

# Artificial Intelligence

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# Knowledge Based Agents - Concept

- Knowledge Base or KB
  - a set of sentences describing the world
- Knowledge representation language
  - Expresses each sentence
- Inference
  - the process of deriving new sentences from the knowledge base
  - **Tell(P)** – function that adds knowledge P to the KB
  - **Ask(P)** – function that queries the agent about the truth of
- Have background knowledge about the world

# Basic Actions – Ask/Tell

- A knowledge base keeps track of things
- We can **TELL** it facts or **ASK** for inference
- For example:
  - TELL: Father of John is Bob
  - TELL: Jane is John's sister
  - TELL: John's Father is the same as John's sister's father
  - ASK: Who's Jane's Father?

# Knowledge Based Agents

- At every step:
  - Construct a sentence with assertion about percepts
  - Construct a sentence asking what action is next
  - Constructs a sentence asserting that action

# Knowledge-Based Agents

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function KB-AGENT(percept) returns an action  
  persistent: 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
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A generic knowledge-based agent.

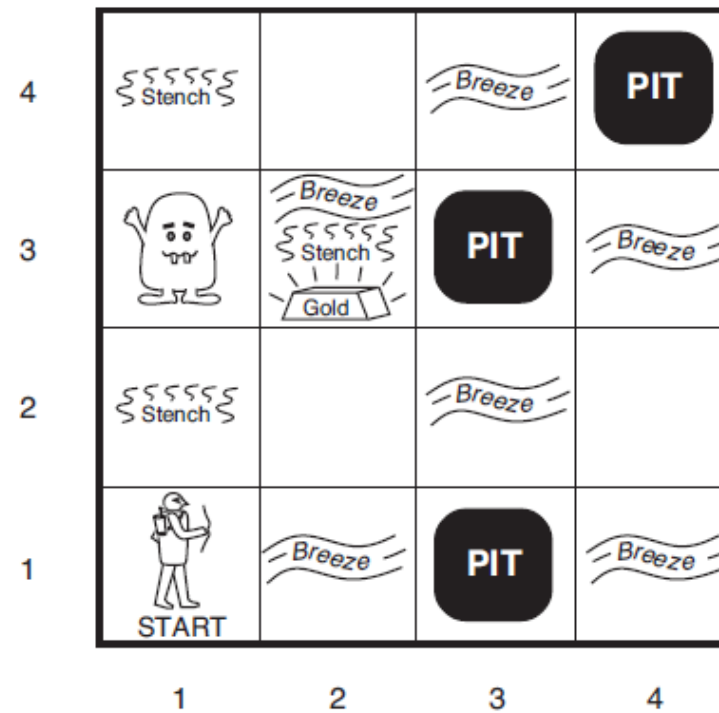
Given a percept –

- the agent adds the percept to its knowledge base,
- asks the knowledge base for the best action, and
- tells the knowledge base that it has in fact taken that action.

# The Wumpus World - A Dangerous Grid

- Adjacent rooms are connected (horizontally or vertically)
- Lurking in the cave is the Wumpus
- Player can smell the Wumpus (stench)
- Player feels a breeze if pit nearby
- Player can shoot ONE arrow at (and kill) the Wumpus
- Some rooms contain pits that will trap player
- One room contains a pot of gold (Yay!)

# The Wumpus World



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- PEAS:
  - **Performance measure:** +1000 for walk out w/gold; -1000 for dying; -1 for each action, -10 for arrow
  - **Environment** a 4 4 grid. Agent starts at [1,1]; gold and pits randomly distributed, etc..
  - **Actuators** Agent can move forward, left or right
  - **Sensors:** [*Smell, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream*]

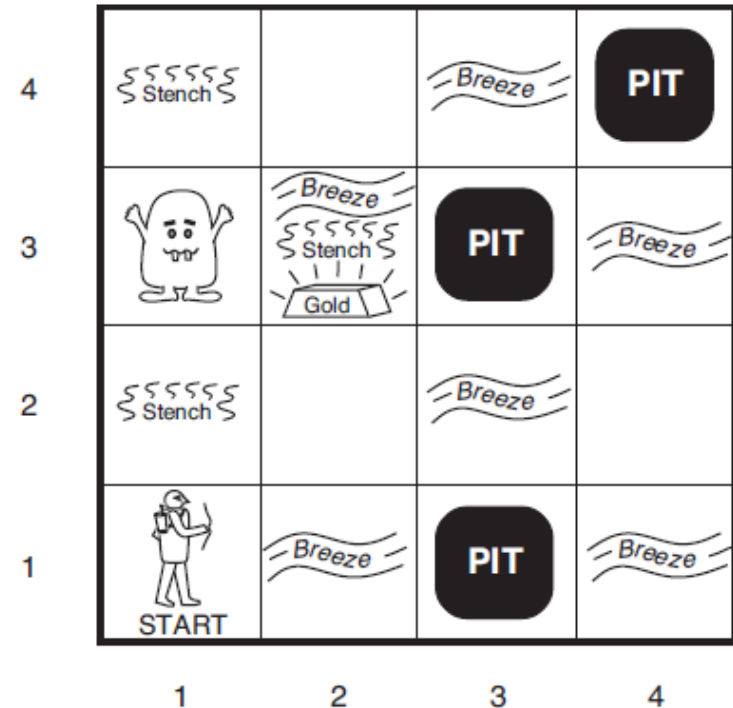


# The Wumpus World

- **Observable?** No – only local perception
- **Deterministic?** Yes – outcomes exactly specified
- **Episodic?** No – sequential at the level of actions
- **Static?** Yes – Wumpus and Pits do not move
- **Discrete?** Yes – Discrete set of percepts and actions
- **Single-agent?** Yes – Wumpus is essentially a natural feature

# The 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.



# The Wumpus World

First percept at [1,1]

[None, None, None, None, None]

Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream

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 [A] OK	2,1 OK	3,1	4,1

(a)

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

Percept at [2,1]

[None, Breeze, None, None, None]

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2	2,2 P?	3,2	4,2
OK			
1,1 V OK	2,1 [A] B OK	3,1 P?	4,1

(b)

# The Wumpus World

Percept at [1,2]

[Stench, None, None, None, None]

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

(a)

Percept at [2,3]

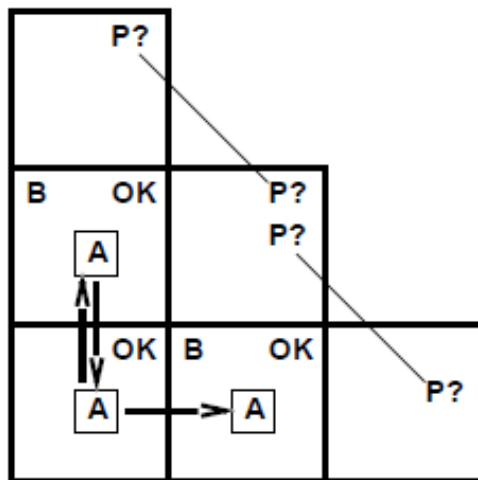
[Stench, Breeze, Glitter, None, None]

1,4	2,4 P?	3,4	4,4
1,3 W!	2,3 <b>A</b> S G B	3,3 P?	4,3
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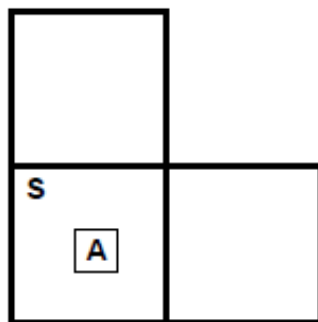
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**A** = Agent  
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**P** = Pit  
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**V** = Visited  
**W** = Wumpus

# The Wumpus World - Other tight spots



Breeze in (1,2) and (2,1)  
→no safe actions



Smell in (1,1)  
→cannot move

Can use a strategy of coercion:  
shoot straight ahead  
wumpus was there → dead → safe  
wumpus wasn't there → safe

# Logic - Basic

- A Logic has syntax
  - : e.g. “ $x + y = 4$ ” is well formed; “ $x4y+$ ” = is not
- Semantics define the **truth** of a sentence with respect to each possible world
  - For  $x + y = 4$ ,
    - true in a world where  $x$  is 2 and  $y$  is 2
    - false in a world where  $x$  is 1 and  $y$  is 1
- Models describe possible worlds.
  - Mathematical abstraction
  - Possible models are just all possible assignments to variables
- If a sentence  $\alpha$  is true in a model  $m$ ,  $m$  satisfies  $\alpha$  or  $m$  is a model of  $\alpha$
- $M(\alpha)$  is the set of all models of  $\alpha$

# Logic - Entailment

- Entailment is when a sentence logically follows from another  $\alpha \models \beta$  -  $\alpha$  entails  $\beta$
- $\alpha \models \beta$  iff in every model where  $\alpha$  is true,  $\beta$  is also true.
- $\alpha \models \beta$  iff  $M(\alpha) \subseteq M(\beta)$ .
- examples:
  - $(x = 0) \models (xy = 0)$
  - $(p = \text{true}) \models (p \vee q)$
  - $(p \wedge q) \models (p \vee q)$

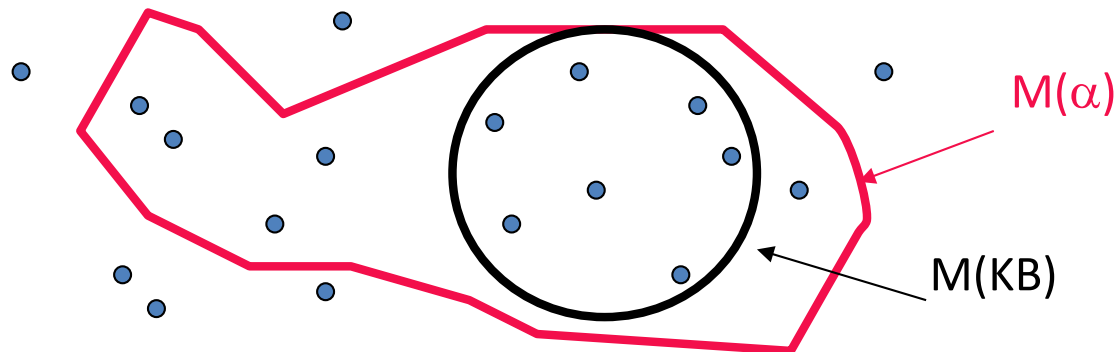
# Logic

- **Model** – the world being described by a KB
- **Satisfaction** – model  $m$  satisfies a sentence  $\alpha$ , if  $\alpha$  is true in  $m$
- **Entailment** – the concept that a sentence follows from another sentence:
  - $\alpha \models \beta$  if  $\alpha$  is true then  $\beta$  must also be true.
- **Logical inference** – the process of using entailment to derive conclusions
- **Model checking** – enumeration of all possible models to ensure that a sentence  $\alpha$  is true in all models in which KB is true



# Model

- 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  $m$
- $M(\alpha)$  is the set of all models of  $\alpha$
- Then  $KB \models \alpha$  if and only if  $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$



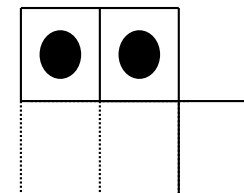
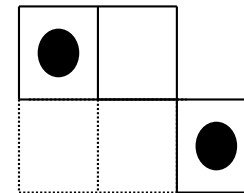
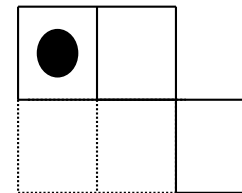
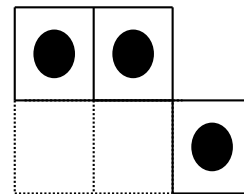
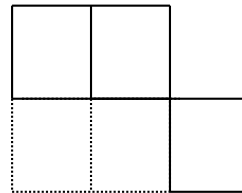
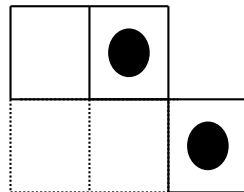
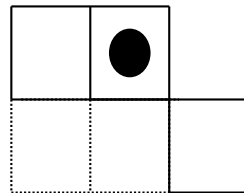
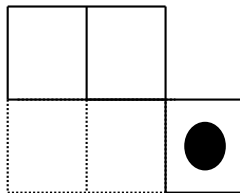
# Entailment in the Wumpus World

- 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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V	B V	?	

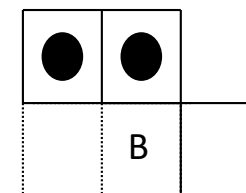
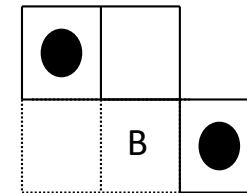
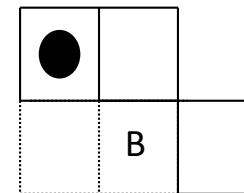
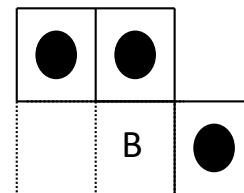
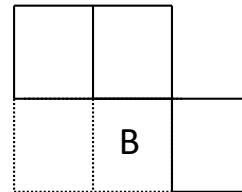
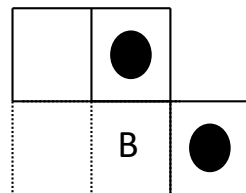
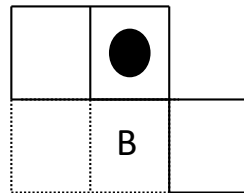
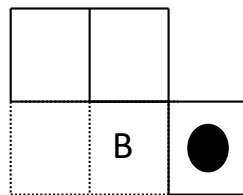
# Wumpus Models

Model the presence of pits in squares  $[1,2]$   $[2,2]$  and  $[3,1]$ .

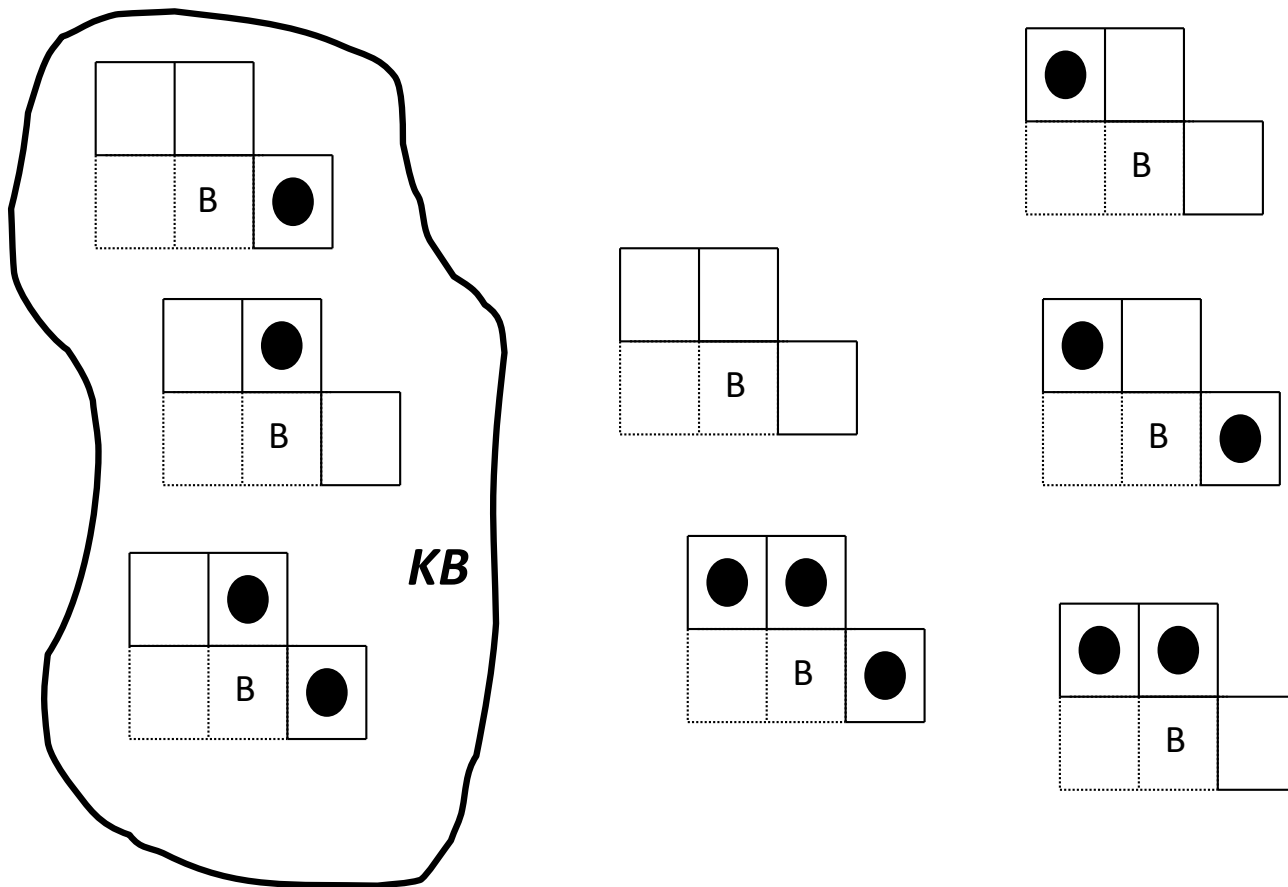


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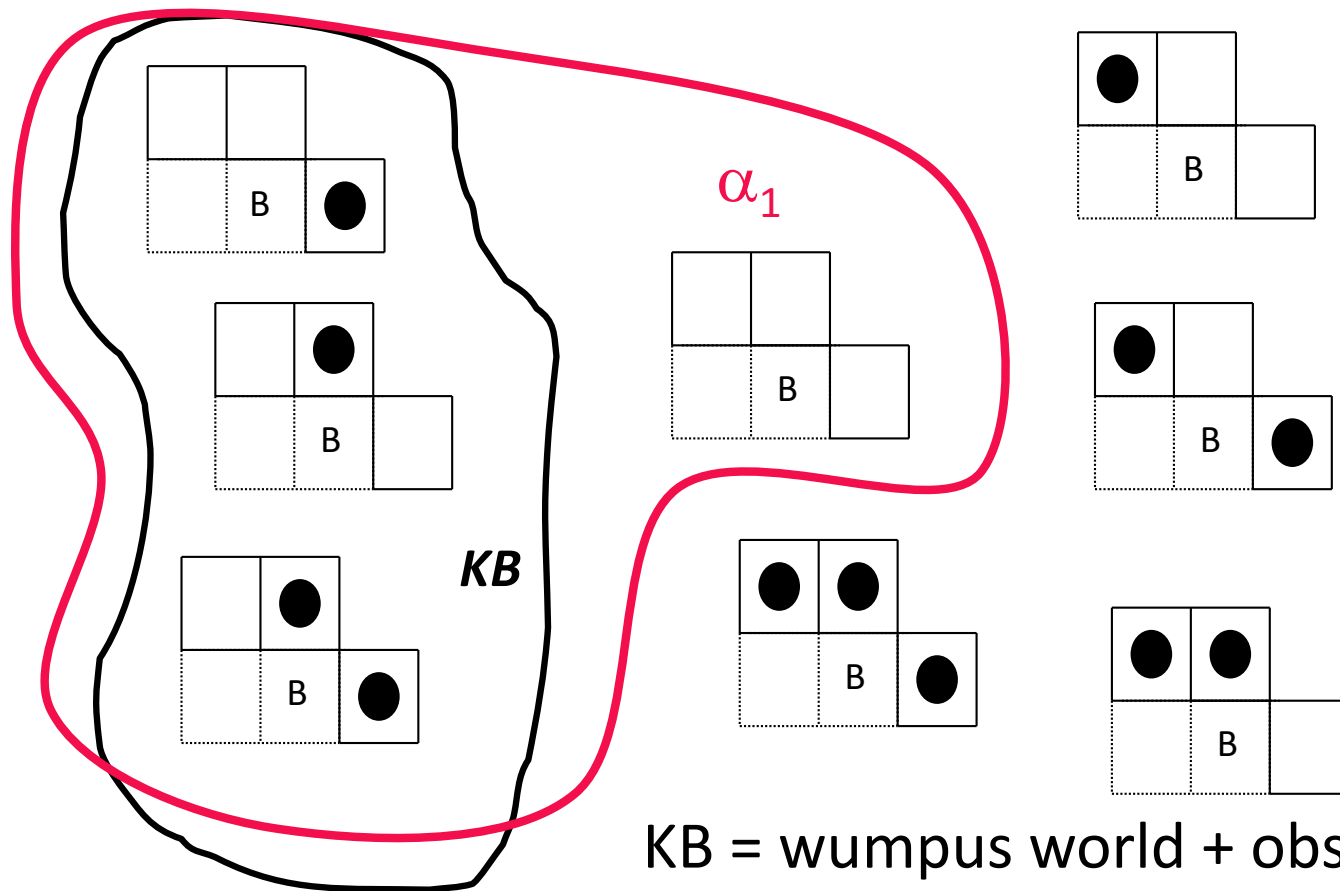
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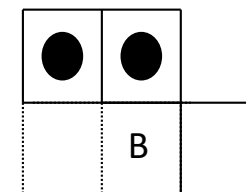
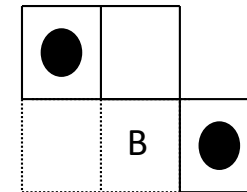
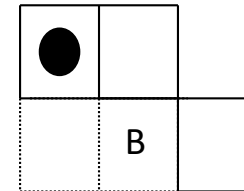
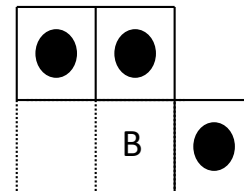
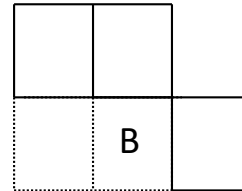
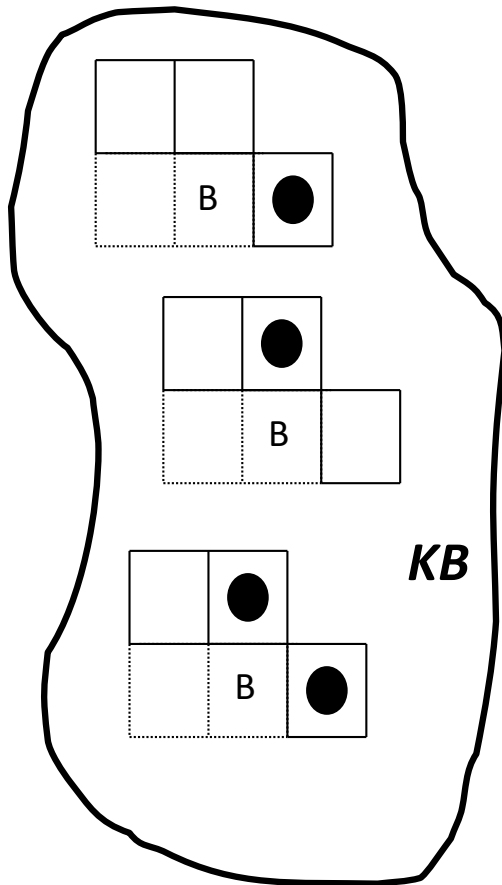


$KB$  = wumpus world + observations

$\alpha_1$  = "[1,2] is safe"

$KB \models \alpha_1$ , proved by model checking

# Wumpus Models

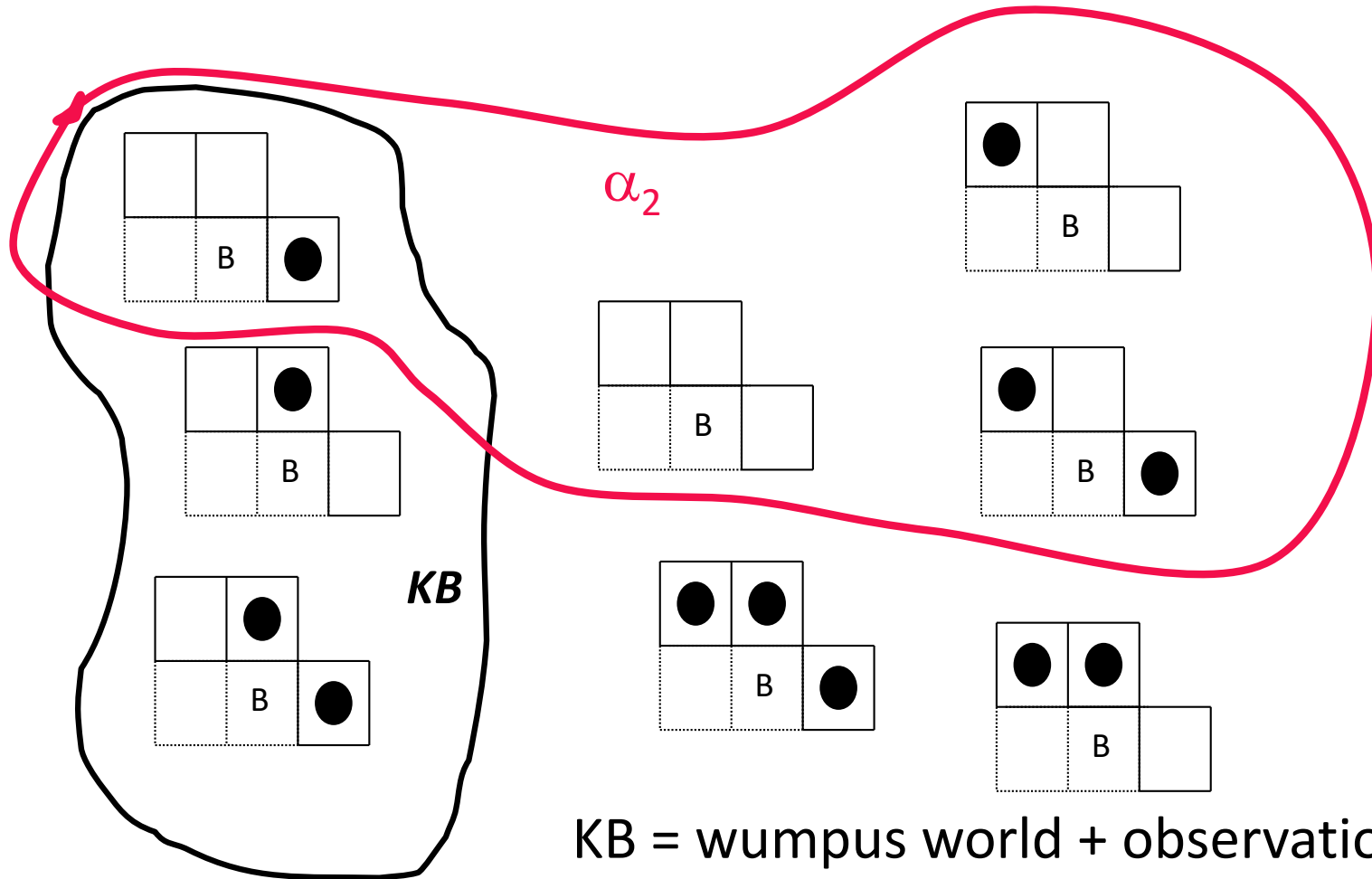


KB = wumpus world + observations

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

KB  $\models \alpha_2$  ??

# Wumpus Models



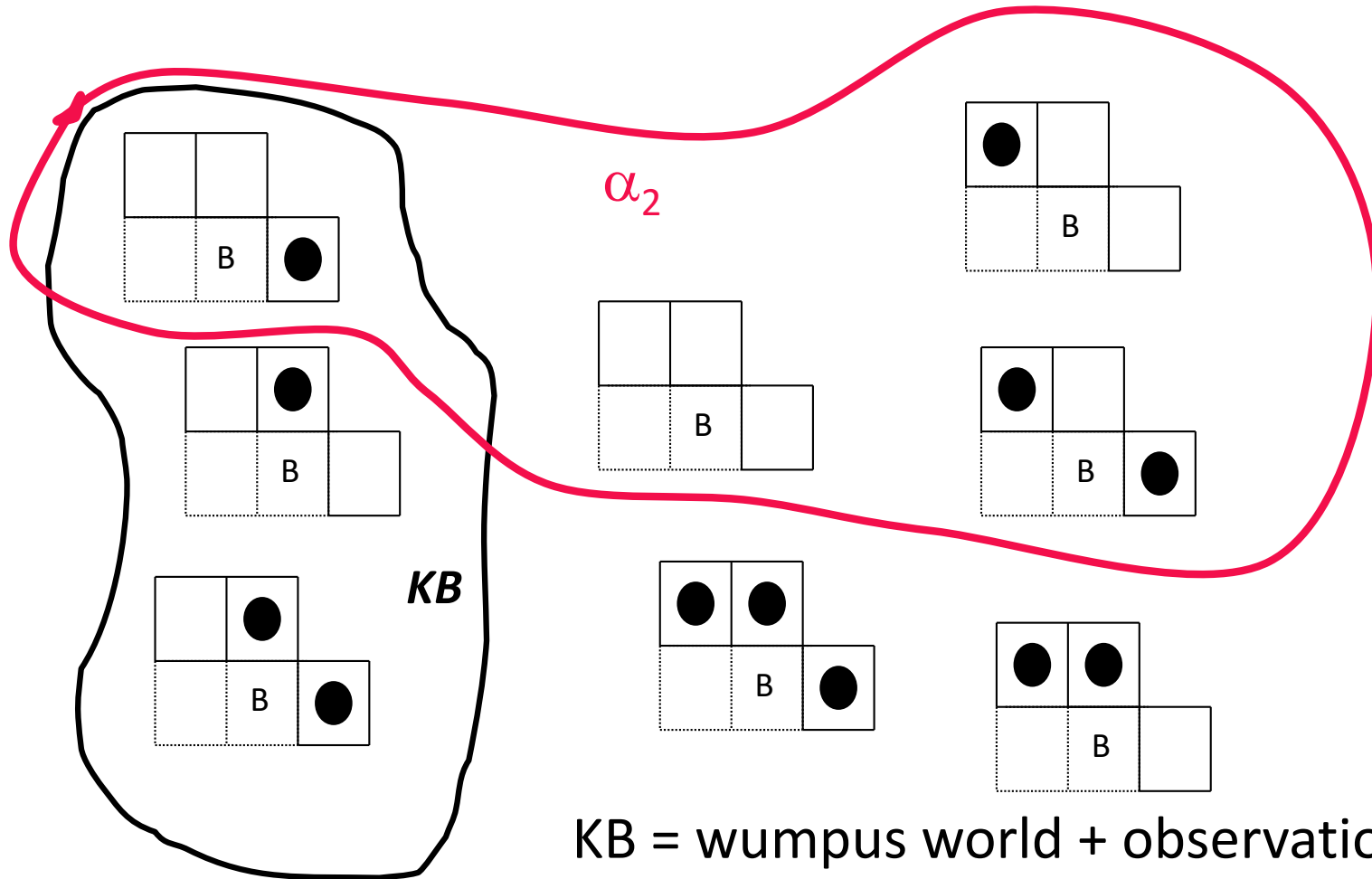
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KB  $\models \alpha_2$  ??



# Wumpus Models



KB = wumpus world + observations

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

KB  $\not\models \alpha_2$  NOT!

# Propositional Logic - Syntax

$Sentence \rightarrow AtomicSentence \mid ComplexSentence$

$AtomicSentence \rightarrow True \mid False \mid P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots$

$ComplexSentence \rightarrow ( Sentence ) \mid [ Sentence ]$

$\mid \neg Sentence$

$\mid Sentence \wedge Sentence$

$\mid Sentence \vee Sentence$

$\mid Sentence \Rightarrow Sentence$

$\mid Sentence \Leftrightarrow Sentence$

OPERATOR PRECEDENCE :  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

# Propositional Logic - Semantics

- Defines the rules for determining the truth of a sentence respect to particular model
- Model simply fixes the truth value
- For example:
- $m = \{P_{1,2} = \text{false}, P_{2,2} = \text{false}, P_{2,1} = \text{True}\}$   
Or:  $m = \{P_{1,2} = \text{false}, P_{2,2} = \text{True}, P_{2,1} = \text{false}\}$
- $P_{1,2}$  is just a symbol. It can mean anything.
- Truth value is computed recursively according to...

# Propositional Logic - Semantics

- $\neg P$  is true if  $P$  is false in  $m$  (negation)
- $P \wedge Q$  is true iff both  $P$  and  $Q$  are true in  $m$  (conjunction)
- $P \vee Q$  is true iff either  $P$  or  $Q$  are true in  $m$  (disjunction)
- $P \rightarrow Q$  is true unless  $P$  is true and  $Q$  is false (implication)
- $P \leftrightarrow Q$  is true iff  $P$  and  $Q$  are both true or both false (biconditional)

# Propositional Logic - Semantics

in the model  $m = \{P_{1,2} = \text{false}, P_{2,2} = \text{false}, P_{2,1} = \text{True}\}$

Evaluate  $\neg P_{1,2} \wedge P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}$

Evaluate it for  $m = \{P_{1,2} = \text{true}, P_{2,2} = \text{true}, P_{2,1} = \text{false}\}$

# Propositional Logic

- **Truth table** – a (simple) representation of a complex sentence by enumerating its truth in terms of the possible values of each of its symbols.
- Truth table for connectives:

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>
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<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>

# A Simple KB - Definitions

For each location  $[x, y]$

- $P_{x,y}$  is true if there's a pit in  $[x, y]$
- $W_{x,y}$  is true if there is a Wumpus in  $[x, y]$ , dead or alive
- $B_{x,y}$  is true if the agent perceives a breeze in  $[x, y]$
- $S_{x,y}$  is true if the agent perceives a stench in  $[x, y]$

# A Simple KB - Rules

- For the Wumpus world in general.
  - $R_1 : \neg P_{1,1}$
  - $R_2 : B_{1,1} \leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$
  - $R_3 : B_{2,1} \leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$
- Now, after visiting [1,1], [1,2] and [2,1]
  - $R_4 : \neg B_{1,1}$
  - $R_5 : B_{2,1}$
- $KB = R_1 \wedge R_2 \wedge R_3 \wedge R_4 \wedge R_5$



# Inference

- Main goal: decide whether  $KB \models \alpha$
- Want to find whether KB says there's no pit in  $[1, 2]$
- That is, does  $KB \models \neg P_{1,2}$  ?
- We say that  $\neg P_{1,2}$  is a sentence
- $\alpha$  can be a much more complex query

# Inference – Simple Method

- enumerate the models
- for each model, check that:
- if it is true in  $\alpha$  is has to be true in KB

In the Wumpus world: 7 relevant symbols:

$B_{1,1}, B_{2,1}, P_{1,1}, P_{1,2}, P_{2,1}, P_{2,2}, P_{3,1}$

$2^7 = 128$  models. Only 3 are true

# Inference - All Possible Models

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

Truth Table for Wumpus World KB, consisting of  $2^7 = 128$  rows, one each for the different assignments of truth values to the 7 proposition symbols  $B_{1,1}$ , ...,  $P_{3,1}$ . KB is true if  $R_1$  through  $R_5$  are true, which occurs just in 3 rows.

# Inference - Model Checking Complexity

**function** TT-ENTAILS?( $KB, \alpha$ ) **returns** *true or false*

**inputs:**  $KB$ , the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic

$\alpha$ , the query, a sentence in propositional logic

$symbols \leftarrow$  a list of the proposition symbols in  $KB$  and  $\alpha$

**return** TT-CHECK-ALL( $KB, \alpha, symbols, \{ \}$ )

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**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* // when  $KB$  is false, always return true

**else do**

$P \leftarrow$  FIRST( $symbols$ )

$rest \leftarrow$  REST( $symbols$ )

**return** (TT-CHECK-ALL( $KB, \alpha, rest, model \cup \{P = true\}$ )

**and**

        TT-CHECK-ALL( $KB, \alpha, rest, model \cup \{P = false\}$ ))

PL-TRUE? returns true if a sentence holds within a model.

# Inference - Model Checking Complexity

If KB and  $\alpha$  contain  $n$  symbols in all:

- Time complexity:  **$O(2^n)$**
- Space complexity:  **$O(n)$**  because it is depth first.

# Inference - Logical Equivalence

$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha)$	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 $\wedge$

Standard logical equivalences. The symbols  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  stand for arbitrary sentences of propositional logic

# Inference By Theorem Proving - Concepts

- Logical Equivalence:  $\alpha \equiv \beta$  iff  $\alpha \models \beta$  and  $\beta \models \alpha$
- Validity: A sentence is valid if it is true in **all** models  
e.g.  $P \vee \neg P$  (also known as tautology)
- Deduction:  $\alpha \models \beta$  iff  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  is valid
- Satisfiability: a sentence is satisfiable if it is true in, or satisfied by, some model.

# Inference Theorem Proving - Proofs

- Inference rules used to derive a proof
- Common Patterns:
  - Modus Ponens  $\frac{\alpha \Rightarrow \beta, \alpha}{\beta}$
  - And-Elimination  $\frac{\alpha \wedge \beta}{\alpha}$
- Other rules can also be inference rules

$$\frac{\alpha \iff \beta}{(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)}$$

$$\frac{(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)}{\alpha \iff \beta}$$



# Inference - In our Wumpus World

Is there a pit in 1,2?

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

- $R_1: \neg P_{1,1}$
- $R_2: B_{1,1} \leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$
- $R_3: B_{2,1} \leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$
- $R_4: \neg B_{1,1}$
- $R_5: B_{2,1}$

# Inference – Applied to Wumpus World

We have  $KB = R_1 \wedge R_2 \wedge R_3 \wedge R_4 \wedge R_5$ . We want to prove  $\neg P_{1,2}$

- $R_6: (B_{1,1} \rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \rightarrow B_{1,1})$  by biconditional elimination to  $R_2$
- $R_7: ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \rightarrow B_{1,1})$  by And-Elimination
- $R_8: (\neg B_{1,1} \rightarrow \neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}))$  by Contrapositives
- $R_9: \neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$  by Modus Ponens with  $R_8$  and  $R_4$
- $R_{10}: \neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1}$  by De Morgan's rule

That is, neither  $P_{1,2}$  nor  $P_{2,1}$  contains a pit.

# Inference - As Search

- **Intial State:** The initial Knowledge Base
- **Actions:** The set of all the inference rules applied to all sentences that match top half
- **Result:** Add sentence in the bottom half of the inference rule
- **Goal:** The goal is a state that contains sentence we want to prove

# Inference – By Resolution

- Let's say agent returns to [1,1] from [2,1] and goes to [1,2]

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3 W!	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">A</span> S OK	2,2  OK	3,2	4,2
1,1  V OK	2,1 B V OK	3,1 P!	4,1

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

We add:

- $R_{11} : \neg B_{1,2}$
- $R_{12} : B_{1,2} \leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{1,3})$

# Inference – By Resolution

We can continue using same process as earlier.

- $R_{13} : \neg P_{2,2}$  Contrapositive  $R_{12}$  and AND elimination
- $R_{14} : \neg P_{1,3}$  Same as above.
- $R_{15} : P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}$  bi-conditional elimination  $R_3$  and modus ponens  $R_5$

And the literal  $\neg P_{2,2}$  in  $R_{13}$  resolves with  $P_{2,2}$  in  $R_{15}$  to give the resolvent

- $R_{16} : P_{1,1} \vee P_{3,1}$
- more generally...

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

# Resolution - Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

- Every sentence in propositional logic can be expressed as conjunctions of disjunctions of literals.

- e.g.  $(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg C \vee D \vee \neg E) \wedge \dots$

$B_{1,1} \leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$  in CNF?

- Eliminate  $\leftrightarrow$  replacing  $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$  with  $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ 
  - $(B_{1,1} \rightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge ((P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \rightarrow B_{1,1})$
- Eliminate  $\rightarrow$  by replacing  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  with  $\neg\alpha \vee \beta$ 
  - $(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg(P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})$
- Symbol  $\neg$  should appear next to each literal: DeMorgan
  - $\neg(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv \neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta$  and  $\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv \neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta$
  - $(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge ((\neg P_{1,2} \wedge \neg P_{2,1}) \vee B_{1,1})$
- Distribute  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$  and flatten
  - $(\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1})$

# Resolution

Algorithm works using **proof by contradiction**.

To show  $KB \models \alpha$  we show that  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  is not satisfiable

Apply resolution to  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  in CNF and Resolve pairs with complementary literals

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

If  $l_i$  and  $m_j$  are complementary literals

and add new clauses

until

- there are no new clauses to be added
- two clauses resolve to the empty class, which means  $KB \models \alpha$

# Resolution algorithm

- Proof by contradiction, i.e., show  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  is unsatisfiable

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function PL-RESOLUTION( $KB, \alpha$ ) returns true or false
  inputs:  $KB$ , the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic
          $\alpha$ , the query, a sentence in propositional logic

   $clauses \leftarrow$  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
   $clauses \leftarrow clauses \cup new$ 
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# Resolution example

Say the agent is in [1,1], no breeze, so no pits can be in there.

- $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$
- $KB = R_2 \wedge R_4$
- $KB = (B_{1,1} \leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})) \wedge \neg B_{1,1}$
- $KB \wedge \neg\alpha = (\neg P_{2,1} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg B_{1,1} \vee P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \wedge (\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1}) \wedge (\neg B_{1,1}) \wedge (P_{1,2})$

