

# Artificial Intelligence

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## Lecture 5: Knowledge and Reasoning

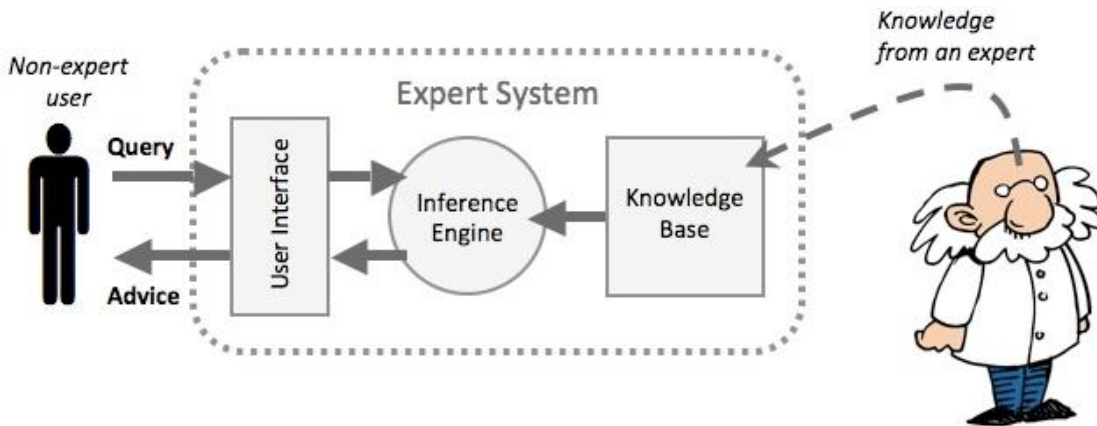
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# Outline

- Knowledge-based Agent
- Propositional Logic
- First-Order Logic
- Knowledge Representation



Expert system



Knowledge graph

# Knowledge-based Agents

- A knowledge-based agent is composed of a knowledge base and an inference mechanism.
- Knowledge base: a set of sentences in a knowledge representation language that is defined by its syntax and semantics.
  - Propositional logic
  - First-order logic
- Inference: derive new sentences from old.

# Knowledge-based Agents

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

- The agent must be able to
  - represent states, actions, etc.
  - incorporate new percepts
  - update internal representations of the world
  - deduce hidden properties of the world
  - deduce appropriate actions

# Example: The Wumpus World

## ■ Performance measure

- gold +1000, death -1000
- -1 per step, -10 for using the arrow

## ■ Environment

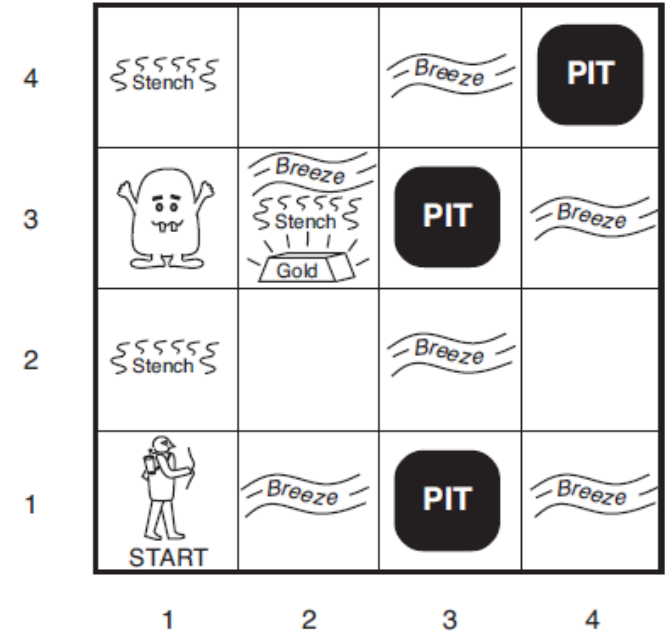
- squares adjacent to wumpus are stench
- squares adjacent to pit are breezy
- glitter iff gold is in the same square
- shooting kills wumpus if you are facing it
- shooting uses up the only arrow
- grabbing picks up gold if in same square
- releasing drops the gold in same square

## ■ Actuators

- Left turn, Right turn, Forward, Grab, Shoot, Climb

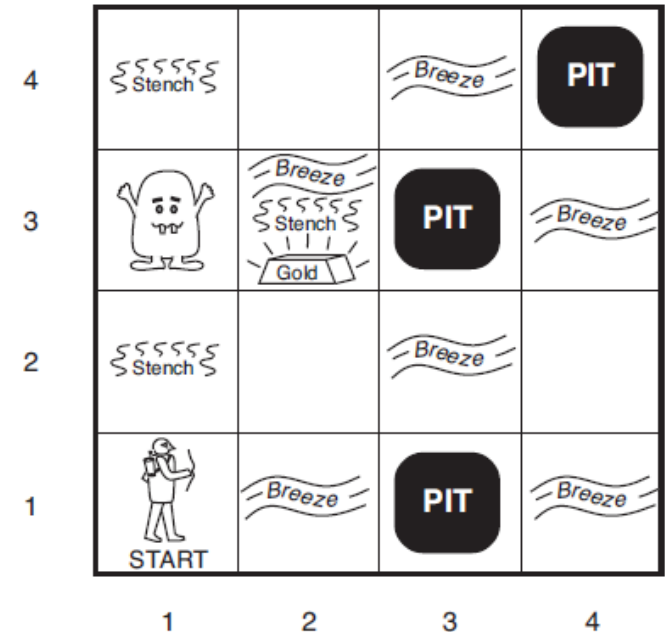
## ■ Sensors

- Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream



# Example: 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
- Single-agent?
  - Yes—Wumpus is essentially a natural feature



# Example: The Wumpus World

- A knowledge-based wumpus agent exploring the environment
  - Logical reasoning

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2	2,2	3,2	4,2
1,1	2,1	3,1	4,1

OK

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

[None, None, None, None, None].

- Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream

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

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1,1  V OK	2,1 B V OK	3,1 P!	4,1

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# Logic in General

- Logics
  - Formal languages for representing information such that conclusions can be drawn
- Syntax
  - Defines the sentences in the language
- Semantics
  - Defines the truth of a sentence in a possible world (model)
- E.g., the language of arithmetic
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is a sentence;  $x^2 + y >$  is not a sentence
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is true iff the number  $x + 2$  is no less than the number  $y$
  - $x + 2 \geq y$  is true in a world where  $x = 7, y = 1$   
 $x + 2 \geq y$  is false in a world where  $x = 0, y = 6$

# Models

- A possible world is represented by a **model**
- **Models** are mathematical abstractions, each of which simply fixes **the truth or falsehood** of every relevant sentences.
- $m$  is a model of a sentence  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha$  is true in model  $m$ .
- $M(\alpha)$  : the set of all models of  $\alpha$ .

# Entailment

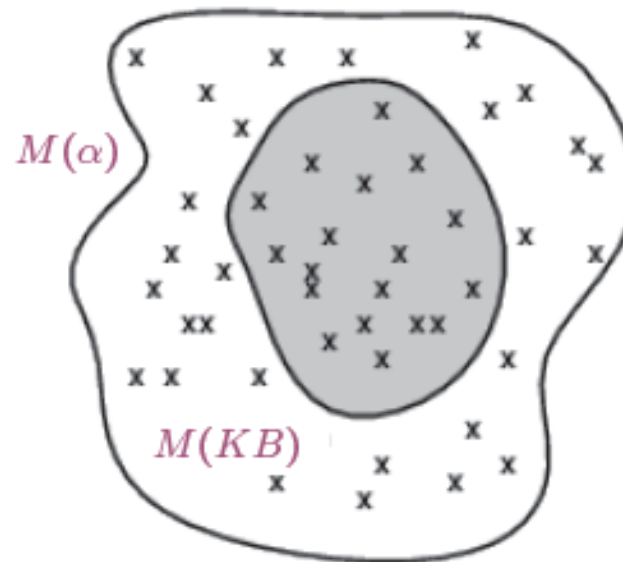
- **Entailment**: a sentence follows logically from another:

$$KB \models \alpha$$

- Knowledge base  $KB$  entails sentence  $\alpha$  iff  $\alpha$  is true in all models where  $KB$  is true

$$KB \models \alpha \text{ if and only if } M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$$

- Eg.  $x=0$  entails  $xy=0$



# Entailment in the Wumpus World

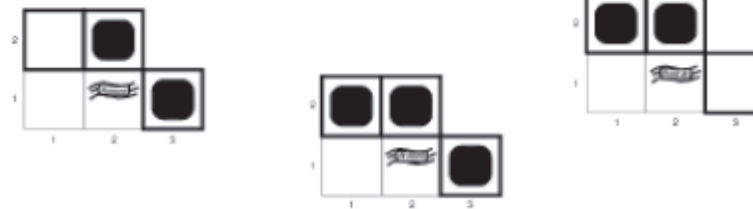
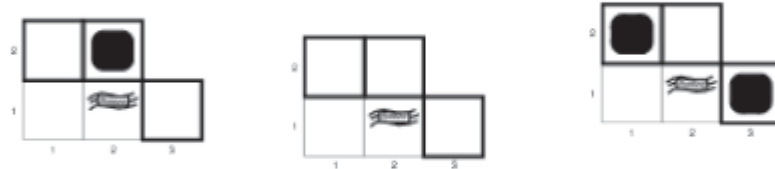
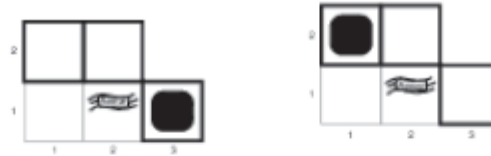
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1,2 ?	2,2 ?	3,2	4,2
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- Situation after detecting nothing in [1,1], moving right, breeze in [2,1]
- Consider possible models for all ?, assuming only pits
- 3 Boolean choices  $\implies$  8 possible models

# Entailment in the Wumpus World

## ■ Possible Wumpus Models

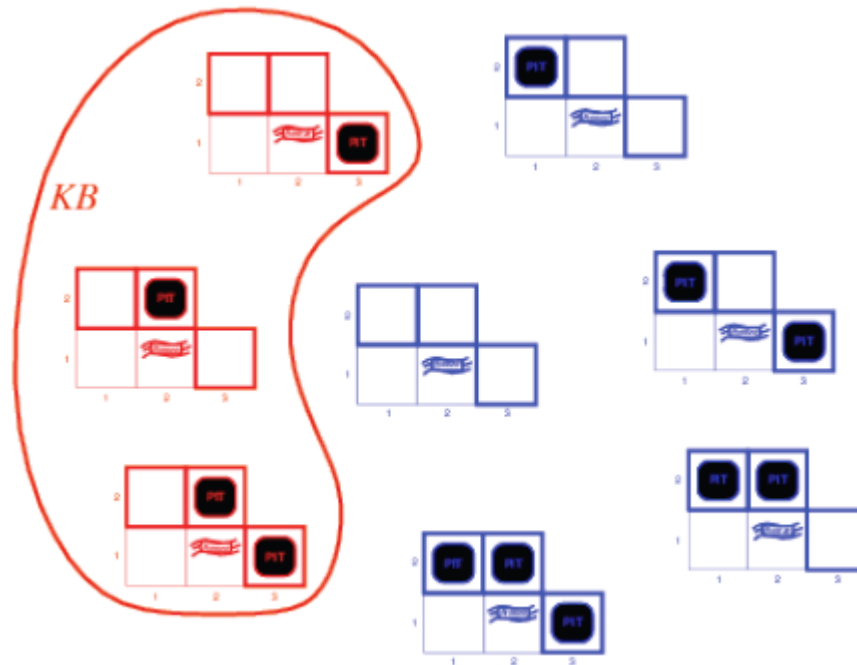
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1,2 ?	2,2 ?	3,2	4,2
1,1 A → A	2,1 B	3,1 ?	4,1



# Entailment in the Wumpus World

## Valid Wumpus Models

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1,3 w!	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2 ?	2,2 ?	3,2	4,2
1,1 A → A	2,1 B	3,1 ?	4,1



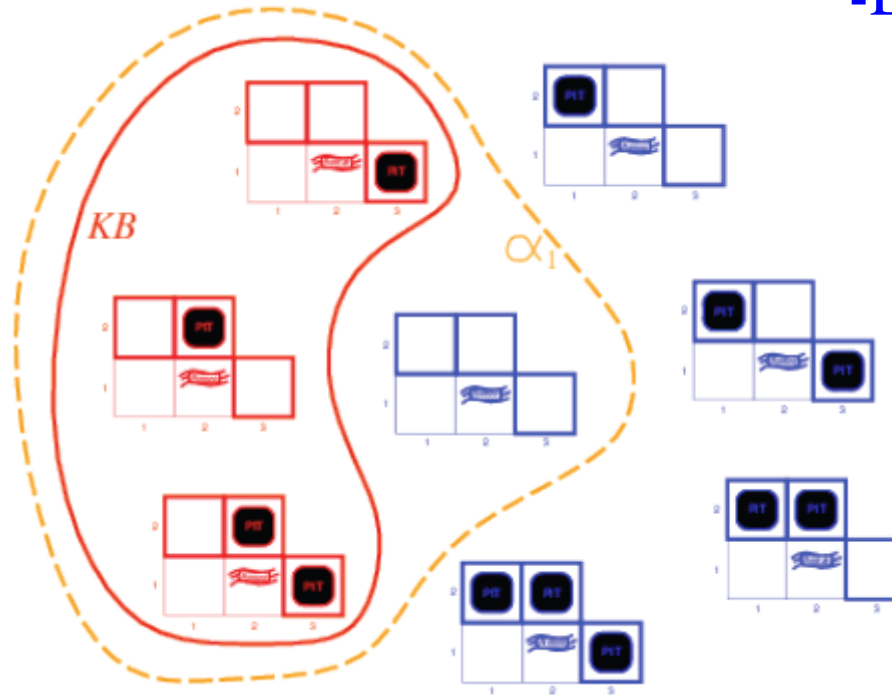
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# Entailment in the Wumpus World

## ■ Entailment

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3 W!	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2 ? ?	2,2 ?	3,2	4,2
1,1 A → B ? 4,1	2,1 B	3,1 ?	



## ■ Logical inference

Model checking:

Enumerate the models, and check that  $\alpha$  is true in every model in which  $KB$  is true

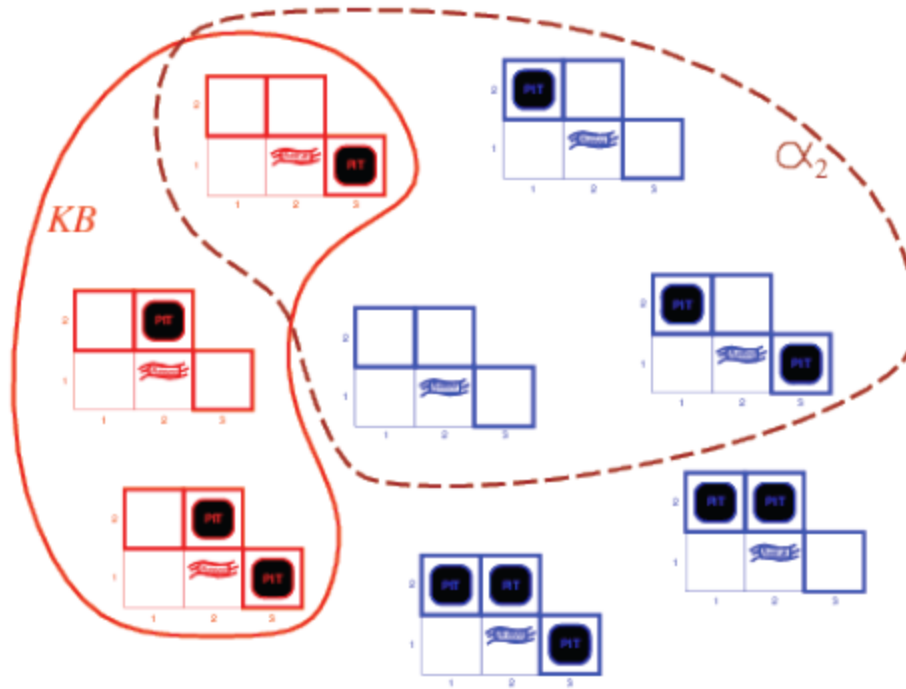
$KB$  = wumpus-world rules + observations

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

# Entailment in the Wumpus World

## ■ Not Entailed

1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4
1,3 w!	2,3	3,3	4,3
1,2 ?	2,2 ?	3,2	4,2
1,1 A → A	2,1 B	3,1 ?	4,1



$KB$  = wumpus-world rules + observations

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

# Inference

- If an inference algorithm  $i$  can derive  $\alpha$  from  $KB$

$$KB \vdash_i \alpha$$

- Soundness

$i$  is sound if

whenever  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$ , it is also true that  $KB \models \alpha$

- Completeness

$i$  is complete if

whenever  $KB \models \alpha$ , it is also true that  $KB \vdash_i \alpha$

# Propositional Logic: Syntax

- Propositional logic is the simplest logic—illustrates basic ideas
- The proposition symbols  $P_1, P_2$  etc are sentences
- If  $P$  is a sentence,  $\neg P$  is a sentence (negation) logical connectives
- If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are sentences,  $P_1 \wedge P_2$  is a sentence (conjunction)
- If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are sentences,  $P_1 \vee P_2$  is a sentence (disjunction)
- If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are sentences,  $P_1 \implies P_2$  is a sentence (implication)
- If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are sentences,  $P_1 \Leftrightarrow P_2$  is a sentence (biconditional)

# Propositional Logic: Syntax

- BNF (Backus-Naur Form) grammar of sentences

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Sentence} &\rightarrow \textit{AtomicSentence} \mid \textit{ComplexSentence} \\ \textit{AtomicSentence} &\rightarrow \textit{True} \mid \textit{False} \mid P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots \\ \textit{ComplexSentence} &\rightarrow (\textit{Sentence}) \mid [\textit{Sentence}] \\ &\mid \neg \textit{Sentence} \\ &\mid \textit{Sentence} \wedge \textit{Sentence} \\ &\mid \textit{Sentence} \vee \textit{Sentence} \\ &\mid \textit{Sentence} \Rightarrow \textit{Sentence} \\ &\mid \textit{Sentence} \Leftrightarrow \textit{Sentence} \end{aligned}$$

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

# Propositional Logic: Semantics

- Each model specifies true/false for each proposition symbol

E.g.  $m_1 = \{P_{1,2} = \text{false}, P_{2,2} = \text{false}, P_{3,1} = \text{true}\}$



(with these symbols, 8 possible models, can be enumerated automatically)■

- Rules for evaluating truth with respect to a model  $m$ :

$\neg P$	is true iff	$P$	is false		
$P_1 \wedge P_2$	is true iff	$P_1$	is true <b>and</b>	$P_2$	is true
$P_1 \vee P_2$	is true iff	$P_1$	is true <b>or</b>	$P_2$	is true
$P_1 \implies P_2$	is true iff	$P_1$	is false <b>or</b>	$P_2$	is true
i.e.,	is false iff	$P_1$	is true <b>and</b>	$P_2$	is false
$P_1 \Leftrightarrow P_2$	is true iff	$P_1 \implies P_2$	is true <b>and</b>	$P_2 \implies P_1$	is true■

- Simple recursive process evaluates an arbitrary sentence, e.g.,  
 $\neg P_{1,2} \wedge (P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}) = \text{true} \wedge (\text{false} \vee \text{true}) = \text{true} \wedge \text{true} = \text{true}$

# Truth Tables for Connectives

- Truth table

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

# The Wumpus World

## ■ Knowledge base

- Let  $P_{i,j}$  be true if there is a pit in  $[i,j]$ 
  - observation  $R_1 : \neg P_{1,1}$
- Let  $B_{i,j}$  be true if there is a breeze in  $[i,j]$ .
- “Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares”
  - rule  $R_2 : B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$
  - rule  $R_3 : B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$
  - observation  $R_4 : \neg B_{1,1}$
  - observation  $R_5 : B_{2,1}$
- What can we infer about  $P_{1,2}, P_{2,1}, P_{2,2}$ , etc.?

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# The Wumpus World

- Model checking
  - Truth tables for inference

$$R_1 : \neg P_{1,1}$$

$$R_2 : B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \vee P_{2,1})$$

$$R_3 : B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \vee P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1})$$

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

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

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

# Inference by Model Checking

**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( $KB, \alpha, symbols, \{ \}$ )

- Sound
- Complete
- $O(2^n)$

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

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**Figure 7.10** A truth-table enumeration algorithm for deciding propositional entailment. (TT stands for truth table.) PL-TRUE? returns *true* if a sentence holds within a model. The variable *model* represents a partial model—an assignment to some of the symbols. The keyword “and” is used here as a logical operation on its two arguments, returning *true* or *false*.

# Inference

- Model checking:
  - Enumerating models and checking that  $\alpha$  is true in every model in which  $KB$  is true.
- Theorem proving:
  - Applying rules of inference directly to the sentences in knowledge base to construct a proof of the desired sentence without consulting models.

# Inference

## ▪ Logical equivalence

- 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
$(\alpha \implies \beta)$	$\equiv$	$(\neg\beta \implies \neg\alpha)$	contraposition
$(\alpha \implies \beta)$	$\equiv$	$(\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$	implication elimination
$(\alpha \iff \beta)$	$\equiv$	$((\alpha \implies \beta) \wedge (\beta \implies \alpha))$	biconditional elimination
$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta)$	$\equiv$	$(\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$	De Morgan
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$(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma))$	$\equiv$	$((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma))$	distributivity of $\wedge$ over $\vee$
$(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma))$	$\equiv$	$((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma))$	distributivity of $\vee$ over $\wedge$

# Inference

## ■ Validity

- A sentence is **valid** if it is true in **all** models,  
e.g.,  $True$ ,  $A \vee \neg A$ ,  $A \implies A$ ,  $(A \wedge (A \implies B)) \implies B$
- Validity is connected to inference via the **Deduction Theorem**:  
 $KB \models \alpha$  if and only if  $(KB \implies \alpha)$  is valid■

## ■ Satisfiability

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

# Inference: Proof by Resolution

- Resolution Rule:

$$\frac{\ell_1 \vee \dots \vee \ell_k, \quad m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_n}{\ell_1 \vee \dots \vee \ell_{i-1} \vee \ell_{i+1} \vee \dots \vee \ell_k \vee m_1 \vee \dots \vee m_{j-1} \vee m_{j+1} \vee \dots \vee m_n}$$

where  $\ell_i$  and  $m_j$  are complementary literals. E.g.,

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

# Inference: Proof by Resolution

## ▪ Conjunctive Normal Form

$$CNFSentence \rightarrow Clause_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Clause_n$$

$$Clause \rightarrow Literal_1 \vee \dots \vee Literal_m$$


$$Literal \rightarrow Symbol \mid \neg Symbol$$

$$Symbol \rightarrow P \mid Q \mid R \mid \dots$$

$$HornClauseForm \rightarrow DefiniteClauseForm \mid GoalClauseForm$$

$$DefiniteClauseForm \rightarrow (Symbol_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Symbol_l) \Rightarrow Symbol$$

$$GoalClauseForm \rightarrow (Symbol_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Symbol_l) \Rightarrow False$$

**conjunction** of **disjunctions** of **literals**  
  
**clauses**

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

# Inference: Proof by Resolution

- Example: The Wampus World

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- Rules such as: “If breeze, then a pit adjacent.”

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



# Inference: Proof by Resolution

## ▪ Example: The Wampus World

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

1. Eliminate  $\Leftrightarrow$ , replacing  $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta$  with  $(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$ .

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

2. Eliminate  $\Rightarrow$ , replacing  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$  with  $\neg\alpha \vee \beta$ .

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

3. Move  $\neg$  inwards using de Morgan's rules and double-negation:

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

4. Apply distributivity law ( $\vee$  over  $\wedge$ ) and flatten:

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

# Inference: Proof by Resolution

## ▪ Example: The Wampus World

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

reformulated as:

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

- Observation:  $\neg B_{1,1}$
- Goal: disprove:  $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$
- Resolution

$$\frac{\neg P_{1,2} \vee B_{1,1} \quad \neg B_{1,1}}{\neg P_{1,2}}$$

- Resolution

$$\frac{\neg P_{1,2} \quad P_{1,2}}{false}$$

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

# Inference: Proof by Resolution

## ▪ 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 is **sound** and **complete** for propositional logic

# Inference: Proof by Resolution

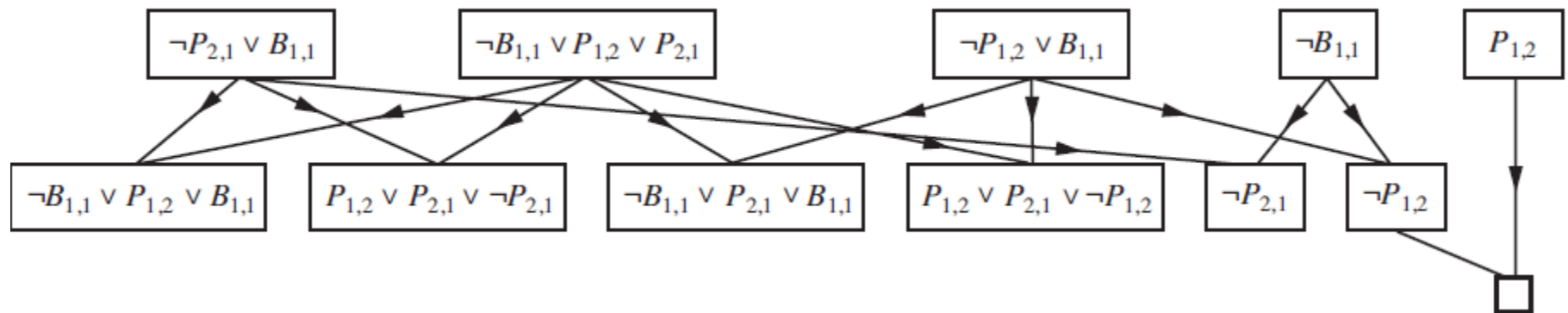
## ▪ Example: The Wampus World

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

reformulated as:

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

- Observation:  $\neg B_{1,1}$
- Goal: disprove:  $\alpha = \neg P_{1,2}$



# Inference:

- **Definite clause:**
  - A disjunction of literals of which exactly one is positive.
  - Eg.  $\neg L_{1,1} \vee \neg Breeze \vee B_{1,1}$
- **Horn clause:**
  - A disjunction of literals of which at most one is positive.
- **Goal clause:**
  - Clauses with no positive literals.
- **Horn clauses are closed under resolution.**
  - If you resolve two Horn clauses, you get back a Horn clause.

# Inference:

- Every **definite clause** can be written as
  - a conjunction of positive literals  $\Rightarrow$  a single positive literal

$$\neg L_{1,1} \vee \neg Breeze \vee B_{1,1} \quad (L_{1,1} \wedge Breeze) \Rightarrow B_{1,1}$$

- Inference with Horn clauses can be done through **forward chaining** or **backward chaining** algorithms.
- These algorithms are very natural and run in **linear** time

# Inference: Forward Chaining

- Forward chaining algorithm

```
function PL-FC-ENTAILS?(KB, q) returns true or false
  inputs: KB, the knowledge base, a set of propositional definite clauses
         q, the query, a proposition symbol
  count  $\leftarrow$  a table, where count[c] is the number of symbols in c's premise
  inferred  $\leftarrow$  a table, where inferred[s] is initially false for all symbols
  agenda  $\leftarrow$  a queue of symbols, initially symbols known to be true in KB

  while agenda is not empty do
    p  $\leftarrow$  POP(agenda)
    if p = q then return true
    if inferred[p] = false then
      inferred[p]  $\leftarrow$  true
      for each clause c in KB where p is in c.PREMISE do
        decrement count[c]
        if count[c] = 0 then add c.CONCLUSION to agenda
  return false
```

- Forward chaining is sound and complete.

# Inference: Forward Chaining

## ■ Example

- Given

$$P \implies Q$$

$$L \wedge M \implies P$$

$$B \wedge L \implies M$$

$$A \wedge P \implies L$$

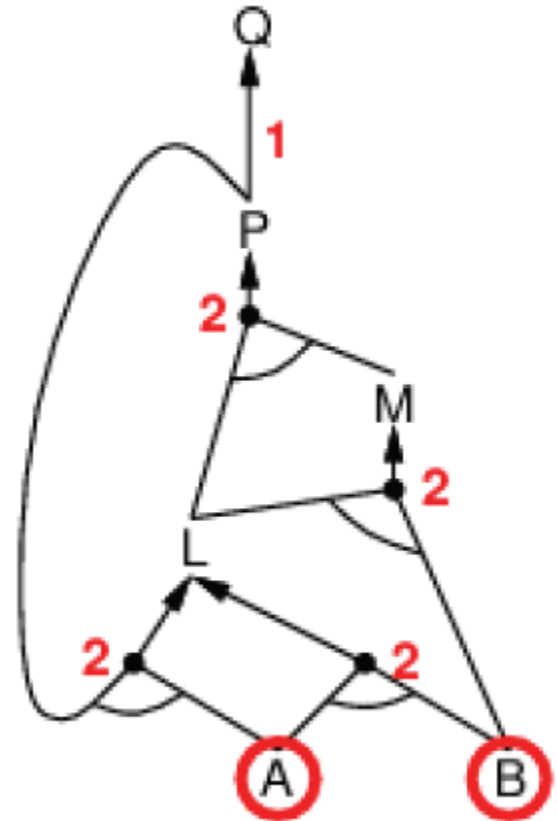
$$A \wedge B \implies L$$

$A$

$B$

- Agenda:  $A, B$

- Annotate horn clauses with number of premises



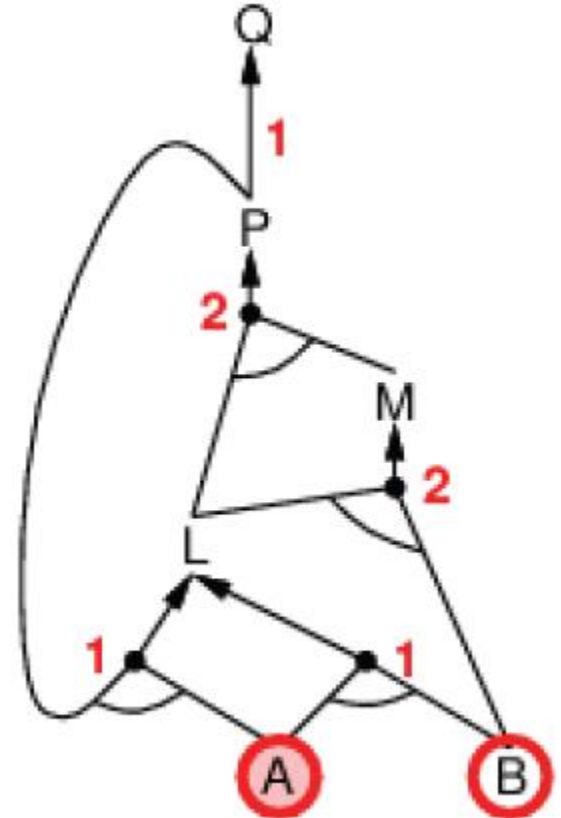
AND-OR Graph



# Inference: Forward Chaining

## ■ Example

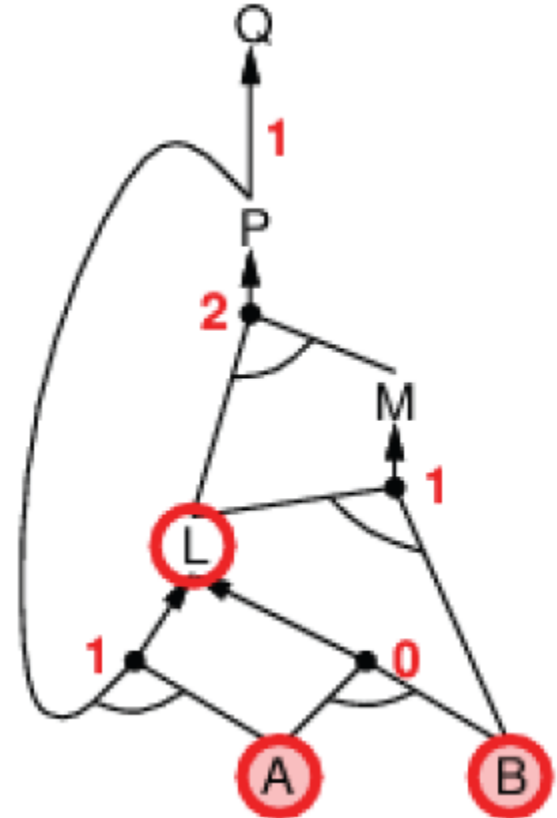
- Process agenda item  $A$
- Decrease count for horn clauses in which  $A$  is premise



# Inference: Forward Chaining

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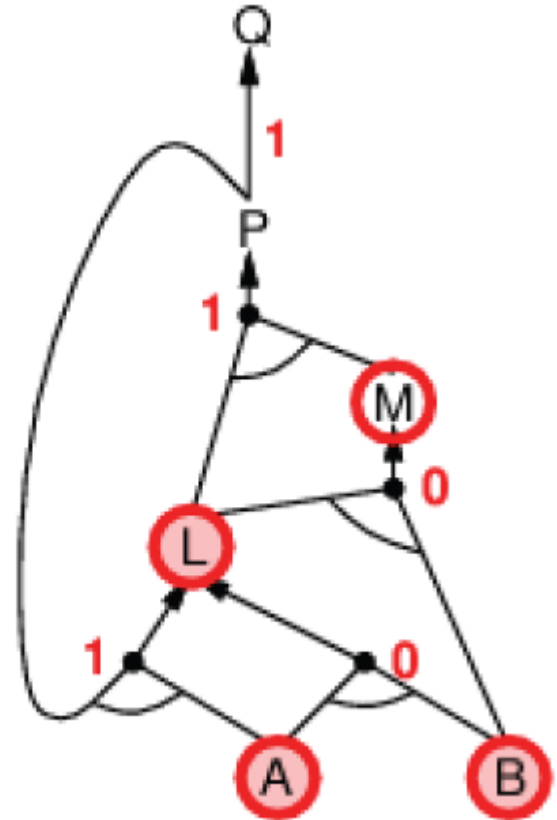
- Process agenda item  $B$
- Decrease count for horn clauses in which  $B$  is premise
- $A \wedge B \implies L$  has now fulfilled premise
- Add  $L$  to agenda



# Inference: Forward Chaining

## ■ Example

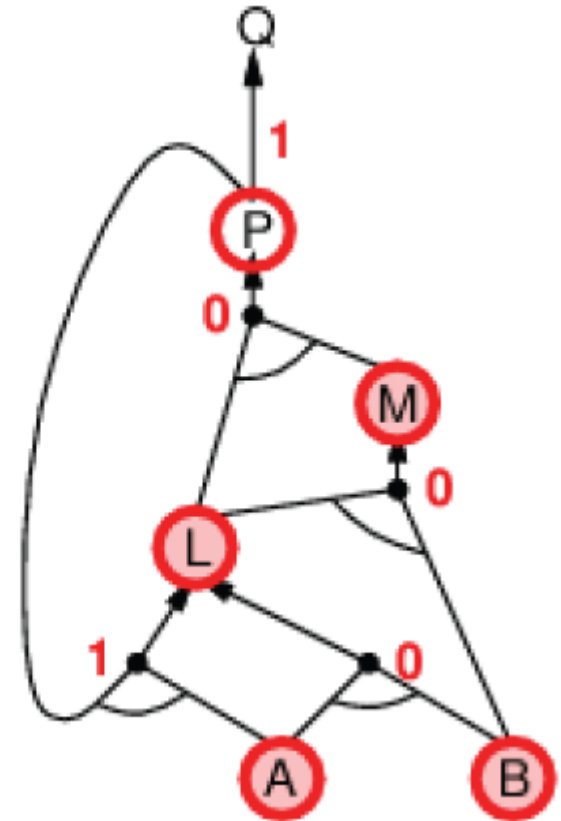
- Process agenda item  $L$
- Decrease count for horn clauses in which  $L$  is premise
- $B \wedge L \implies M$  has now fulfilled premise
- Add  $M$  to agenda



# Inference: Forward Chaining

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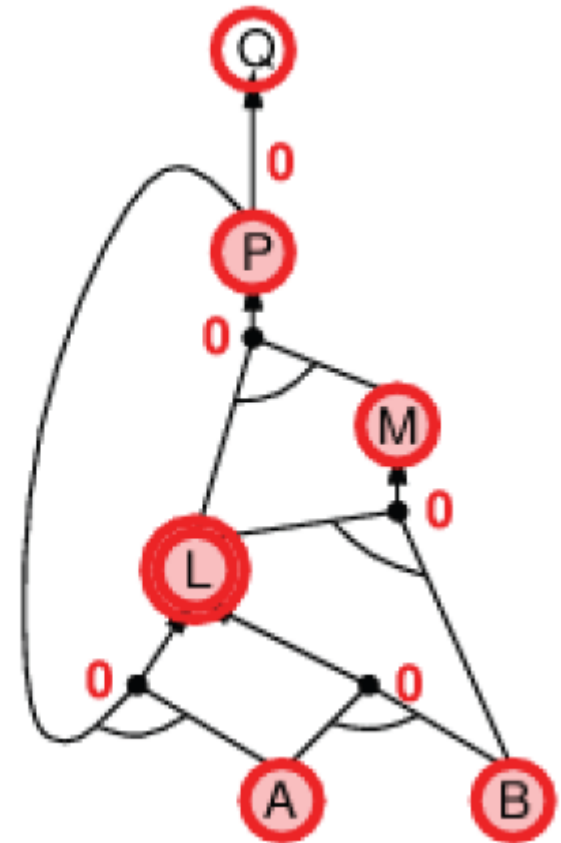
- Process agenda item  $M$
- Decrease count for horn clauses in which  $M$  is premise
- $L \wedge M \implies P$  has now fulfilled premise
- Add  $P$  to agenda



# Inference: Forward Chaining

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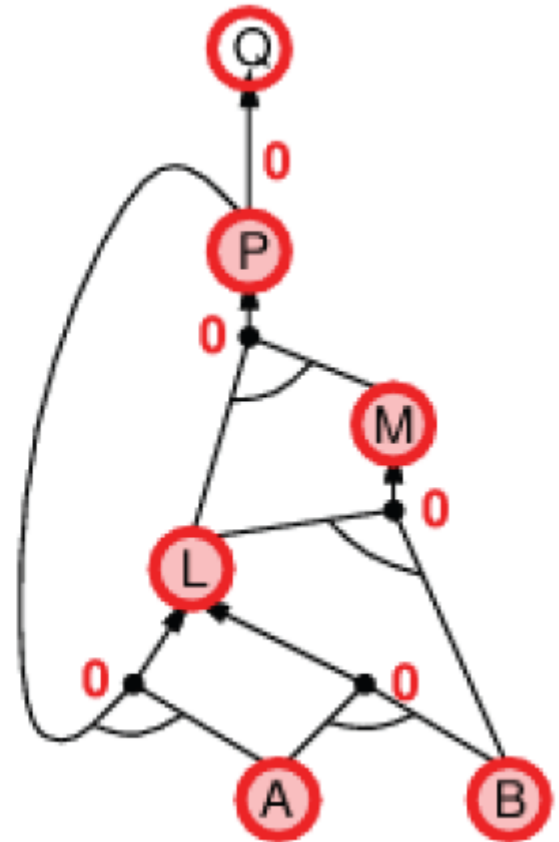
- Process agenda item  $P$
- Decrease count for horn clauses in which  $P$  is premise
- $P \implies Q$  has now fulfilled premise
- Add  $Q$  to agenda
- $A \wedge P \implies L$  has now fulfilled premise



# Inference: Forward Chaining

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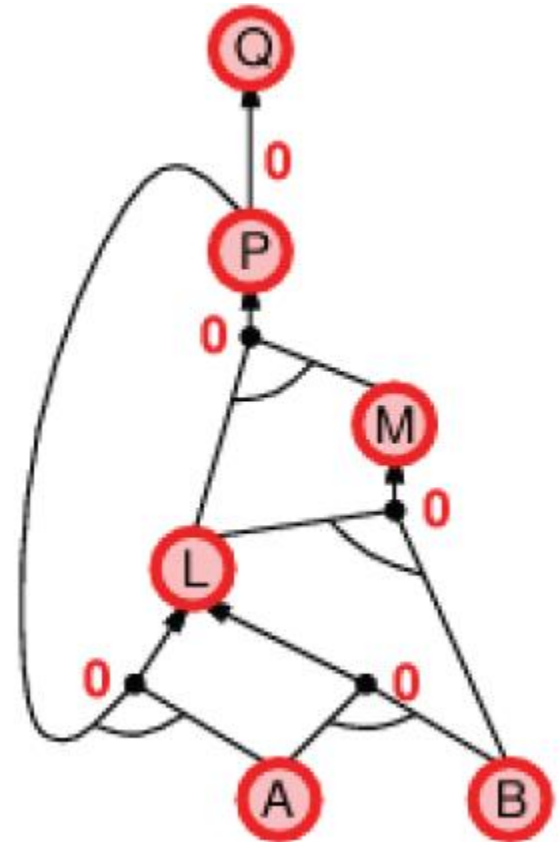
- Process agenda item  $P$
- Decrease count for horn clauses in which  $P$  is premise
- $P \implies Q$  has now fulfilled premise
- Add  $Q$  to agenda
- $A \wedge P \implies L$  has now fulfilled premise
- But  $L$  is already inferred



# Inference: Forward Chaining

## ■ Example

- Process agenda item  $Q$
- $Q$  is inferred
- Done



# More Logics

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Language	Ontological Commitment	Epistemological Commitment
Propositional logic	facts	true / false / unknown
First-order logic	facts, objects, relations	true / false / unknown
Temporal logic	facts, objects, relations, times	true / false / unknown
Probability theory	facts	degree of belief
Fuzzy logic	facts + degree of truth	known interval value

Higher-order logic:

relations and functions operate not only on objects,  
but also on relations and functions



# First-Order Logic

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- Propositional logic: world contains **facts**
- First-order logic: the world contains **objects**, **relations**, and **functions**■
- **Objects**: people, houses, numbers, theories, Ronald McDonald, colors, baseball games, wars, centuries ... ■
- **Relations**: red, round, bogus, prime, multistoried ..., brother of, bigger than, inside, part of, has color, occurred after, owns, comes between, ... ■
- **Functions**: father of, best friend, third inning of, one more than, end of ...

# First-Order Logic

## ■ Syntax

- Constants: *KingJohn, 2, UCB, ...*
- Predicates: *Brother, >, ...*
- Functions: *Sqrt, LeftLegOf, ...*
- Variables: *x, y, a, b, ...*
- Connectives:  $\wedge \vee \neg \implies \iff$
- Equality:  $=$
- Quantifiers:  $\forall \exists$

# First-Order Logic

## ■ Syntax

- Atomic sentence = *predicate(term<sub>1</sub>, ..., term<sub>n</sub>)*  
or *term<sub>1</sub> = term<sub>2</sub>*
- Term = *function(term<sub>1</sub>, ..., term<sub>n</sub>)*  
or *constant* or *variable*
- E.g., *Brother(KingJohn, RichardTheLionheart)*  
*> (Length(LeftLegOf(Richard)), Length(LeftLegOf(KingJohn)))*

# First-Order Logic

## ■ Syntax

- Complex sentences are made from atomic sentences using connectives

$$\neg S, \quad S_1 \wedge S_2, \quad S_1 \vee S_2, \quad S_1 \implies S_2, \quad S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$$

- For instance

- $Sibling(KingJohn, Richard) \implies Sibling(Richard, KingJohn)$
- $>(1, 2) \vee \leq(1, 2)$
- $>(1, 2) \wedge \neg >(1, 2)$

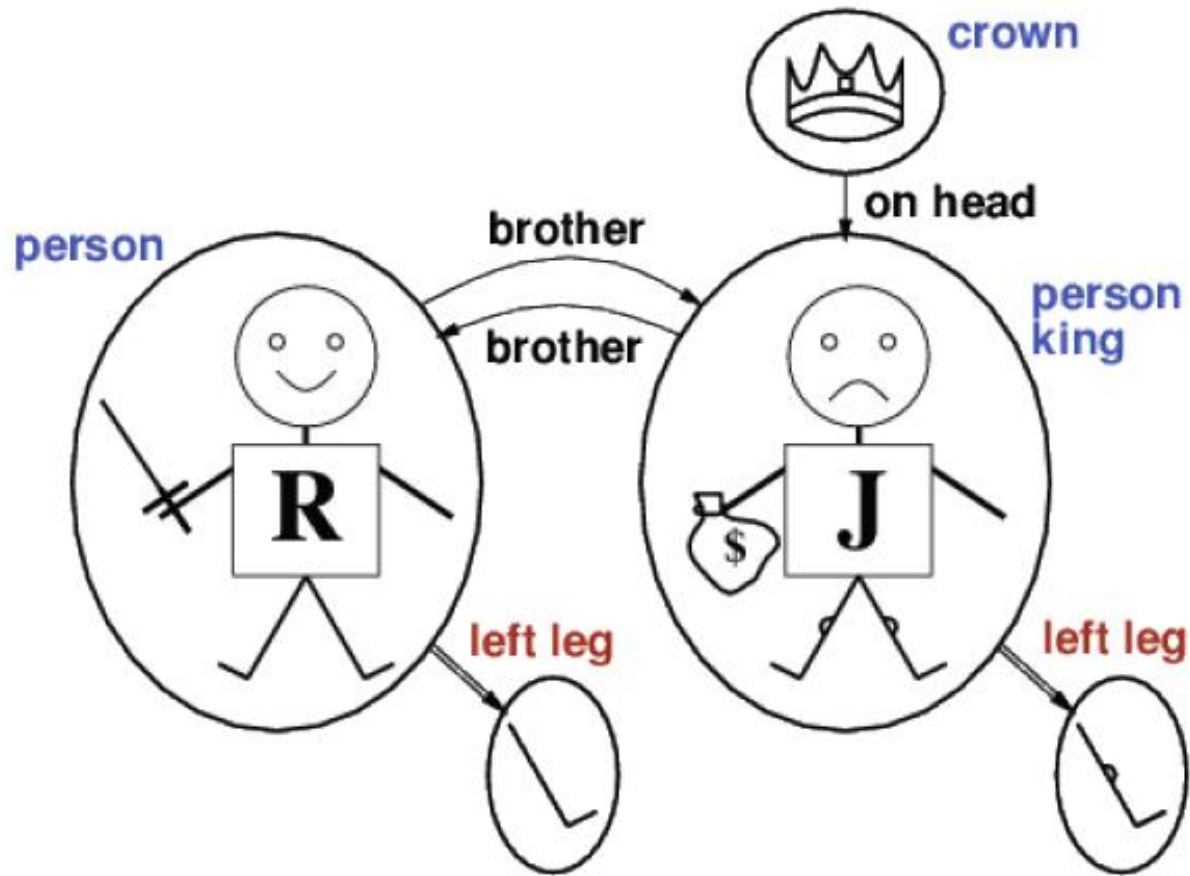
# First-Order Logic

## ■ Semantics

- Sentences are true with respect to a model and an interpretation
- Model contains  $\geq 1$  objects (domain elements) and relations among them
- Interpretation specifies referents for
  - constant symbols  $\rightarrow$  objects
  - predicate symbols  $\rightarrow$  relations
  - function symbols  $\rightarrow$  functional relations
- An atomic sentence  $\textit{predicate}(\textit{term}_1, \dots, \textit{term}_n)$  is true iff the objects referred to by  $\textit{term}_1, \dots, \textit{term}_n$  are in the relation referred to by  $\textit{predicate}$

# First-Order Logic

- An example



# Knowledge Representation

- Type of knowledge
  - Objects
  - Events
  - Procedures
  - Relations
  - Mental states
  - Meta knowledge

# Knowledge Representation

- Properties of Representation Systems
  - Representational adequacy
    - ability to represent the required knowledge
  - Inferential adequacy
    - ability to manipulate knowledge
    - produce new knowledge
    - ability to direct inference methods into productive directions
    - ability to respond with limited resources (time, storage)
  - Acquisitional efficiency
    - ability to acquire new knowledge
    - ideally, automatically



# Knowledge Representation

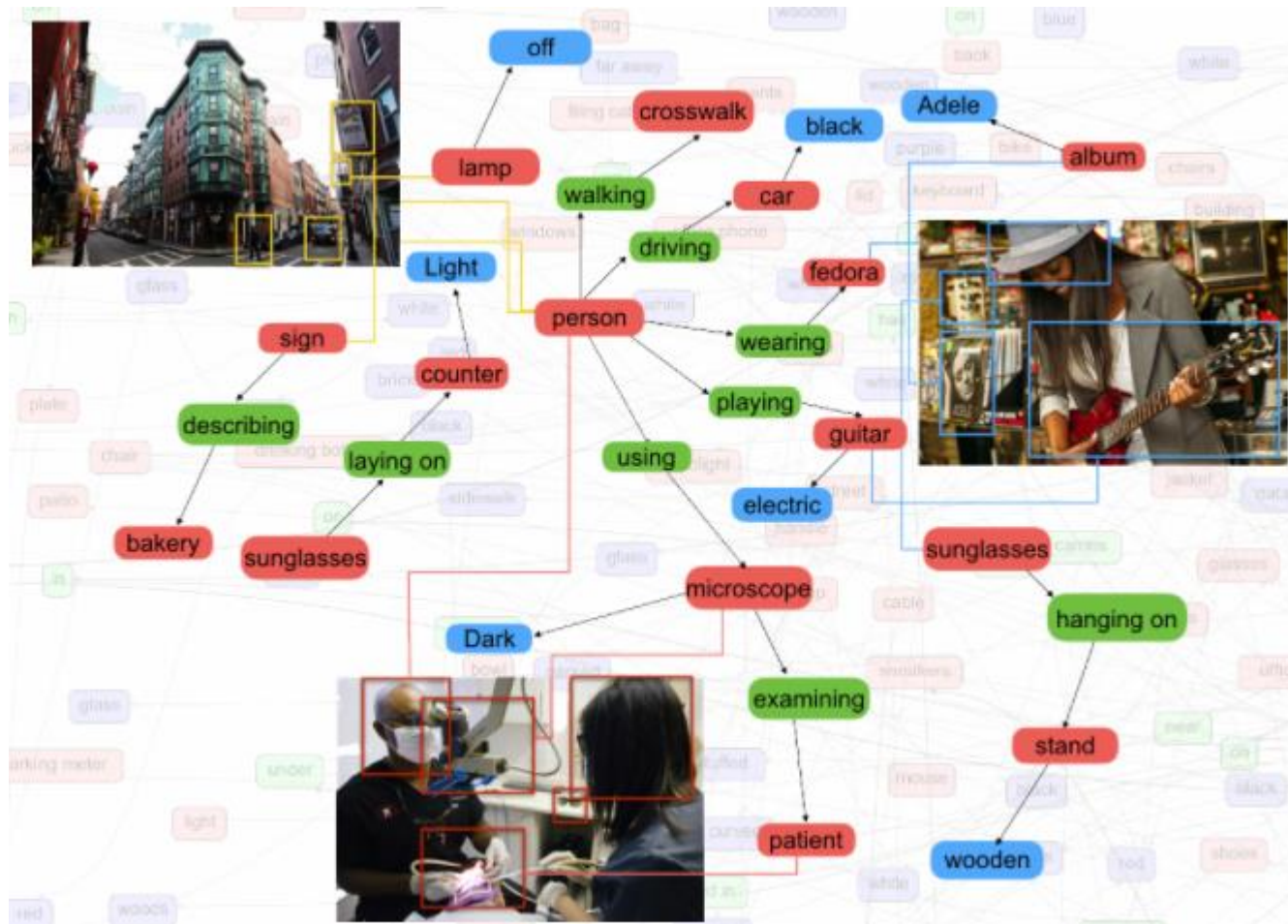
- Knowledge Graph



<https://googleblog.blogspot.com/2012/05/introducing-knowledge-graph-things-not.html>

# Knowledge Representation

- Knowledge Graph



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# Assignments

- Reading assignment:
  - Ch. 7.1-7.5, Ch. 8.1-8.2
- Homework 3:
  - Due by Mar. 28, 2022.