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Horn-SAT is feasible, whereas 3-SAT is likely not.

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which we can block by adding to KB the rule

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Applying one default to Nixon makes the other inapplicable.

KB has two incompatible extensions, breaking

least fixed point (provability model) for Horn clauses.

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N.B. Checking finite failure can be as hard as the Halting Problem.

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From \models as inclusion \subseteq

$$\begin{aligned} KB \models g &\iff \text{Mod}(KB) \subseteq \text{Mod}(g) \\ KB \text{ satisfiable} &\iff \text{Mod}(KB) \not\subseteq \text{Mod}(\text{false}) \\ &\iff \text{Mod}(KB) \neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

to weighing alternatives $d \in D$ via probabilities given KB

$$\text{prob}(d|KB) = \text{conditional probability of } d \text{ given } KB$$

\rightsquigarrow Bayesian networks, from next week on.