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# Artificial Intelligence

## Lecturer 9 – Propositional Logic

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# Knowledge-based Agents

- Know about the world
  - They maintain a collection of facts (sentences) about the world, their **Knowledge Base**, expressed in some **formal language**.
- Reason about the world
  - They are able to derive new facts from those in the KB using some **inference mechanism**.
- Act upon the world
  - They map percepts to actions by **querying** and **updating** the KB.

# What is Logic ?

- A **logic** is a triplet  $\langle L, S, R \rangle$ 
  - L, the **language** of the logic, is a class of sentences described by a precise syntax, usually a formal grammar
  - S, the logic's **semantic**, describes the meaning of elements in L
  - R, the logic's **inference system**, consisting of derivation rules over L
- Examples of logics:
  - **Propositional, First Order**, Higher Order, Temporal, Fuzzy, Modal, Linear, ...

# Propositional Logic

- Propositional **Logic** is about facts in the world that are either **true** or **false**, nothing else
- Propositional **variables** stand for **basic facts**
- Sentences are made of
  - propositional variables (A,B,...),
  - logical constants (TRUE, FALSE), and
  - logical connectives (not,and,or,...)
- The meaning of sentences ranges over the Boolean values {True, False}
  - Examples: It's sunny, John is married

# Language of Propositional Logic

- Symbols

- Propositional variables:  $A, B, \dots, P, Q, \dots$
- Logical constants: TRUE, FALSE
- Logical connectives:

$\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

- Sentences

- Each propositional variable is a sentence
- Each logical constant is a sentence
- If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are sentences then the following are sentences

$(\alpha), \neg\alpha, \alpha \wedge \beta, \alpha \vee \beta, \alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$

# Formal Language of Propositional Logic

- Formal Grammar

- Sentence  $\rightarrow$  Asentence | Csentence
- Asentence  $\rightarrow$  TRUE | FALSE | A | B|...
- Csentence  $\rightarrow$  (Sentence) | Sentence | Sentence Connective Sentence
- Connective  $\rightarrow$   $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

# Semantic of Propositional Logic

- The meaning of TRUE is always True, the meaning of FALSE is always False
- The meaning of a propositional variable is either True or False
  - depends on the **interpretation**
    - **assignment of Boolean values to propositional variables**
- The meaning of a sentence is either True or False
  - depends on the interpretation

# Semantic of Propositional Logic

- True table

| P     | Q     | Not P | P and Q | P or Q | P implies Q | P equiv Q |
|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| False | False | True  | False   | False  | True        | True      |
| False | True  | True  | False   | True   | True        | False     |
| True  | False | False | False   | True   | False       | False     |
| True  | True  | False | True    | True   | True        | True      |

$$a \Rightarrow b \Leftrightarrow \neg a \vee b \Leftrightarrow \neg b \Rightarrow \neg a$$



# Semantic of Propositional Logic

- Entailment

- Given

- A set of sentences
    - A sentence

$\Gamma$

- We write

$\psi$

$\models$

if and only if every interpretation that makes all sentences in  $\Gamma$  true also makes  $\psi$  true

- We said that  $\Gamma$  entails  $\psi$

$\Gamma$

$\psi$

$\Gamma$

$\psi$

# Inference in Propositional Logic

- Forward Chaining
- Backward Chaining

# Forward Chaining

- Given a set of rules, i.e. formulae of the form

$$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q$$

and a set of known facts, i.e., formulae of the form

$$q, r, \dots$$

- A new fact  $p$  is added
- Find all rules that have  $p$  as a premise
- If the other premises are already known to hold then
  - add the consequent to the set of known facts, and
  - trigger further inferences

# Forward Chaining

- Example

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

$$L \wedge M \Rightarrow P$$

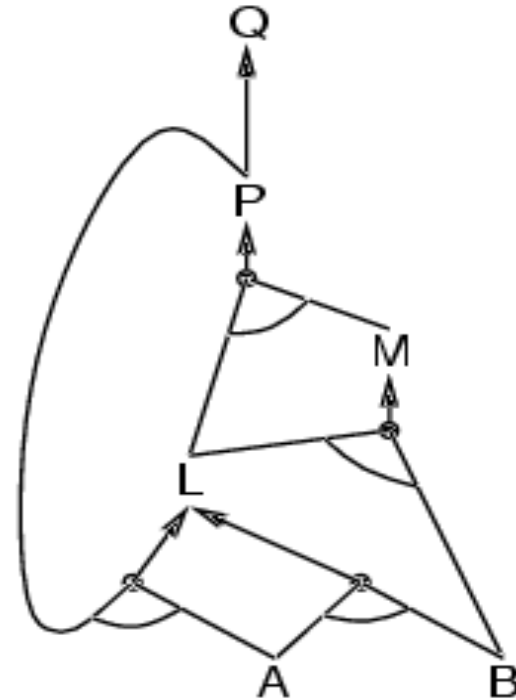
$$B \wedge L \Rightarrow M$$

$$A \wedge P \Rightarrow L$$

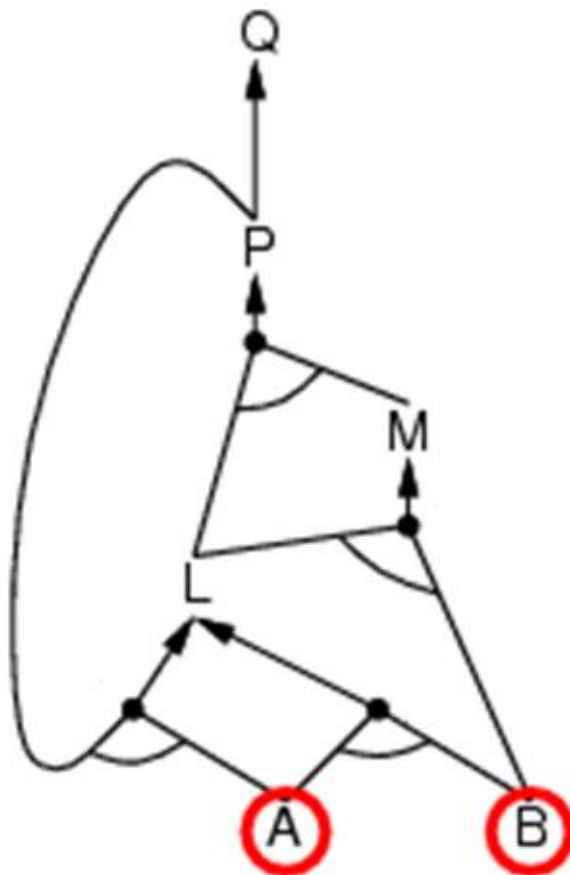
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$A$

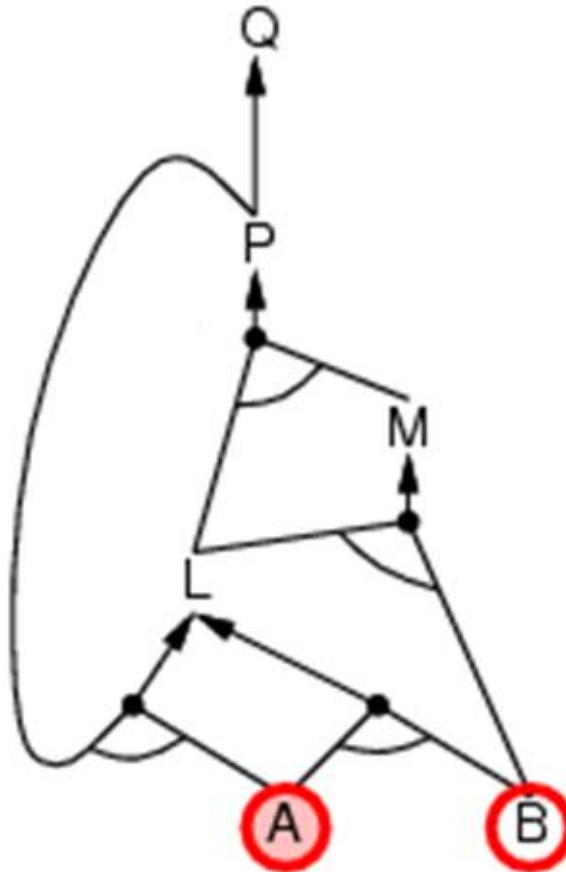
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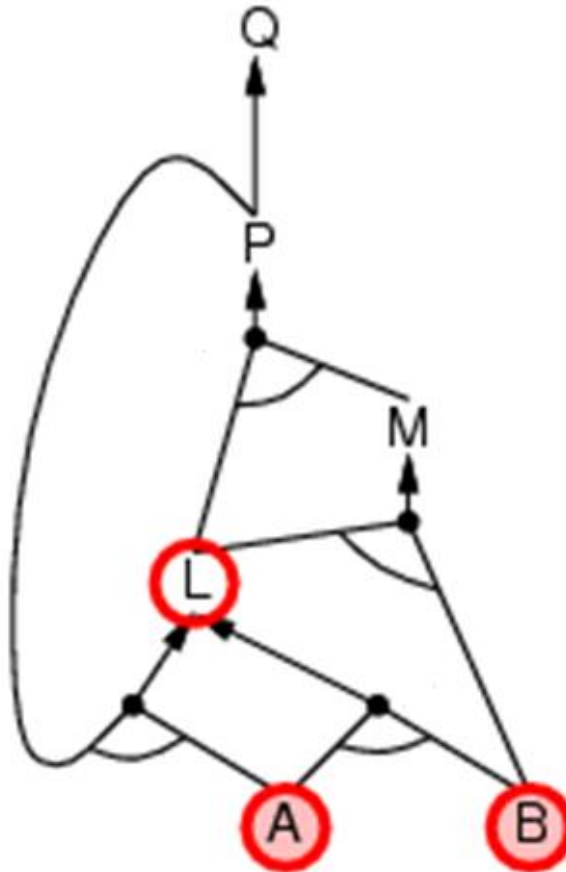
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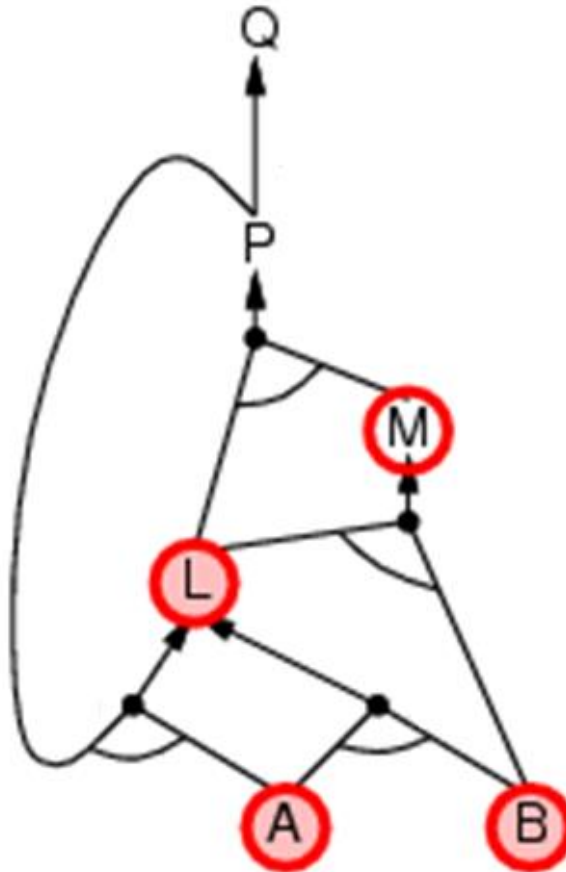
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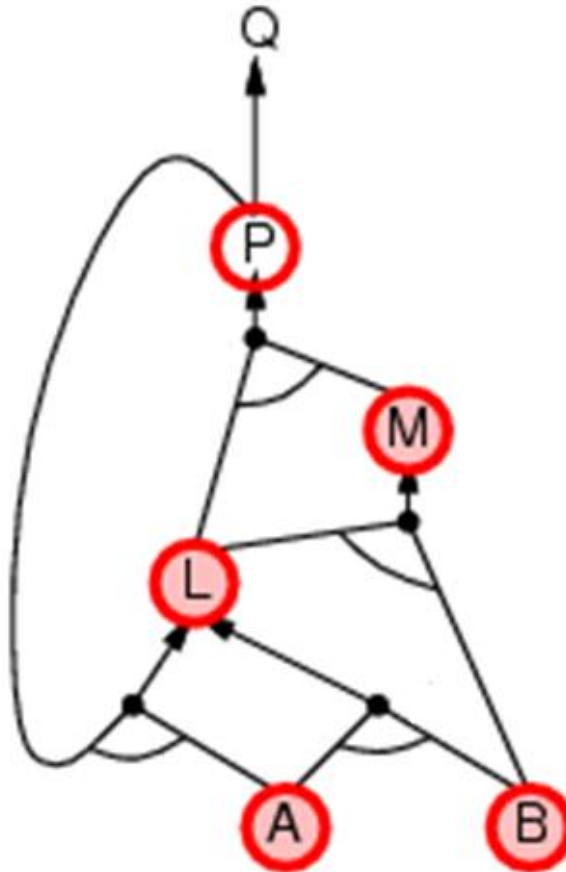


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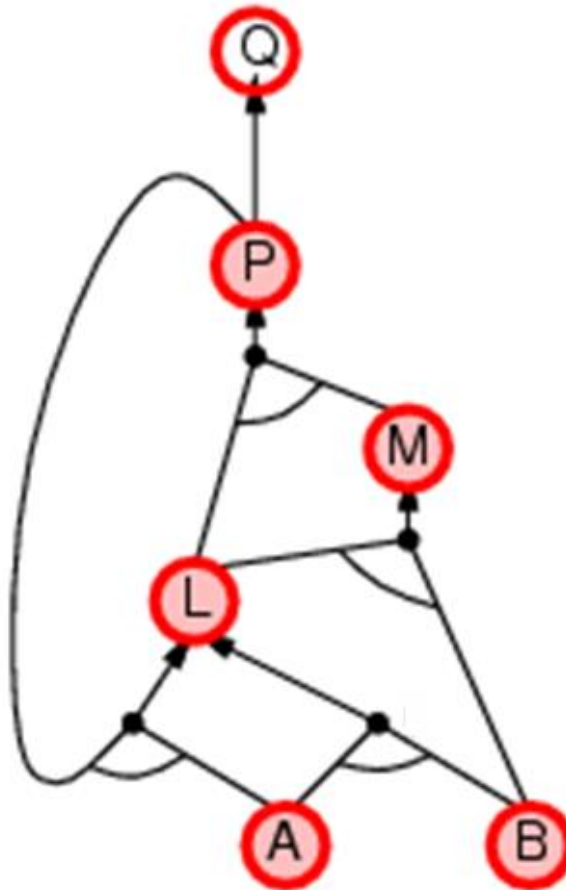




# Forward Chaining



# Forward Chaining



# Example

E1. Given Fact =  $\{a, b, m_a\}$ . Prove  $h_c$

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. $a, b, m_a \rightarrow c$ | 6. $a, B \rightarrow h_c$ |
| 2. $a, b, c \rightarrow A$   | 7. $A, B \rightarrow C$   |
| 3. $b, A \rightarrow h_c$    | 8. $B, C \rightarrow A$   |
| 4. $a, b, c \rightarrow B$   | 9. $A, C \rightarrow B$   |
| 5. $a, b, c \rightarrow C$   |                           |

# Forward Chaining

Input:

- Sentences/clauses in Horn format (Fact)
- A rule set R  $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n \Rightarrow q$
- Goal

Output:

- “Success” if Goal can be inferred from Fact

Method: Use

- Temp - a set of propositional variables which are true at the current time
- Sat - a set of satisfied rules

# Forward Chaining

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{1 Temp = Fact;  
    Sat= FindRules(Temp,R);  
    while Sat<>0 and Goal∉Temp do  
    {2   r ← get(Sat); /* r: left → q */  
        R = R \ {r}; Trace = Trace ∪ {r};  
        Temp = Temp ∪ {q};  
        Sat = FindRules(Temp,R)  
    }2  
    if Goal ⊆ Temp then exit("Success")  
    else   exit("Not success")
```

# Example

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# Exercises

## Compare stack and queue

1- Given Fact={a}, Goal={u}

1.  $a \rightarrow b$
2.  $b \rightarrow c$
3.  $c \rightarrow d$
4.  $a \rightarrow u$

2 - Given Fact={a}, Goal={u}

1.  $a \rightarrow b$
2.  $d \rightarrow c$
3.  $c \rightarrow u$
4.  $a \rightarrow m$
5.  $b \rightarrow n$
6.  $m \rightarrow p$
7.  $p \rightarrow q$
8.  $q \rightarrow u$

# Backward Chaining

- Given a set of rules, and a set of known facts
- We ask whether a fact  $P$  is a consequence of the set of rules and the set of known facts
- The procedure check whether  $P$  is in the set of known facts
- Otherwise find all rules that have  $P$  as a consequent
  - If the premise is a conjunction, then process the conjunction conjunct by conjunct



# Backward Chaining

- Example

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

$$L \wedge M \Rightarrow P$$

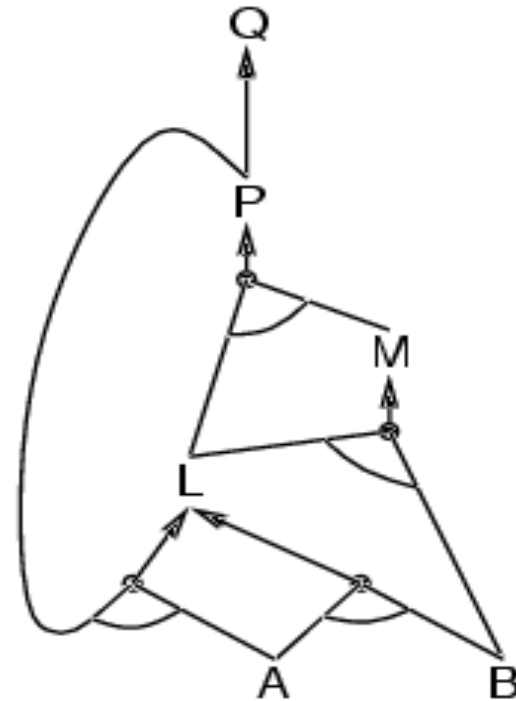
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$$A \wedge P \Rightarrow L$$

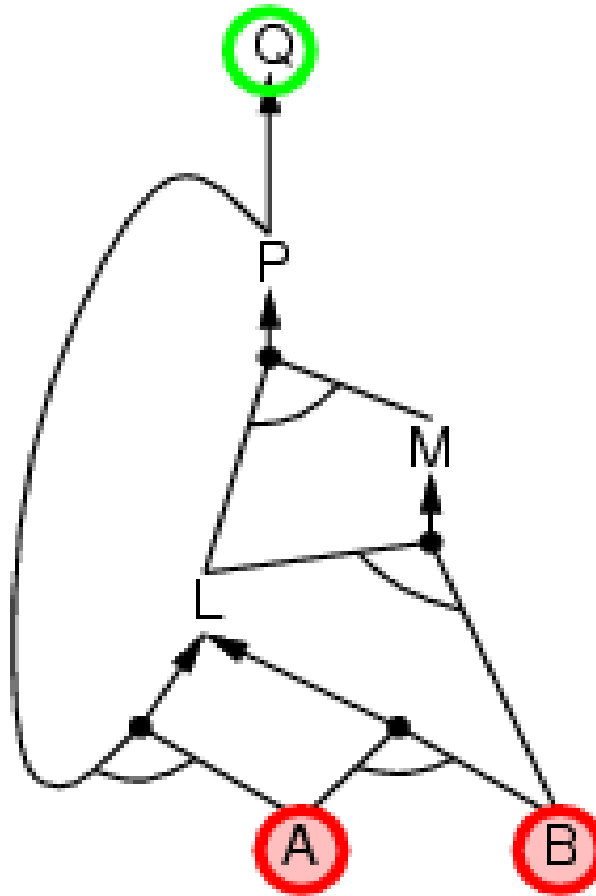
$$A \wedge B \Rightarrow L$$

$A$

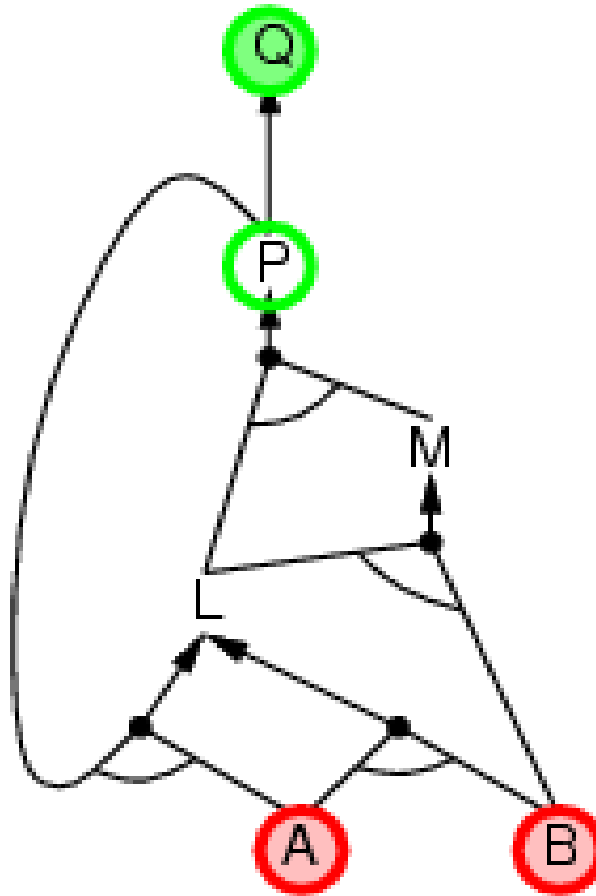
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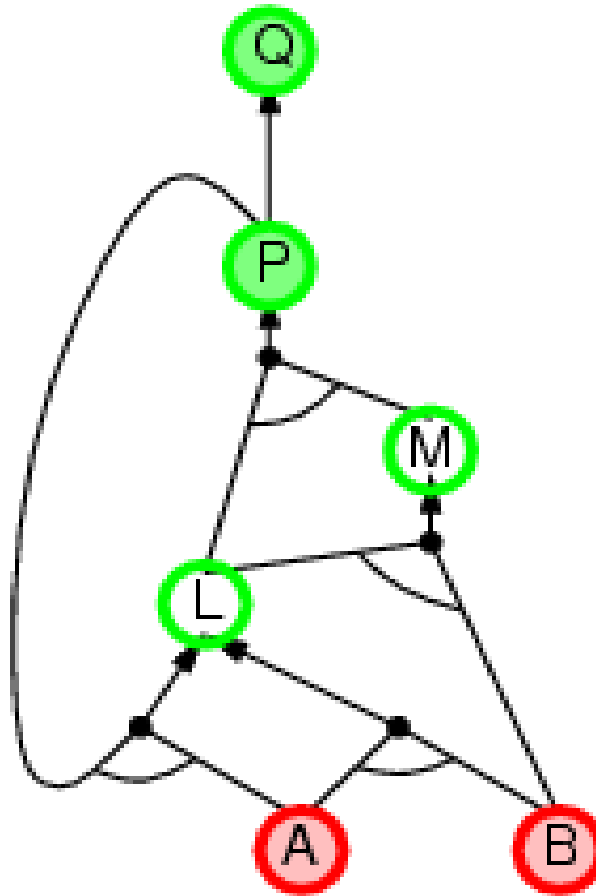
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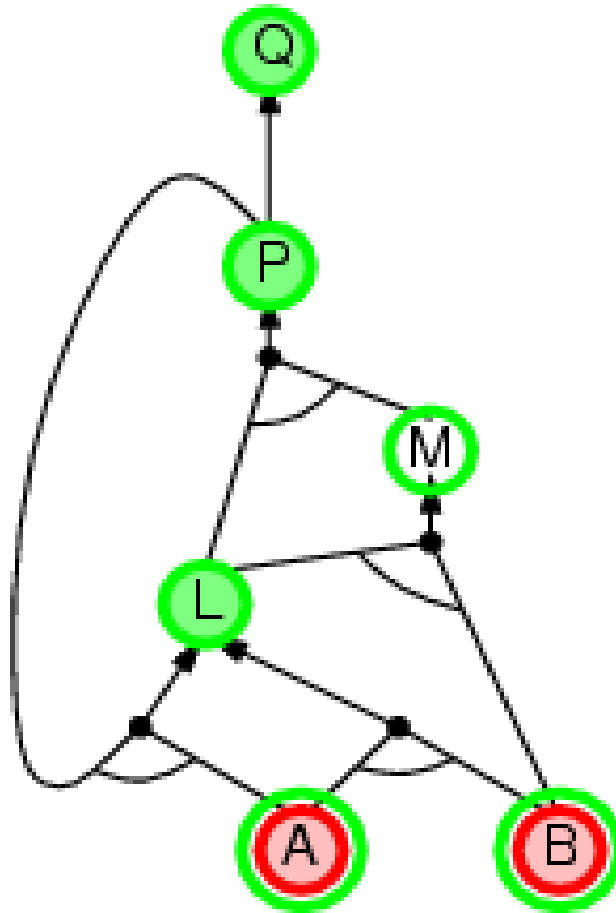
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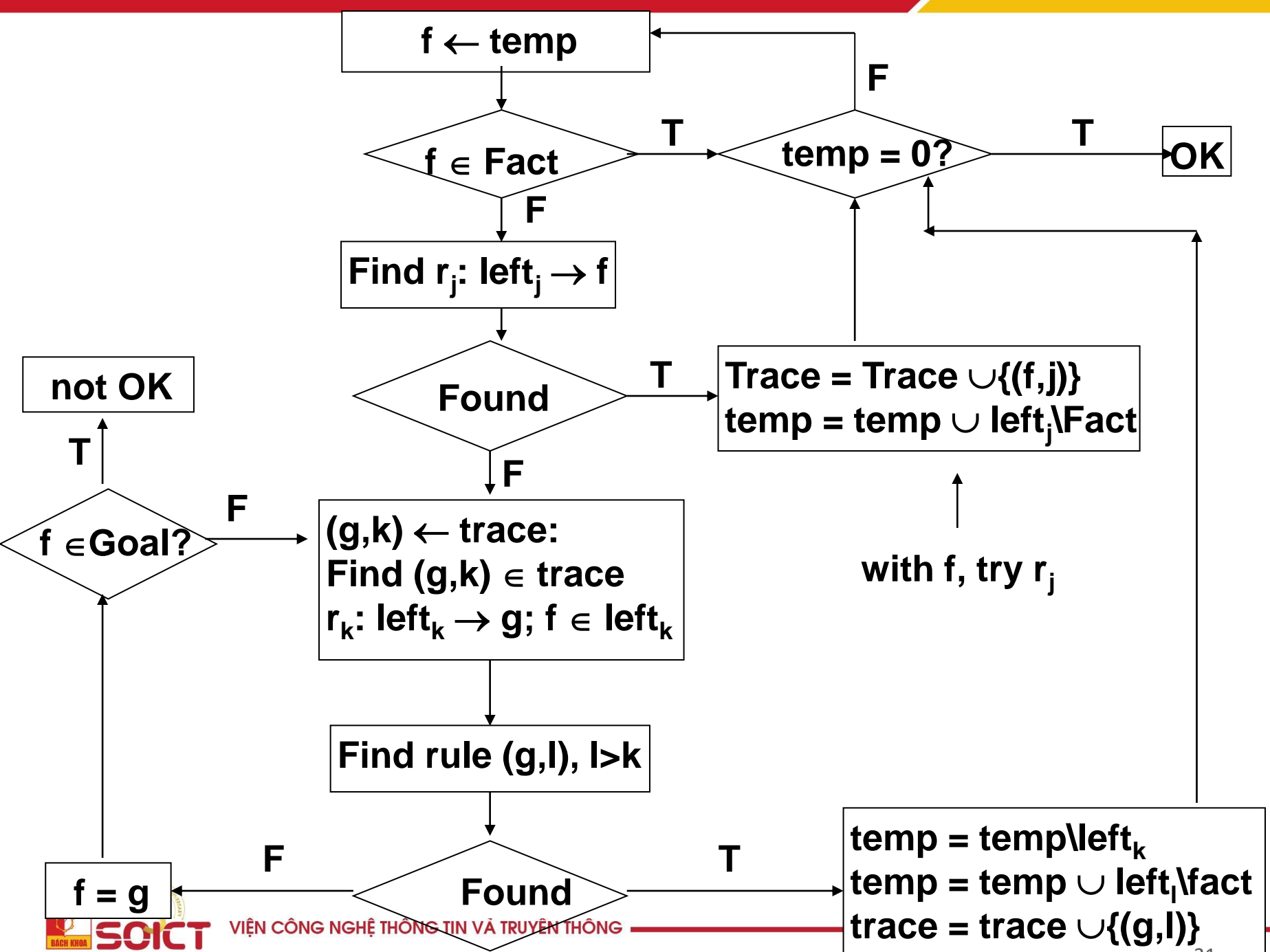
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# Backward Chaining

## Variables:

- Goal: set of variables needed to be proved
- $\text{temp} = \{f \mid f \text{ is needed to be proved until now}\}$
- $\text{trace} = \{(f, j) \mid \text{to prove } f, \text{ use rule } j: \text{left}_j \rightarrow f\}$
- Flag Back = true when backtrack  
false otherwise



# Backward Chaining

Example:

- |                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. $A, C \rightarrow B$      | 6. $a, B \rightarrow h_c$  |
| 2. $a, b, m_a \rightarrow c$ | 7. $b, A \rightarrow h_c$  |
| 3. $a, b, c \rightarrow A$   | 8. $c, S \rightarrow h_c$  |
| 4. $a, b, c \rightarrow B$   | 9. $a, b, c \rightarrow S$ |
| 5. $a, b, c \rightarrow C$   | 1'. $h_a, c \rightarrow B$ |
- Fact = {a, b, m<sub>a</sub>};    Goal = {h<sub>c</sub>}



# Exercises

E1. Given Fact={a,b,m<sub>a</sub>},  
Goal={h<sub>c</sub>}

1.  $a, b, m_a \rightarrow c$
2.  $a, b, C \rightarrow s$
3.  $a, s \rightarrow h_a$
4.  $b, s \rightarrow h_b$
5.  $c, s \rightarrow h_c$
6.  $a, B \rightarrow h_c$
7.  $a, b, c \rightarrow B$

E2. Given Fact={a},  
Goal={u}

1.  $a \rightarrow b$
2.  $d \rightarrow c$
3.  $c \rightarrow u$
4.  $a \rightarrow m$
5.  $b \rightarrow n$
6.  $m \rightarrow p$
7.  $p \rightarrow q$
8.  $q \rightarrow u$

# Transformation rules

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) & \left. \begin{array}{l} (\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) \end{array} \right\} \text{giao hoán} \\ ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) & \left. \begin{array}{l} ((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) \end{array} \right\} \text{kết hợp} \\ \neg(\neg\alpha) \equiv \alpha & \text{phủ định kép} \\ (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) & \text{tương phản} \\ (\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) & \\ (\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) & \\ \neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) & \left. \begin{array}{l} \neg(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta) \end{array} \right\} \text{de Morgan} \\ (\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) & \left. \begin{array}{l} (\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)) \end{array} \right\} \text{phân phối} \end{array}$$

# Transformation rules (con't)

Luật hấp thu:

- $(A \vee (A \wedge B)) \equiv A$
- $(A \wedge (A \vee B)) \equiv A$

Các luật về 0, 1:

- $A \wedge 0 \Leftrightarrow 0$
- $A \vee 0 \Leftrightarrow A$
- $A \vee 1 \Leftrightarrow 1$
- $A \wedge 1 \Leftrightarrow A$
- $\neg 1 \Leftrightarrow 0$
- $\neg 0 \Leftrightarrow 1$

Luật bài trung:

- $\neg A \vee A \Leftrightarrow 1$

Luật mâu thuẫn:

- $\neg A \wedge A \Leftrightarrow 0$

# Transform into CNF

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

1. Remove  $\Leftrightarrow$ , replace  $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  by  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$ .

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

2. Remove  $\Rightarrow$ , replace  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  by  $\neg\alpha \vee \beta$ .

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

3. Move negation inward using the de Morgan's rule :

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

4. Applying the “and” distribution rule :

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

# Example

$$(A \vee B) \rightarrow (C \rightarrow D)$$

1. Remove  $\Rightarrow$

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

2. Move negation inward

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

3. Distribution

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

# Exercises

Transform the following expression into CNF.

1.  $P \vee (\neg P \wedge Q \wedge R)$
2.  $(\neg P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)$
3.  $\neg(P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (P \vee Q)$
4.  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$
5.  $(P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow ((P \wedge S) \Rightarrow R)$
6.  $(P \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow S$
7.  $P \wedge Q \Rightarrow R \wedge S$
8.  $((a \vee b) \wedge c) \rightarrow (c \wedge d)$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) \\
(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) \\
((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \\
((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) \\
\neg(\neg\alpha) &\equiv \alpha \\
(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) \\
(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) \\
(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) &\equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) \\
\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) \\
\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta) \\
(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) \\
(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma))
\end{aligned}$$

1.  $P \vee (\neg P \wedge Q \wedge R)$
2.  $(\neg P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)$
3.  $\neg(P \Rightarrow Q) \vee (P \vee Q)$
4.  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$
5.  $(P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow ((P \wedge S) \Rightarrow R)$
6.  $(P \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow S$
7.  $P \wedge Q \Rightarrow R \wedge S$

# Hợp giải

Dạng kết nối chuẩn (Conjunctive Normal Form - CNF)

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

- Luật hợp giải cho CNF:

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

trong đó  $l_i$  và  $m_j$  bù nhau

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



# Resolution

- Herbrand's Theorem (~1930)
  - A set of sentences  $S$  is unsatisfiable if and only there exists a finite subset  $S_g$  of the set of all ground instances  $\text{Gr}(S)$ , which is unsatisfiable
- Herbrand showed that there is a procedure to demonstrate the unsatisfiability of a unsatisfiable set of sentences
- Robinson propose the Resolution procedure (~1950)

# Idea of Resolution

- Refutation-based procedure
  - $S \neq A$  if and only if  $S \cup \{\neg A\}$  is unsatisfiable
- Resolution procedure
  - Transform  $S \cup \{\neg A\}$  into a set of clauses
  - Apply Resolution rule to find a the empty clause (contradiction)
    - If the empty clause is found
      - Conclude  $S \neq A$
    - Otherwise
      - No conclusion

# Idea of Resolution

- A clause is a disjunction of literals, i.e., has the form

$$P_1 \vee P_2 \vee \dots \vee P_n \qquad P_i \equiv [\neg]R_i$$

- The empty clause corresponds to a contradiction

- Resolution rule

$$\frac{A \vee B \qquad \neg B \vee C}{A \vee C}$$

# Robinson's Resolution

**function** PL-RESOLUTION( $KB, \alpha$ ) *returns true or false*

*clauses*  $\leftarrow$  the set of clauses in the CNF representation of  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$

*new*  $\leftarrow \{ \}$

**loop do**

**for each**  $C_i, C_j$  **in** *clauses* **do**

*resolvents*  $\leftarrow$  PL-RESOLVE( $C_i, C_j$ )

**if** *resolvents* contains the empty clause **then return true**

*new*  $\leftarrow new \cup resolvents$

**if**  $new \subseteq clauses$  **then return false**

*clauses*  $\leftarrow clauses \cup new$

# Robinson's Resolution

Given  $KB = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$ . Prove  $Q$ .

Add  $\neg Q$  to  $KB$ :  $KB = KB \wedge \neg Q$ . Prove unsatisfied.

1. Write each  $P_i, \neg Q$  in one line.
2. Transfer to CNF representation  
 $(a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_n) \wedge (b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_n) \quad (*)$
3. Rewrite each line  $(*)$  into smaller lines:

$$a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_n$$

$$b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_n$$

# Robinson's Resolution

Consider 2 lines

u)  $\neg p \vee q$

v)  $p \vee r$

Resolution:

w)  $q \vee r$

Contrast appears when KB contains 2 lines:

i)  $\neg t$

ii)  $t$

$\Rightarrow$  done

# Examples

E1)

1.  $a$
2.  $a \rightarrow b$
3.  $b \rightarrow (c \rightarrow d)$
4.  $c$

Prove  $d$

E2)

1.  $a \wedge b \rightarrow c$
  2.  $b \wedge c \rightarrow d$
  3.  $a$
  4.  $b$
- Prove  $d$

# Examples

E3)

1.  $p$
2.  $p \rightarrow q$
3.  $q \wedge r \wedge s \rightarrow t$
4.  $p \rightarrow u$
5.  $v \rightarrow w$
6.  $u \rightarrow v$
7.  $v \rightarrow t$

E4)

1.  $((a \vee b) \wedge c) \rightarrow (c \wedge d)$
2.  $a \wedge m \wedge d \rightarrow f$
3.  $m \rightarrow b \wedge c$
4.  $a \rightarrow c$
5.  $(a \wedge f) \rightarrow (\neg e \vee g)$
6.  $(m \wedge f) \rightarrow g$

Given  $a, m$  are true. Prove  $g$

Given  $r, s$  are true. Prove  $t$



# Exercise 5

1.  $a1 \vee a2 \Rightarrow a3 \vee a4$

2.  $a1 \Rightarrow a5$

3.  $a2 \wedge a3 \Rightarrow a5$

4.  $a2 \wedge a4 \Rightarrow a6 \wedge a7$

5.  $a5 \Rightarrow a7$

6.  $a1 \wedge a3 \Rightarrow a6 \vee a7$

- Given  $a1, a2$  are true .
- Transfer the above sentences to the CNF representation
- Apply the Robinson's resolution, prove  $a7$  is true.