

# Logical Agents

AIMA Chapter 7



## Assignment 2 (Due: Oct 18, 2359)

- No tutorial restriction to form groups
- Exactly 2 people – make life simple for \_\_\_\_\_
- Any CSP modelling (including the ones in the textbook!)
- Don't worry too much about the “timing” aspect
- Explain the algorithm in the report



# KB-Agent & Wumpus World

- Agent interacts with the KB using *TELL* and *ASK*
- KB is a set of sentences
  - Wumpus initial KB set of rules (and possibly some percepts)

# Logic in General

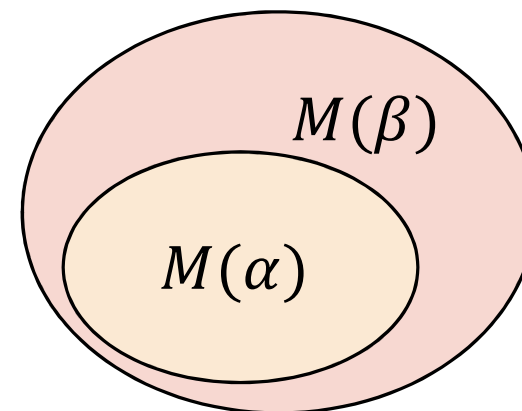
- **Logic:** formal language for KR, infer conclusions
- **Syntax:** defines the sentences in the language
- **Semantics:** define the “meaning” of sentences;
  - i.e., define **truth** of a sentence in a world
- E.g., language of arithmetic
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is a sentence;  $x2y + >$  is not a sentence
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is true in a world where  $x = 7, y = 1$
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is false in a world where  $x = 0, y = 6$

# Entailment

- **Modeling:**  $m$  models  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha$  is true under  $m$ .  
For example, what are models for the following?  
 $\alpha = (q \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \wedge (\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_+: q = nm \Rightarrow n \vee m = 1)$
- We let  $M(\alpha)$  be the set of all models for  $\alpha$
- **Entailment** means that one thing **follows from** another:

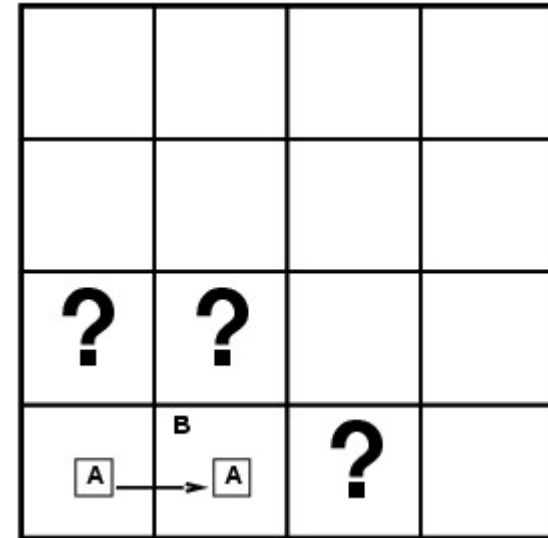
$$\alpha \models \beta \text{ or equivalently } M(\alpha) \subseteq M(\beta)$$

- For example:  
 $\alpha = (q \text{ is prime})$  entails  
 $\beta = (q \text{ is odd}) \vee (q = 2).$

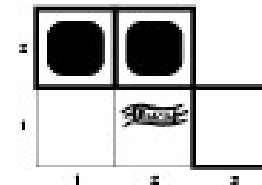
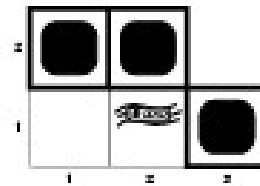
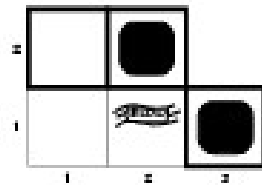
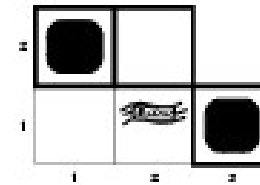
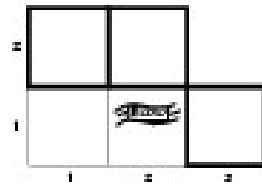
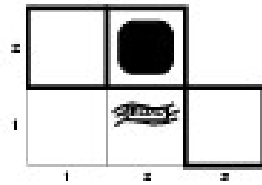
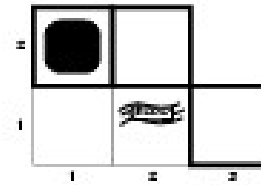
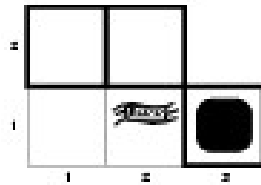


# Entailment in the Wumpus World

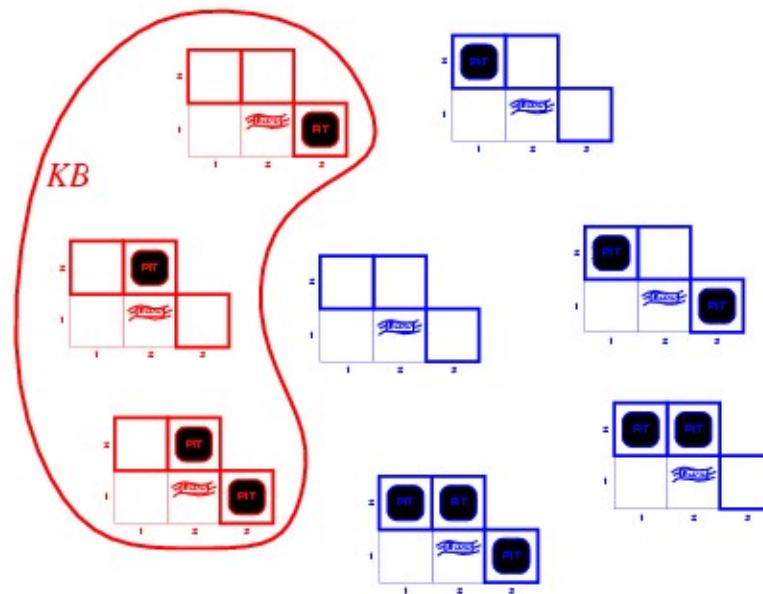
- Situation after detecting nothing in [1,1], moving right, breeze in [2,1]
- Consider possible models for KB assuming only pits
- 3 Boolean choices  $\Rightarrow$  8 possible models



# Wumpus Models



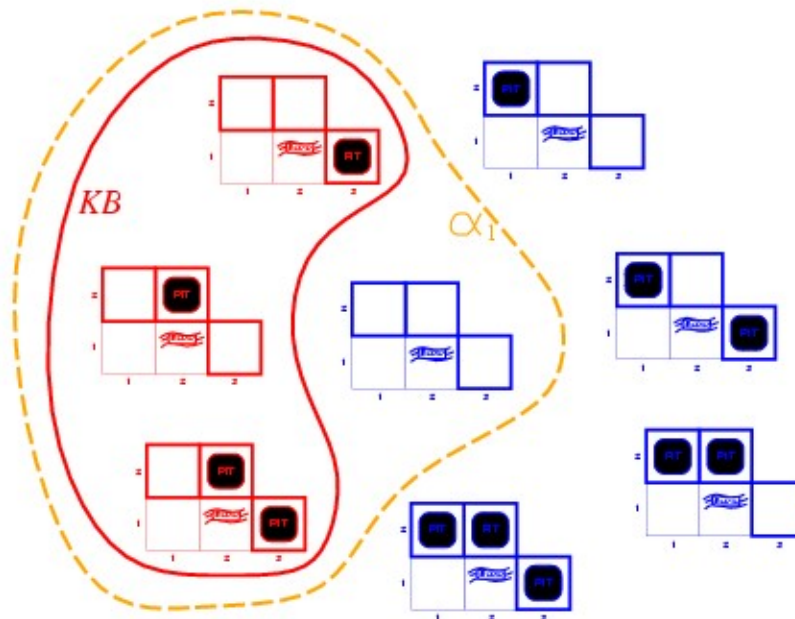
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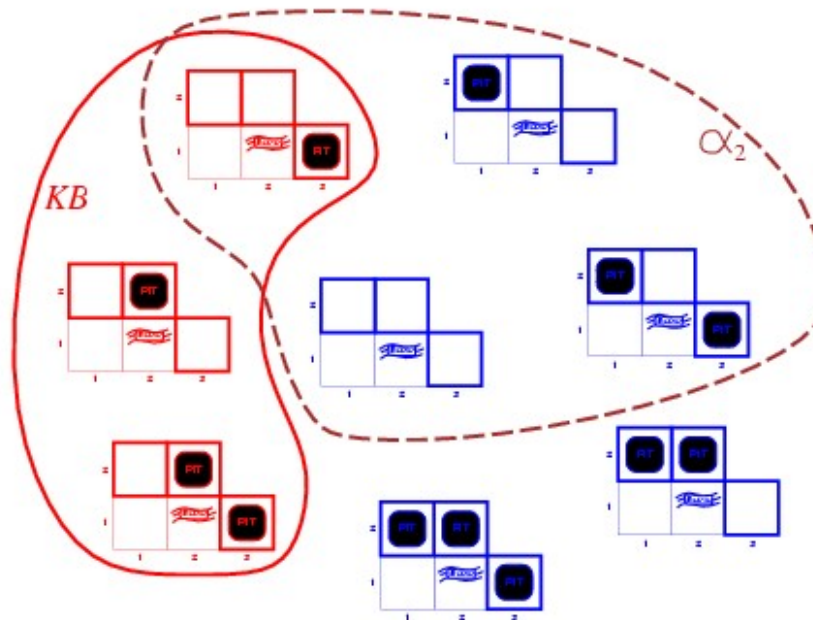


# Wumpus Models



- $KB$  = wumpus-world rules + percepts
- $\alpha_1$  = “[1,2] is safe”,  $KB \models \alpha_1$ , proved by **model checking**
- The agent can infer that [1,2] is safe

# Wumpus Models



- *KB* = wumpus-world rules + percepts
- $\alpha_2$  = “[2,2] is safe”, *KB*  $\not\models \alpha_2$
- The agent cannot infer that [2,2] is safe (or unsafe)!



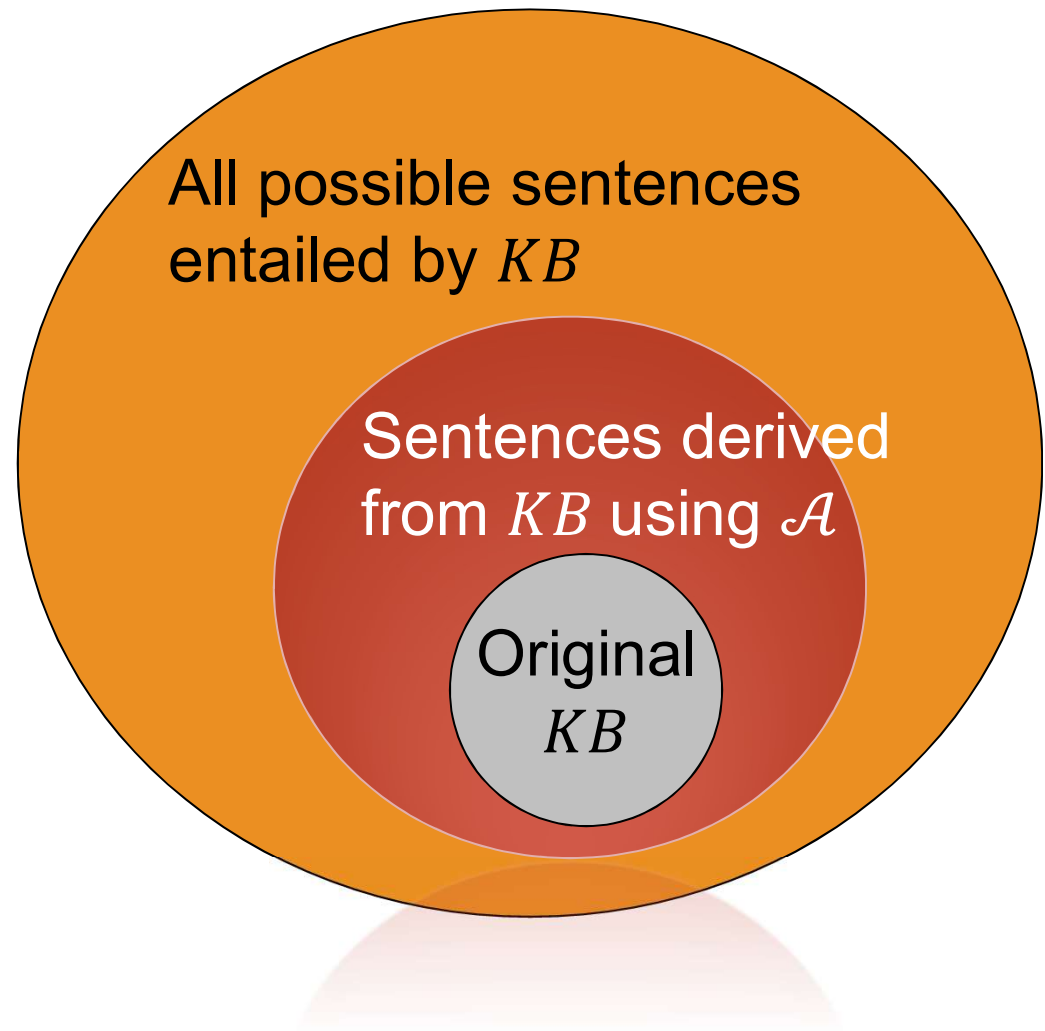
Inference algorithm: is a sentence  $\alpha$  is derived from  $KB$ ?

- Define  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{A}} \alpha$  to be “sentence  $\alpha$  is derived from  $KB$  by inference algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$ ”
  - $\mathcal{A}$  is **sound** if  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{A}} \alpha$  implies  $KB \models \alpha$ .  
“don’t infer nonsense”
  - $\mathcal{A}$  is **complete** if  $KB \models \alpha$ , implies  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{A}} \alpha$ .  
“If it’s implied, it can be inferred”

Is an inference algorithm **complete** and **sound**?

**Completeness:**  $\mathcal{A}$  is complete if whenever  $KB \models \alpha$ , it is also true that  $KB \vdash_{\mathcal{A}} \alpha$

- An incomplete inference algorithm cannot reach all possible conclusions
- Equivalent to completeness in search (chapter 3)





# Propositional Logic: Syntax

- A simple logic – illustrates basic ideas
- Defines allowable sentences
- Sentences are represented by symbols e.g.  $S_1, S_2$
- Logical connectives for constructing complex sentences from simpler ones:
  - If  $S$  is a sentence,  $\neg S$  is a sentence (**negation**)
  - If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sentences:
    - $S_1 \wedge S_2$  is a sentence (**conjunction**)
    - $S_1 \vee S_2$  is a sentence (**disjunction**)
    - $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$  is a sentence (**implication**)
    - $S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$  is a sentence (**biconditional**)



# Propositional Logic: Semantics

A model is then just a **truth assignment to the basic variables**.

If a model has  $n$  variables, how many truth assignments are there?

All other sentences' truth value is derived according to logical rules.

$$x_1 = T; x_2 = F; x_3 = T$$

$$(x_1 \wedge \neg x_2) \Rightarrow \neg(x_3 \vee (\neg x_1 \wedge x_2)) = ?$$

# Knowledge Base for Wumpus World

- $P_{ij} = \text{True} \Leftrightarrow$  there is a pit in  $[i, j]$ .
- $B_{ij} = \text{True} \Leftrightarrow$  there is breeze in  $[i, j]$
- Rules:
  - $R_1: \neg P_{1,1}$
  - $R_4: \neg B_{1,1}$
  - $R_5: P_{2,1}$
- “Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares”
  - $R_2: B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$
  - $R_3: B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$

**KB is true iff  $\bigwedge_{k=1,\dots,5} R_k$  is true**

# Inference

- Given a knowledge base, infer something non-obvious about the world.
- Mimic logical human reasoning
- After exploring 3 squares, we have some understanding of the Wumpus world
- Inference  $\Rightarrow$  Deriving knowledge out of percepts

**Given  $KB$  and  $\alpha$ , we want to know if  $KB \vdash \alpha$**



# Truth Table for Inference

Is  $\alpha_1$  true whenever  $KB$  is true?

$P_{1,1}$	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{2,1}$	$P_{2,2}$	$P_{3,1}$	$KB$	$\alpha_1$
false	false	false	false	false	false	true
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
false	true	false	false	false	false	true
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$$R_1: \neg P_{1,1}$$

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

$$R_5: B_{2,1}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \neg P_{1,2}$$

Does  $KB$  entail  $\alpha_1$ ?

Can we infer that [1,2] is safe from pits?

# Inference by Truth-Table Enumeration

- Depth-first enumeration of all models is sound and complete

```
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( $KB, \alpha, symbols, \{ \}$ )  
  
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( $KB, \alpha, rest, model \cup \{P = false\}$ ))
```

Check all  
possible truth  
assignments

# Validity and Satisfiability

A sentence is **valid** 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 entailment 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 entailment via the following:**

**$KB \models \alpha$  if and only if  $(KB \wedge \neg \alpha)$  is unsatisfiable**



# Proof Methods

## Applying inference rules (aka theorem proving)

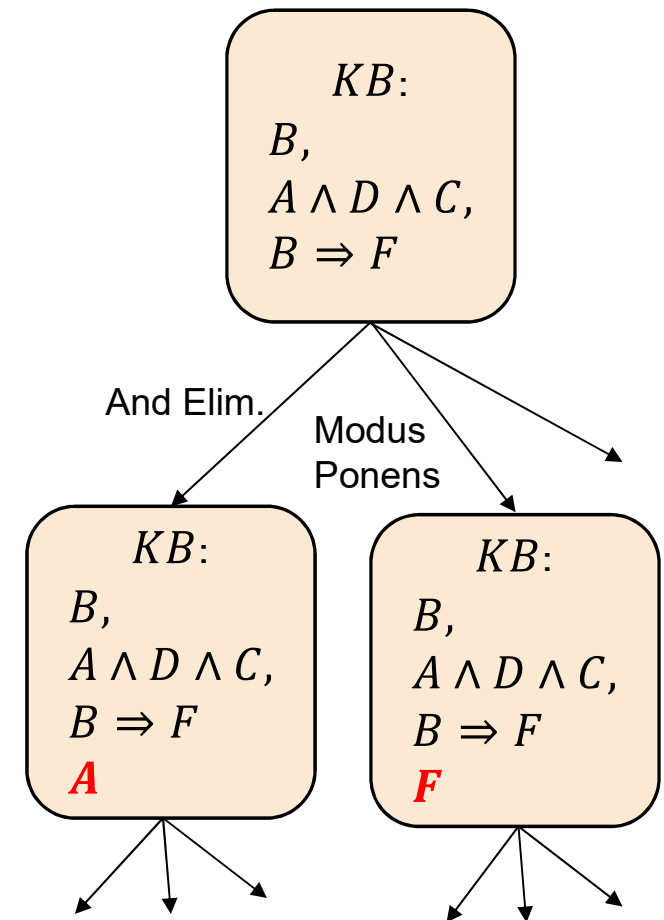
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# Applying Inference Rules

- Equivalent to a search problem
  - States: *KBs* (initial state is initial *KB*)
  - Actions: Inference rules
  - Transition: add sentence to current *KB*
  - Goal: *KB* contains sentence to prove
- Examples of inference rules
  - And-Elimination (A.E.):  $a \wedge b \models a$
  - Modus Ponens (M.P.):  $a \wedge (a \Rightarrow b) \models b$
  - Logical Equivalences:  $(a \vee b) \models \neg(\neg a \wedge \neg b)$



# Logical equivalences

$$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) \quad \text{commutativity of } \wedge$$

$$(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) \quad \text{commutativity of } \vee$$

$$((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \quad \text{associativity of } \wedge$$

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$$\neg(\neg\alpha) \equiv \alpha \quad \text{double-negation elimination}$$

$$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) \quad \text{contraposition}$$

$$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) \quad \text{implication elimination}$$

$$(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) \quad \text{biconditional elimination}$$

$$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) \quad \text{De Morgan}$$

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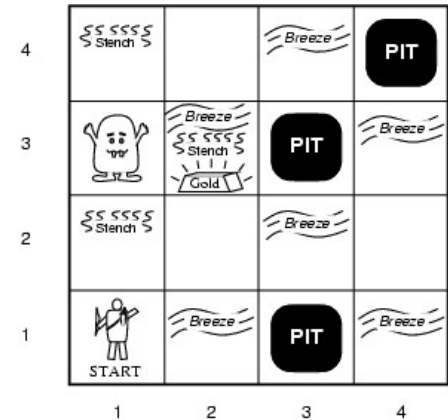
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# Example: No pit in $[1, 2] / \neg P_{(1,2)}$

KB:

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



# Resolution for Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

- **conjunction** of “**disjunctions** of **literals**” (clauses)
- E.g.,  $(x_1 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3 \vee \neg x_4)$
- **Resolution**: if a literal  $x$  appears in  $C_1$  and its negation  $\neg x$  appears in  $C_2$ , it can be deleted:

$$\frac{(x_1 \vee \cdots \vee x_m \vee x) \wedge (y_1 \vee \cdots \vee y_k \vee \neg x)}{(x_1 \vee \cdots \vee x_m \vee y_1 \vee \cdots \vee y_k)}$$

(delete duplicate variables as necessary)

- Resolution is **sound** and **complete** for propositional logic





# Conversion to CNF: the Rules

1. Convert  $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  to  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$
2. Convert  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  to  $\neg \alpha \vee \beta$
3. Move  $\neg$  inwards using De Morgan and double negation
  1. Convert  $\neg(\alpha \vee \beta)$  to  $\neg \alpha \wedge \neg \beta$
  2. Convert  $\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta)$  to  $\neg \alpha \vee \neg \beta$
  3. Convert  $\neg(\neg \alpha)$  to  $\alpha$
4. Convert  $(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma))$  to  $(\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)$

# Resolution Algorithm

```
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 pair of clauses  $C_i, C_j$  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  
       $clauses \leftarrow clauses \cup new$ 
```

Resolution  
closure

What does an  
empty clause  
imply??

**Proof by contradiction:** show that  $KB \wedge \neg\alpha$  is  
unsatisfiable



## **Resolution theorem:**

If a set of clauses is unsatisfiable, then the resolution closure of those clauses contains the empty clause.

## **Why is Resolution for CNF Sound and Complete?**

# Resolution Example

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

**Negate the premise via proof  
by contradiction**



# Resolution Example

- $KB = \left( B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1}) \right) \wedge (\neg B_{1,1})$
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# Forward and Backward Chaining

- **Horn Form** (restricted)
  - $KB$  = **conjunction** of **Horn clauses**
  - Horn clause = definite clause or goal clause
    - Definite clause :  $\bigwedge_j \alpha_j \Rightarrow \beta$
    - Goal clause :  $\bigwedge_j \alpha_j \Rightarrow \text{False}$
  - e.g.,  $C \wedge (B \Rightarrow A) \wedge (C \wedge D \Rightarrow B)$
- Inference with Horn clauses: **forward chaining** or **backward chaining** algorithms. Easy to interpret, run in **linear** time
- Inference is **Modus Ponens** (for Horn Form): sound for Horn  $KB$

$$\frac{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k; \bigwedge_j \alpha_j \Rightarrow \beta}{\beta}$$

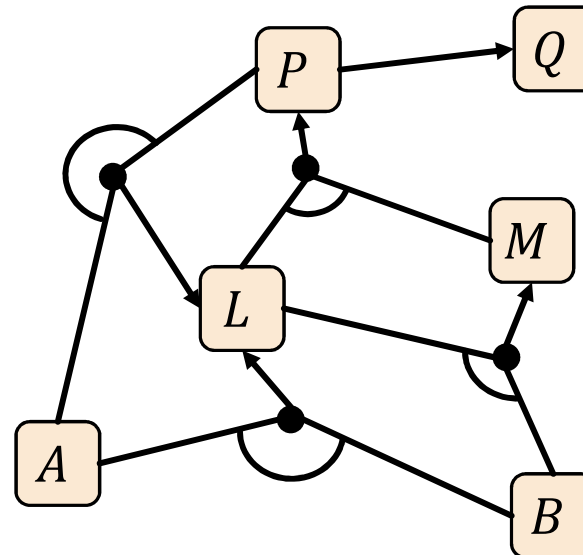
# Forward Chaining (FC)

- Idea: Fire any rule whose premise is satisfied in the *KB*, add its conclusion to the *KB*, repeat until query is found

KB of horn clauses

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

AND-OR graph





# Forward Chaining (FC) Algorithm

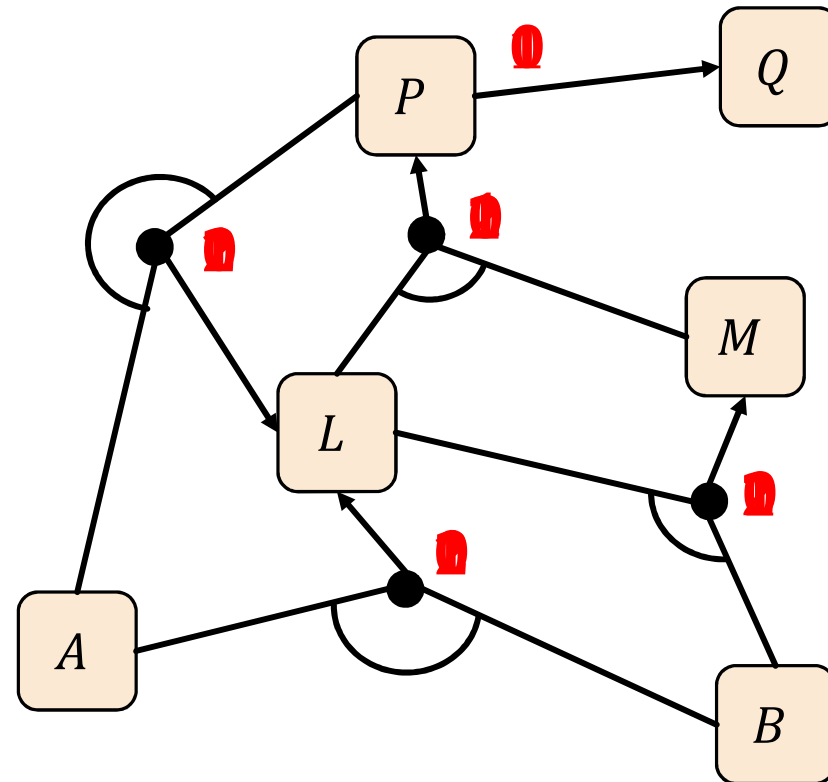
- For every rule  $c$ , let  $\text{count}(c)$  be the number of symbols in  $c$ 's premise.
- For every symbol  $s$ , let  $\text{inferred}(s)$  be initially *False*
- Let agenda be a queue of symbols (initially containing all symbols known to be true.
- While agenda  $\neq \emptyset$ :
  - pop a symbol  $p$  from *agenda*; if it is  $q$  we're done
  - Set  $\text{inferred}(p) = \text{True}$
  - For each clause  $c \in KB$  such that  $p$  is in the premise of  $c$ , decrement  $\text{count}(c)$ . If  $\text{count}(c) = 0$ , add  $c$ 's conclusion to *agenda*.

Forward chaining is sound and complete for Horn *KB*



# Forward Chaining Example

Iteration 1:  $[A, B]$   
Iteration 2:  $[B]$   
Iteration 3:  $[] \Rightarrow [L]$   
Iteration 4:  $[] \Rightarrow [M]$   
Iteration 5:  $[] \Rightarrow [P]$   
Iteration 6:  $[] \Rightarrow [L, Q]$   
Iteration 7:  $[Q]$   
Iteration 8:  $[]$





# Proof of Completeness

FC derives every atomic sentence entailed by Horn  $KB$

1. Suppose FC reaches a **fixed point** where no new atomic sentences are derived
2. Consider the final state as a model  $m$  that assigns true/false to symbols based on the inferred table
3. Every clause in the original  $KB$  is true in  $m$

$$\alpha_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \alpha_k \Rightarrow \beta$$

4. Hence,  $m$  is a model of  $KB$
5. If  $KB \models q$ , then  $q$  is true in **every** model of  $KB$ , including  $m$ .



# Backward Chaining (BC)

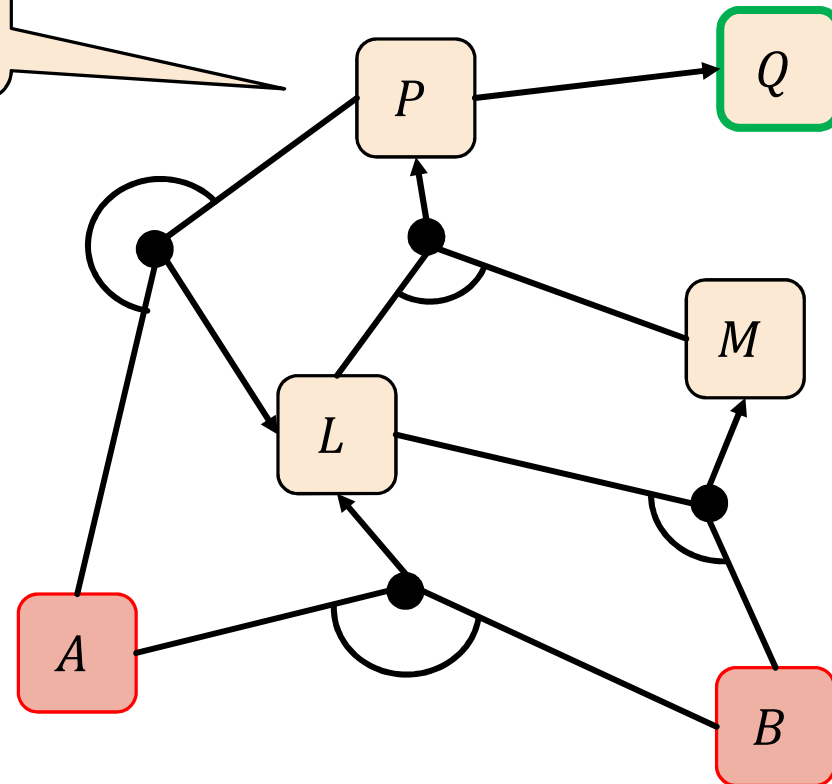
## Backtracking depth-first search algorithm

Idea: work backwards from the query  $q$

- To prove  $q$  by BC,
  - check if  $q$  is known already, or
  - prove by BC the premise of some rule concluding  $q$
- Avoid loops: check if new subgoal is already on the goal stack
- Avoid repeated work: check if new subgoal
  - has already been proven true, or
  - has already failed

# Backward Chaining Example

Hit a loop! Try something else



# Forward vs. Backward Chaining

FC = data-driven reasoning

- e.g., object recognition, routine decisions
- May do a lot of work that is irrelevant to the goal

BC = goal-driven reasoning

- e.g., Where are my keys? How do I get into Google?
- Complexity of BC can be sublinear in  $|KB|$ .



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# Efficient Propositional Model Checking

Two families of efficient algorithms for propositional model checking:

- Complete backtracking search algorithms
  - DPLL algorithm (Davis, Putnam, Logemann, Loveland)
- Incomplete local search algorithms
  - WALKSAT algorithm

These algorithms test a sentence for satisfiability; used for inference.

Recall: Satisfiability is connected to entailment via

$KB \models \alpha$  if and only if  $(KB \wedge \neg\alpha)$  is unsatisfiable

# DPLL Algorithm

How are DPLL and CSP related?

Determine if a given CNF formula  $\phi = C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$  is satisfiable

Improvements over truth table enumeration:

## 1. Early termination

- (a) A clause is true iff any literal in it is true.
- (b) The formula  $\phi$  is false if any clause is false.

## 2. Pure symbol heuristic

Least constraining value

Pure symbol: always appears with the same “sign” in all clauses.

e.g., in  $(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (\neg B \vee \neg C) \wedge (C \vee A)$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are pure;  $C$  is impure.

Make a pure symbol's literal true: Doing this can never make a clause false.

Ignore clauses that are already true in the model constructed so far.

## 3. Unit clause heuristic

Most constrained variable

Unit clause: only one literal in the clause.

The only literal in a unit clause must be true.



# DPLL Algorithm

**function** DPLL-SATISFIABLE?(*s*) **returns** *true* or *false*

**inputs:** *s*, a sentence in propositional logic

*clauses*  $\leftarrow$  the set of clauses in the CNF representation of *s*

*symbols*  $\leftarrow$  a list of the proposition symbols in *s*

**return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols*, { })

**function** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols*, *model*) **returns** *true* or *false*

**if** every clause in *clauses* is true in *model* **then return** *true*

**if** some clause in *clauses* is false in *model* **then return** *false*

*P*, *value*  $\leftarrow$  FIND-PURE-SYMBOL(*symbols*, *clauses*, *model*)

**if** *P* is non-null **then return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols* - *P*, *model*  $\cup$  { *P*=*value* })

*value*  $\leftarrow$  FIND-UNIT-CLAUSE(*clauses*, *model*)

**if** *P* is non-null **then return** DPLL(*clauses*, *symbols* - *P*, *model*  $\cup$  { *P*=*value* })

*P*  $\leftarrow$  FIRST(*symbols*); *rest*  $\leftarrow$  REST(*symbols*)

**return** DPLL(*clauses*, *rest*, *model*  $\cup$  { *P*=*true* }) **or**

DPLL(*clauses*, *rest*, *model*  $\cup$  { *P*=*false* })

Early  
Termination

Try to apply  
heuristics

If it doesn't  
work, brute  
force.



# WALKSAT Algorithm

- Incomplete, local search algorithm
- Evaluation function: minimize the number of unsatisfied clauses
- Balance between greediness and randomness



# WALKSAT Algorithm

CNF formula:  $\phi = C_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge C_m$

1. Start with a random variable assignment  $\ell_1 \dots \ell_n$ , where  $\ell_i \in \{True, False\}$
2. If  $\vec{\ell}$  satisfies the formula return  $\vec{\ell}$ .
3. Choose a random unsatisfied clause  $C_j \in \phi$
4. With probability  $p$  flip the truth value of a random symbol  $x_i \in C_j$ ; else flip a symbol  $x_i \in C_j$  that maximizes number of satisfied clauses in  $\phi$ .
5. Repeat steps 2-4 *MaxFlips* times.

**Why is WalkSat incomplete?**

How are WALKSAT and local search related?

# Inference-Based Agents in the Wumpus World

A wumpus-world agent using propositional logic:

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

$$\neg W_{1,1}$$

$$B_{i,j} \Leftrightarrow (P_{i,j+1} \vee P_{i,j-1} \vee P_{i+1,j} \vee P_{i-1,j})$$

$$S_{i,j} \Leftrightarrow (W_{i,j+1} \vee W_{i,j-1} \vee W_{i+1,j} \vee W_{i-1,j})$$

$$W_{1,1} \vee W_{1,2} \vee \dots \vee W_{4,4}$$

$$\neg W_{1,1} \vee \neg W_{1,2}$$

$$\neg W_{1,1} \vee \neg W_{1,3}$$

...

Each  $i, j$  rule is its own proposition

There is exactly one Wumpus

64 distinct proposition symbols, 155 sentences



## Expressiveness Limitation of Propositional Logic

- $KB$  contains “physics” sentences for every single square
- For every time  $t$  and every location  $[i, j]$ ,  
$$L_{i,j}^t \wedge FacingEast^t \wedge Forward^t \Rightarrow L_{i+1,j}^t$$

Rapid proliferation of clauses