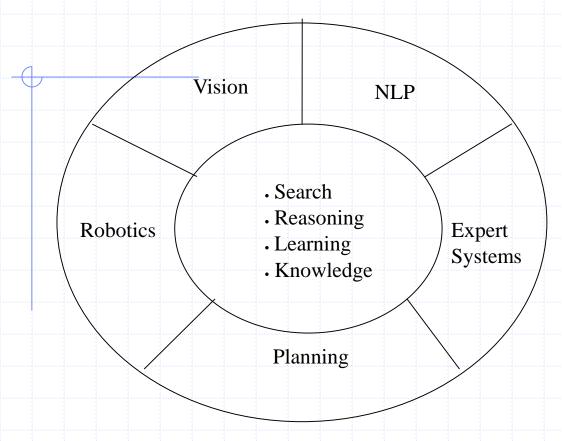
# CS 561: Knowledge Representations & Reasoning

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#### Logic and inferencing



Obtaining implication of given facts and rules -- Hallmark of intelligence

*Knowledge and reasoning*: enable successful behaviors, hard to achieve

#### Introduction: KR

- Knowledge Representation means:
  - Capturing human knowledge
  - In a form computer can reason about
- Why?
  - Model human cognition
  - Add power to search-based methods
- Actually a component of all software development

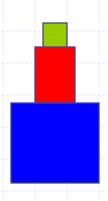
### Knowledge Representation (KR)

#### Given the world

- Express the general facts or beliefs using a language

- Determine what else we should (not) believe

### Example



- Given:
  - "The red block is above the blue block"
  - "The green block is above the red block"
- Infer:
  - "The green block is above the blue block"
  - "The blocks form a tower"

## Characteristics of a good KR:

**♦ It should** 

Be able to represent the knowledge important to the problem

Reflect the structure of knowledge in the domain

Otherwise our development is a constant process of distorting things to make them fit.

Capture knowledge at the appropriate level of granularity Support incremental, iterative development

◆ It should not

Be too difficult to reason about

Require that more knowledge be represented than is needed to solve the problem

#### A KR language needs to be

- expressive (should be able to describe common sense knowledge)
- unambiguous (should be able to express the meaning of any instance uniquely)
- flexible (easy to represent different facts and beliefs)

#### The inference procedures need to be

- Correct (sound) (all probable statements are true)
- Complete (any entailed sentence can be proved)
- Efficient (requires less time to derive)

### Kinds of Knowledge

Things we need to talk about and reason about; what do we know?

- Objects
  - Descriptions
  - Classifications
- Events
  - Time sequence
  - Cause and effect
- Relationships
  - Among objects
  - Between objects and events
- Meta-knowledge

Distinguish between knowledge and its representation Mappings are not one-to-one

Never gets it complete or exactly right

#### Knowledge engineering!

- Modeling the "right" conditions and the "right" effects at the "right" level of abstraction is very difficult
- Knowledge engineering (creating and maintaining knowledge bases for intelligent reasoning) is an entire field of investigation
- Many researchers hope that automated knowledge acquisition and machine learning tools can fill the gap:
  - Our intelligent systems should be able to learn about the conditions and effects, just like we do!
  - Our intelligent systems should be able to learn when to pay attention to, or reason about, certain aspects of processes, depending on the context!

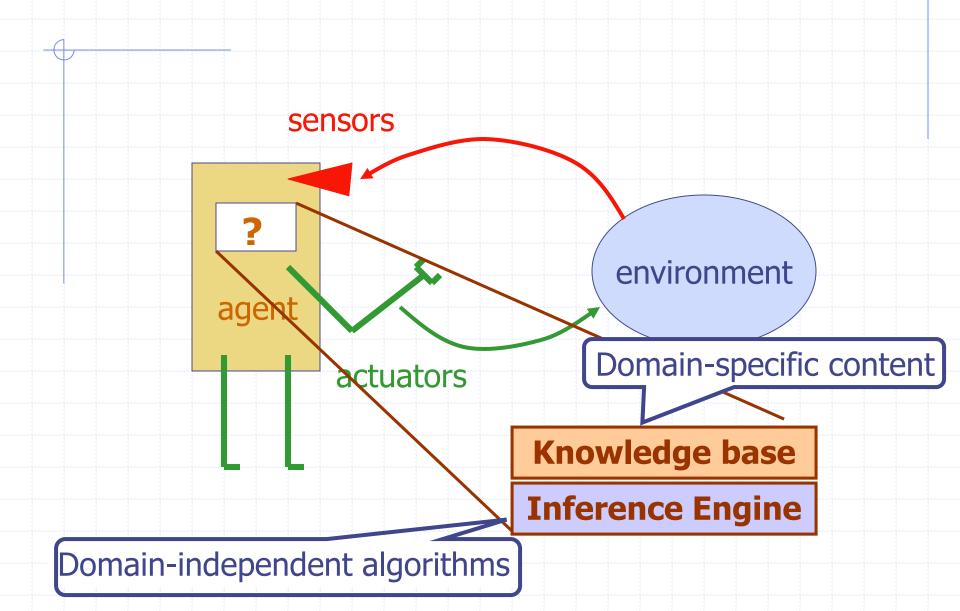
### Some Typical Kinds of KR

- Logic and predicate calculus
- Rules: production systems
- Description logics, semantic nets, frames
- Scripts
- Ontologies
- Knowledge graphs

# "Thinking Rationally"

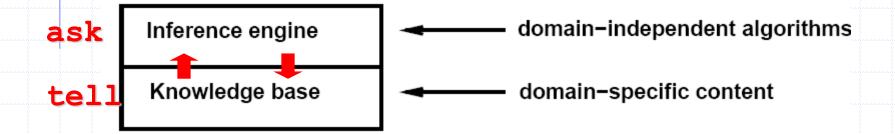
- Computational models of human "thought" processes
- Computational models of human behavior
- Computational systems that "think" rationally
- Computational systems that behave rationally

#### **Knowledge-Based Agent**



### Knowledge Base

Knowledge Base: set of sentences represented in a knowledge representation language and represents assertions about the world.



Inference rule: when one ASKs questions of the KB, the answer should *follow* from what has been TELLed to the KB previously.

#### Generic KB-Based Agent

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))

 $action \leftarrow Ask(KB, Make-Action-Query(t))$ 

Tell(KB, Make-Action-Sentence(action, t))

 $t \leftarrow t + 1$ 

return action

- •KB: initially contains background knowledge
- •TELLS KB what it perceives
- •ASKs KB what action should perform
- •In the process of query, extensive reasoning may be done about the current state of the world, about outcomes of possible action sequences, and so on
- •After action is chosen, agent records its choice with TELL and executes action

#### Abilities of KB agent

- Represents states and actions
- Incorporate new percepts
- Update internal representation of the world
- Deduce hidden properties of the world
- Deduce appropriate actions

#### Description level

- ♦ KB agent == agents with internal state
- Description of agents at different levels
  - Knowledge level
    - What they know, regardless of the actual implementation (Declarative description)
    - E.g: automated taxi might have a goal, might know its actual location etc.

#### Implementation level

 Data structures in KB and algorithms that manipulate them e.g propositional logic and resolution

### **Types of Knowledge**



#### Procedural, e.g.: functions

- Encodes desired behaviors directly as program code
- Minimize the role of explicit representation
- Reasoning can result in a much more efficient way
- Such knowledge can only be used in one way -- by executing it
- Declarative, e.g.: constraints and rules
  - Initial program built by adding the sentences (knowledge about environment) one by one
  - It can be used to perform many different sorts of inferences

#### The Wumpus World

- The Wumpus computer game
- The agent explores a cave consisting of rooms connected by passageways
- Lurking somewhere in the cave is the Wumpus, a beast that eats any agent that enters its room
- Some rooms contain bottomless pits that trap any agent that wanders into the room
- Occasionally, there is a heap of gold in a room
- The goal is to collect the gold and exit the world without being eaten

### History of "Hunt the Wumpus"

- ♦ WUMPUS /wuhm'p\*s/ n. The central monster (and, in many versions, the name) of a famous family of very early computer games called "Hunt The Wumpus," dating back at least to 1972 (several years before ADVENT) on the Dartmouth Time-Sharing System. The wumpus lived somewhere in a cave with the topology of a dodecahedron's edge/vertex graph (later versions supported other topologies, including an icosahedron and Mobius strip). The player started somewhere at random in the cave with five "crooked arrows"; these could be shot through up to three connected rooms, and would kill the wumpus on a hit (later versions introduced the wounded wumpus, which got very angry). Unfortunately for players, the movement necessary to map the maze was made hazardous not merely by the wumpus (which would eat you if you stepped on him) but also by bottomless pits and colonies of super bats that would pick you up and drop you at a random location (later versions added "anaerobic termites" that ate arrows, bat migrations, and earthquakes that randomly changed pit locations).
- This game appears to have been the first to use a non-random graph-structured map (as opposed to a rectangular grid like the even older Star Trek games). In this respect, as in the dungeon-like setting and its terse, amusing messages, it prefigured ADVENT and Zork and was directly ancestral to both. (Zork acknowledged this heritage by including a super-bat colony.) Today, a port is distributed with SunOS and as freeware for the Mac. A C emulation of the original Basic game is in circulation as freeware on the net.

### Wumpus PEAS description

- Performance measure:
   gold +1000, death -1000,
   -1 per step, -10 use arrow
- Squares adjacent to wumpus are smelly Squares adjacent to pit are breezy Glitter iff gold is in the same square Bump iff move into a wall Woeful scream iff the wumpus is killed 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: Left turn, Right turn, Forward, Grab, Release, Shoot

### A typical Wumpus world

The agent always starts in [1,1].

The task of the agent is to find the gold, return to the field [1,1] and climb out of the cave.

SS SSS S Breeze -Breeze -Breeze PIT \$5 555 5 Stench \$ Breeze Breeze -Breeze -START

1

2

3

4

### **Wumpus World Characteristics**

- Observable?
- Deterministic?
- Episodic or Sequential?
- Static?
- Discrete?
- Single-agent?

### Wumpus World Characterization

- Observable?
  - No, only local perception
- Deterministic?
  - Yes, outcome exactly specified
- Episodic?
  - No, sequential at the level of actions
- Static?
  - Yes, Wumpus and pits do not move
- Discrete?
  - Yes
- Single-agent?
  - Yes, Wumpus is essentially a natural feature

#### The Wumpus agent's first step

1,4	2,4	3,4	14,4	A B G
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3	P S V W
1,2	2,2	3,2	4,2	
1,1 A OK	2,1	3,1	4,1	

(a)

A = Agent

B = Breeze

G = Glitter, Gol

OK = Safe squar

P = Pit

S = Stench

V = Visited

W = Wumpus

**Sensors:** Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream

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[2,1] breeze which indicates that there is a pit in [2,2] or [3,1], return to [1,1] to try next safe cell

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,1 [A]	2,1	3,1	4,1		1,1 V	2.1	3.1 P?	4,1
,2	2,2	3,2	4,2		1,2	2,2	3.2	4,2
				S = Stench V = Visited W = Wumpus				
.3	2,3	3,3	4,3	G = Glitter, Gold OK = Safe square P = Pit	1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3
4	2,4	3,4	4,4	A = Agent B = Breeze	1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4

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#### Next....

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2A S OK	2,2	3,2	4,2
1,1 V OK	2,1 B V OK	3,1	4,1

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(a)

[1,2] Stench in cell which means that wumpus is in [1,3] or [2,2]
YET ... not in [1,1]
YET ... not in [2,2] or stench would have been detected in [2,1]
THUS ... wumpus is in [1,3]
THUS [2,2] is safe because of lack of breeze in [1,2]
THUS pit in [3,1]
move to next safe cell [2,2]

### Then...

= Agent = Breeze = Glitter, Gold OK = Safe square

= Pit

= Stench

= Visited

= Wumpus

1,4	2,4 <b>P?</b>	3,4	4,4
<sup>1,3</sup> w!	2,3 A S G B	3,3 <sub>P?</sub>	4,3
1,2 S V OK	2,2 V OK	3,2	4,2
1,1 V OK	2,1 B V OK	3,1 P!	4,1

(b)

[2,2] move to [2,3] [2,3] detect glitter, smell, breeze THUS pick up gold THUS pit in [3,3] or [2,4]

### World-wide web wumpi

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunt\_the\_Wumpus
- http://www.atariarchives.org/bcc1/showpage.php?page=247
- http://www.ifiction.org/games/play.phpz
- http://www.taylor.org/~patrick/wumpus/
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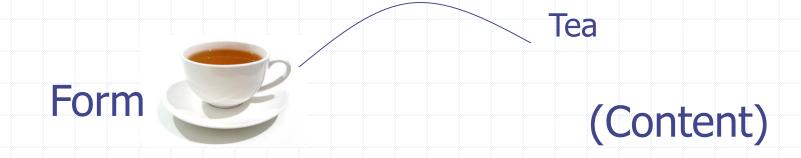
### What is a logic?

- A formal language
  - Syntax what expressions are legal (well-formed)
  - Semantics what legal expressions mean
    - in logic the truth of each sentence with respect to each possible world
- E.g: the language of arithmetic
  - X+2 >= y is a sentence but x2+y is not
  - X+2 >= y is true in a world where x=7 and y=1
  - X+2 >= y is false in a world where x=0 and y=6

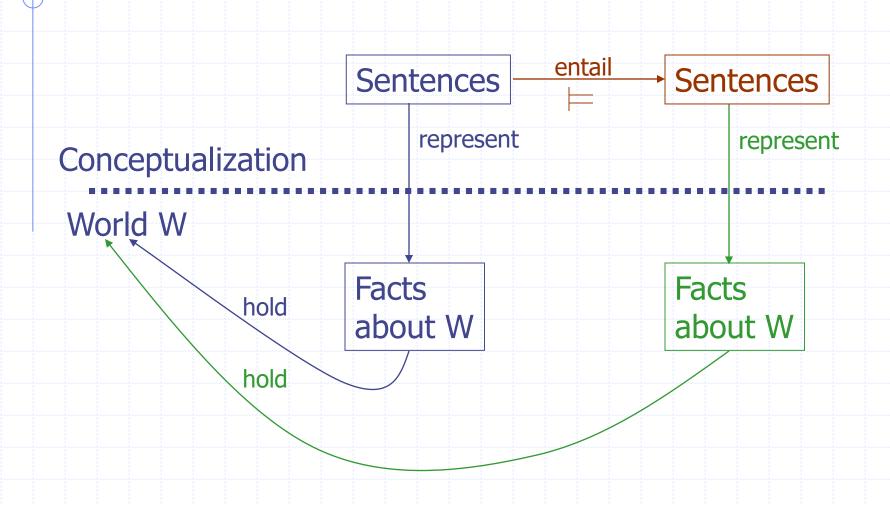
### Syntax vs. Semantics issue

Refers to

FORM VS. CONTENT



### **Connection World-Representation**

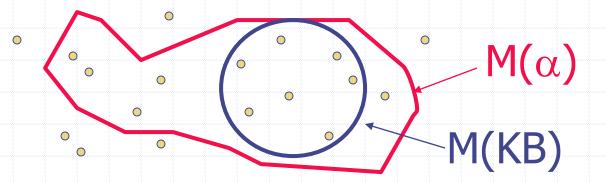


#### Entailment

- Logical reasoning
  - Involves the relation between sentences
- lacktriangle One sentence logically follows from another  $K\!B \not \models \alpha$
- lacktriangle KB entails sentence  $\alpha$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is true in worlds where KB is true
  - E.g. x+y=4 entails 4=x+y
- Entailment is a relationship between sentences that is based on semantics

#### Models

- Models are formal definitions of possible states of the world
- We say m is a model of a sentence  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha$  is true in m
- ♠ M(α) is the set of all models of α KB $\models$ α if and only if M(KB)  $\subseteq$  M(α)

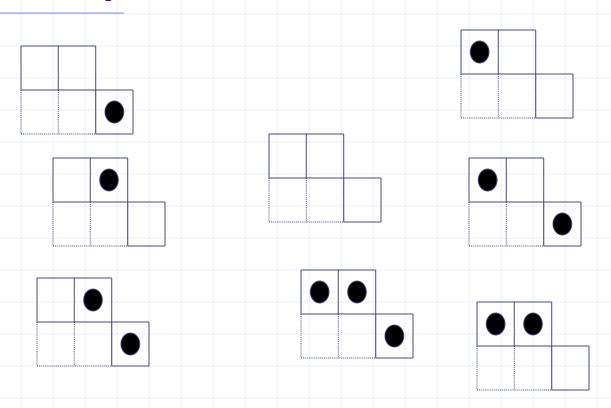


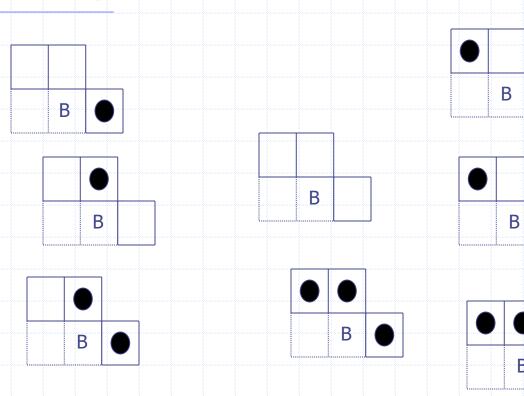
### Entailment in the Wumpus World

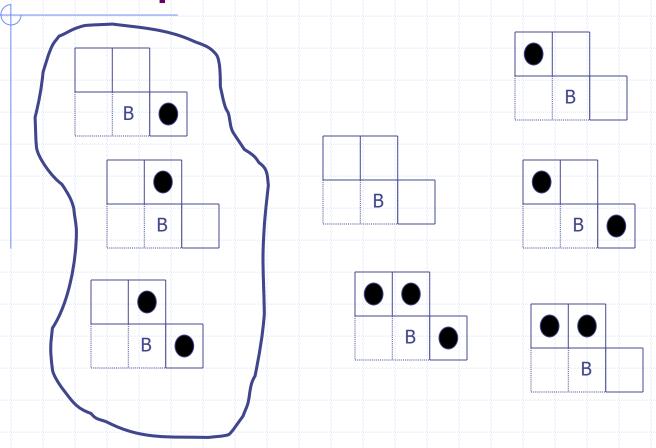
- Situation after detecting nothing in [1,1], moving right, breeze in [2,1]
- What are possible models for ? – assume only possibility pit or no pit.

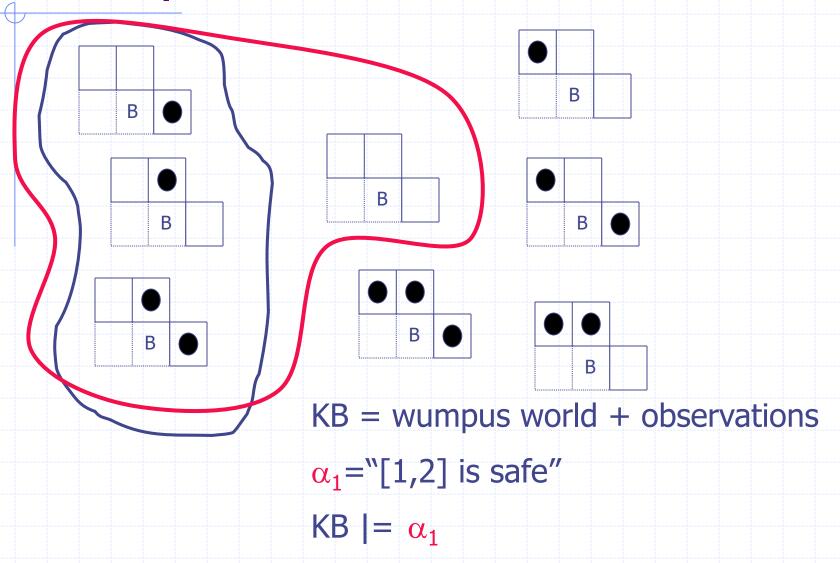
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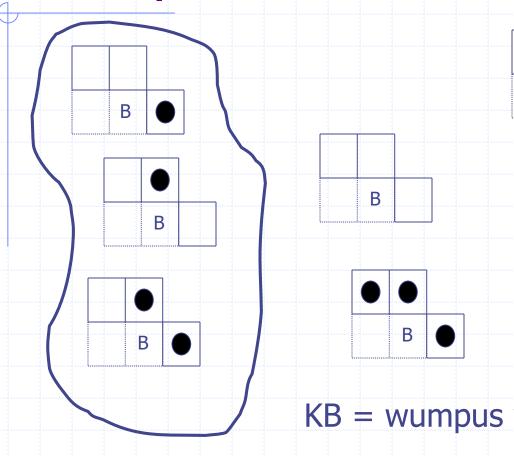
# Wumpus Models

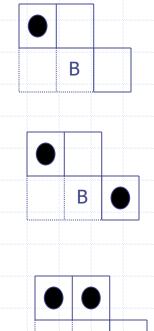








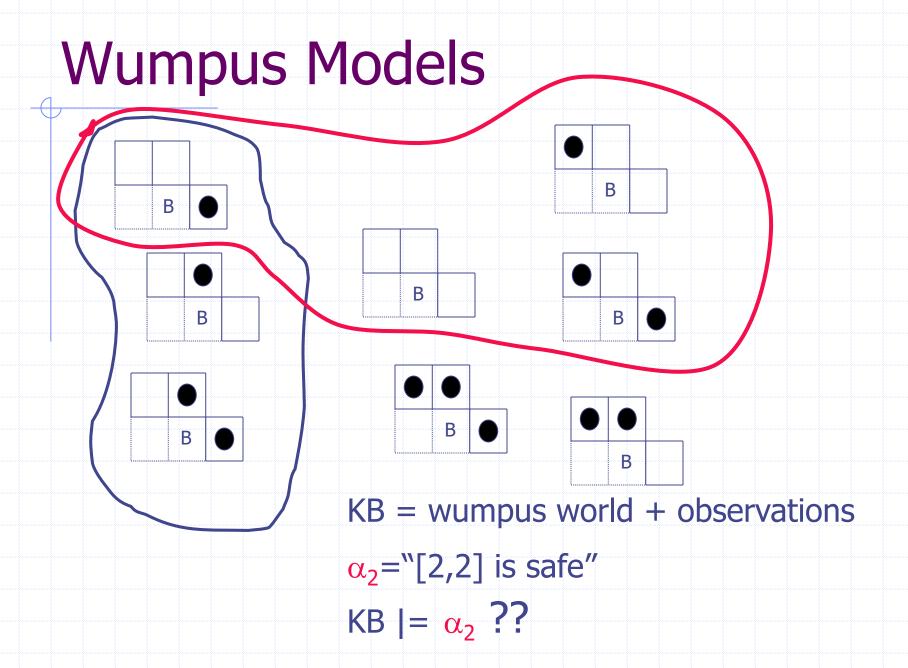


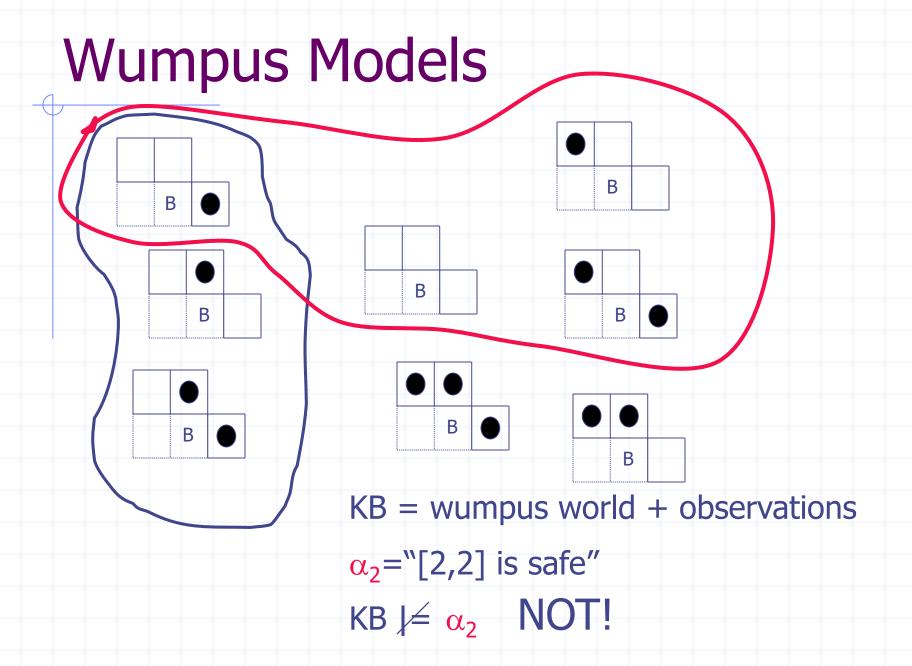


KB = wumpus world + observations

$$\alpha_2$$
="[2,2] is safe"

KB 
$$\mid = \alpha_2$$
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# Logical inference

- Logical inference: Notion of entailment can be used for deriving conclusions
  - Model checking (for Wumpus example):
     enumerate all possible models and check whether
     α is true
- Distinction between entailment and inference
  - $KB \mid -_i \alpha$  : inference algo i derives  $\alpha$  from KB
- If an algorithm only derives entailed sentences it is called sound or truth preserving
  - Otherwise it just makes things up
     i is sound if whenever KB |-<sub>i</sub> α it is also true that KB|= α

# Logical inference

#### Completeness

• the algorithm can derive any sentence that is entailed i is complete if whenever  $KB \models \alpha$  it is also true that  $KB \mid -i \alpha$ 

If KB is true in the real world, then any sentence  $\alpha$  derived from KB by a sound inference procedure is also true in the real world

# **Examples of Logics**

Propositional logic



$$A \wedge B \Rightarrow C$$

First-order logic
(∀x) (∃y) Mother(y,x)

# Symbols of Propositional Logic

- Propositional symbols, e.g., P, Q, R, ...True, False
- Connectives:
  - ◆¬ (negation): ¬A
  - ∧ (and): A ∧ B
  - v (or): A v B
  - → ⇒ (implies): A ⇒B
  - ◆<⇒ (biconditional, i.e. if and only if): A</p>
    B

### **Syntax of Propositional Logic**

sentence → atomic sentence | complex sentence

atomic sentence → propositional symbol | *True* | *False* 

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symbol \rightarrow P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots
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complex sentence → ¬sentence

| (sentence ∧ sentence)

| (sentence ∨ sentence)

| (sentence ⇒ sentence)

| (sentence <⇒ sentence)
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- Examples:
  - $((P \land Q) \Rightarrow R)$
  - $(A \Rightarrow B) \lor (\neg C)$

#### **Order of Precedence**

(highest to lowest):  $\neg \land \lor \Rightarrow \iff$ 

### **Examples:**

■  $\neg A \lor B \Rightarrow C$  is equivalent to  $((\neg A)\lor B)\Rightarrow C$ 

### **Models in Propositional Logic**

- Assignment of a truth value true or false to every atomic sentence
- Examples:
  - Let A, B, C, and D be the propositional symbols
  - is m = {A=true, B=false, C=false, D=true} a model?
  - is m' = {A=true, B=false, C=false} a model?
- How many models can be defined over n propositional symbols?

### **Semantics of Propositional Logic**

- Specifies how to determine the truth value of any sentence in a model m
- Truth value of True: True
- Truth value of False: False
- The truth value of each atomic sentence is given by m
- The truth value of every other sentence is obtained recursively by using truth tables

### **Truth Tables**

Α	В	<b>Т</b>	AAB	A∨B	$A \Rightarrow B$
True	True	False	True	True	True
True	False	False	False	True	False
False	False	True	False	False	True
False	True	True	False	True	True

### About (P⇒Q)

- Propositional logic does not require any relation of causation or relevance between P and Q
- $\bullet$  ODD(5)  $\Rightarrow$  CAPITAL(Japan, Tokyo)
- $\bullet$  EVEN(5)  $\Rightarrow$  SMART(Sam)

Observation-1: 5 is odd implies Tokyo is the capital of Japan is a true sentence (*however it is decidedly odd sentence in English language*)
Observation-2: "5 is even implies Sam is smart" is true regardless whether Sam is smart (Problem: *implication is true whenever antecedent is false*)

• Read A  $\Rightarrow$  B as:

"If A IS True, then I claim that B is True, otherwise I make no claim."

#### Wumpus world (symbols and knowledge base)

Let P<sub>i,j</sub> be true if there is a pit in [i, j]. Let B<sub>i,j</sub> be true if there is a breeze in [i, j].

R1:  $\neg P_{1,1}$ 

R2:  $\neg B_{1,1}$ 

R3:  $B_{2,1}$ 

"Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares"

R4:  $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$ 

R5:  $B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$ 

KB: R1 ∧**R2** ∧ **R3** ∧**R4** ∧**R5** 

 $\neg P_{1,2}$  is entailed ??

### 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	true							
false	false	false	false	false	false	true	false	true
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
false	true	false	false	false	false	false	false	true
false	true	false	false	false	false	true	$\underline{true}$	$\underline{true}$
false	true	false	false	false	true	false	$\underline{true}$	$\underline{true}$
false	true	false	false	false	true	true	$\underline{true}$	$\underline{true}$
false	true	false	false	true	false	false	false	true
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
true	false	false						

# Logical equivalence

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

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

# Terminology

A sentence is valid if it is true in all models (also known as tautologies),

e.g., *True*,  $A \lor \neg A$ ,  $A \Rightarrow A$ ,  $(A \land (A \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow B$ 

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

A sentence is satisfiable if it is true in some model e.g., Av B, C (NP-complete problem)

A sentence is unsatisfiable if it is true in no models e.g., A^-A

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

### Rules of Inference

#### Valid Rules of Inference:

- Modus Ponens
- And-Elimination
- And-Introduction
- Or-Introduction
- Double Negation
- Unit Resolution
- Resolution

### Rules of Inference

- Modus Ponens (Latin word: made that affirms):
  - $\alpha => \beta$ ,  $\alpha$   $\beta$  (WumpusAhead  $\wedge$  WumpusAlive) => Shoot, (WumpusAhead  $\wedge$  WumpusAlive)  $^{\circ}$  Shoot
- And-Elimination: α ∧ β α
   (WumpusAhead ∧ WumpusAlive)
   `WumpusAlive
- Resolution: α v β, ¬ β v γ α v γ
   (WumpusDead v WumpusAhead),
   (¬ WumpusAhead v Shoot)
   `(WumpusDead v Shoot)

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\alpha => \beta
\alpha => \beta
\beta
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αΛβ

α

# Proof Using Rules of Inference

- Prove  $A \Rightarrow B$ ,  $(A \land B) \Rightarrow C$ , Therefore  $A \Rightarrow C$
- $\mathbf{0} \mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} \vee \mathbf{B}$
- So ¬ A v B resolves with ¬ A v ¬ B v C deriving
   ¬ A v C
- **10** Equivalent to  $A \Rightarrow C$

# Rules of Inference (continued)

And-Introduction

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_n$$
 $\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 \wedge ... \wedge \alpha_n$ 

Or-Introduction

$$\alpha_{\mathsf{i}}$$

$$\alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2 \vee ... \alpha_j ... \vee \alpha_n$$

Double Negation

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\neg \neg \alpha
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Unit Resolution (special case of resolution)

$$\alpha \vee \beta$$
 Alternatively  $\neg \alpha \Rightarrow \beta$   $\neg \beta$ 

### Wumpus World KB

- Proposition Symbols for each i,j:
  - Let P<sub>i,i</sub> be true if there is a pit in square i,j
  - Let B<sub>i,i</sub> be true if there is a breeze in square i,j
- Sentences in KB
  - There is no pit in square 1,1"
     R₁: ¬ P₁₁
  - "A square is breezy iff pit in a neighboring square"  $R_2: B_{1,1} \Longleftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$   $R_3: B_{1,2} \Longleftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \lor P_{1,3} \lor P_{2,2})$
  - "Square 1,1 has no breeze"

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

Square 1,2 has a breeze"R<sub>5</sub>: B<sub>1,2</sub>

prove 
$$\neg P_{1,2}$$

# Inference in Wumpus World

- Apply biconditional elimination to  $R_2$ :  $R_6$ :  $(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$
- Apply AE to R<sub>6</sub>:  $R_7$ :  $((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$
- Contrapositive of  $R_7$ :  $R_8$ :  $(\neg B_{1,1}) \Rightarrow \neg (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$
- Modus Ponens with  $R_8$  and  $R_4$  ( $\neg B_{1,1}$ ):  $R_9$ :  $\neg (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$
- de Morgan:  $R_{10}$ :  $\neg P_{1,2} \land \neg P_{2,1}$

Therefore, neither [1,2] nor [2,1] contains pit

# Wumpus world (symbols and knowledge base)

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].

R1:  $\neg P_{1,1}$ 

R2:  $\neg P_{1,2}$ 

R3:  $B_{2,1}$ 

"Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares"

R4:  $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$ 

R5:  $B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$ 

KB:  $R1 \land R2 \land R3 \land R4 \land R5$ 

### Inference in PL

- Inference in PL is NP-complete
  - Worst case: enumerate all the models
- Solution: ignore irrelevant propositions
- ◆ E.g.
  - proof leading to :  $P_{1,2} \land \neg P_{2,1}$
- Does not mention  $P_{1,1}$   $P_{2,2}$   $P_{3,1}$   $B_{2,1}$
- Ignore these
- Goal, P<sub>1,2</sub> appears only in R4 and R2
- Not necessary to keep R1, R3, and R5

### Monotonicity property

• Set of entailed sentences can only *increase*  $KB \mid = \alpha$  then  $KB \land \Phi \mid = \alpha$ 

Knowledge: Suppose: Φ: there are 8 pits in the world

- helps to draw additional conclusions
- can't invalidate any conclusion  $\alpha$  already inferred (e.g., no pit in [1,2])

#### Monotonicity:

- Inference rules can be applied whenever suitable premises are found in KB
- Conclusion of rule must follow regardless of what else is there in KB

### Resolution

Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

conjunction of disjunctions of literal clauses

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

Resolution inference rule (for CNF):

$$I_1 \vee \ldots \vee I_k$$

$$m_1 \vee ... \vee m_n$$

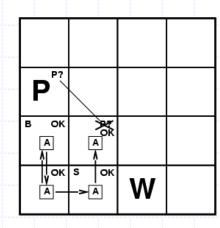
$$l_1 \lor \ldots \lor l_{i-1} \lor l_{i+1} \lor \ldots \lor l_k \lor m_1 \lor \ldots \lor m_{j-1} \lor m_{j+1} \lor \ldots \lor m_n$$

where I<sub>i</sub> and m<sub>j</sub> are complementary literals.

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

$$P_{1,3}$$

Resolution is sound and complete for propositional logic



### Resolution

#### Soundness of resolution inference rule:

$$eg(\ell_1 \lor \ldots \lor \ell_{i-1} \lor \ell_{i+1} \lor \ldots \lor \ell_k) \Rightarrow \ell_i$$
 $eg(m_1 \lor \ldots \lor m_{j-1} \lor m_{j+1} \lor \ldots$ 
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### Resolution (Refutation Completeness)

Given A is true

- Not possible to generate consequence A V B with resolution
- □ Resolution can be applied to answer whether A V B true!
  - Refutation completeness: either confirm or refute a sentence, but can't enumerate true sentences

### Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

 Resolution rule applies only to disjunctions of literals

- How can lead to complete inference procedure for PL?
  - Every sentence of PL is logically equivalent to a conjunction of disjunction of literals

### Conversion to CNF

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

- 1. Eliminate  $\Leftrightarrow$ , replacing  $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  with  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \land (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$  $(B_{1,1} \Rightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})) \land ((P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \Rightarrow B_{1,1})$
- 2. Eliminate  $\Rightarrow$ , replacing  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  with  $\neg \alpha \lor \beta$ .

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land (\neg (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \lor B_{1,1})$$

- 3. Move  $\neg$  inwards using de Morgan's rules and double-negation:  $(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land ((\neg P_{1,2} \land \neg P_{2,1}) \lor B_{1,1})$
- 4. Apply distributive law (∧ over ∨) and flatten:

$$(\neg B_{1,1} \lor P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1}) \land (\neg P_{1,2} \lor B_{1,1}) \land (\neg P_{2,1} \lor B_{1,1})$$

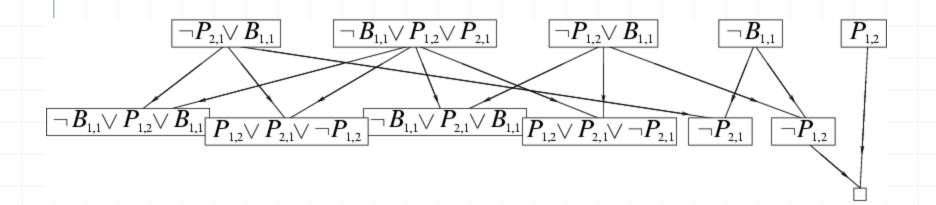
# Resolution algorithm

 $\bullet$  Proof by contradiction, i.e., show  $KB \land \neg a$  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 \land \neg \alpha new \leftarrow \{\} loop do for each C_i, C_j in clauses do resolvents \leftarrow \operatorname{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 example

$$KB = (B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \land \neg B_{1,1} a = \neg P_{1,2}$$



#### Forward and backward chaining

Horn Form (restricted): in practical situations full resolution is not required

KB = conjunction of Horn clauses

- Horn clause (disjunction of literals of which at most one is positive)
  - proposition symbol; or
  - (conjunction of symbols) ⇒ symbol
- E.g.,  $C \land (B \Rightarrow A) \land (C \land D \Rightarrow B)$
- Modus Ponens (for Horn Form): complete for Horn KBs

$$a_1 \wedge ... \wedge a_n \Rightarrow \beta$$

β

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

#### Some properties of horn clauses

- Can be written as an implication
  - Premise: conjunction of positive literals
  - Conclusion: single positive literal

e.g. 
$$\neg A \lor \neg B \lor C == (A \land B) => C$$

- Definite clause
  - Horn clause with exactly one positive literal
  - Head: positive literal
  - Body: negative literals
  - Fact if does not contain any negative literal
- Integrity constraints
  - Horn clause with no positive literal

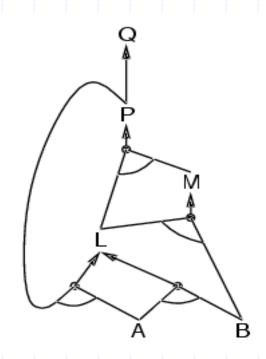
e.g. 
$$\neg A V \neg B$$

$$A \wedge B => False$$

#### Forward chaining

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

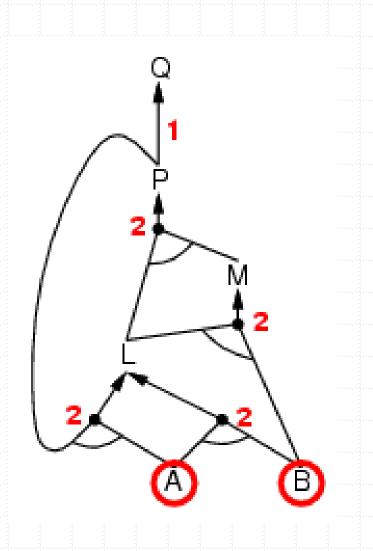
$$P \Rightarrow Q$$
 $L \land M \Rightarrow P$ 
 $B \land L \Rightarrow M$ 
 $A \land P \Rightarrow L$ 
 $A \land B \Rightarrow L$ 
 $A$ 

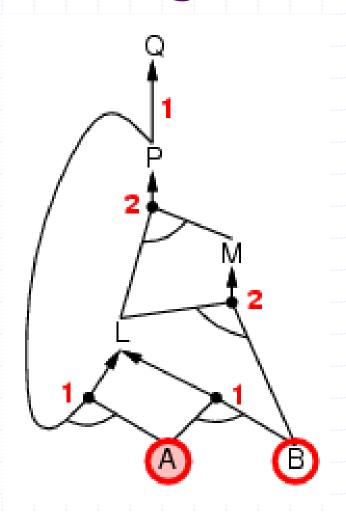


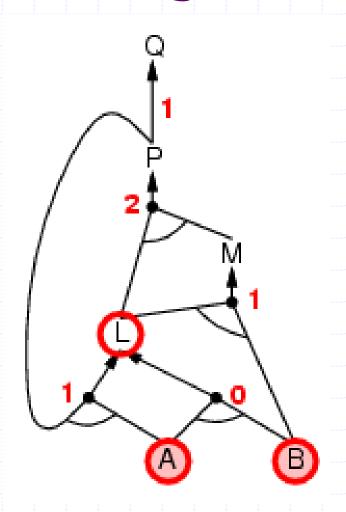
#### Forward chaining algorithm

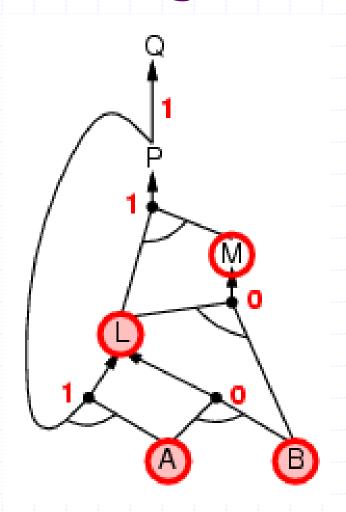
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function PL-FC-Entails?(KB, q) returns true or false
  local variables: count, a table, indexed by clause, initially the number of premises
                      inferred, a table, indexed by symbol, each entry initially false
                     agenda, a list of symbols, initially the symbols known to be true
   while agenda is not empty do
       p \leftarrow \text{Pop}(agenda)
       unless inferred[p] do
            inferred[p] \leftarrow 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
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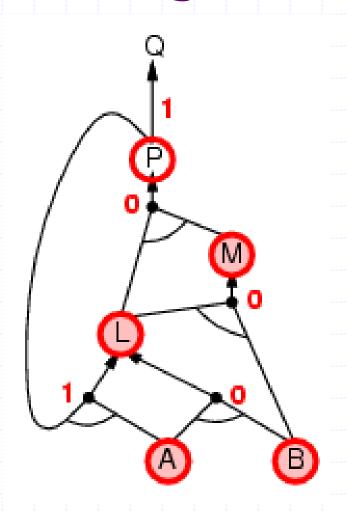
Forward chaining is sound and complete for Horn KB

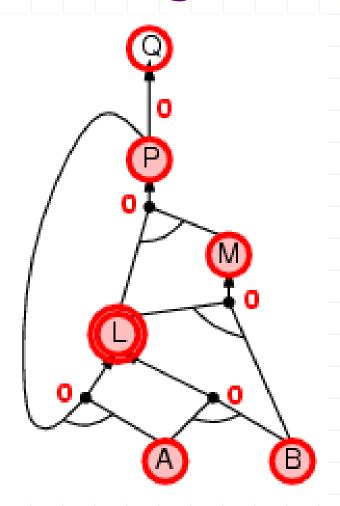


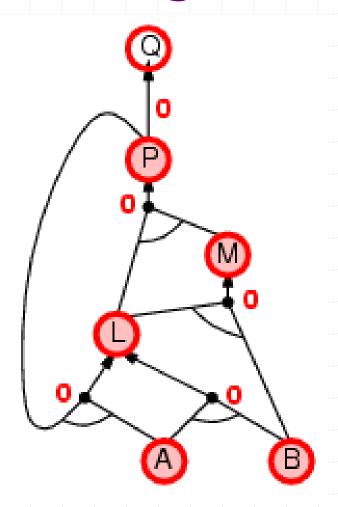


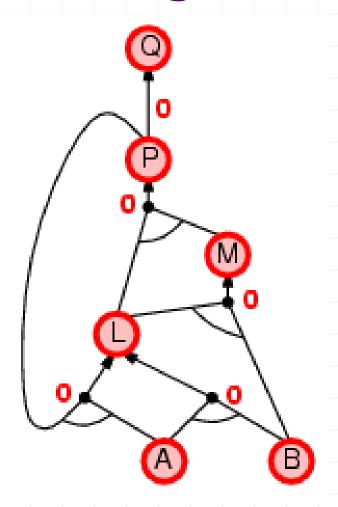












#### Backward chaining

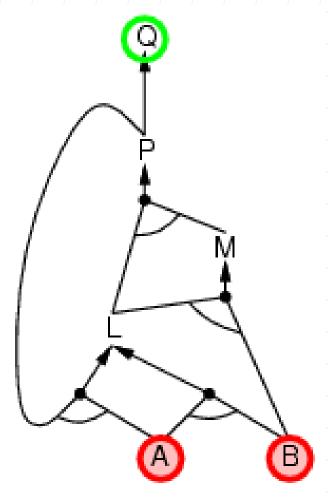
Idea: work backwards from the query q:

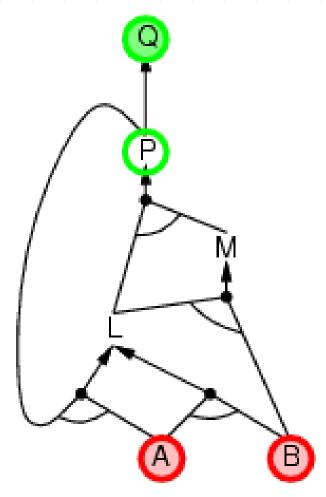
to prove q by BC,
check if q is known already, or
prove by BC all premises of some rule concluding q

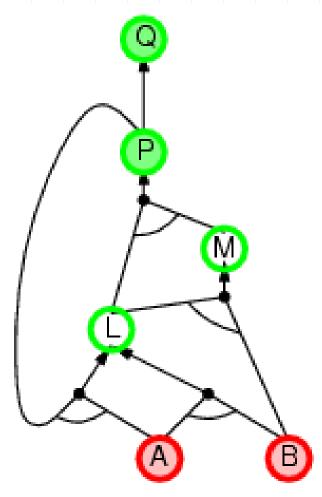
Avoid loops: check if new sub-goal is already on the goal stack

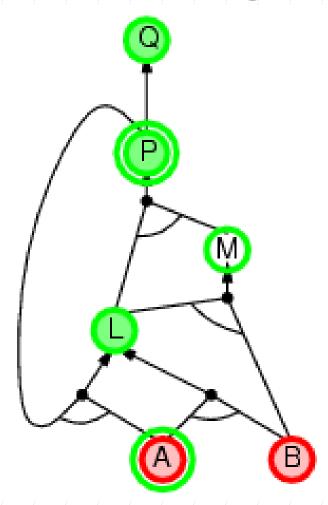
Avoid repeated work: check if new sub-goal

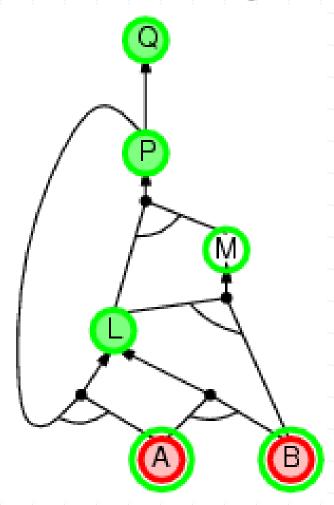
- 1. has already been proved true, or
- 2. has already failed

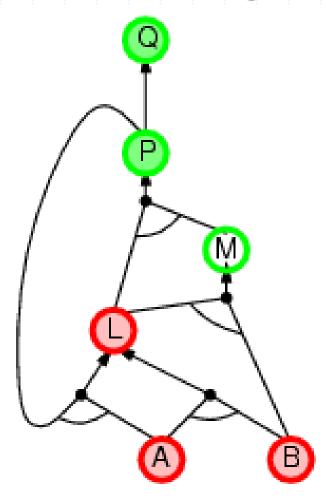


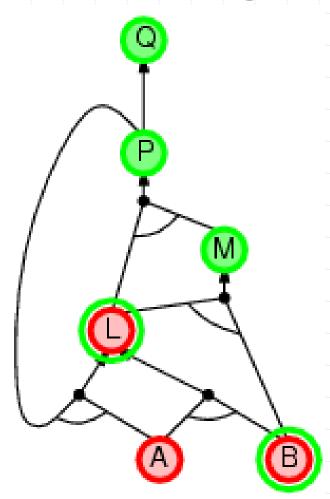


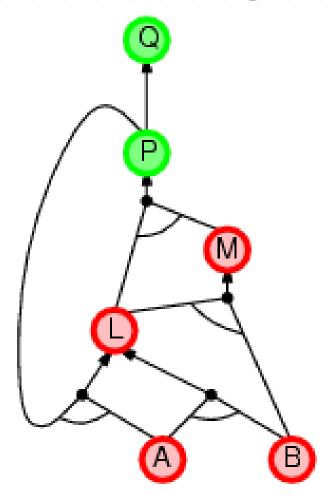


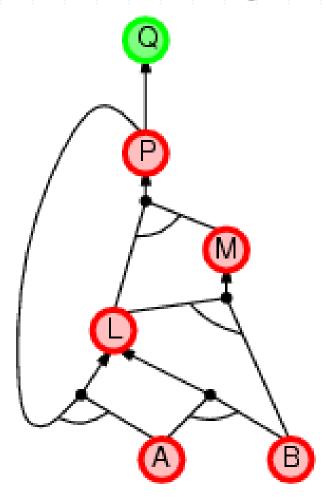


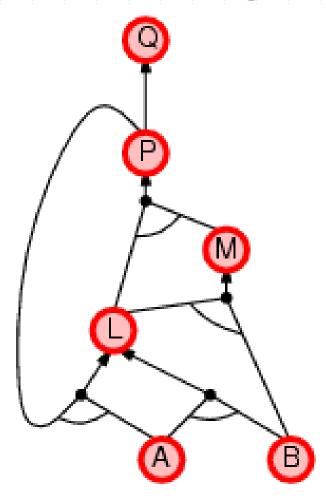












#### Forward vs. backward chaining

- 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