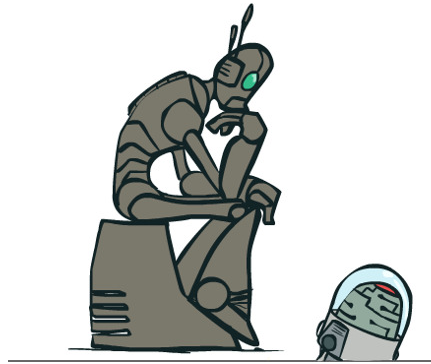


# Artificial Intelligence

## Chapter 7: Logical Agents



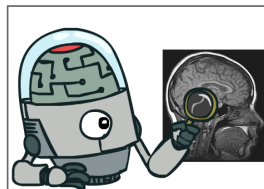
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## What is AI?

The science of making machines that:

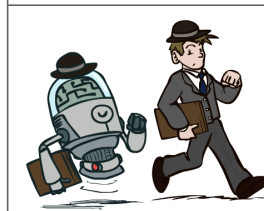
### Think like people

cognitive science,  
neuroscience



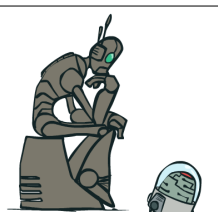
### Act like people

dating back to Alan  
Turing... general talk ...  
imitations ... it wasn't really  
leading us to build  
intelligence



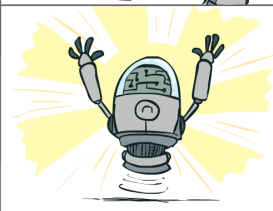
### Think rationally

long tradition, Aristotle...  
very difficult, how you end  
up acting is more  
important



### Act rationally

This is what we most need



## Outline

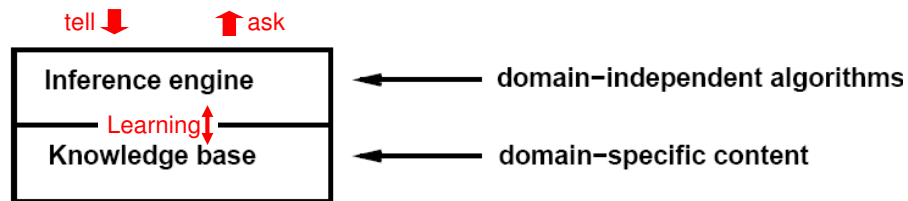
- Knowledge-based agents
- Wumpus world
- Logic in general
- Propositional and first-order logic
  - Inference, validity, equivalence and satisfiability
  - Reasoning patterns
    - Resolution
    - Forward/backward chaining

## Knowledge Oriented Agents

- In this chapter we build agents that can:
  - **Represent** the world "using Logic"
  - Use logic to **update representation** of the world
  - Use the representations and logic to **decide** on their **actions**
- These agents will use **Knowledge** and **Logic** to live

# Knowledge Base

- An **expert system** consists of a knowledge base (KB) and an inference engine (IE). The system does not have direct access to the outside world.
  - Depends on us to add knowledge and query information
  - Responds to us and does not act directly



- Sometimes the system is **connected** to environment directly and it can act. These are called **logical agents**. It can get information using **percepts**, **reason** and then **act**.

# Knowledge

- **Knowledge Base:** is a **set** of representations of **what** the system **knows** about the **world** (objects and classes of objects, the fact about objects, relationships among objects, etc.).
- Each individual representation is called a **sentence**. The sentences are expressed in a knowledge **representation language**. The knowledge can sometimes be further divided into:
  - **Rules:** sentences in If...then... form that are used for reasoning
  - **Facts:** information which is gathered by perception, are used with rules to reason
- **Examples of sentences:**
  - The moon is made of green cheese
  - If A is true then B is true
  - A is false
  - All humans are mortal
  - Confucius is a human
- Normally, the KB is initialized with **background** knowledge, before interacting with the world (some rules)

## Inference Engine (IE)

- **Inference:** when one **ASKs** questions of the KB, the **answer** should **follow** from what has been **TELLed** to the KB previously.
- The Inference engine derives **new sentences** from the input and KB
- The inference mechanism depends on the type representations in KB
- A KB agent operates as follows:
  1. It receives **percepts** from environment
  2. It **computes** what **action** it should perform (by IE and KB)
  3. It **performs** the chosen action (some actions are simply inserting inferred new facts into KB).

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

1. TELLS the knowledge base what it **perceives**
  2. ASKs the KB **what action** should it perform.
    - Extensive reasoning done on existing state of the world, about the outcome of actions etc.
  3. Once action is chosen, it is **recorded** using TELL and then it is executed
    - Necessary, so that KB knows the selected action is actually executed
- Details of **representation lang.** are abstracted by the two functions that interface between sensors-actuators and KB-inference sections i.e. **MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE** and **MAKE-ACTION-QUERY**.
  - Details of **inference** mechanism are hidden inside **TELL** and **ASK**.

## Abilities KB agent

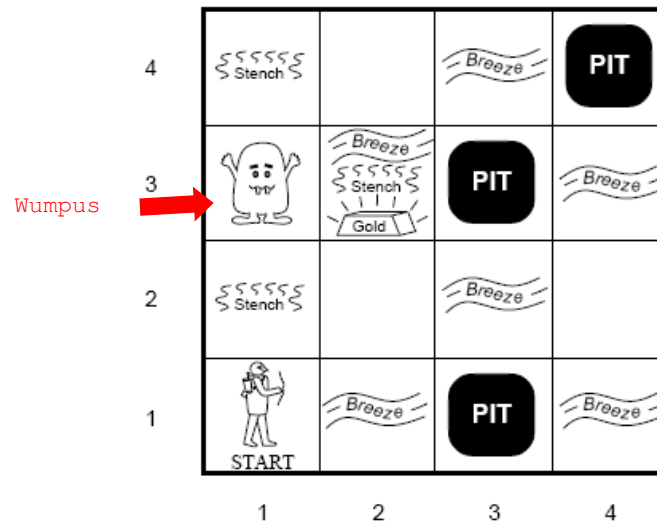
A logical agent must be able to:

- Represent states and actions:
  - Convert what it **percepts into logic** sentences and give them to KB
  - Present **actions** it can perform **in logic** form
- Incorporate new percepts and update internal representation of the world:
  - **Update** the KB with the **new percepts**
- Deduce hidden properties of the world:
  - **Deduce new sentences** that present the world from those in KB (and those coming from percept)
- Deduce appropriate actions:
  - **Reason** using KB and **select** suitable **actions**

## Wumpus World



## A Typical Wumpus World



## Wumpus World PEAS Description

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

# 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.

## Exploring the Wumpus World

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2	2,2	3,2	4,2
OK			
1,1	2,1	3,1	4,1
<b>A</b> OK	OK		

**A** = Agent  
**B** = Breeze  
**G** = Glitter, Gold  
**OK** = Safe square  
**P** = Pit  
**S** = Stench  
**V** = Visited  
**W** = Wumpus

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2	2,2 <b>P?</b>	3,2	4,2
OK			
1,1	2,1 <b>A</b> <b>B</b> OK	3,1 <b>P?</b>	4,1
<b>V</b> OK	OK		

(a)
(b)

[1,1] The KB initially contains the rules of the environment.

The first percept is [none, none, none, none, none], move to safe cell e.g. [2,1]

[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 i.e. [1,2]

## Exploring the Wumpus World

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3 W!	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2 <b>A</b> S OK	2,2 OK	3,2	4,2
1,1 V OK	2,1 B V OK	3,1 P!	4,1

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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)

[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] (you can shoot the wumpus)  
 THUS [2,2] is safe because of lack of breeze in [1,2] (so it wasn't a pit)  
 THUS pit in [3,1]  
 move to next safe cell [2,2] (you can also shoot the wumpus)

## Exploring the Wumpus World

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1,2 <b>A</b> S OK	2,2 OK	3,2	4,2
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(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]



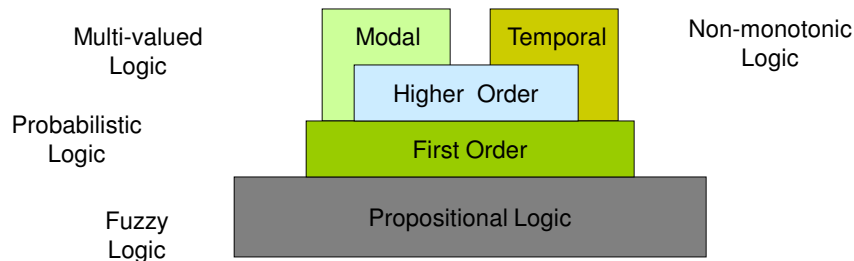
## Exploring the Wumpus World

- Each time the agent reaches a **conclusion**, the **conclusion** is guaranteed to be **correct**, if the available **information** (in KB and from perception) is **correct**.
- In the coming sections we first talk about **propositional logic**.
- We then describe **how** we can **build** agents that can **represent information** and **draw conclusions** using **Logic**.

## What is a logic?

- **A formal language**
  - Syntax – what expressions are legal (well-formed). A language consists of all those well formed expressions.
  - Semantics – what legal expressions mean
    - in logic the truth of each sentence with respect to each possible world.
- **Examples in the language of arithmetic**
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is a sentence,  $x^2 + y =$  is not a sentence (because it is not well formed)
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is true in a world where  $x = 7$  and  $y = 1$
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is false in a world where  $x = 0$  and  $y = 6$

# Logic as a KR(Knowledge Representation) language



## Entailment

- One thing **follows** from another

$$KB \models \alpha$$

*KB متضمن  $\alpha$  است یا  $\alpha$  از KB منتج می شود...*

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**.
- Think of **entire KB** as one **big statement** that is true or false
  - Sentences in the KB **ANDed** together to form one big sentence
- ASKing KB a question:** does KB **entail** the sentence "there is no pit in [1, 1]"?
  - If so, **add** it to the KB. The new sentence is **produced** by **logical inference**

# Models

- Logicians typically think in terms of **models**, which are formally structured **worlds** with **respect** to which truth can be evaluated.
- $m$  is a model of a sentence  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha$  is true in  $m$  (i.e. sentence  $\alpha$  is true with the values  $m$  specifies for the parts of  $\alpha$ )
- Examples:
  - $m_1(x=2, y=2)$  is a model of the sentence " $x+y = 4$ ".  $m_2(x=1, y=3)$  is also a model of this sentence.
  - $m_1(P=\text{true}, Q=\text{true}, R=\text{false})$  is a model of the sentence  $P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R$
  - $m_2(P=\text{true}, Q=\text{true})$  is not a model of the sentence  $P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R$
- $M(\alpha)$  is the set of all models of  $\alpha$  (i.e. all the possible values of the parts of  $\alpha$ )
- How many models can be defined over  $n$  propositional symbols?

## Model Checking 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  $m = \{A=\text{true}, B=\text{false}, C=\text{false}, D=\text{true}\}$  a model?
  - is  $m' = \{A=\text{true}, B=\text{false}, C=\text{false}\}$  a model?
- How many models can be defined over  $n$  propositional symbols?

# Model Checking

- **Model Checking:** Assignment of a truth value – true or false – to every atomic sentence (aka. Checking the sentence for all models)
- One type of logical inference
  - **Generate** all possible models
  - If a models generates **contradictions** with sentences in the KB, **KB is false** in those models.
  - Is the **ASKed** sentence **true**, for **ALL models** in which **KB is true**? **If so**, KB entails the sentence
- **Example**
  - “ $2 + x = z$ ” is in the KB
  - **Models** are all possible value pairs for x and z
  - In all models in which “ $2 + x = z$ ” does not hold, the **KB is false**

# Model Checking

- One type of logical inference is model checking
  - **Generate** all possible models
  - The **KB is false** in all models that generate **contradictions** with sentences in the KB
  - For **ALL models** in which **KB is true**, is the **ASKed** sentence **also true**? If so, KB entails the sentence

All possible  
models  
containing  
P, Q, R

Model	P	$P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R$	$P \wedge R$	KB
1	T	T	T	T
2	T	T	F	F
3	T	T	F	T
4	T	F	F	F
5	F	F	F	F
6	F	F	F	F
7	F	F	F	F
8	F	F	F	F

Which **models** contradict  
with KB?

2,4, 5, 6, 7,8

KB **entails** which of the  
three **sentences**?

$KB \models P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R$

$KB \models P$

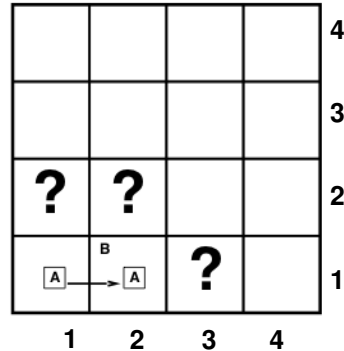
# Wumpus world model

**Note:** assume we are **only** interested in **Pits**

Situation after detecting nothing in [1,1],  
moving right, breeze in [2,1]

Consider possible models for ?s  
assuming only pits

3 Boolean choices  $\Rightarrow$  8 possible models



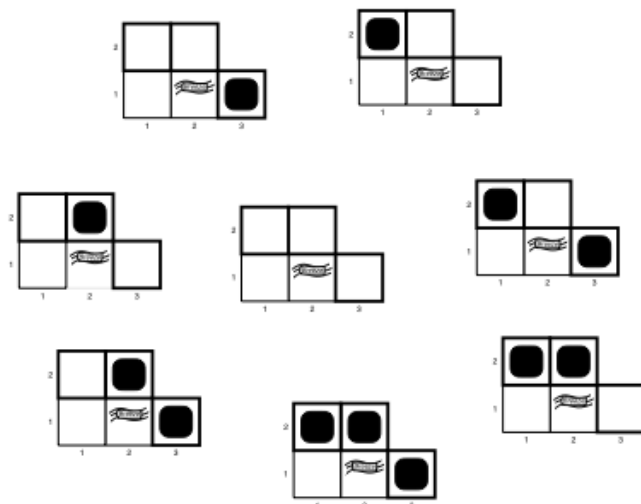
# Wumpus world model

**Situation after:**

- detecting **nothing** in [1,1]
- **moving** right to [2,1]
- and perceiving **breeze** in [2,1]

If we **only** want to consider the  
location of **Pits**, what **possible values**  
could the three cells ([1,2], [2,2]  
and [3,1]) have?

3 Boolean Choices  $\Rightarrow$  8 possible  
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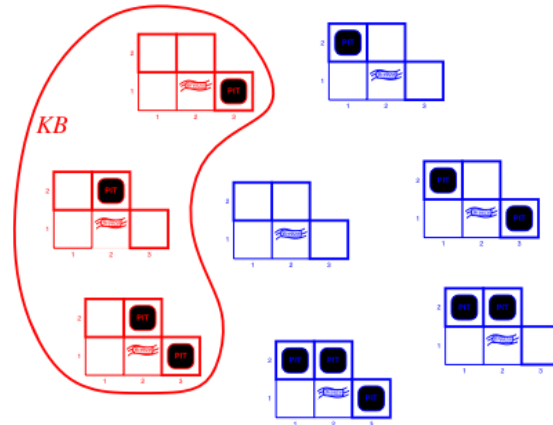
# Wumpus world model

KB is the **result** of:

- Initial rules of wumpus world
- The observations of the two moves

Describe how KB is concluded...

No breeze at (1,1)  
Breeze at (1,2)



$KB = \text{wumpus-world rules} + \text{observations}$

# Wumpus world model

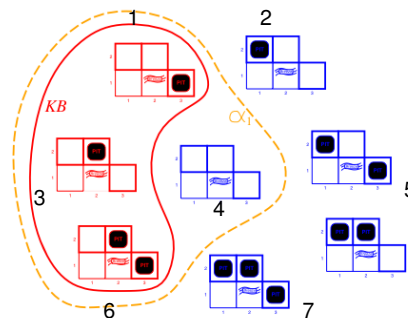
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Can we entail  $\alpha_1$  from KB?

From the definition:

KB entails sentence  $\alpha$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is true in worlds where KB is true :  $KB \models \alpha$

#	KB	$\alpha_1$
1	T	T
2	F	F
3	T	T
4	F	T
5	F	F
6	T	T
7	F	F
8	F	F



$KB = \text{wumpus-world rules} + \text{observations}$

$\alpha_1 = "[1,2] \text{ is safe}"$ ,  $KB \models \alpha_1$ , proved by model checking

# Wumpus world model

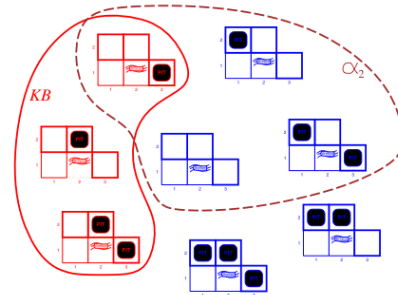
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8	F	F



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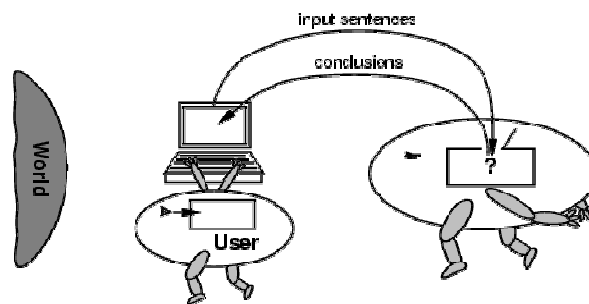
$\alpha_2 = "[2,2] \text{ is safe}"$ ,  $KB \not\models \alpha_2$

## Logical inference

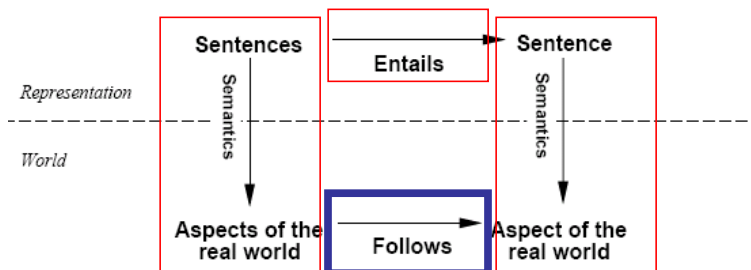
- **Inference:** is the process of **deriving** a specific **sentence** from a **KB** (where the sentence must be **entailed by** the **KB**)
  - $KB \vdash_i \alpha$  = sentence  $\alpha$  can be derived from KB by procedure  $I$
- If an algorithm **only derives entailed sentences** it is called **sound** or **truth preserving**.
  - Otherwise it just makes things up!!!
  - *$i$  is sound if whenever  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$  it is also true that  $KB \models \alpha$*
- **Completeness:** the algorithm can derive **every sentence** that is entailed.
  - *$i$  is complete if whenever  $KB \models \alpha$  it is also true that  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$*
- The notion of entailment can be used for logic inference.
  - Model checking (see wumpus example): **enumerate all** possible **models** and check **whether  $\alpha$  is true**.

## No independent access to the world

- The reasoning agent often **gets** its knowledge about the facts of the world as a sequence of **logical sentences** and must draw conclusions **only from them** without independent access to the world.
- Thus it is very **important** that the agent's **reasoning** is **sound**!



## Schematic perspective



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**.



## Propositional Logic

- Sometimes called “Boolean Logic”
  - Sentences are true (T) or false (F)
- Words of the syntax include propositional symbols...
  - P, Q, R, ...
  - P = “I’m hungry”, Q = “I have money”,  
R = “I’m going to a restaurant”
- ... and logical connectives
  - $\neg$         negation                NOT
  - $\wedge$         conjunction            AND
  - $\vee$         disjunction            OR
  - $\Rightarrow$       implication            IF-THEN
  - $\Leftrightarrow$     biconditional        IF AND ONLY IF

## Propositional Logic

- Atomic sentences
  - Propositional symbols
  - True or false
- Complex sentences
  - Groups of propositional symbols joined with connectives, and parenthesis if needed
  - $(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R$
  - Well-formed formulas following grammar rules of the syntax

## Symbols of PL, Order of Precedence

### Symbols

- Connectives:  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow$
- Propositional symbols, e.g.,  $P, Q, R, \dots$
- *True, False*

### Order of Precedence

- $\neg \quad \wedge \quad \vee \quad \Rightarrow$
- Examples:
  - $\neg A \vee B \Rightarrow C$  is equivalent to  $((\neg A) \vee B) \Rightarrow C$

## Syntax of PL

- sentence  $\rightarrow$  atomic sentence | complex sentence
- atomic sentence  $\rightarrow$  Propositional symbol, *True, False*
- Complex sentence  $\rightarrow \neg$  sentence
  - | (sentence  $\wedge$  sentence)
  - | (sentence  $\vee$  sentence)
  - | (sentence  $\Rightarrow$  sentence)
- Examples:
  - $((P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R)$
  - $(A \Rightarrow B) \vee (\neg C)$

## Semantics of PL

- It specifies **how to** determine the **truth value** of any sentence in a model **m**
- The truth value of *True* is *True*
- The truth value of *False* is *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**

P	Q	R	$P \wedge Q$	$(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R$
T	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T
T	T	F	T	F
F	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	F	F	F	T

## Propositional Logic Semantics

- Truth tables for all connectives
- Given each possible truth value of each propositional symbol, we can get the possible truth values of the expression

P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
T	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T

## Propositional Logic Example

- **Propositional symbols:**
  - A = "The car has gas"
  - B = "I can go to the store"
  - C = "I have money"
  - D = "I can buy food"
  - E = "The sun is shining"
  - F = "I have an umbrella"
  - G = "I can go on a picnic"
- If the car has gas, then I can go to the store
  - $A \Rightarrow B$
- I can buy food if I can go to the store and I have money
  - $(B \wedge C) \Rightarrow D$
- If I can buy food and either the sun is not shining or I have an umbrella, I can go on a picnic
  - $D \wedge (\neg E \vee F) \Rightarrow G$

## Proof (and inference) Methods

- **Model checking (Enumeration of Models)**
  - Truth table **enumeration** (exponential in  $n$ )
  - Improved backtracking (on all **values** of all **variables**)
  - **Heuristic search** in model space (sound but incomplete) e.g. min-conflicts like hill-climbing or genetic algorithms
- **Applications of inference rules**
  - Legitimate (sound) **generation** of **new** sentences from old
  - Proof = a sequence of inference rule applications  
can use **inference rules** as **operators** in a standard search algorithm
  - Typically requires translation of sentences into a normal form

# Wumpus World Sentences

For **simplicity** let's **only** consider **breeze** and **pits**:

## Facts:

- Let  $P_{i,j}$  be True if there is a pit in  $[i,j]$
- Let  $B_{i,j}$  be True if there is a breeze in  $[i,j]$
- $\neg P_{1,1}$  : means no pit in  $[1,1]$
- $\neg B_{1,1}$  : means no breeze in  $[1,1]$
- $B_{2,1}$  : means breeze in  $[2,1]$

## Rules:

- "Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares"  
(We should use **bidirectional** for rules and these should be written for **every cell**)

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

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

- A square is breezy if and only if there is an **adjacent** pit

# A Simple Knowledge Base

$B_{1,1}$	$B_{2,1}$	$P_{1,1}$	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{2,1}$	$P_{2,2}$	$P_{3,1}$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_5$	$KB$
false	false	false	false	false	false	false	true	true	true	true	false	false
false	false	false	false	false	false	true	true	true	false	true	false	false
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false	true	false	false	false	false	false	true	true	false	true	true	false
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$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
true	true	true	true	true	true	true	false	true	true	false	true	false

## A Simple Knowledge Base

We write all the possible states for the variables (all possible models) of cells we have info about...

$B_{1,1}$	$B_{2,1}$	$P_{1,1}$	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{2,1}$	$P_{2,2}$	$P_{3,1}$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_5$	$KB$
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true	true	true	true	true	true	true	false	true	true	false	true	false

### Questions:

Can we entail  $\neg P_{1,2}$  from KB?

Can we entail  $P_{2,2}$  from KB?

- **R1:**  $\neg P_{1,1}$
- **R2:**  $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$
- **R3:**  $B_{2,1} (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$
- **R4:**  $\neg B_{1,1}$
- **R5:**  $B_{2,1}$

- First 3 sentences are valid in all games.
- Last 2 are the results of observations.
- KB consists of sentences **R<sub>1</sub> thru R<sub>5</sub>**
- $R_1 \wedge R_2 \wedge R_3 \wedge R_4 \wedge R_5$

## Enumeration of Models

P: Set of propositional symbols in  $\{KB, \neg\alpha\}$

n: Size of P

ENTAILS?(KB,  $\alpha$ )

For each of the  $2^n$  models on P do

If it is a model of  $\{KB, \neg\alpha\}$  then return no

Return yes

The algorithm builds the truth table of both KB and  $\neg\alpha$ , then checks whether  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  is not satisfiable. In next few slides we will see:

- Satisfiability is connected to inference via the following
  - $KB \models \alpha$  iff  $(KB \wedge \neg\alpha)$  is unsatisfiable
  - proof by contradiction

## A Simple Knowledge Base

```
function TT-ENTAILS?(KB,  $\alpha$ ) returns true or false
  symbols  $\leftarrow$  a list of the proposition symbols in KB and  $\alpha$ 
  return TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , symbols, [])

function TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , symbols, model) returns true or false
  if EMPTY?(symbols) then
    if PL-TRUE?(KB, model) then return PL-TRUE?( $\alpha$ , model)
    else return true
  else do
    P  $\leftarrow$  FIRST(symbols); rest  $\leftarrow$  REST(symbols)
    return TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , rest, EXTEND(P, true, model)) and
      TT-CHECK-ALL(KB,  $\alpha$ , rest, EXTEND(P, false, model))
```

- Every known inference algorithm for propositional logic has a worst-case complexity that is exponential in the size of the input. (co-NP complete)

## Inference with Truth Tables

- Sound
  - Only infers true conclusions from true premises
- Complete
  - Finds all facts entailed by KB
- Time complexity =  $O(2^n)$ 
  - Checks all truth values of all symbols
- Space complexity =  $O(n)$ 
  - Keeps one row of truth table at a time

## Equivalence, Validity, Satisfiability

- A sentence is valid (**Tautology**) if it is true in all models
  - e.g. True,  $A \vee \neg A$ ,  $A \Rightarrow A$ ,  $(A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow B$
- Validity is connected to inference via the Deduction Theorem
  - $KB \models \alpha$  iff  $(KB \Rightarrow \alpha)$  is valid
- A sentence is **satisfiable** if it is True in some model
  - e.g.  $A \vee B$ ,  $C$
- A sentence is **unsatisfiable** if it is True in no models
  - e.g.  $A \wedge \neg A$
- Satisfiability is connected to inference via the following
  - $KB \models \alpha$  iff  $(KB \wedge \neg \alpha)$  is unsatisfiable
  - proof by contradiction

## Equivalence, Validity, Satisfiability

Two sentences are **logically equivalent** iff true in same models:

$\alpha \equiv \beta$  if and only if  $\alpha \models \beta$  and  $\beta \models \alpha$

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



## Inference Rules

### ■ Inference rules

- $\frac{(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta), \alpha}{\beta}$  Modus Ponens
- $\frac{(\alpha \wedge \beta)}{\alpha}$  And-Elimination
- $\frac{\alpha, \beta}{(\alpha \wedge \beta)}$
- $\frac{(\alpha \vee \beta), \neg \beta}{\alpha}$
- $\frac{(\alpha \vee \beta), (\neg \beta \vee \gamma)}{(\alpha \vee \gamma)}$

## Inference with Rules

- Speeds up inference by using inference rules
- Use along with logical equivalences
- No need to enumerate and evaluate every truth value

## Reasoning Patterns

### ▪ And Elimination

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

- From a conjunction, any of the conjuncts can be inferred
- (WumpusAhead  $\wedge$  WumpusAlive), WumpusAlive can be inferred

### ▪ Modus Ponens

$$\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \quad \alpha}{\beta}$$

- Whenever sentences of the form  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  and  $\alpha$  are given, then sentence  $\beta$  can be inferred
- (WumpusAhead  $\wedge$  WumpusAlive)  $\Rightarrow$  Shoot  
Given (WumpusAhead  $\wedge$  WumpusAlive) , Shoot can be inferred

## Wumpus World & Proof by Deduction (Inference Rules)

KB (R4):  $\neg B_{1,1}$

KB (R2):  $B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{2,1} \vee P_{1,2})$

- Biconditional elimination

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

- And elimination

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

- Contraposition

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

- Modus Ponens (with R4)

4.  $\neg(P_{2,1} \vee P_{1,2})$

- De Morgan's Rule

5.  $\neg P_{2,1} \wedge \neg P_{1,2}$

## Evaluation of Deductive Inference

- **Sound**
  - Yes, because the **inference rules** themselves are **sound** (This can be proven using a truth table argument).
- **Completeness**
  - If we **allow all** possible inference **rules**, we're searching in an **infinite space**, hence **not complete** (**successor function** gives infinite options)
  - If we **limit** inference **rules**, we run the **risk** of **leaving** out the necessary one...
- **Monotonic**
  - If we have a proof, **adding information** to the DB will **not invalidate** the proof  

$$\text{if } KB \models \alpha \text{ then } KB \wedge \beta \models \alpha$$
- **Can be efficient (more than model testing)**
  - NP-Complete but (just like model testing) but in this method we **can ignore irrelevant propositions** of KB when searching for a proof while truth table encounter with exponential explosion of models

## Resolution

- **Resolution:** is a method that provides a complete **inference mechanism** (search-based) **using** only **one rule** of inference
- **Unit resolution rule:** if we have a **disjunctive** sentence (**clause**) and a **complement** of a **literal**

$$m = \sim l_i$$

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

Can **entail** a sentence in which the **complements** are **removed**

- **Example:**

$$\frac{P_{1,1} \vee P_{3,1}, \quad \sim P_{1,1}}{P_{3,1}}$$

- Complementary literals  $P_{1,1}$  and  $\neg P_{1,1}$  "**cancel out**"

## Resolution

- Resolution rule:

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

- In other form:

- Given:  $P_1 \vee P_2 \vee P_3 \dots \vee P_n$ , and  $\neg P_1 \vee Q_1 \dots \vee Q_m$
- Conclude:  $P_2 \vee P_3 \dots \vee P_n \vee Q_1 \dots \vee Q_m$
- Complementary literals  $P_1$  and  $\neg P_1$  “cancel out”

- Example:

$$\frac{P_{1,1} \vee P_{3,1} \vee P_{2,1}, \quad \sim P_{1,1} \vee \sim P_{2,2} \vee P_{2,3}}{P_{3,1} \vee P_{2,1} \vee \sim P_{2,2} \vee P_{2,3}}$$

- Complementary literals  $P_1$  and  $\neg P_1$  “cancel out”
- Why it works:** Consider 2 cases,  $P_1$  is true, and  $P_1$  is false

## Resolution in Wumpus World

- There is a pit at 2,1 or 2,3 or 1,2 or 3,2
  - $P_{21} \vee P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32}$
- There is no pit at 2,1
  - $\neg P_{21}$
- Therefore (by resolution) we entail that the pit must be at 2,3 or 1,2 or 3,2
  - $P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32}$

## Conjunctive Normal Form

- **Computational resolution:** To apply resolution *mechanically*, facts *need* to be in Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF).
- **CNF form:** A formula is in *conjunctive normal form* (CNF) or *clausal normal form* if it is a conjunction of *clauses*, where a *clause* is a *disjunction* of *literals*;
- **In simply language:** it is an AND of ORs.

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

- **K-CNF sentences:** Has exactly K literals in each conjunctive statement

$$(l_{1,1} \vee \dots \vee l_{1,k}) \wedge \dots \wedge (l_{n,1} \vee \dots \vee l_{n,k})$$

## Conversion to CNF

**Example:**

$$B_{11} \Leftrightarrow (P_{12} \vee P_{21})$$

1. Eliminate  $\Leftrightarrow$ , replacing  $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  with  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$   
 $(B_{11} \Rightarrow (P_{12} \vee P_{21})) \wedge ((P_{12} \vee P_{21}) \Rightarrow B_{11})$
2. Eliminate  $\Rightarrow$ , replacing  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  with  $\neg \alpha \vee \beta$   
 $(\neg B_{11} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{21}) \wedge (\neg (P_{12} \vee P_{21}) \vee B_{11})$
3. Move  $\neg$  in using deMorgan's rules and double negation  
 $(\neg B_{11} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{21}) \wedge ((\neg P_{12} \wedge \neg P_{21}) \vee B_{11})$
4. Distribute  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$   
 $(\neg B_{11} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{21}) \wedge (\neg P_{12} \vee B_{11}) \wedge (\neg P_{21} \vee B_{11})$

**Set of clauses:**

$$\{(\neg B_{11} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{21}), (\neg P_{12} \vee B_{11}), (\neg P_{21} \vee B_{11})\}$$

## Conversion to CNF

1.  $B_{22} \Leftrightarrow (P_{21} \vee P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32})$
  2. Eliminate  $\Leftrightarrow$ , replacing with two implications  
 $(B_{22} \Rightarrow (P_{21} \vee P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32})) \wedge ((P_{21} \vee P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32}) \Rightarrow B_{22})$
  3. Replace implication  $(A \Rightarrow B)$  by  $\neg A \vee B$   
 $(\neg B_{22} \vee (P_{21} \vee P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32})) \wedge (\neg(P_{21} \vee P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32}) \vee B_{22})$
  4. Move  $\neg$  "inwards" (unnecessary parens removed)  
 $(\neg B_{22} \vee P_{21} \vee P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32}) \wedge ((\neg P_{21} \wedge \neg P_{23} \wedge \neg P_{12} \wedge \neg P_{32}) \vee B_{22})$
  4. Distributive Law  
 $(\neg B_{22} \vee P_{21} \vee P_{23} \vee P_{12} \vee P_{32}) \wedge (\neg P_{21} \vee B_{22}) \wedge (\neg P_{23} \vee B_{22}) \wedge (\neg P_{12} \vee B_{22}) \wedge (\neg P_{32} \vee B_{22})$
- (Final result has 5 clauses)

## Proof using Resolution

- In order to show  $KB \models \alpha$  we should show  $KB \wedge \neg \alpha$  is unsatisfiable (proof by contradiction برهان خلف)
- Algorithm:
  1. First  $KB \wedge \neg \alpha$  is converted into CNF form
  2. The resolution rule is applied to the resulting clauses (disjunctions). Each pair that has complementary literals is resolved to produce a new clause.
  3. The newly built clause is added to the set of clauses if it is not already added.
  4. The process continues until one of the following happens
    - There are no new clauses that can be added (by resolution). In this case  $\alpha$  does not entail  $\beta$ .
    - An application of the resolution rule derives the empty clause. In this case the  $KB \wedge \neg \alpha$  is unsatisfiable and therefore  $\alpha$  entails  $\beta$ .
- If we prove that  $KB \wedge \neg P$  derives a contradiction (empty clause) and we know  $KB$  is true, then  $\neg P$  must be false, so  $P$  must be true!

## Proof using Resolution (Example)

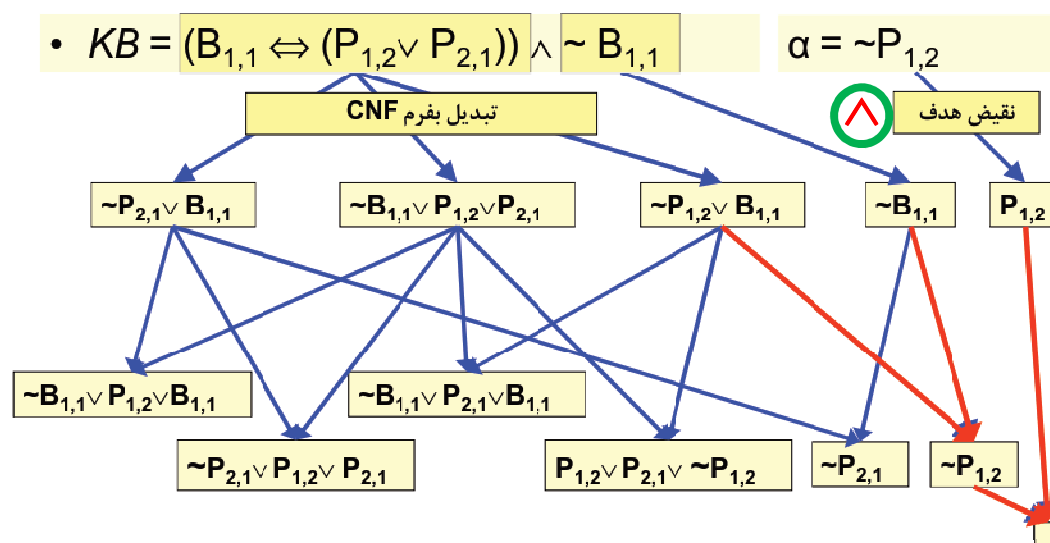
We can apply the resolution procedure to a very simple inference in the [wumpus world](#).

- When the agent is in [1,1], there is no breeze, so there can be no pits in the neighboring squares. The relevant knowledge base is

$$KB = R_2 \wedge R_4 = (B_{11} \Leftrightarrow (P_{12} \vee P_{21})) \wedge \neg B_{11}$$

- We wish to prove  $\alpha$  which is, say,  $\neg P_{12}$
- We now should prove  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  is un-satisfiable to prove  $\alpha$  can be entailed
- We convert the  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  into CNF form and continue the algorithm
- We reach an empty clause which means  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  is un-satisfiable and therefore  $\alpha$  can be entailed.

## Proof using Resolution (Example)



## Evaluation of Resolution

- Resolution is sound
  - Because the resolution rule is true in all cases
- Resolution is complete
  - Provided a complete search method is used to find the proof, if a proof can be found it will
  - **Note:** you **must know what** you're **trying** to **prove** in order to prove it!
- Resolution is exponential
  - The number of clauses that we must search grows **exponentially**...
  - However **if** we use **Horn** clauses, resolution will **not have** this problem

## Horn Clauses

- A Horn Clause is a CNF clause with **exactly one positive literal**
  - The **positive** literal is called the **head**
  - The **negative** literals are called the **body**
  - Example  $B_{11} \vee \neg P_{12} \vee \neg P_{21}$
- Why horn clauses?
  1. Because they are in fact **implications** or can be converted to them. **KB rules** are normally implications.
    - The above example is equal to  $P_{12} \wedge P_{21} \Rightarrow B_{11}$  (using the rule  $p \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ )
  2. Horn Clauses form the basis of **forward and backward chaining** which are easy and natural. The Prolog language is based on Horn Clauses.
  3. Deciding **entailment** with Horn Clauses is **linear** in the size of the knowledge base.



## Reasoning with Horn Clauses

- Forward Chaining

- For each new piece of data, using the rules, generate all new facts, until the desired fact is generated
- Data-directed reasoning

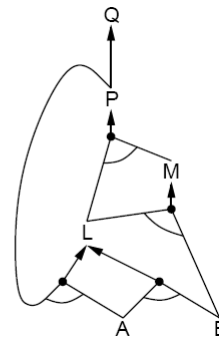
- Backward Chaining

- To prove the goal, find a clause that contains the goal as its head, and prove the body recursively
- (Backtrack when you chose the wrong clause)
- Goal-directed reasoning

## Forward Chaining

- Fire any rule whose premises are satisfied in the KB
- Add its conclusion to the KB until the query is found
- We are interested in Q
- The facts we have are A and B
- From bottom to up, we use the rules we have to find new facts.
- The graph shows just the useful part of a reasoning that produces what we need.

$$\begin{aligned}P &\Rightarrow Q \\L \wedge M &\Rightarrow P \\B \wedge L &\Rightarrow M \\A \wedge P &\Rightarrow L \\A \wedge B &\Rightarrow L \\A \\B\end{aligned}$$

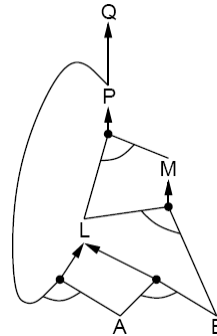


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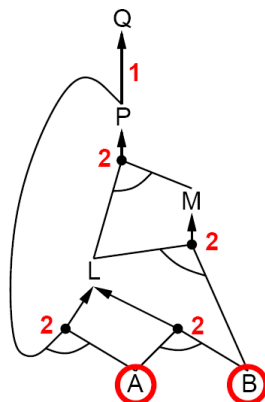
- AND-OR Graph

- multiple links joined by an arc indicate conjunction – every link must be proved
- multiple links without an arc indicate disjunction – any link can be proved

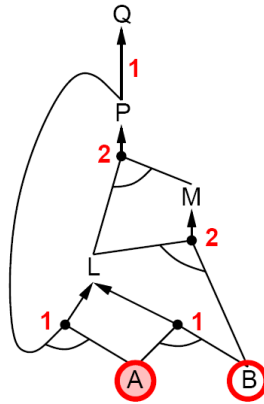
$P \Rightarrow Q$   
 $L \wedge M \Rightarrow P$   
 $B \wedge L \Rightarrow M$   
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 $A$   
 $B$



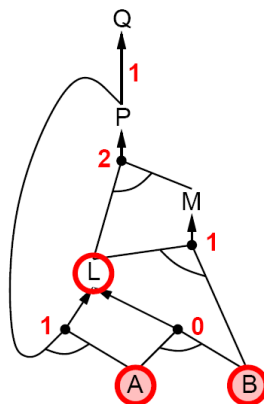
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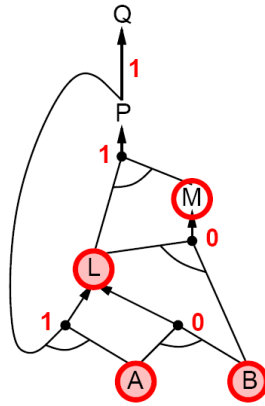
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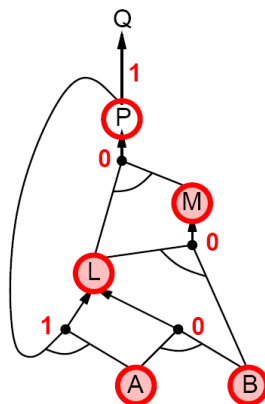
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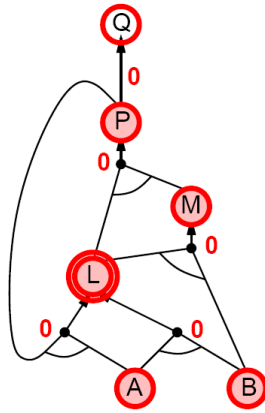
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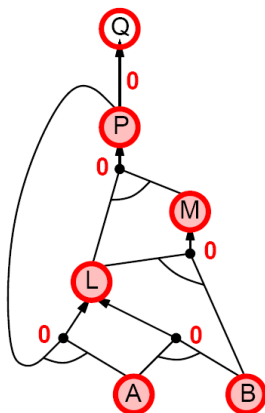
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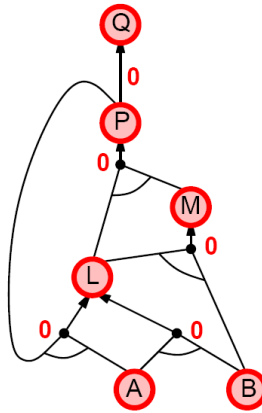
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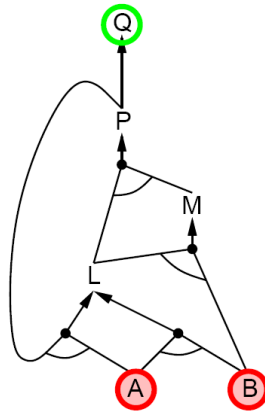
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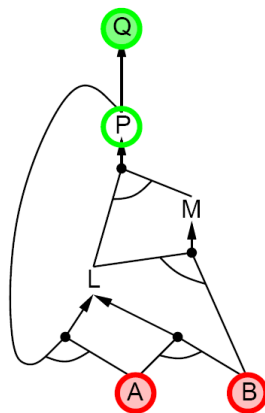
## Backward Chaining

- Idea: work backwards from the query  $q$ :
  - To prove  $q$  by backward chaining:
    - Check if  $q$  is **known** already (in the list of KB).
    - **Otherwise** find **those** implications in the KB that **conclude**  $q$ .
    - If all the **premises** of **one of those** implications can be **proved** true (possibly by backward chaining) **then**  $q$  is true.
- **Avoid loops**
  - Check if new sub-goal is already on the goal stack
- **Avoid repeated work: check if new subgoal**
  - Has already been proved true, or
  - Has already failed

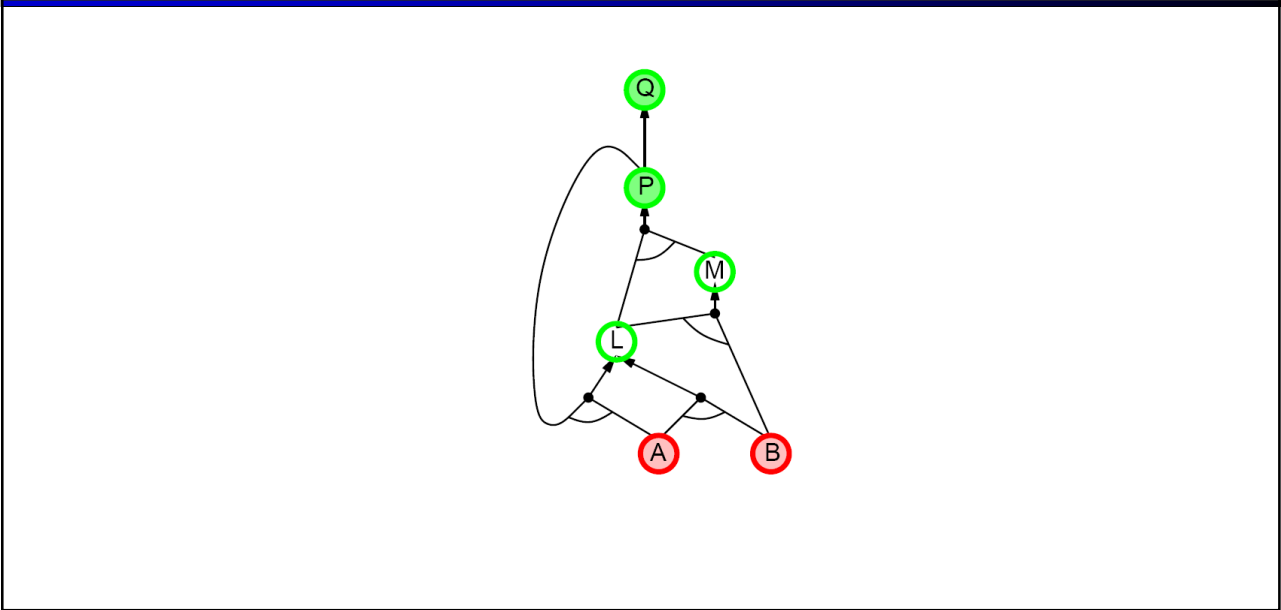
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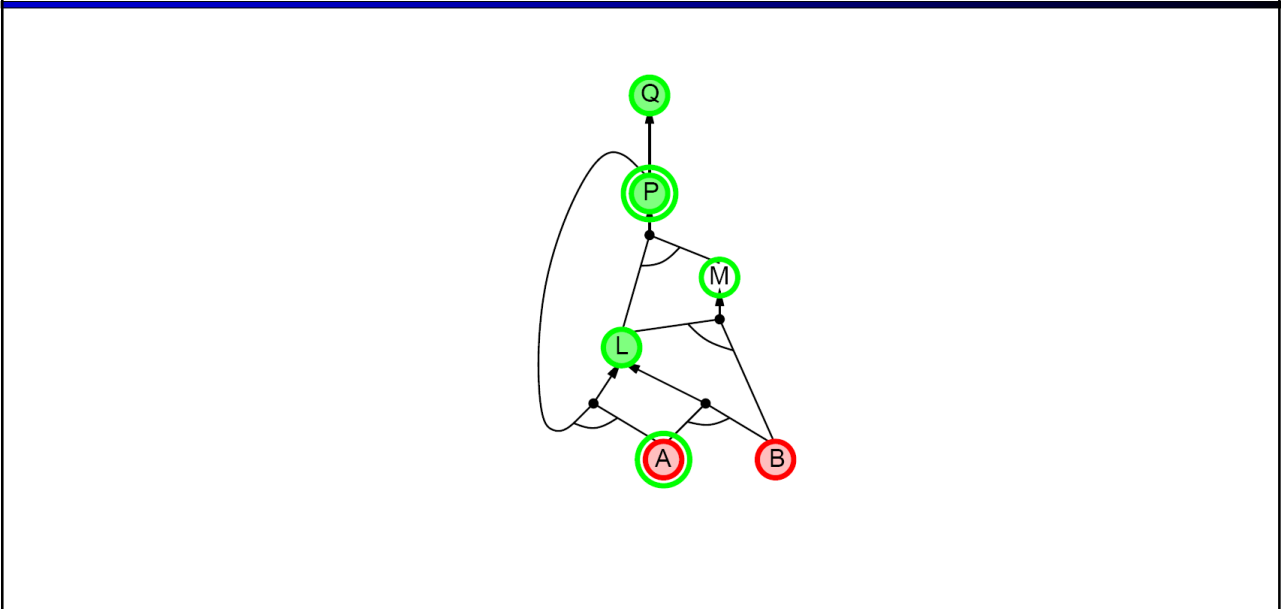
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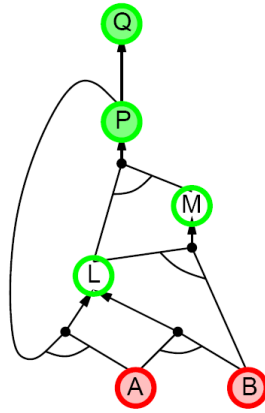


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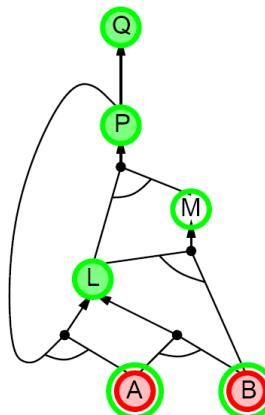




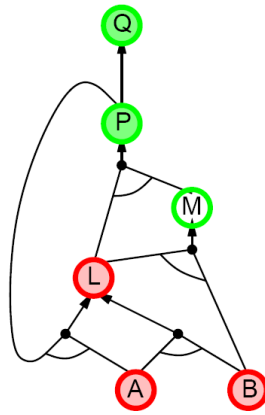
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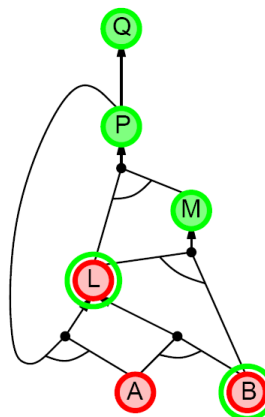
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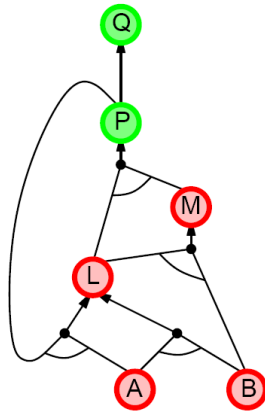
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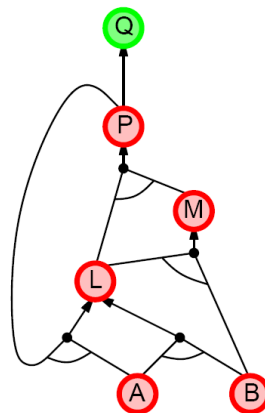
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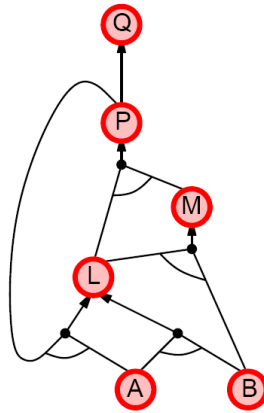
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## Forward Chaining vs. Backward Chaining

- Forward Chaining is **data** driven
  - **Automatic**, unconscious **processing**
    - **object** recognition
    - routine **decisions**
  - May do lots of work that is irrelevant to the goal
- Backward Chaining is goal driven
  - Appropriate for problem solving
  - E.g. "Is this sickness Malaria?", "Where are my keys?", "How do I start the car?"
- The complexity of **BC** can be **much less** than **linear** in size of the KB