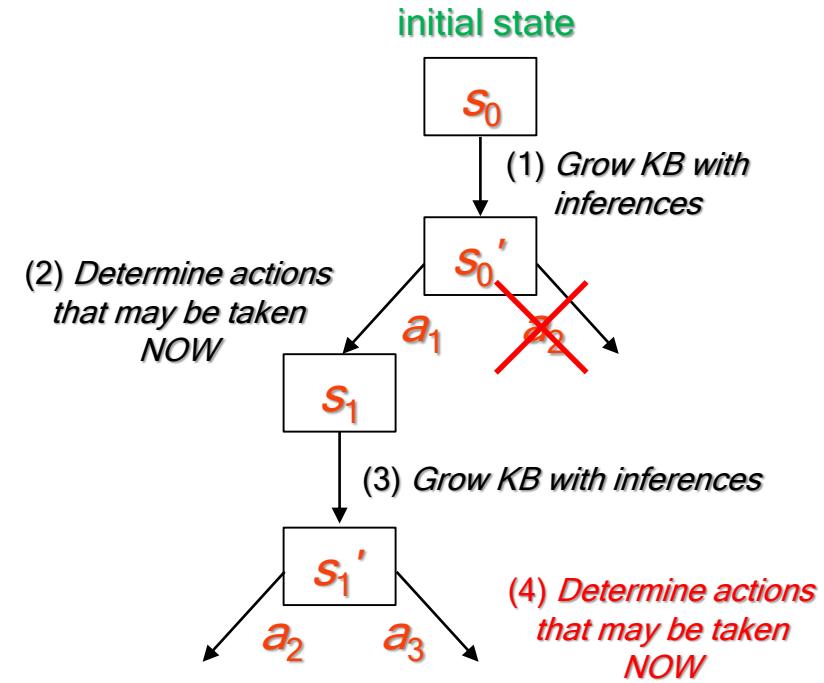
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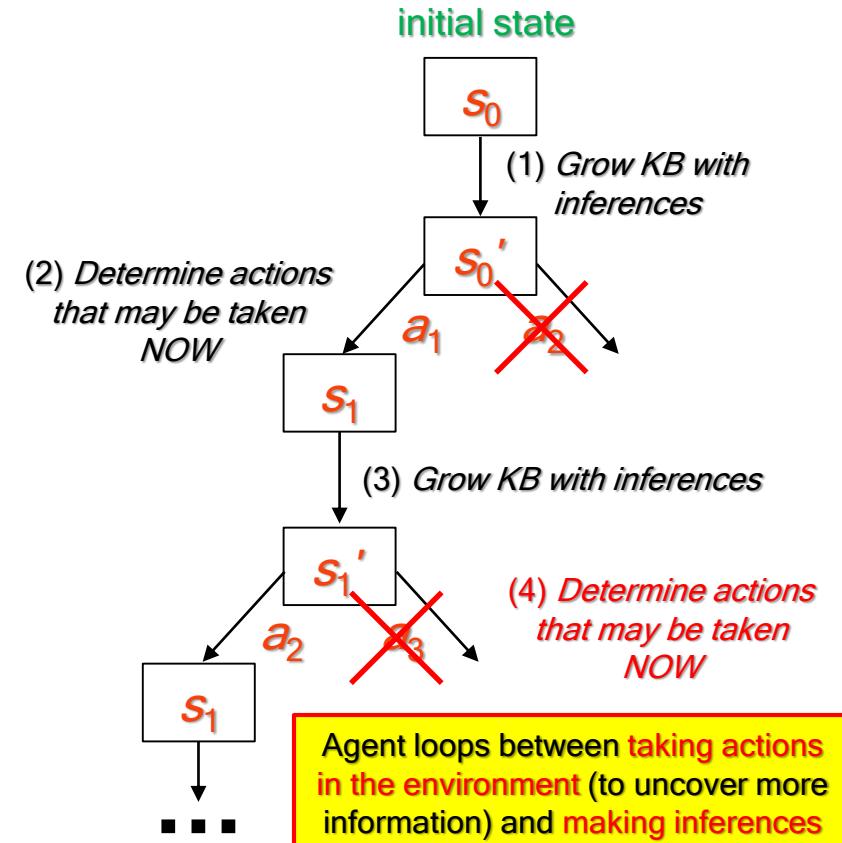
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# Making Inferences

- **Entailment ( $\models$ )**
  - $KB \models \alpha$  means that  $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$ 
    - This says that all value assignments that satisfy the  $KB$  will also satisfy  $\alpha$
    - i.e., whenever  $KB$  is true,  $\alpha$  is true
- **Inference algorithm ( $\mathcal{A}$ )**
  - Sound:  $(KB \vdash_{\mathcal{A}} \alpha) \Rightarrow (KB \models \alpha)$ 
    - $\mathcal{A}$  only infers  $\alpha$  that are valid
  - Complete:  $(KB \models \alpha) \Rightarrow (KB \vdash_{\mathcal{A}} \alpha)$ 
    - $\mathcal{A}$  is able to infer all valid  $\alpha$
- **Inference algorithm example: Truth Table Enumeration**
  - Constructs entire truth table for  $KB$  and  $\alpha$
  - Check (via DFS) that  $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$
  - i.e., every model of  $KB$  is a model of  $\alpha$

**Truth Table Enumeration:**

- Sound and Complete
- Time complexity  $O(2^n)$
- Space complexity  $O(n)$

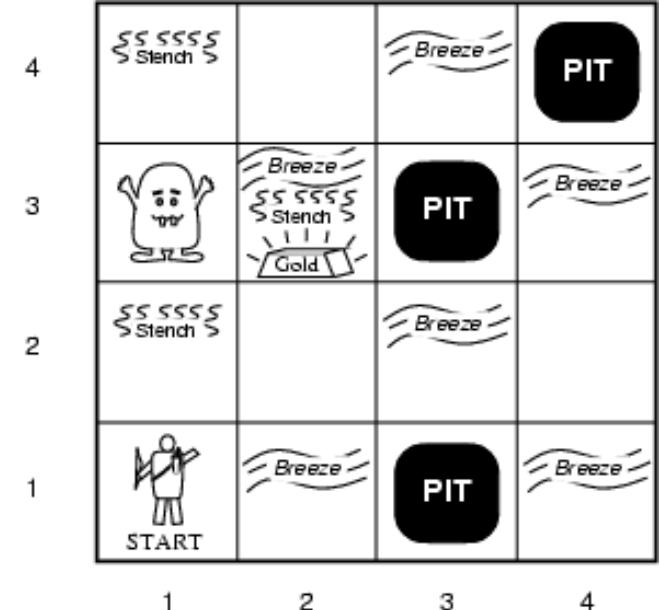
# Lecture Exercise: Wumpus World

- What is the relevant agent function for Wumpus World?

```
// assume global KB
s, gold, safe, togo = (1,1), False, {(1,1),}, {}
while not gold:
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while not at_exit(s):
    goto_exit(safe)
    // i.e., solve path search to
    // exit only using safe cells
exit_dungeon()
```



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# Theorem Proving Methods

# Proof Methods

- Model checking (special case of CSPs where domains are T/F)
  - Truth Table Enumeration (brute-force proof - time complexity exponential in  $n$ )
- Applying inference rules (i.e., theorem proving)
  - Generate new sentences from old
  - Proof = sequential application of inference rules
    - Inference rules help deduce valid actions
    - Proof facilitates efficiency – ignores irrelevant propositions
  - Resolution (inference via proof by contradiction)

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- Satisfiability is connected to entailment via the following:
  - $(KB \vDash \alpha) \Leftrightarrow (KB \wedge \neg \alpha)$  is unsatisfiable
  - i.e., definition of Proof by Contradiction

- $A \Rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B$
- $\neg(\neg A \vee B) \equiv A \wedge \neg B$
- Showing that  $(A \wedge \neg B)$  is unsatisfiable shows that the negation,  $\neg A \vee B$ , is valid!

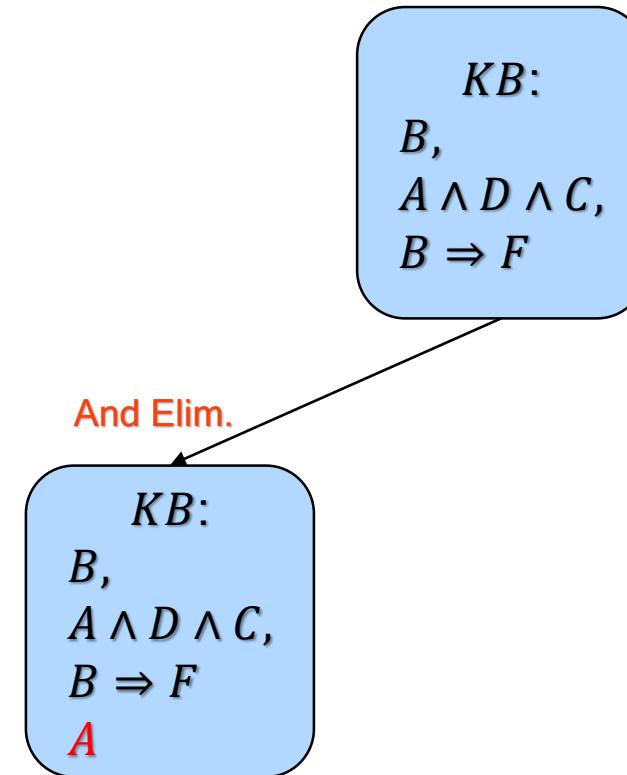
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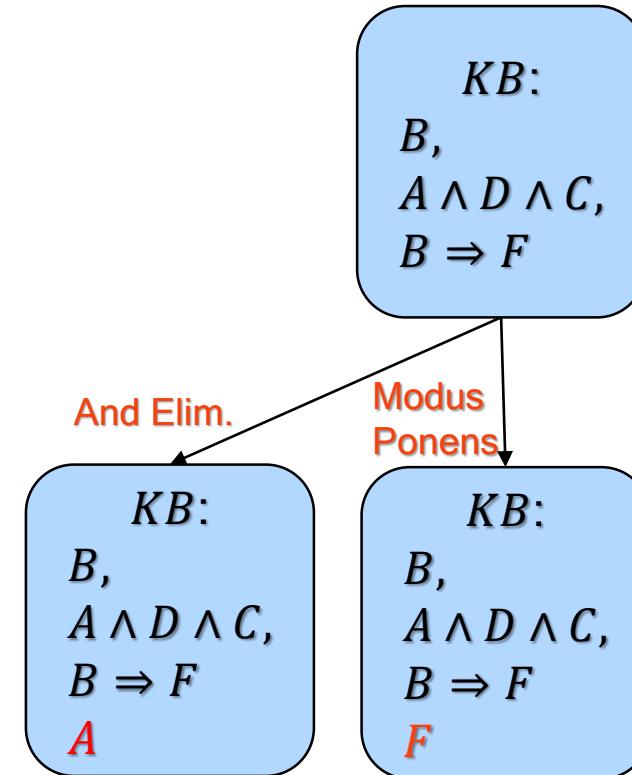
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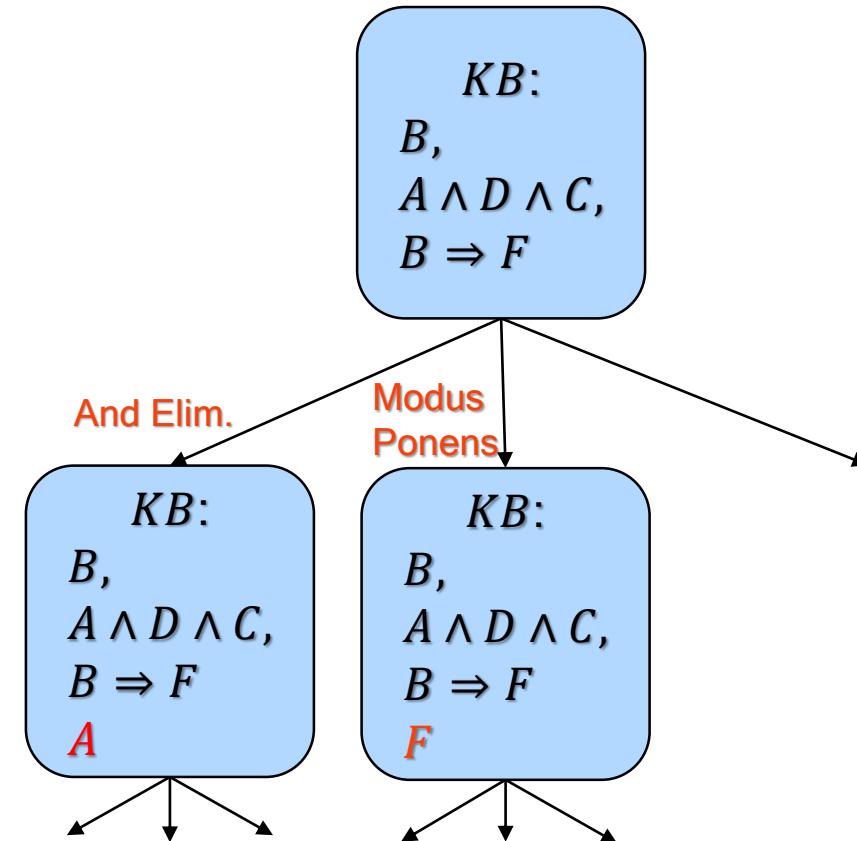
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  - **Logical Equivalences:** e.g.,  $(a \vee b) \vDash \neg(\neg a \wedge \neg b)$

How does this relate to Truth Table Enumeration?



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# Resolution

# Resolution for Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

- CNF = conjunction of disjunctive sentences
  - e.g.,  $(x_1 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3 \vee \neg x_4)$
- Resolution
  - Method of simplifying KB to prove entailment of query  $\alpha$
  - Specifically:
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KB:  $(P \vee x) \wedge (Q \vee \neg x)$

$\alpha$ :  $(P \vee Q)$  must hold?

$x=\text{True}$ ,  $Q$  must be True for KB to hold

$x=\text{False}$ ,  $P$  must be True for KB to hold

Assuming KB=True,  $(P \vee Q)$  must hold!

Verify with truth table as an exercise

(note that we want  $M(\text{KB}) \subseteq M(\alpha)$ ;  
not  $\text{KB} \equiv \alpha$ )

- Resolution under propositional logic is both sound and complete

# Some Rules for Conversion to CNF

- Convert:
  1.  $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  to  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$
  2.  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  to  $\neg\alpha \vee \beta$
- Expand  $\neg$  using De Morgan's and double negation; i.e., convert:
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- Each of these conversions produces two rules in the KB (the others only produce one)

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Eventually, if there is an empty clause, it indicates that the disjunction of no literals holds. A disjunction is True only when at least one literal is true.

So, whole KB is False here since the KB is a conjunction of all rules including the empty clause - i.e., the query  $\neg\alpha$  is unsatisfiable.

We may infer  $\alpha$  (via proof by contradiction).

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Eventually, if there is an empty clause, it indicates that the disjunction of no literals holds. A disjunction is True only when at least one literal is true.

So, whole KB is False here since the KB is a conjunction of all rules including the empty clause - i.e., the query  $\neg\alpha$  is unsatisfiable.

We may infer  $\alpha$  (via proof by contradiction).

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**Why is Resolution under Propositional Logic Sound and Complete?**

**Soundness:**

- Each resolvent is implied by generating clauses
- If  $\emptyset$  is found, then  $(KB \wedge \neg a)$  is unsatisfiable

**Completeness:**

- Based on the idea of resolution closure
  - set of all clauses derivable
- Not covered in CS3243
- Refer to AIMA 4<sup>th</sup> Edition pp. 228-229

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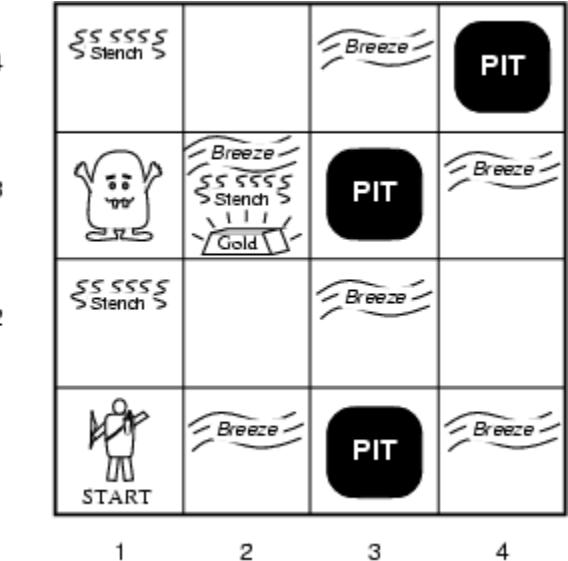
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# Resolution Example

# Resolution Example: Back to Wumpus World

- Assume that agent is at (1,1) in Wumpus World
  - And we wish to make inferences about a pit at (1,2)
  - KB:  $(B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge (\neg B_{1,1})$ 
    - i.e., we know:
      - $R_a$ : rule for breezes
      - $R_b$ : no breeze at (1,1)
  - $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$ 
    - i.e., want to know if we can safely move to (1,2)
  - Can we infer  $\alpha$ ?
    - Use the resolution algorithm to determine if  $(KB \models \alpha)$
    - i.e., use  $(KB \models \alpha) \Leftrightarrow (KB \wedge \neg\alpha)$  is unsatisfiable

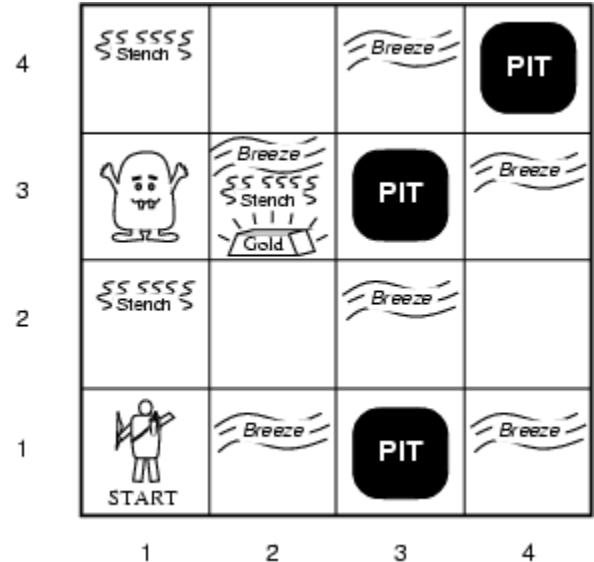
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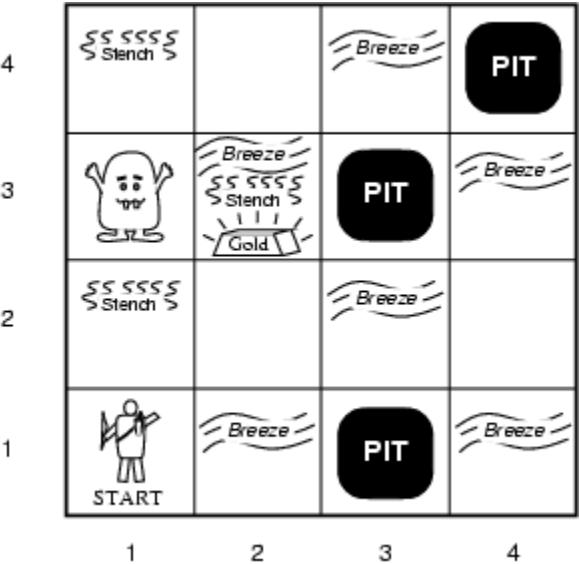
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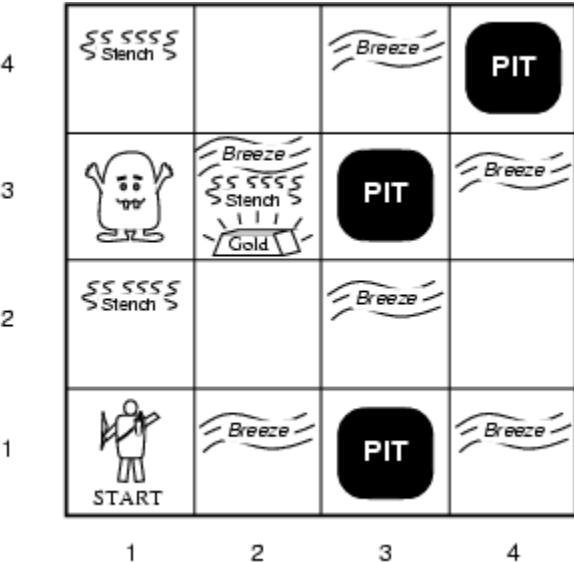
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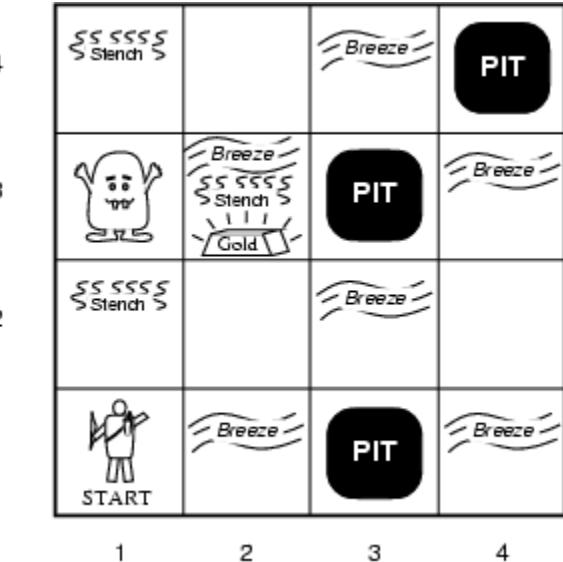
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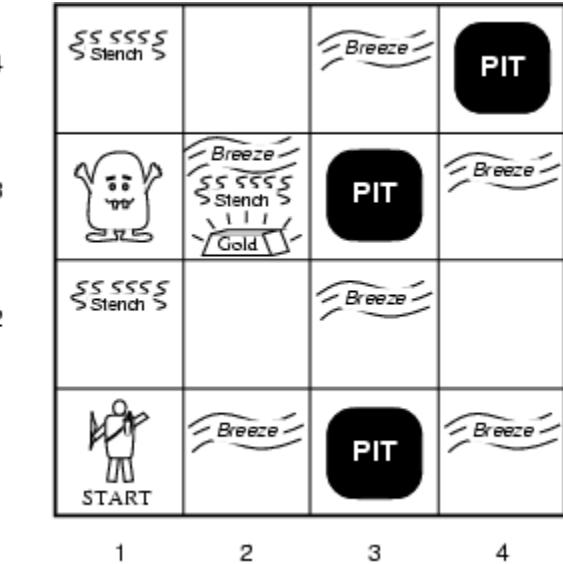


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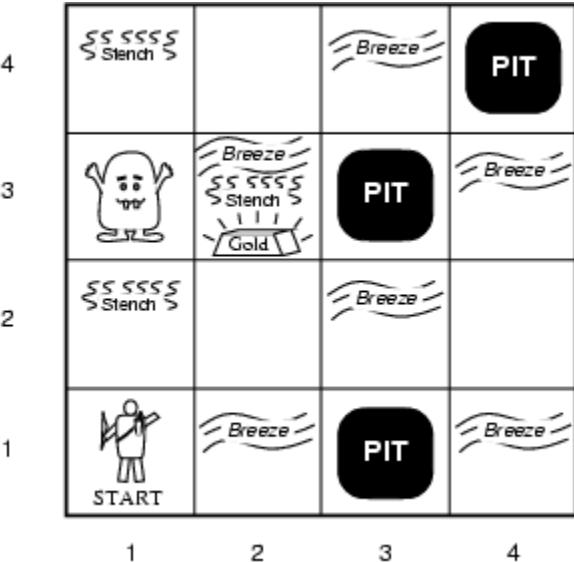
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Now in CNF - as 2 rules

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  - $R_4: \neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}$
  - $R_5: \neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1}$
- Step 3 – Pick two rules and resolve via
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- Step 3a – Reduce  $R_2$  and  $R_4$ 
  - $R_6: B_{1,1}$
- Step 3b – Reduce  $R_1$  and  $R_6$ 
  - $\emptyset$

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i.e.,  $\alpha$  holds when  $KB$  holds; we can infer  $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$

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- Inference algorithms ( $\mathcal{A}$ ) assumes  $\alpha$  is given and decides if  $KB \models \alpha$
- When discussing soundness and completeness of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  
we consider which among any given/input  $\alpha$  that will satisfy  $KB \models \alpha$

# Uncertainty I

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# 7

# Handling Uncertainty

# Recall Stochastic Environments

- When an environment is stochastic:
  - transition(state, action)  
→ probable intermediate states
    - i.e., when taking an action, there is a probability distribution over successor states
  - What causes stochasticity?
    - Partial observability
    - Noisy sensors
    - Uncertainty in action outcomes
    - Complexity in modelling

## Environment Properties

- Deterministic versus stochastic
  - Stochastic → intermediate state cannot be determined based on action taken at a given state
  - Handling uncertainty typically required

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# Uncertainty: An Example

- **Example**
  - Let  $A_t$  denote an autonomous taxi agent's action, where:
    - $A_t$ : leave for airport  $t$  minutes before a flight
    - Will  $A_t$  get me to the airport on time?
- **Sources of uncertainty**
  - Partial observability (e.g., road state, other drivers' plans)
  - Noisy sensors (e.g., traffic reports, fuel sensor)
  - Uncertainty in action outcomes (e.g., flat tire, accident)
  - Complexity in modelling and predicting traffic (e.g., congestion)
- **Agent will probably either**
  - Risk Falsehood – e.g.,  $A_{25}$  will get me there on time
  - Reaches weaker conclusion – e.g.,  $A_{25}$  will get me there on time if
    - There is no accident on the bridge
    - It does not rain
    - I do not get a flat tire

Under logic (certainty), you may require  $A_{1440}$  to reach the airport on time (i.e., stay overnight)

Better to consider the probability of being on time with more reasonable  $t$  ...

# Handling Uncertainty

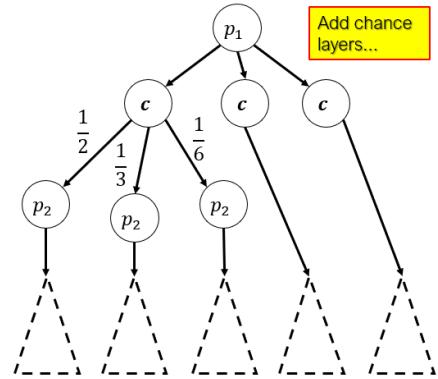
- **Decision Theoretic Agents**

- **Path Planning:** Calculate **highest probably of reaching goal** (since cannot plan deterministically)
- **Game Playing:** Calculate **highest weighted utility** (with weights based on probabilities)

## Stochastic Games

- Many games have randomisation
  - Settlers of Catan
  - Poker
- How do we deal with uncertainty?
  - Can still use Minimax
  - Search tree is larger

Calculate expected value of a state  
(MUCH harder than deterministic games)



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Requires the ability  
to calculate probabilities!

Since probabilities are often associated with **Machine Learning**, one may think that we are now concerned with **Learning Agents**. However, this is **not the case**

The focus in this last topic is on the **Decision Theoretic Agent**, which solves similar problems we have been addressing - i.e., **planning** (Problem-Solving Agent) and **reasoning** (Logical Agent).

From Lecture 7

# 8

# Calculating Probabilities with Bayes' Theorem

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Next week, we will look at various applications of Bayes' Theorem to help define a Decision Theoretic Agent

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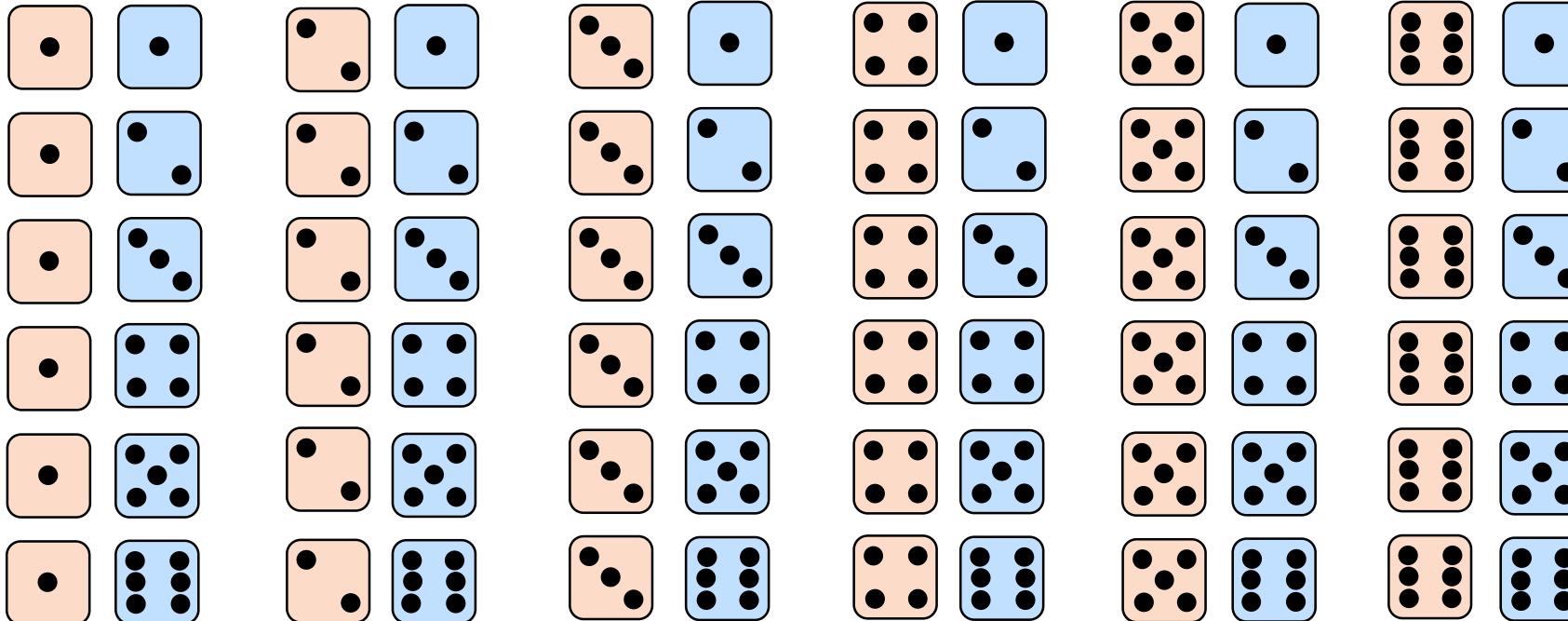
## Appendix: Probability Fundamentals

# Random Variables

- **Random variable ( $X$ )**
  - Quantifies an outcome of a random occurrence
    - e.g., outcome of a coin toss, die roll, or COVID-19 ART
- **Domains ( $D_X$ )**
  - Boolean: coin is either heads or tails (i.e., True or False)
  - Discrete: a die can have values {1, ..., 6}
- **Events**
  - Subsets of domains
    - e.g.,  $\text{Heads}(X)$ : coin flipped to heads
    - e.g.,  $\text{Even}(X)$ : die has value  $\in \{2,4,6\}$

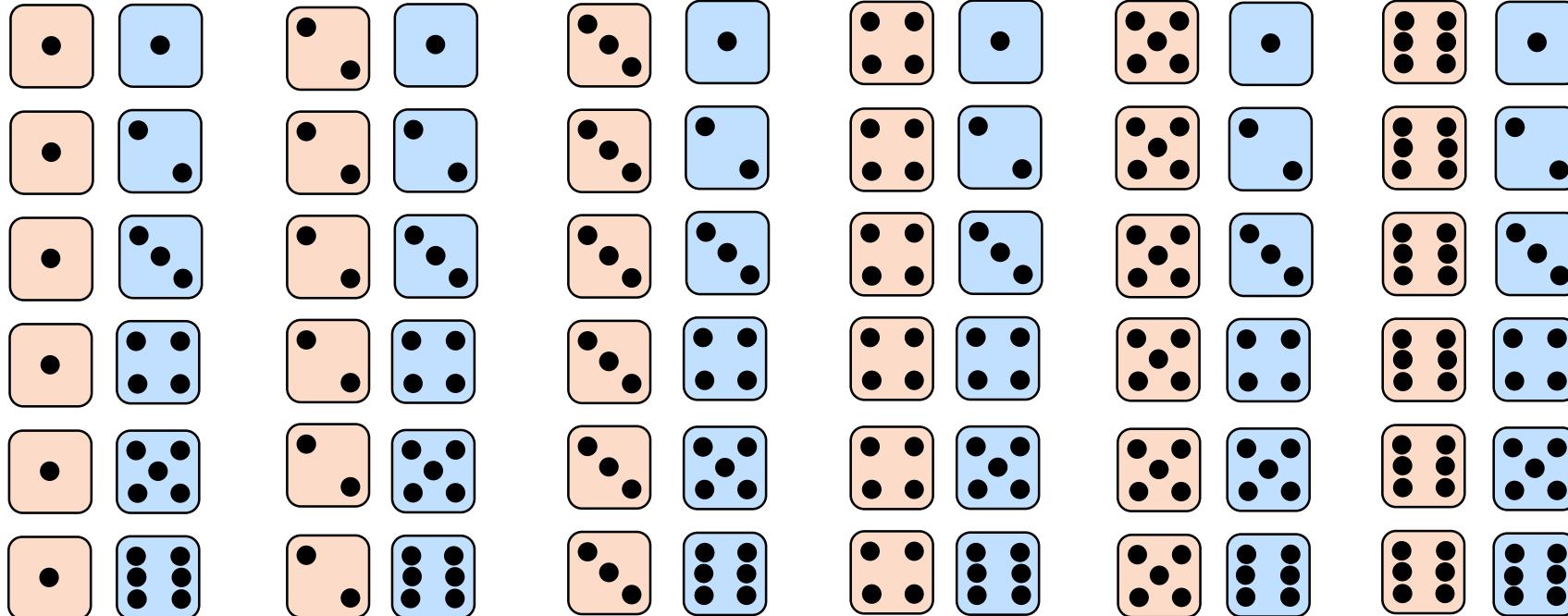
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- **Atomic / singleton event (possible world)**
  - An assignment of a value to each random variable
- **Example – we roll two different dice**



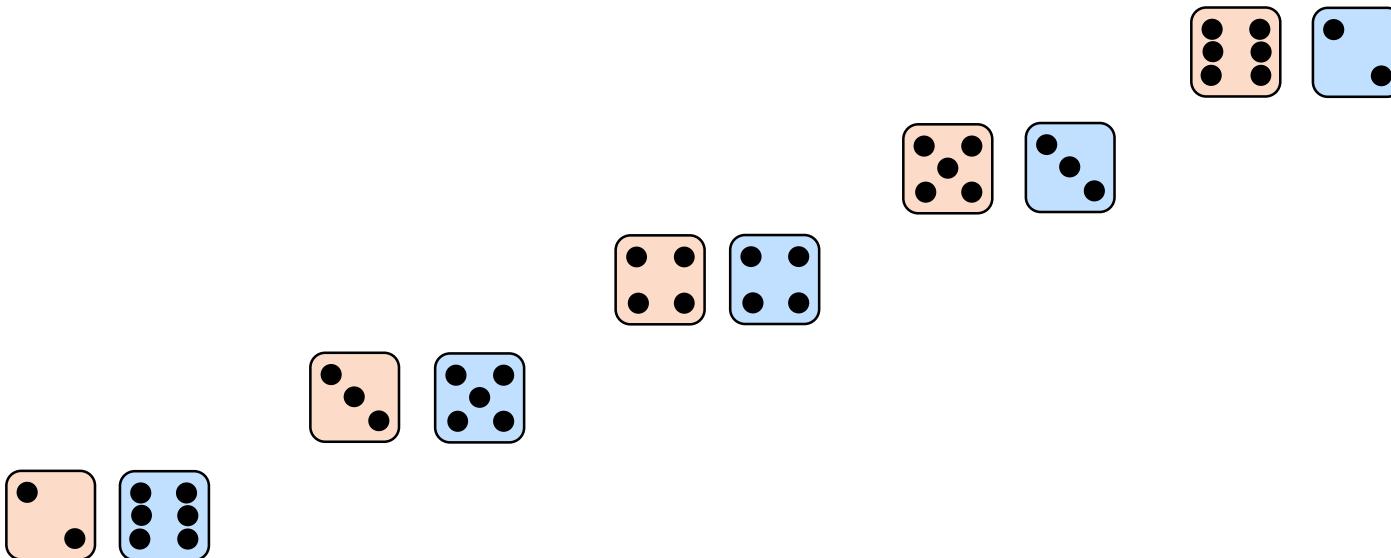
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- Event:  $X_1 + X_2 = 8$



# Axioms of Probability

- Let  $X$  be a random variable with finite domain  $D_X$
- A probability distribution over  $D_X$  assigns a value  $p_X(v) \in [0, 1]$  to every  $v \in D_X$  such that

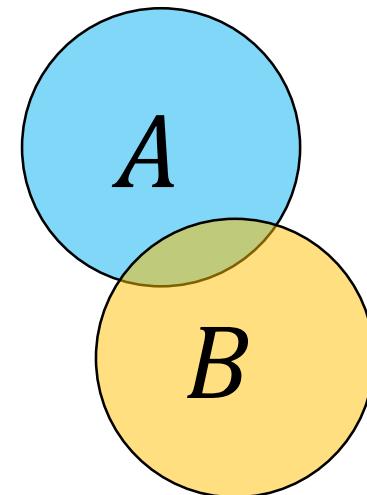
$$\sum_{v \in D_X} p_X(v) = 1$$

- For any event  $A \subseteq D_X$ , we have

$$\Pr[X \subseteq A] \equiv \Pr_X[A] = \sum_{v \in A} p_X(v)$$

- In particular

$$\Pr[A] + \Pr[B] = \Pr[A \cap B] + \Pr[A \cup B]$$



# Joint Probability

- Given two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ 
  - The joint probability of an atomic event  $(x, y) \in D_X \times D_Y$  is  $p_{X,Y}(x, y) = \Pr[X = x \wedge Y = y]$
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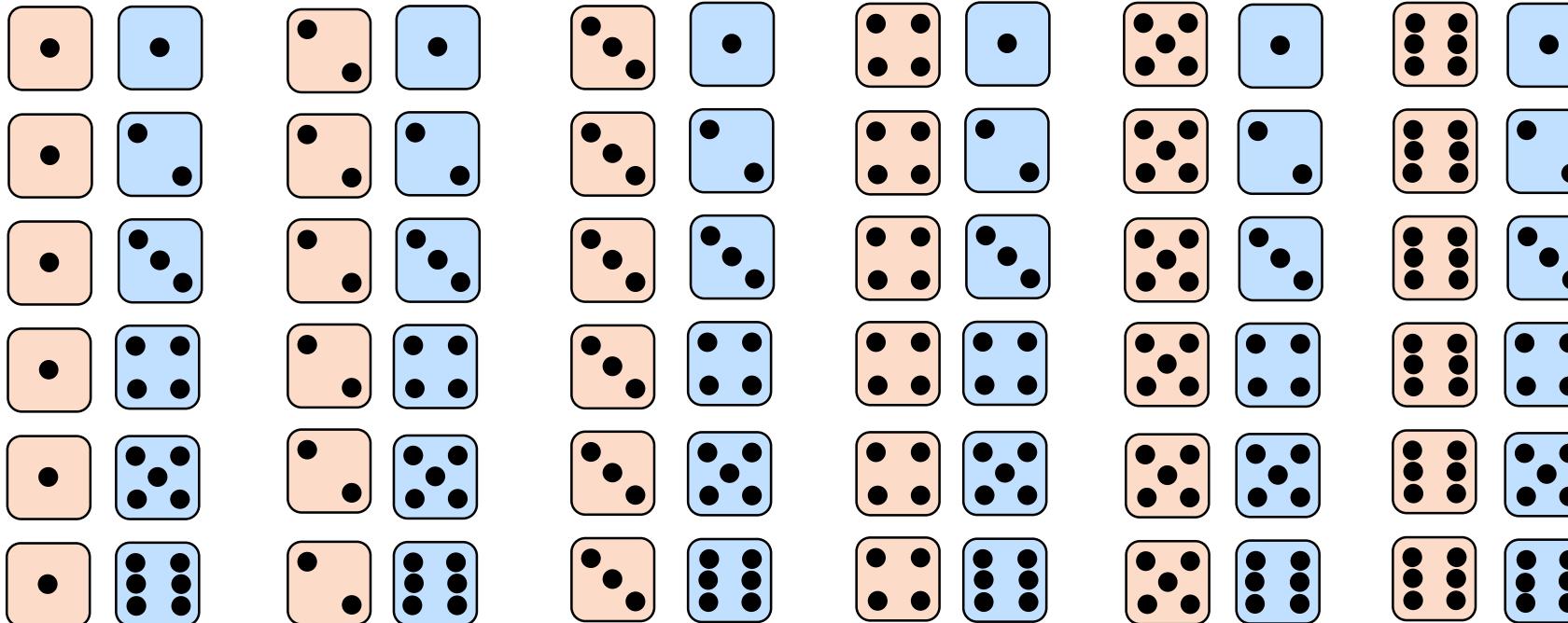
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$$\Pr[Age = (25 - 34)] = 0.051 + 0.068 + 0.051 = 0.17$$

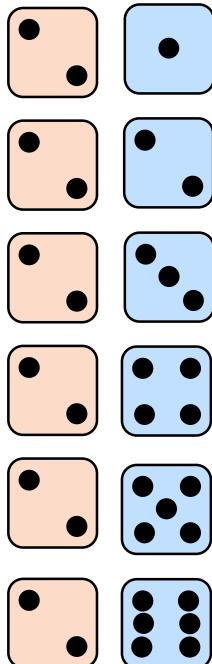
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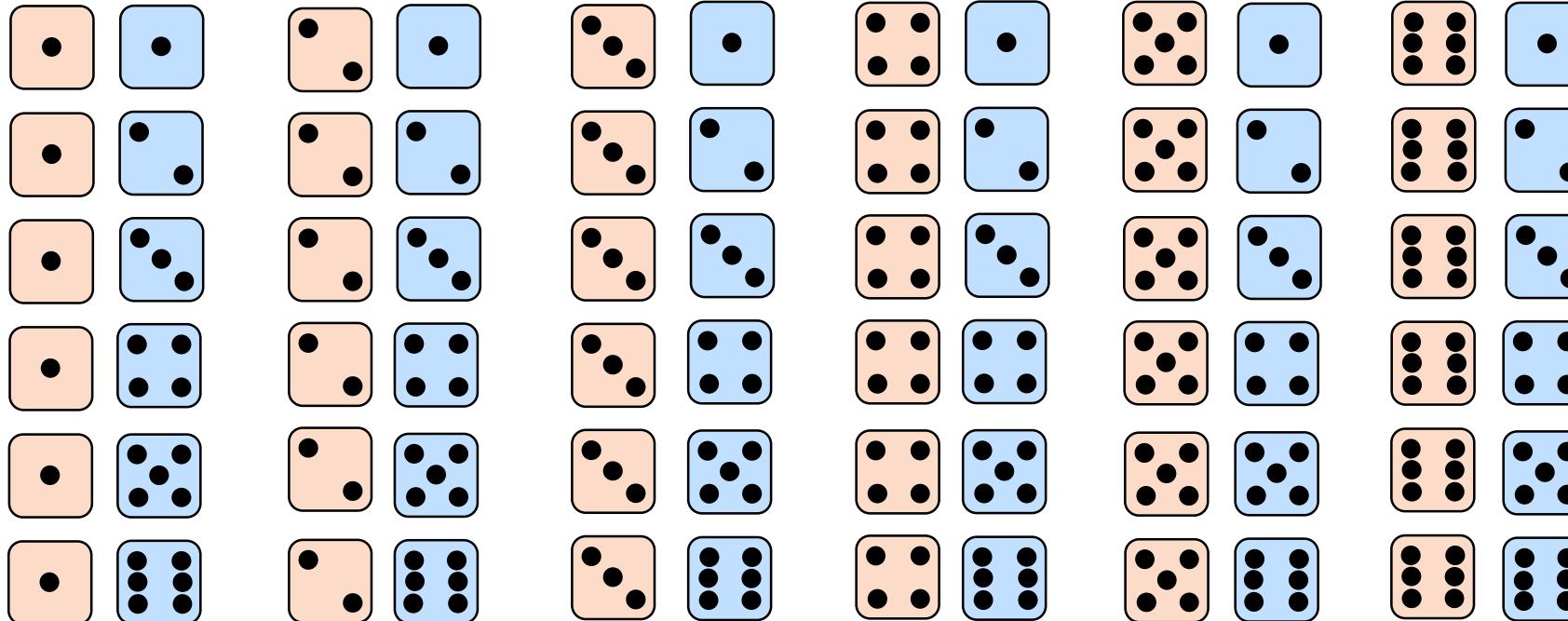
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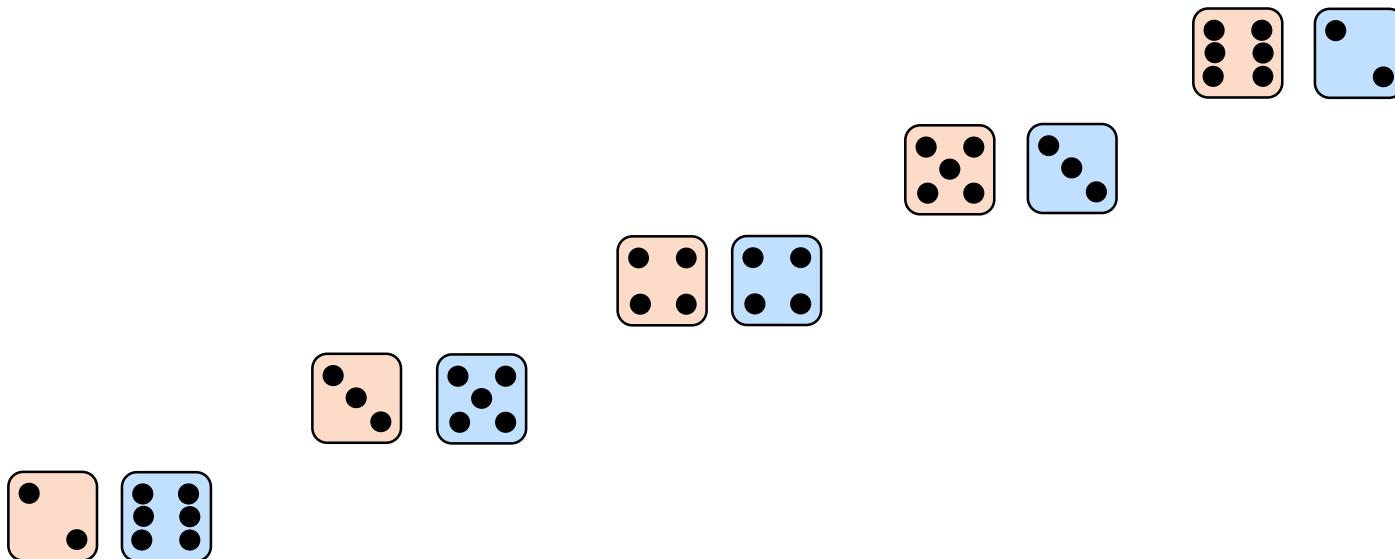
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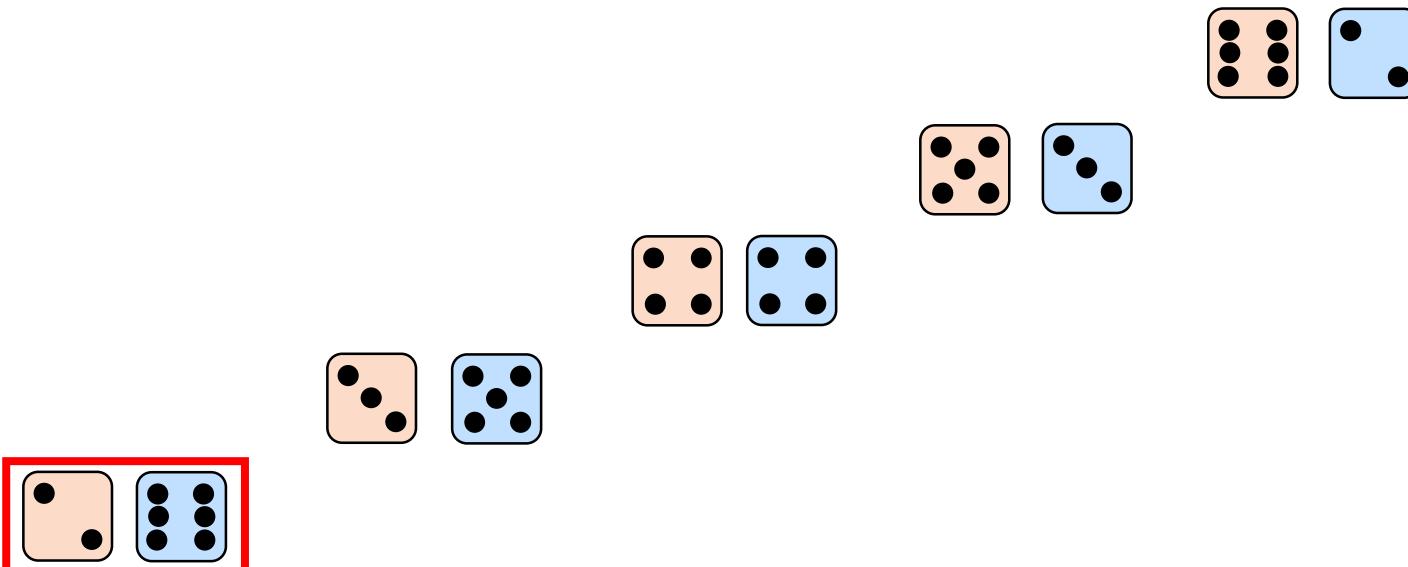
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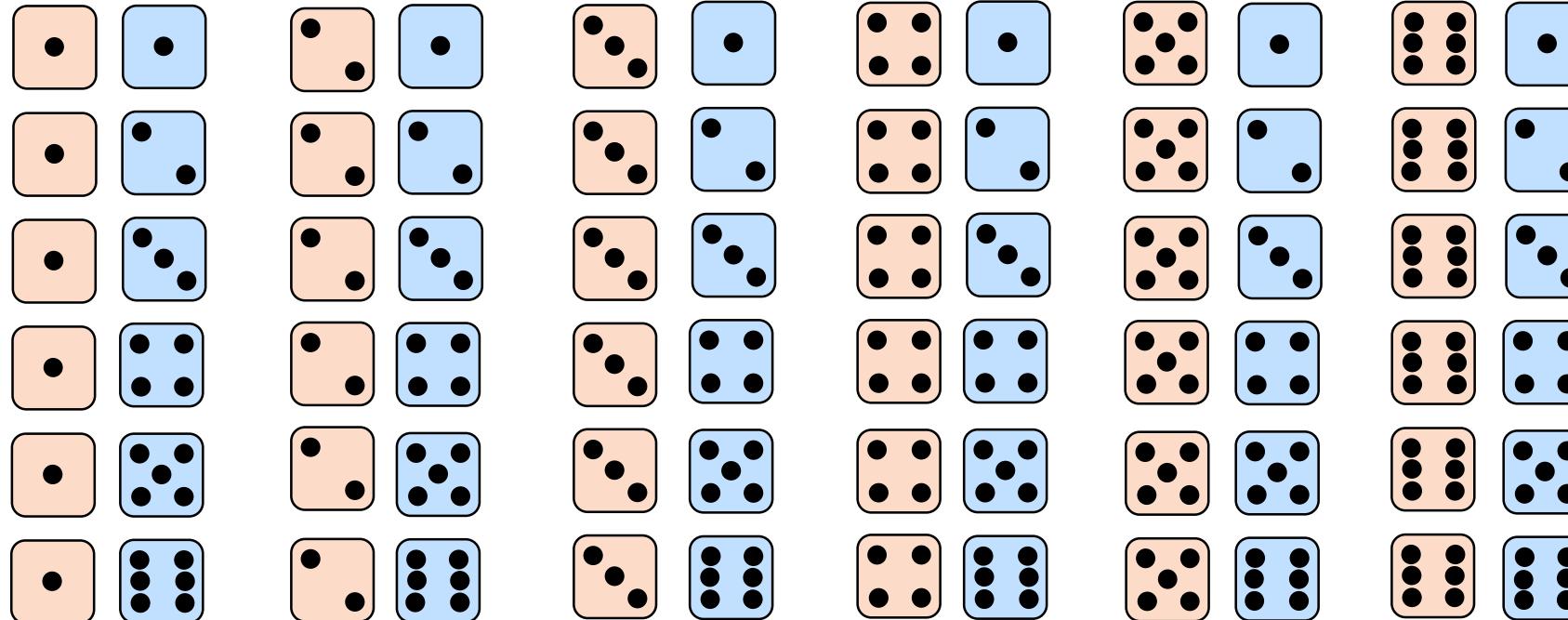
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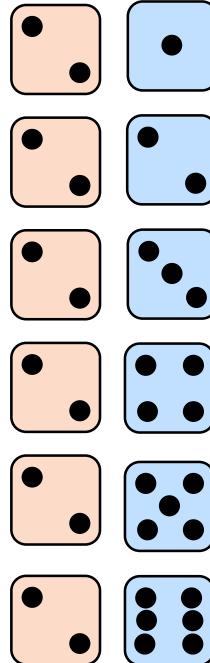
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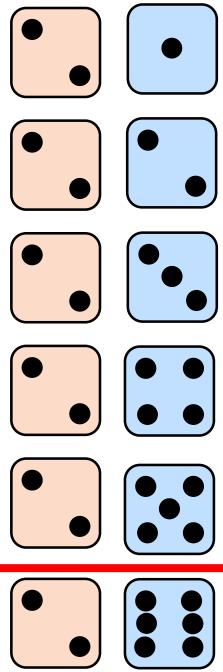
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