Logical agents

Chapter 7

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◇ Wumpus world

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◇ Propositional (Boolean) logic

◇ Equivalence, validity, satisfiability

◇ Inference rules and theorem proving
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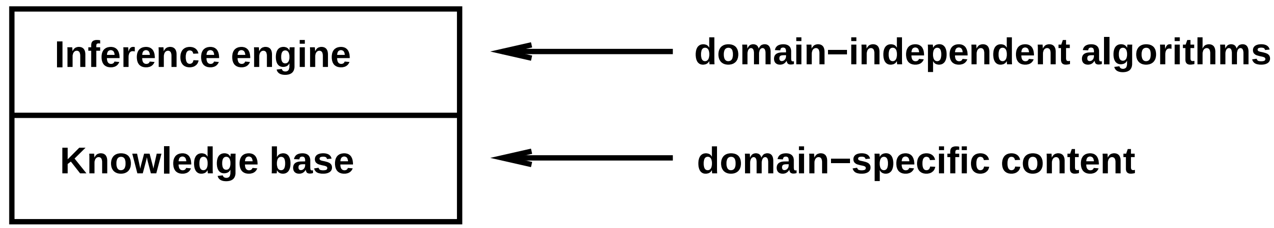
  - resolution

Knowledge bases



Knowledge base = set of sentences in a **formal** language

Declarative approach to building an agent (or other system):

TELL it what it needs to know

Then it can ASK itself what to do—answers should follow from the KB

Agents can be viewed at the knowledge level

i.e., **what they know**, regardless of how implemented

Or at the implementation level

i.e., data structures in KB and algorithms that manipulate them

A simple knowledge-based agent

```
function KB-Agent(percept) returns an action
    static: 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
```

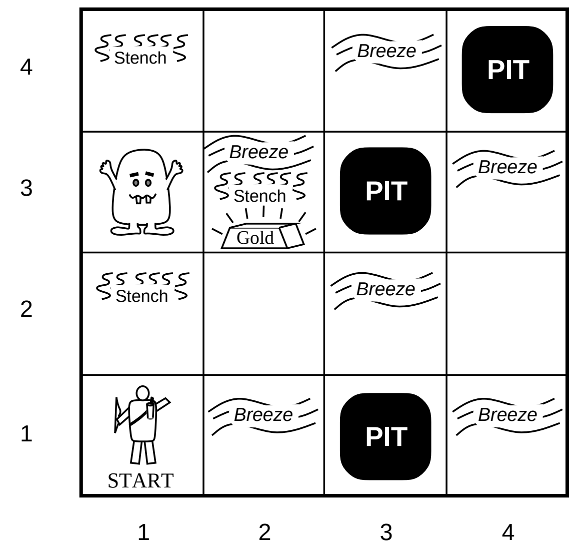
The agent must be able to:

- Represent states, actions, etc.
- Incorporate new percepts
- Update internal representations of the world
- Deduce hidden properties of the world
- Deduce appropriate actions

Wumpus World PEAS description

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

Environment
- Squares adjacent to wumpus are smelly
- 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, Release, Shoot

Sensors Breeze, Glitter, Smell

Wumpus world characterization

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

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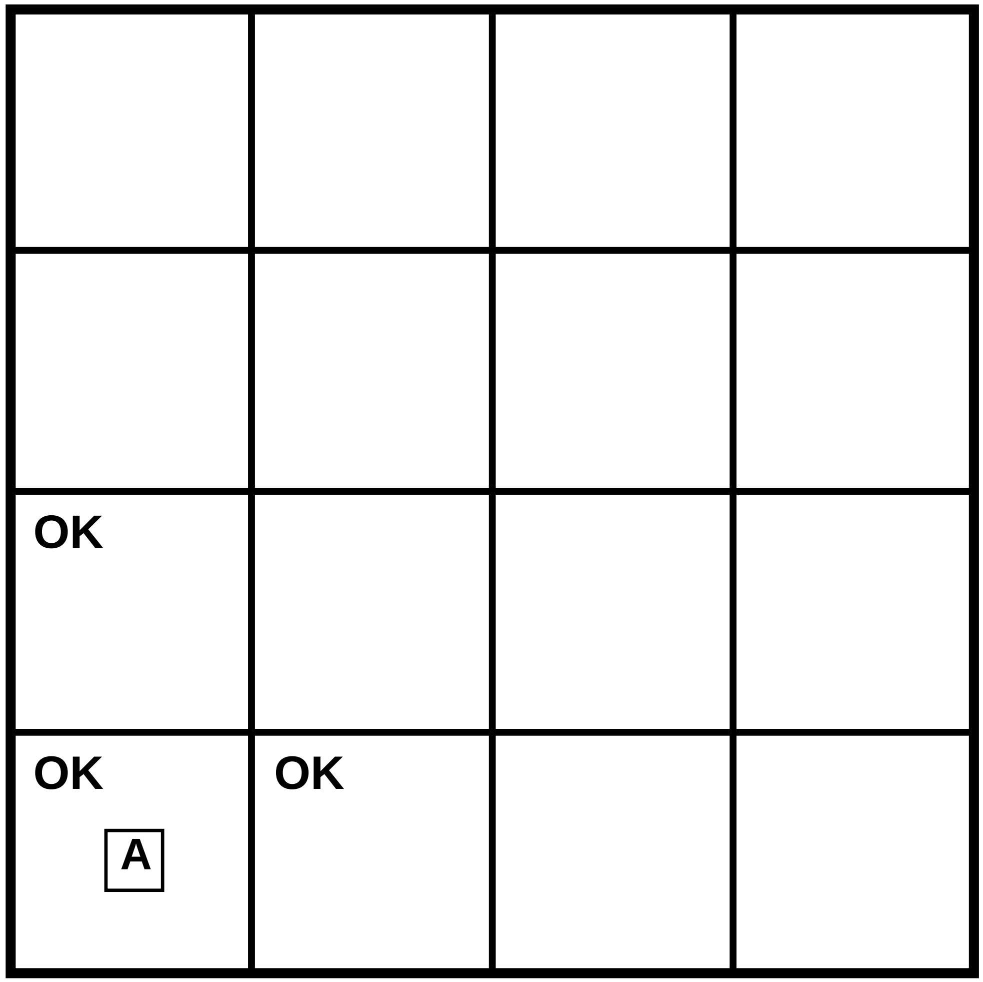

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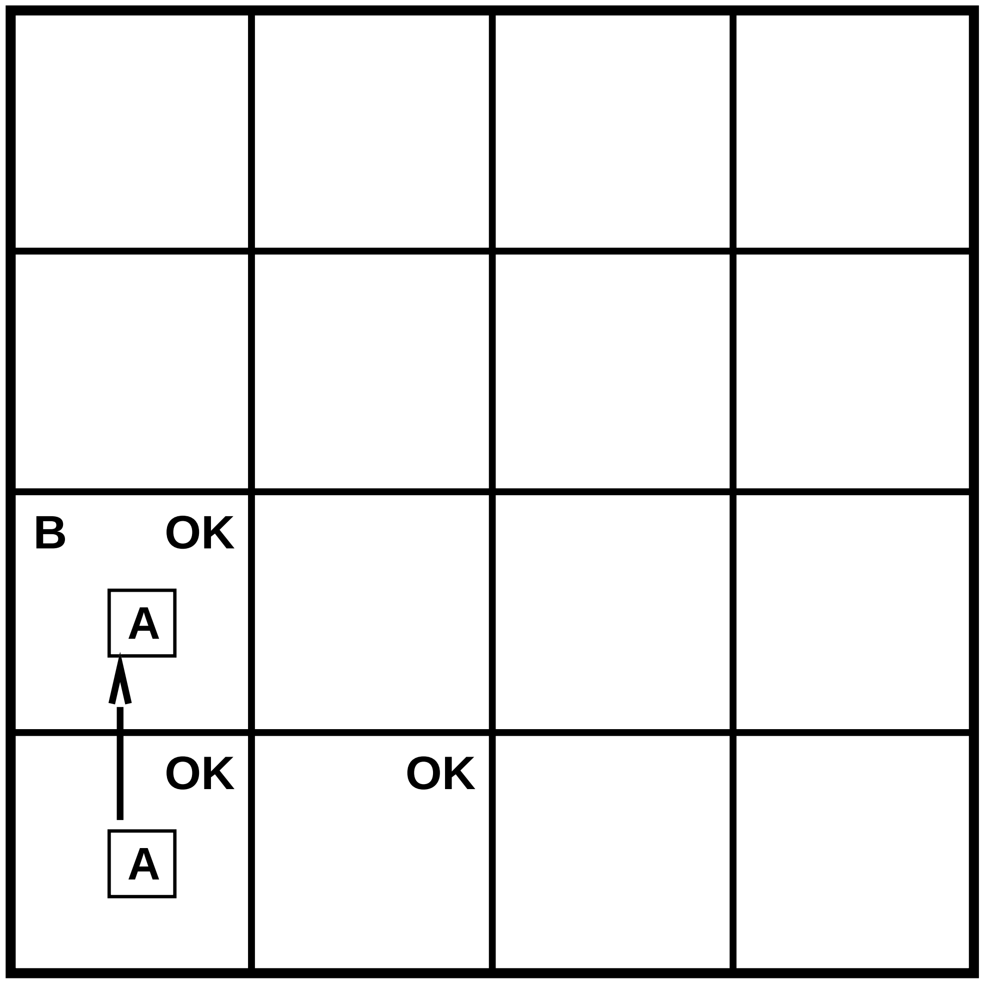

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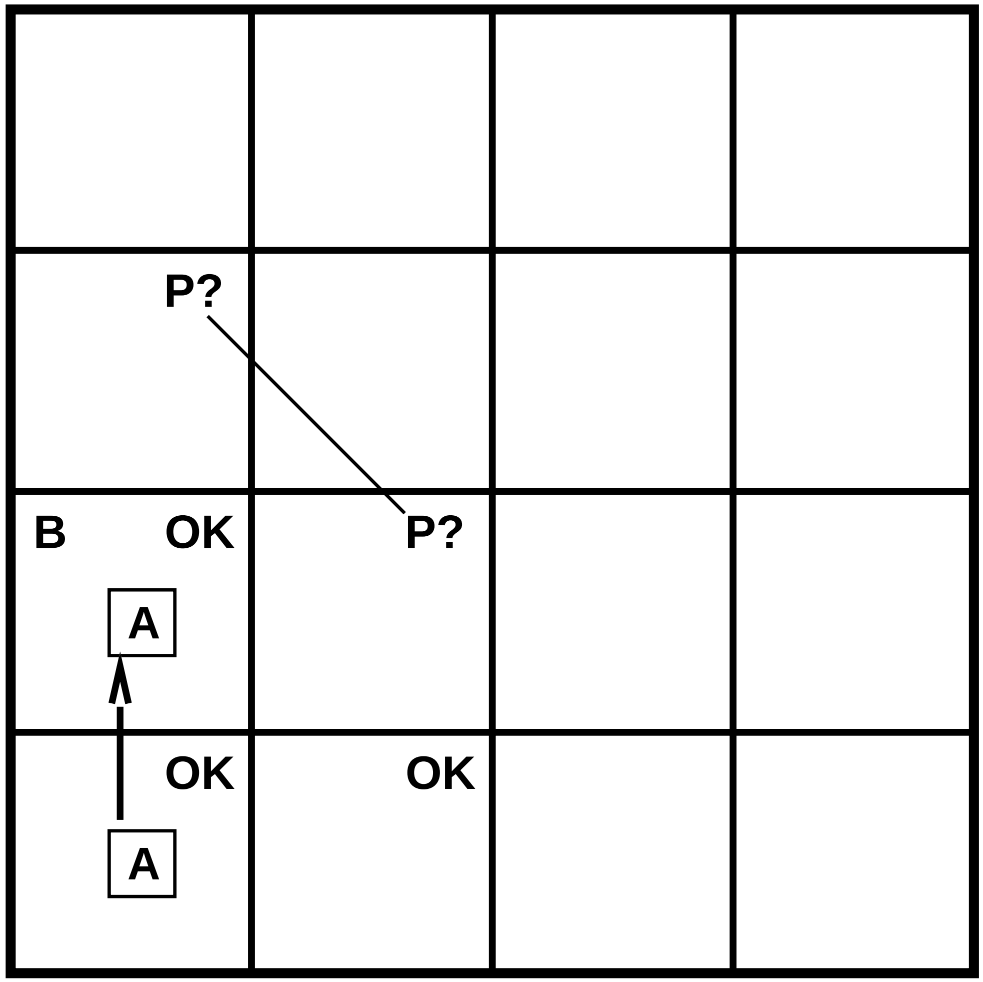

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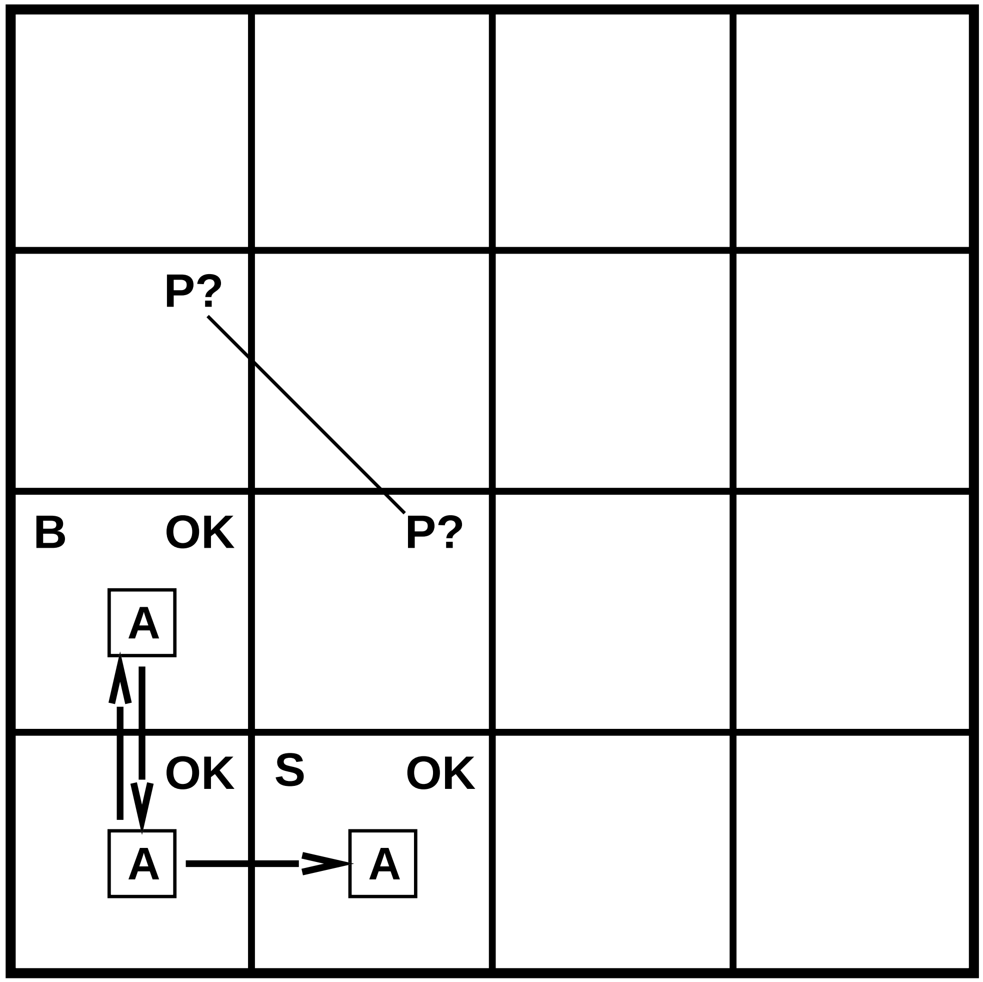

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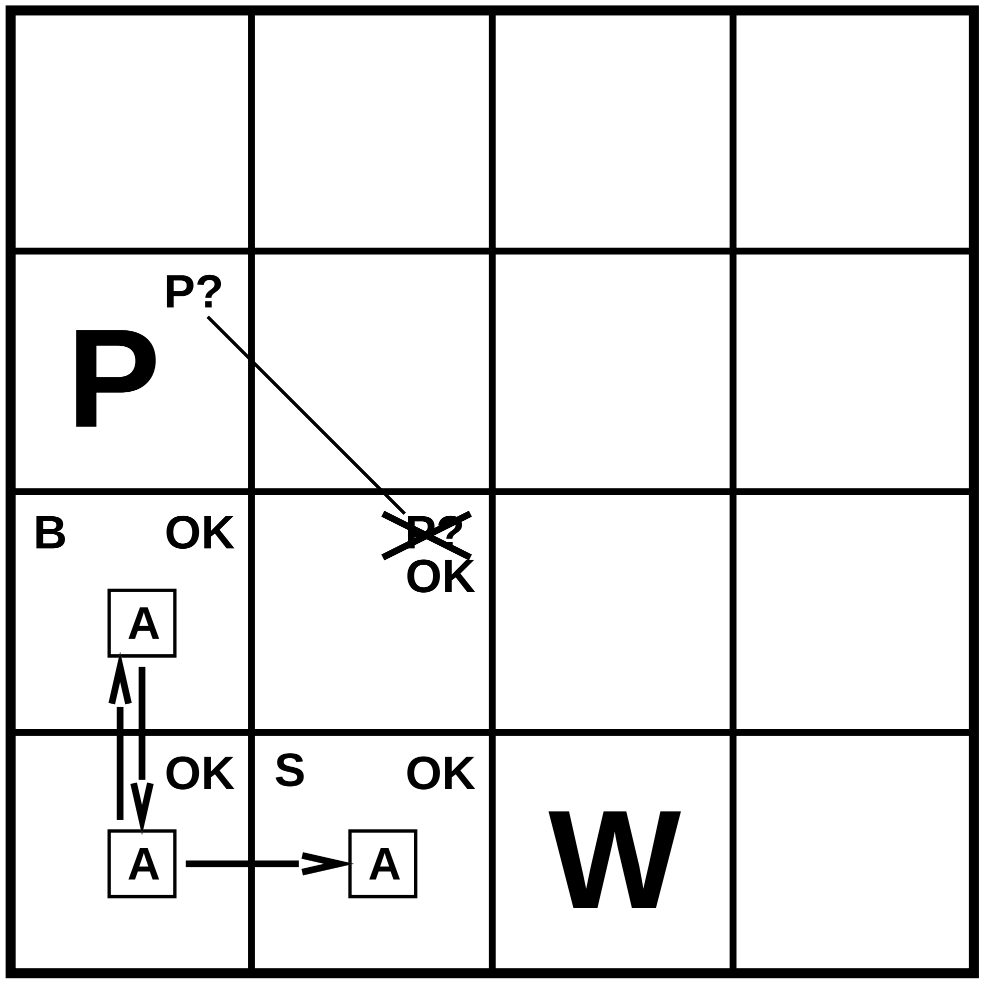

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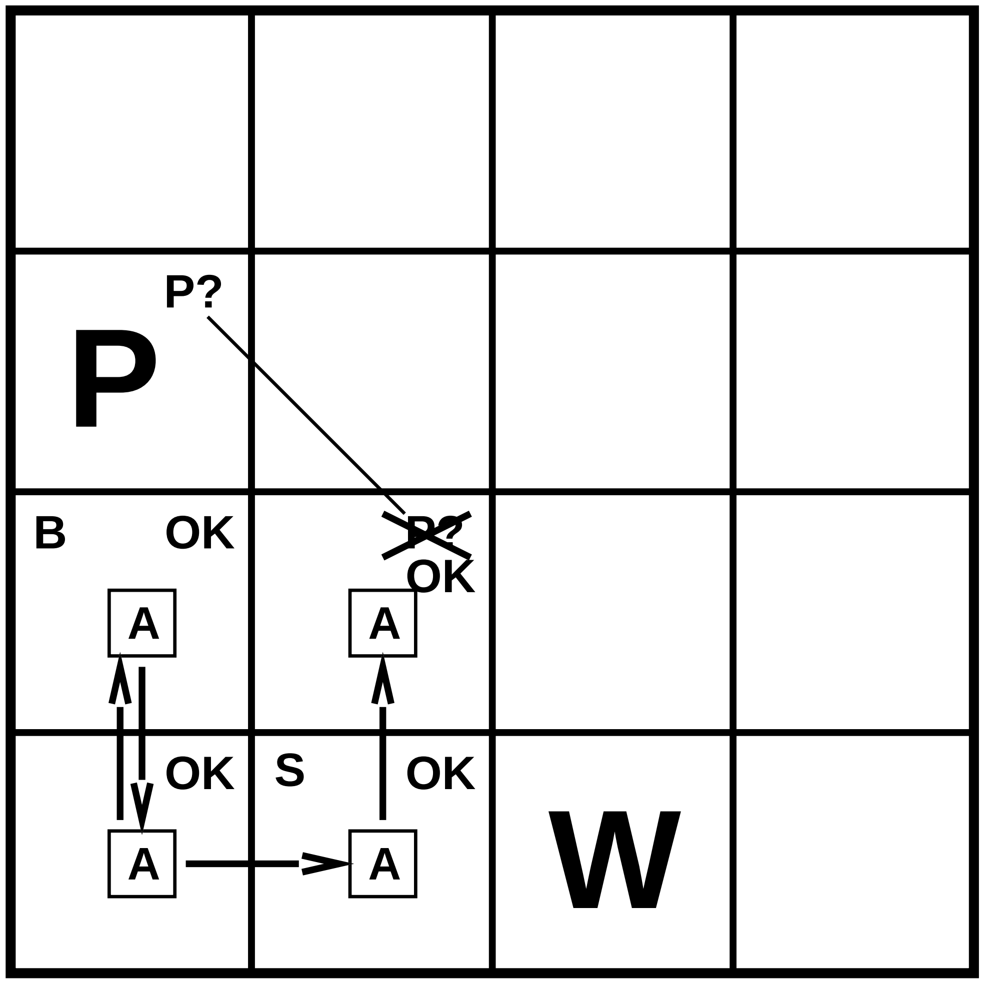

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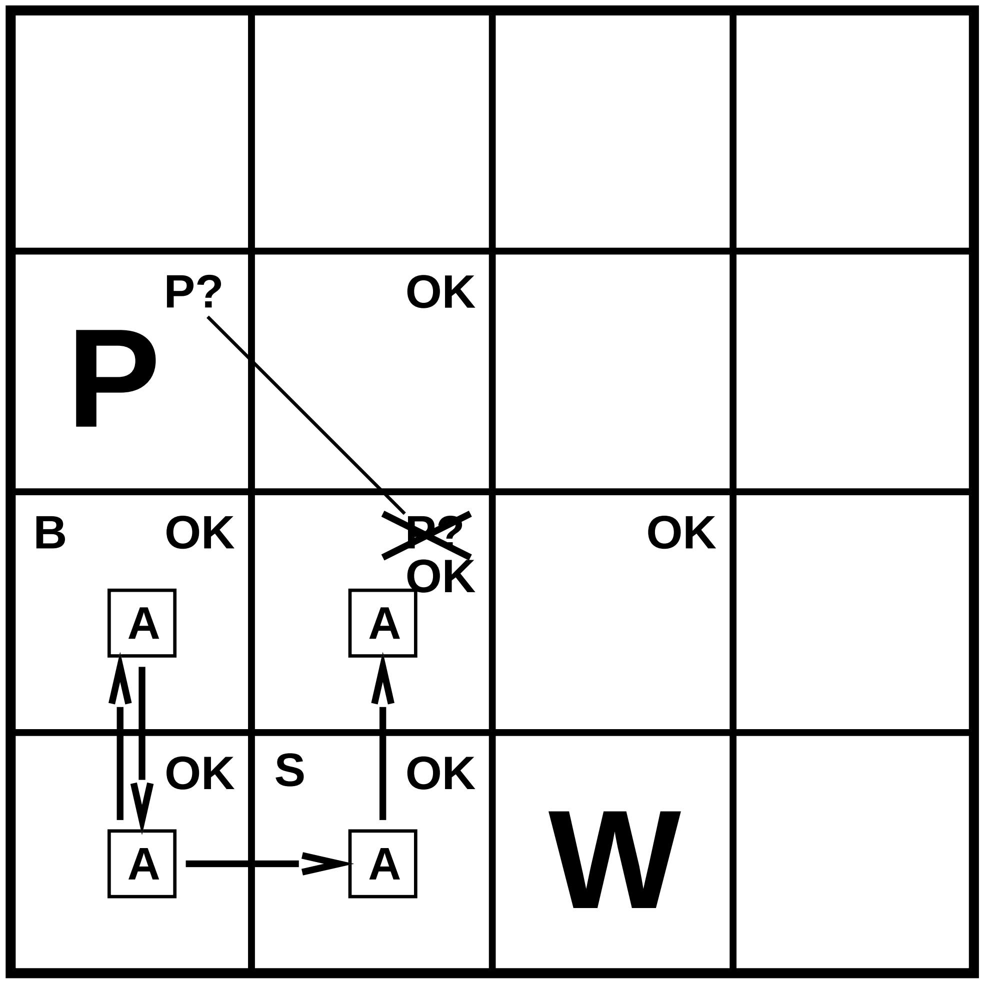

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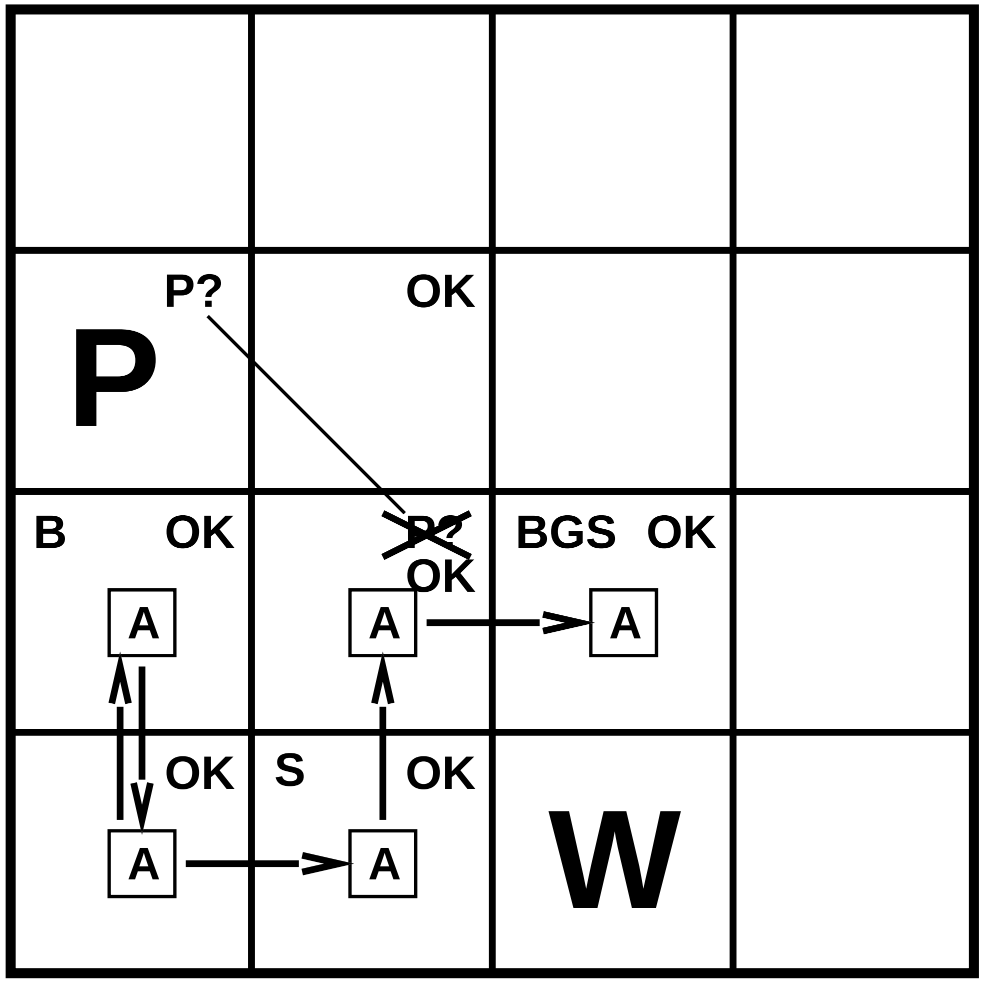
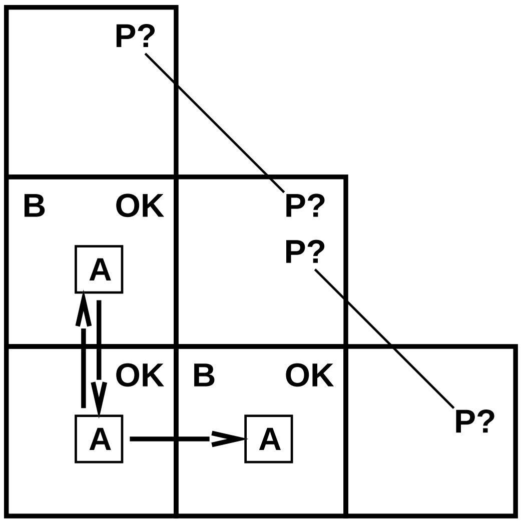
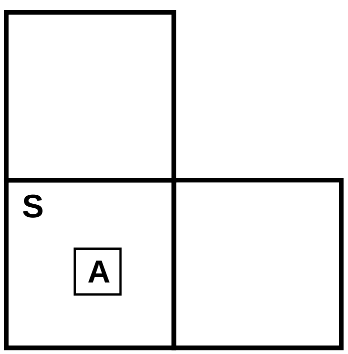


Other tight spots



Breeze in (1,2) and (2,1)
$\Rightarrow$ no safe actions

Assuming pits uniformly distributed,
(2,2) has pit w/ prob 0.86, vs. 0.31



Smell in (1,1)
$\Rightarrow$ cannot move

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

Logic in general

Logics are formal languages for representing information
such that conclusions can be drawn

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., the language of arithmetic

$x + 2 \geq y$ is a sentence; $x2 + y >$ 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 $x = 0,\ y = 6$

Entailment

Entailment means that one thing **follows from** another:

$$KB \models \alpha$$

Knowledge base KB entails sentence α
if and only if
α is true in all worlds where KB is true

E.g., the KB containing "the Giants won" and "the Reds won" entails "Either the Giants won or the Reds won"

E.g., $x + y = 4$ entails $4 = x + y$

Entailment is a relationship between sentences (i.e., **syntax**) that is based on **semantics**

Note: brains process **syntax** (of some sort)

Models

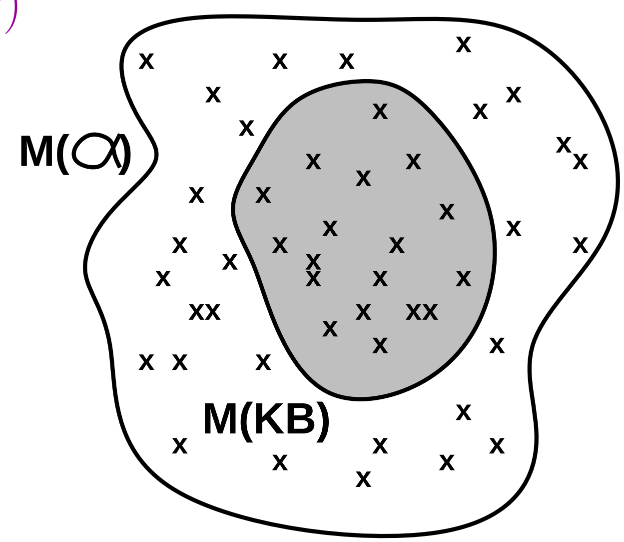
Logicians typically think in terms of models, which are formally structured worlds with respect to which truth can be evaluated

We say m is a model of a sentence α if α is true in m

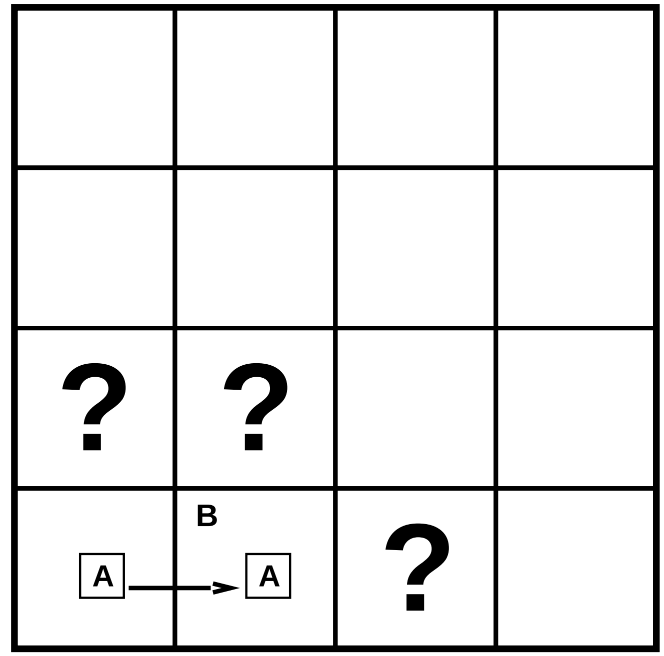
$M(\alpha)$ is the set of all models of α

Then $KB \models \alpha$ if and only if $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$

E.g. KB = Giants won and Reds won
α = Giants won



Entailment in the wumpus world

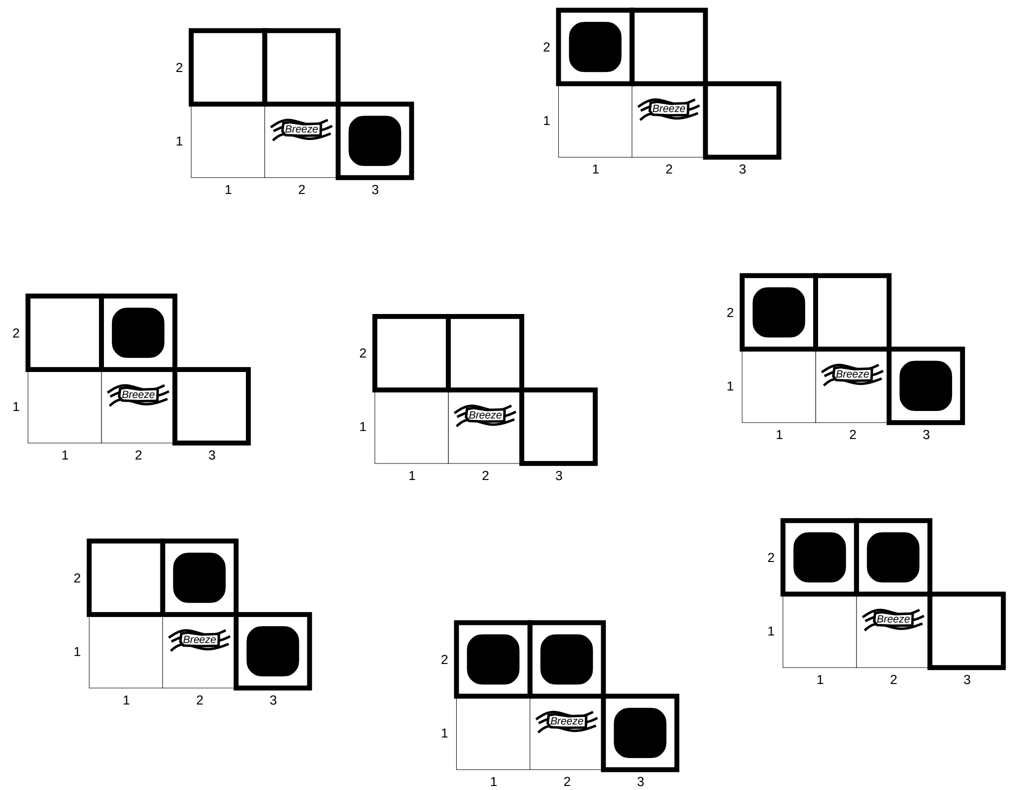


Situation after detecting nothing in [1,1],
moving right, breeze in [2,1]

Consider possible models for ?s
assuming only pits

3 Boolean choices $\Rightarrow$ 8 possible models

Wumpus models



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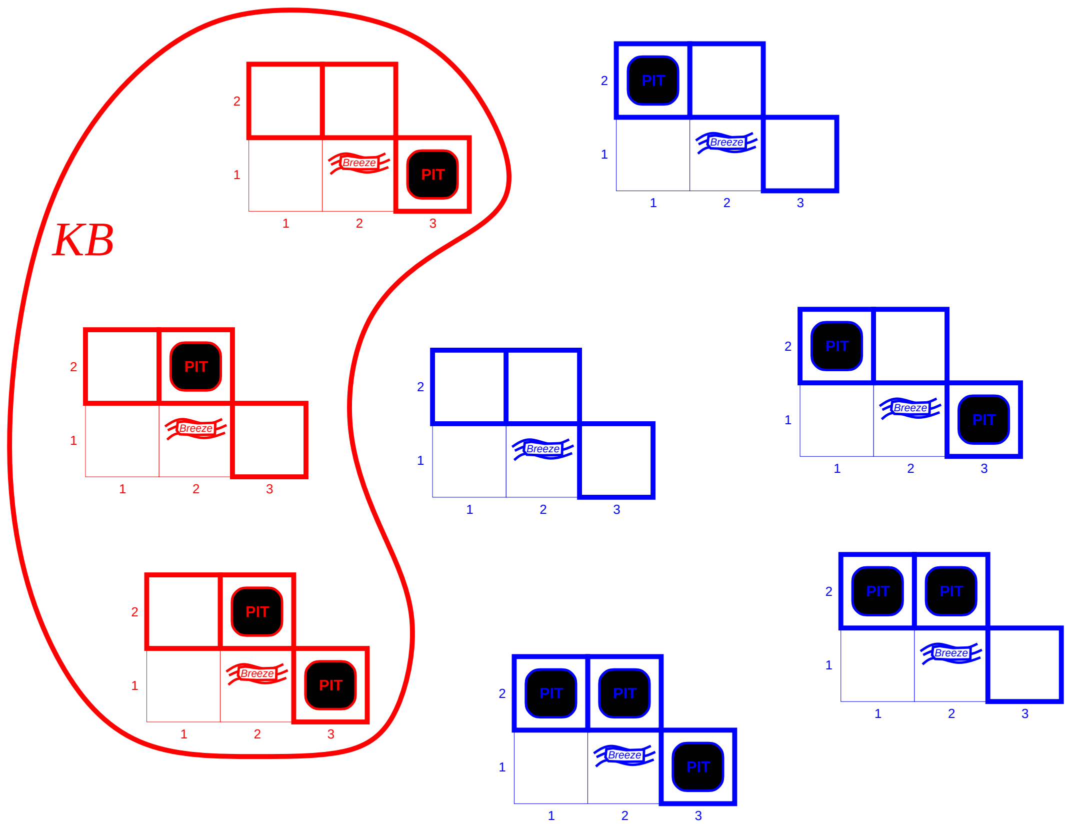

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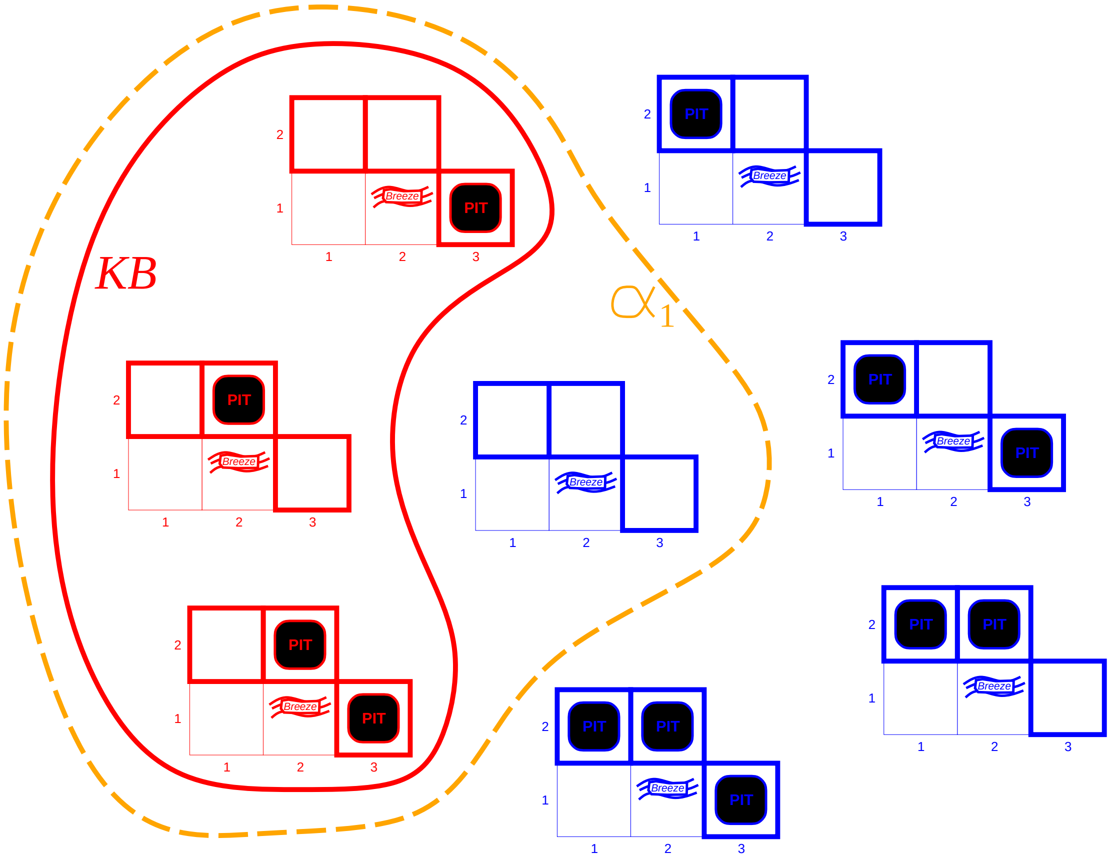

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α_1 = "[1,2] is safe", $KB \models \alpha_1$, proved by model checking

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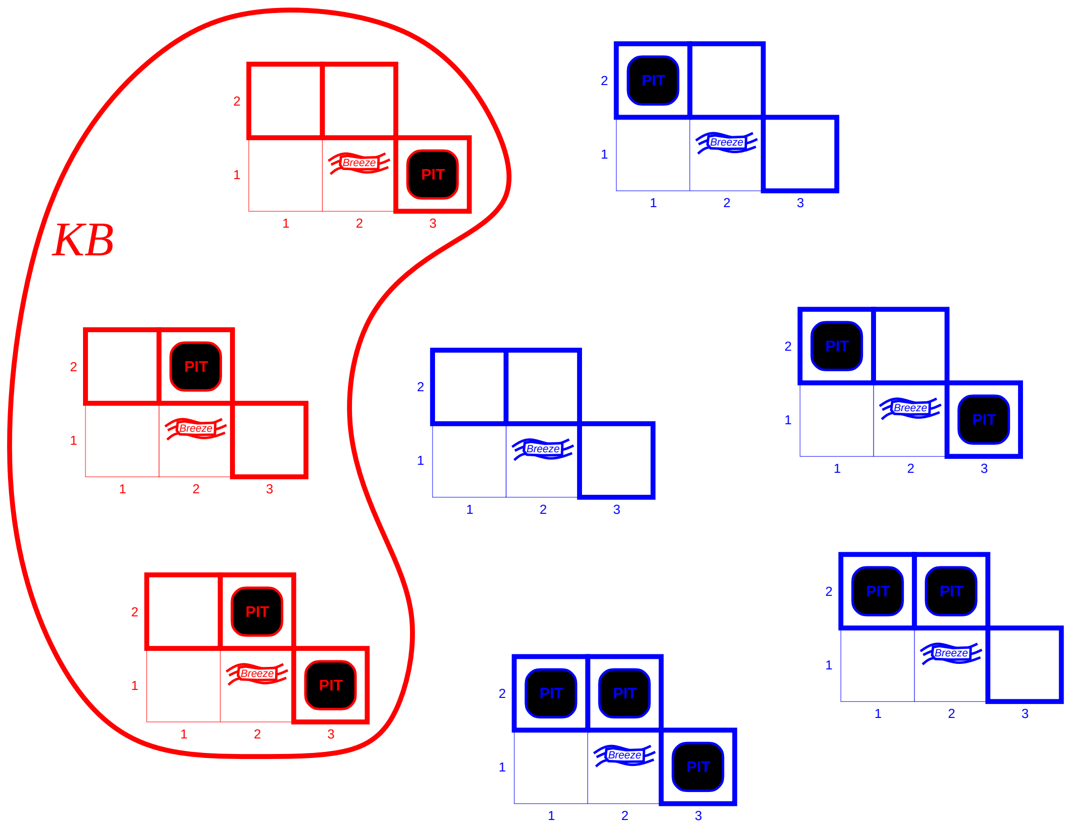

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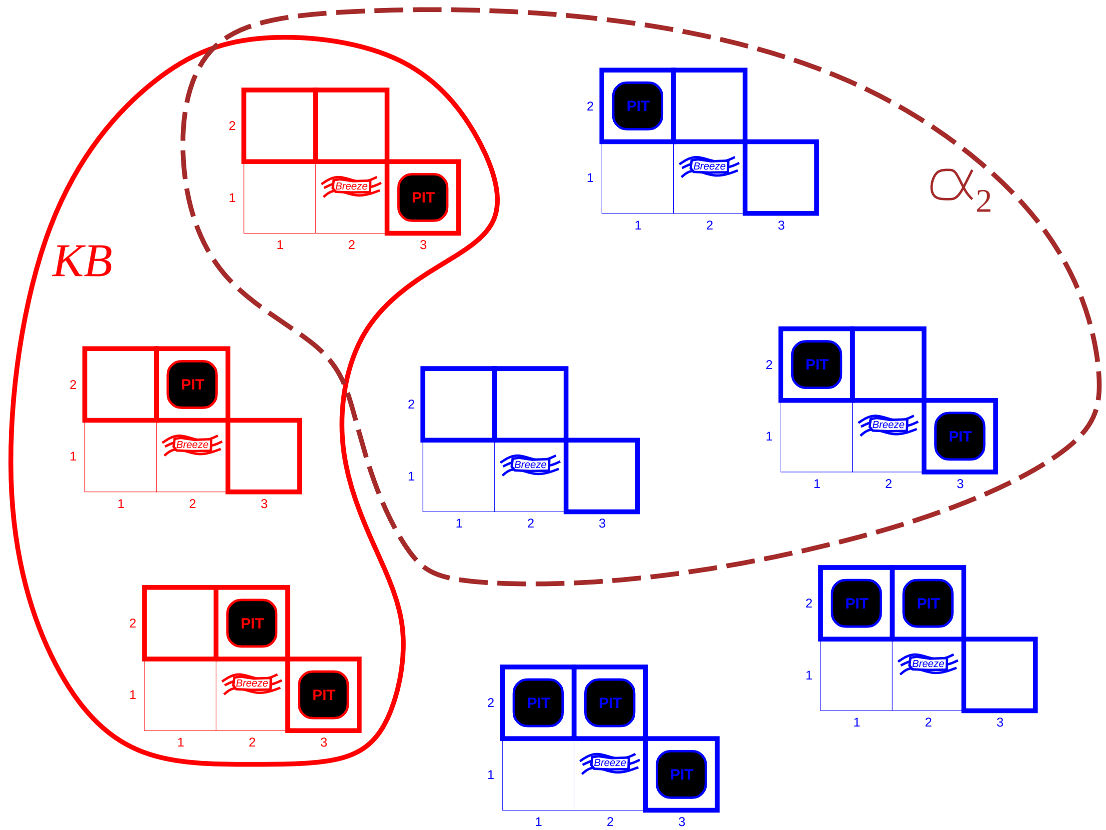

KB = wumpus-world rules + observations

α_2 = "[2,2] is safe", $KB \not\models \alpha_2$

Inference

$KB \vdash_i \alpha$ = sentence α can be derived from KB by procedure i

Consequences of KB are a haystack; α is a needle.
Entailment = needle in haystack; inference = finding it

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 $KB \vdash_i \alpha$

Preview: we will define a logic (first-order logic) which is expressive enough to say almost anything of interest, and for which there exists a sound and complete inference procedure.

That is, the procedure will answer any question whose answer follows from what is known by the KB.

Propositional logic: Syntax

Propositional logic is the simplest logic—illustrates basic ideas

The proposition symbols P_1, P_2 etc are sentences

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)

If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \vee S_2$ is a sentence (disjunction)

If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$ is a sentence (implication)

If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$ is a sentence (biconditional)

Propositional logic: Semantics

Each model specifies true/false for each proposition symbol

E.g.	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{2,2}$	$P_{3,1}$
	$true$	$true$	$false$

(With these symbols, 8 possible models, can be enumerated automatically.)

Rules for evaluating truth with respect to a model m:

$\neg S$	is true iff	S	is false		
$S_1 \wedge S_2$	is true iff	S_1	is true **and**	S_2	is true
$S_1 \vee S_2$	is true iff	S_1	is true **or**	S_2	is true
$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$	is true iff	S_1	is false **or**	S_2	is true
i.e.,	is false iff	S_1	is true **and**	S_2	is false
$S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$	is true iff	$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$	is true **and**	$S_2 \Rightarrow S_1$	is true

Simple recursive process evaluates an arbitrary sentence, e.g.,

$$\neg P_{1,2} \wedge (P_{2,2} \vee P_{3,1}) = true \wedge (false \vee true) = true \wedge true = true$$

Truth tables for connectives

P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
false	*false*	*true*	*false*	*false*	*true*	*true*
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true	*false*	*false*	*false*	*true*	*false*	*false*
true	*true*	*false*	*true*	*true*	*true*	*true*

Wumpus world sentences

Let $P_{i,j}$ be true if there is a pit in $[i, j]$.
Let $B_{i,j}$ be true if there is a breeze in $[i, j]$.

$$\neg P_{1,1}$$
$$\neg B_{1,1}$$
$$B_{2,1}$$

"Pits cause breezes in adjacent squares"

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$$B_{1,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,2} \lor P_{2,1})$$
$$B_{2,1} \Leftrightarrow (P_{1,1} \lor P_{2,2} \lor P_{3,1})$$

"A square is breezy **if and only if** there is an adjacent pit"

Truth tables for inference

$B_{1,1}$	$B_{2,1}$	$P_{1,1}$	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{2,1}$	$P_{2,2}$	$P_{3,1}$	R_1	R_2	R_3	R_4	R_5	KB
false	*false*	*false*	*false*	*false*	*false*	*false*	*true*	*true*	*true*	*true*	*false*	*false*
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Enumerate rows (different assignments to symbols),
if KB is true in row, check that α is too

Inference by enumeration

Depth-first enumeration of all models is sound and complete

```
function TT-ENTAILS?(KB, α) returns true or false
    inputs: KB, the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic
            α, the query, a sentence in propositional logic

    symbols ← a list of the proposition symbols in KB and α
    return TT-CHECK-ALL(KB, α, symbols, [ ])
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function TT-CHECK-ALL(KB, α, symbols, model) returns true or false
    if EMPTY?(symbols) then
        if PL-TRUE?(KB, model) then return PL-TRUE?(α, model)
        else return true
    else do
        P ← FIRST(symbols); rest ← REST(symbols)
        return TT-CHECK-ALL(KB, α, rest, EXTEND(P, true, model)) and
                    TT-CHECK-ALL(KB, α, rest, EXTEND(P, false, model))
```

$O(2^n)$ for n symbols; problem is **co-NP-complete**

Logical equivalence

Two sentences are logically equivalent iff true in same models:

$\alpha \equiv \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \models \beta$ and $\beta \models \alpha$

$(\alpha \land \beta) \equiv (\beta \land \alpha)$ commutativity of $\land$

$(\alpha \lor \beta) \equiv (\beta \lor \alpha)$ commutativity of $\lor$

$((\alpha \land \beta) \land \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \land (\beta \land \gamma))$ associativity of $\land$

$((\alpha \lor \beta) \lor \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \lor (\beta \lor \gamma))$ associativity of $\lor$

$\neg(\neg\alpha) \equiv \alpha$ double-negation elimination

$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha)$ contraposition

$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \lor \beta)$ implication elimination

$(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \land (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$ biconditional elimination

$\neg(\alpha \land \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \lor \neg\beta)$ De Morgan

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$(\alpha \land (\beta \lor \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \land \beta) \lor (\alpha \land \gamma))$ distributivity of $\land$ over $\lor$

$(\alpha \lor (\beta \land \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \lor \beta) \land (\alpha \lor \gamma))$ distributivity of $\lor$ over $\land$

Validity and satisfiability

A sentence is valid if it is true in **all** models,

e.g., $True$, $A \lor \neg A$, $A \Rightarrow A$, $(A \land (A \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow B$

Validity is connected to inference via the Deduction Theorem:

$KB \models \alpha$ if and only if $(KB \Rightarrow \alpha)$ is valid

A sentence is satisfiable if it is true in **some** model

e.g., $A \lor B$, C

A sentence is unsatisfiable if it is true in **no** models

e.g., $A \land \neg A$

Satisfiability is connected to inference via the following:

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

i.e., prove α by *reductio ad absurdum*

Proof methods

Proof methods divide into (roughly) two kinds:

Application of inference rules

– Legitimate (sound) generation of new sentences from old

– Proof = a sequence of inference rule applications

  Can use inference rules as operators in a standard search alg.

– Typically require translation of sentences into a normal form

Model checking

truth table enumeration (always exponential in n)

improved backtracking, e.g., Davis–Putnam–Logemann–Loveland

heuristic search in model space (sound but incomplete)

  e.g., min-conflicts-like hill-climbing algorithms

Forward and backward chaining

Horn Form (restricted)

KB = **conjunction** of **Horn clauses**

Horn clause =

- ♢ proposition symbol; or
- ♢ (conjunction of symbols) $\Rightarrow$ symbol

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

Modus Ponens (for Horn Form): complete for Horn KBs

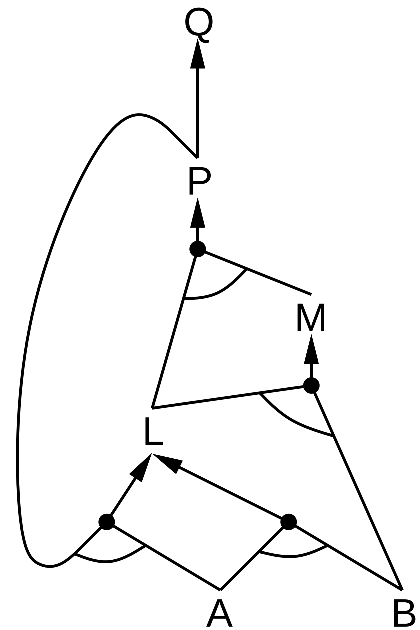
$$\frac{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n, \qquad \alpha_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \alpha_n \Rightarrow \beta}{\beta}$$

Can be used with forward chaining or backward chaining.
These algorithms are very natural and run in **linear** time

Forward chaining

Idea: fire any rule whose premises are satisfied in the KB,
add its conclusion to the KB, until query is found

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$
$$L \wedge M \Rightarrow P$$
$$B \wedge L \Rightarrow M$$
$$A \wedge P \Rightarrow L$$
$$A \wedge B \Rightarrow L$$
$$A$$
$$B$$



Forward chaining algorithm

```
function PL-FC-Entails?(KB, q) returns true or false
   inputs: KB, the knowledge base, a set of propositional Horn clauses
           q, the query, a proposition symbol
   local variables: count, a table, indexed by clause, initially the number of premises
                    inferred, a table, indexed by symbol, each entry initially false
                    agenda, a list of symbols, initially the symbols known in KB

   while agenda is not empty do
       p ← Pop(agenda)
       unless inferred[p] do
           inferred[p] ← true
           for each Horn clause c in whose premise p appears do
               decrement count[c]
               if count[c] = 0 then do
                   if Head[c] = q then return true
                   Push(Head[c], agenda)
   return false
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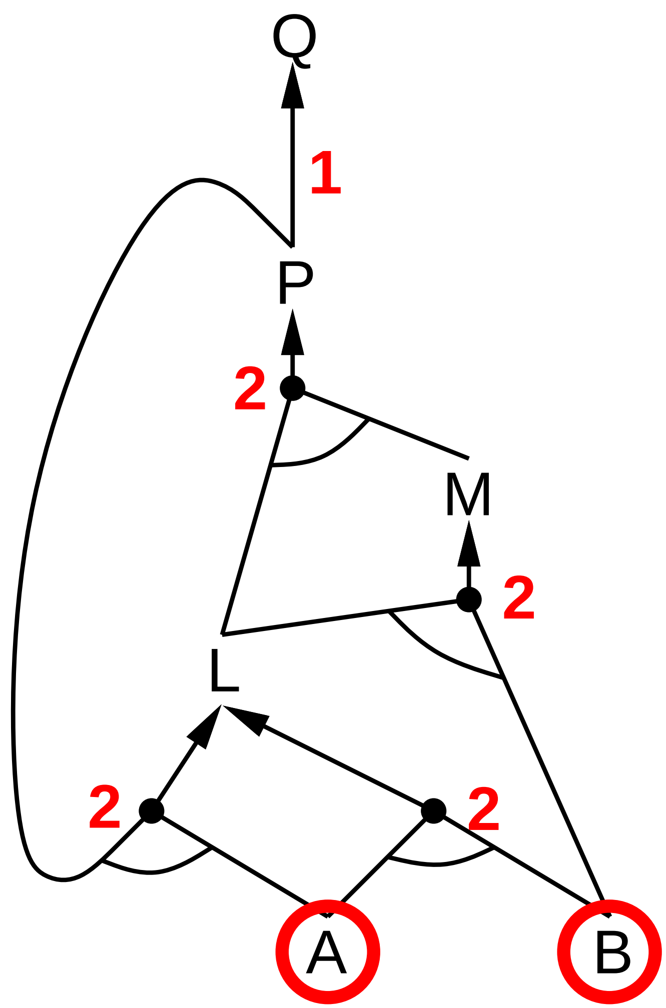
Forward chaining example



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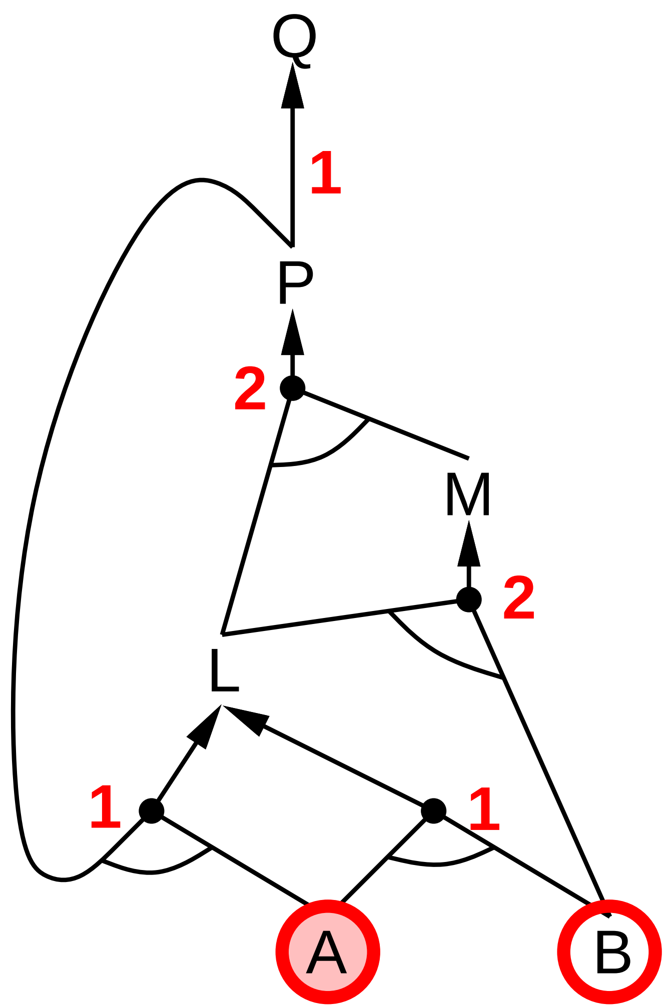

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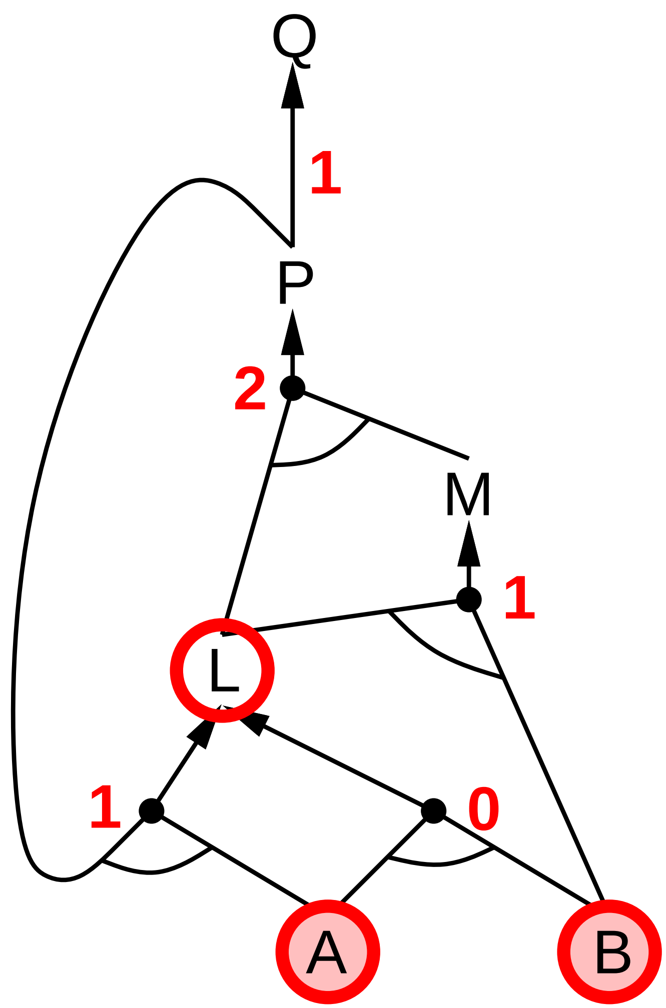

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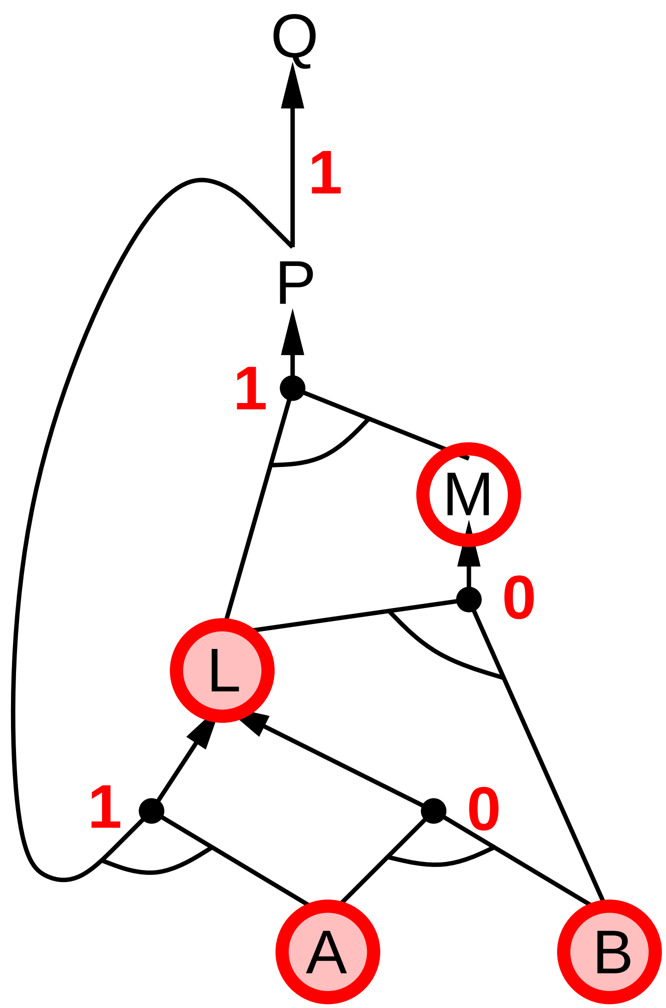

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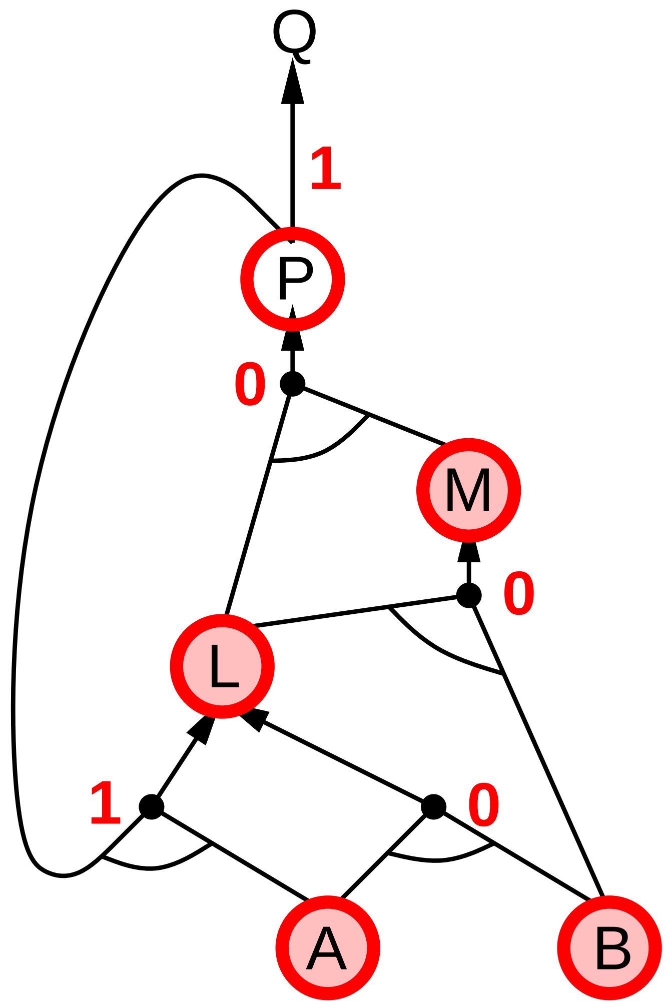

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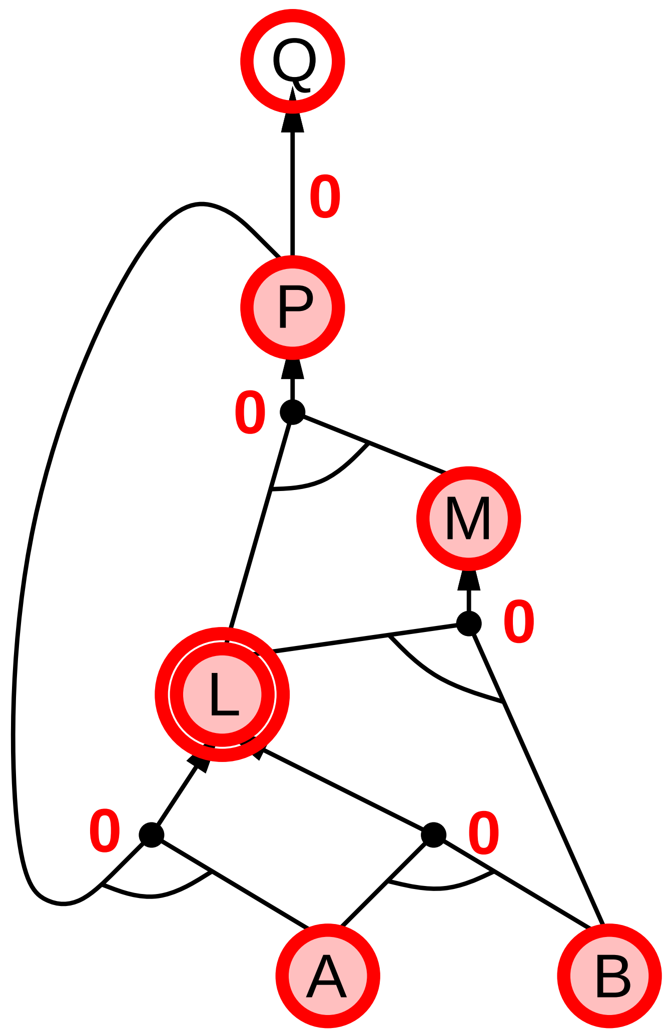

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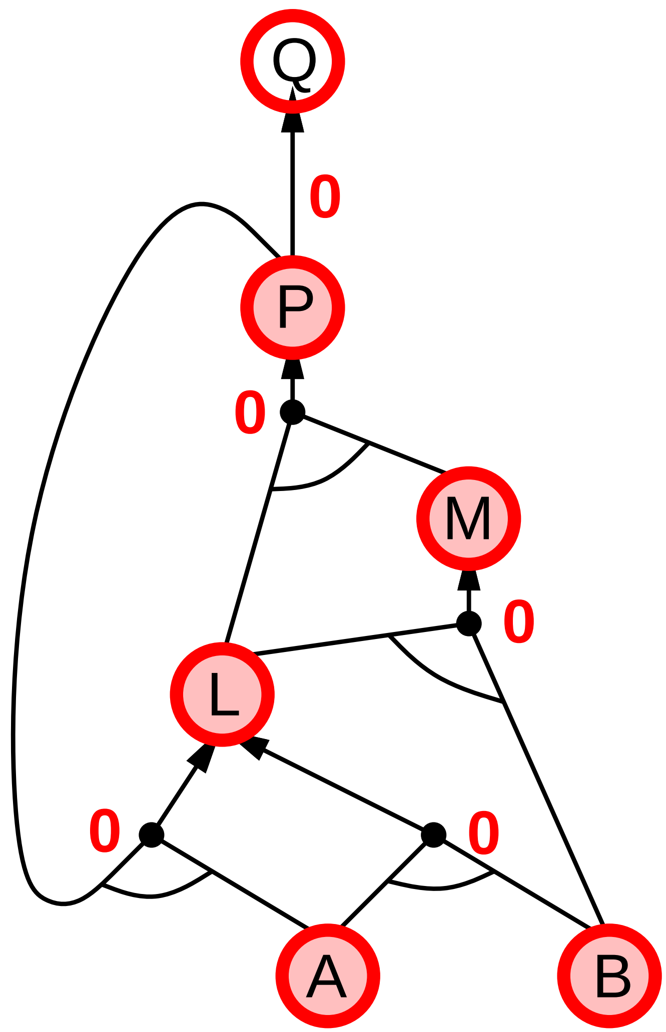

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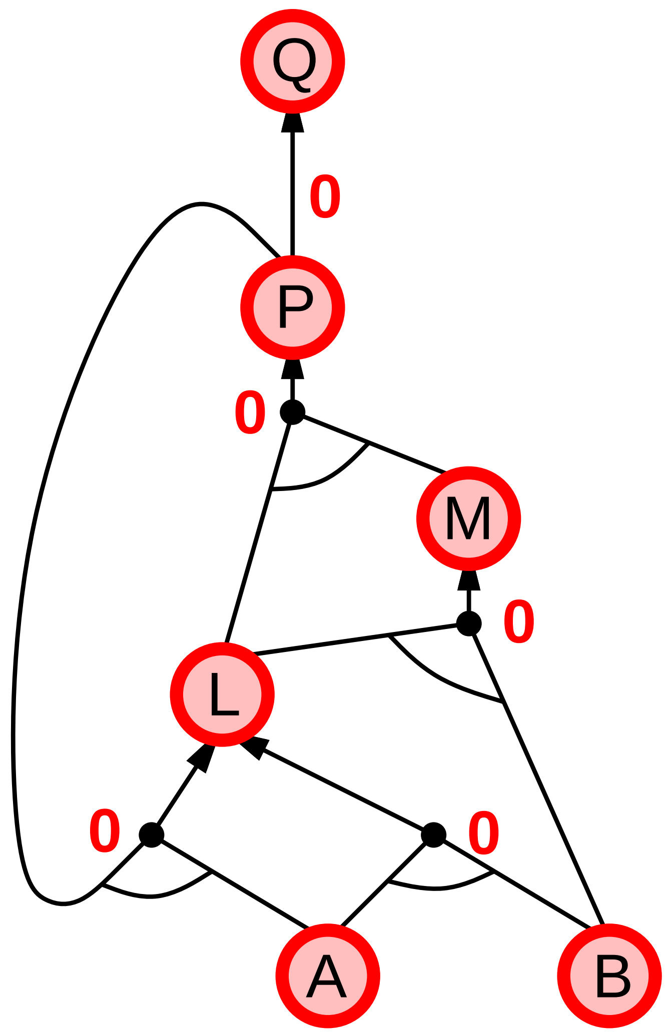

Proof of completeness

FC derives every atomic sentence that is entailed by KB

1. FC reaches a fixed point where no new atomic sentences are derived

2. Consider the final state as a model m, assigning true/false to symbols

3. Every clause in the original KB is true in m
   Proof: Suppose a clause $a_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge a_k \Rightarrow b$ is false in m
   Then $a_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge a_k$ is true in m and b is false in m
   Therefore the algorithm has not reached a fixed point!

4. Hence m is a model of KB

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

General idea: construct any model of KB by sound inference, check α

Backward chaining

Idea: work backwards from the query q:

to prove q by BC,

check if q is known already, or

prove by BC all premises of some rule concluding q

Avoid loops: check if new subgoal is already on the goal stack

Avoid repeated work: check if new subgoal

1) has already been proved true, or
2) has already failed

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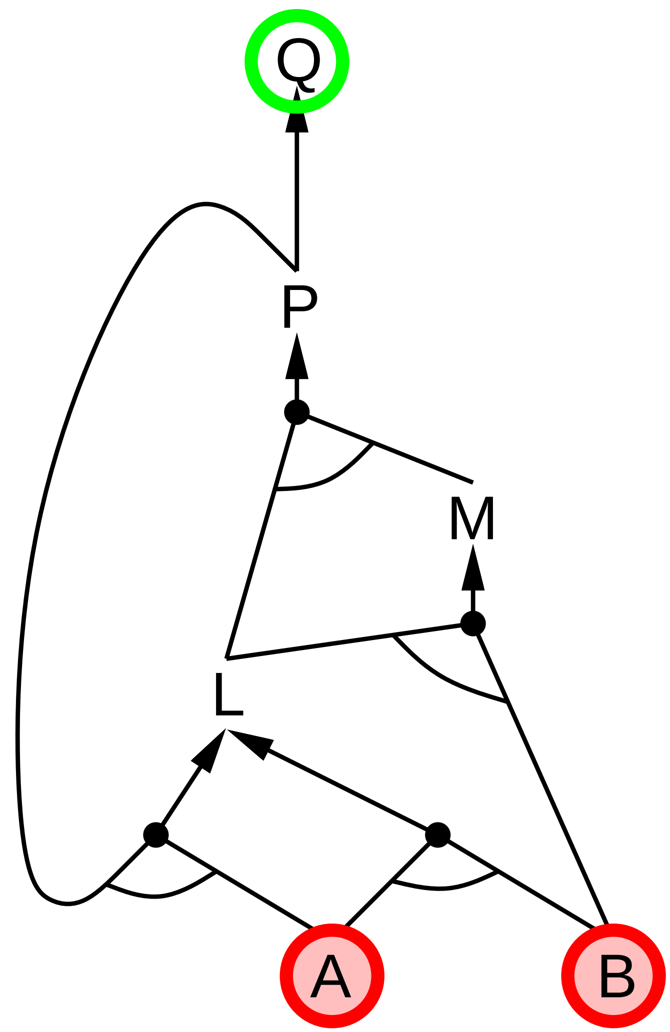

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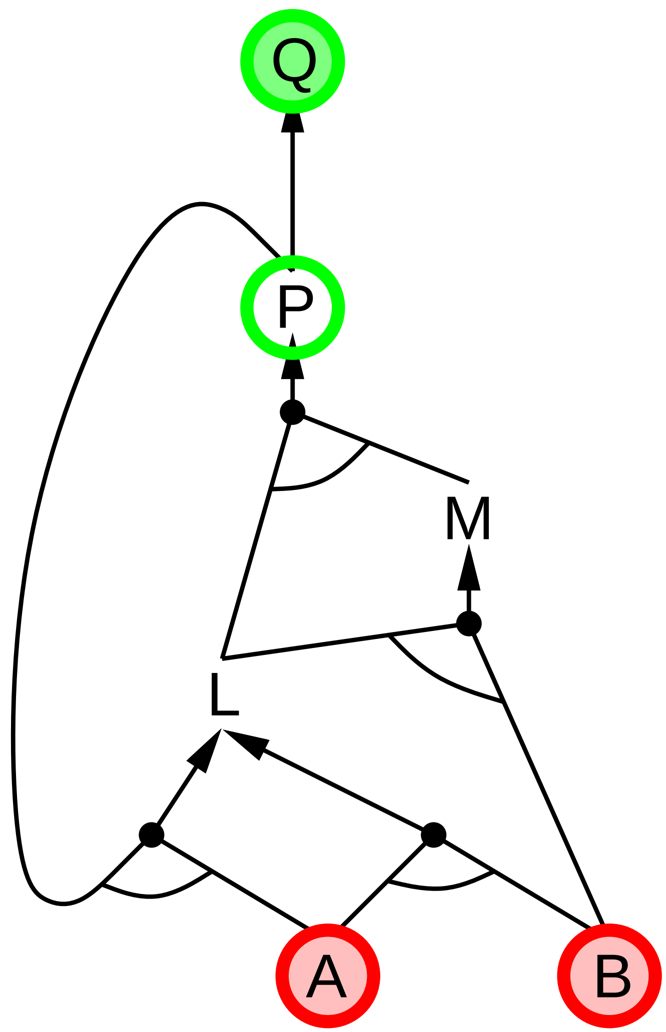

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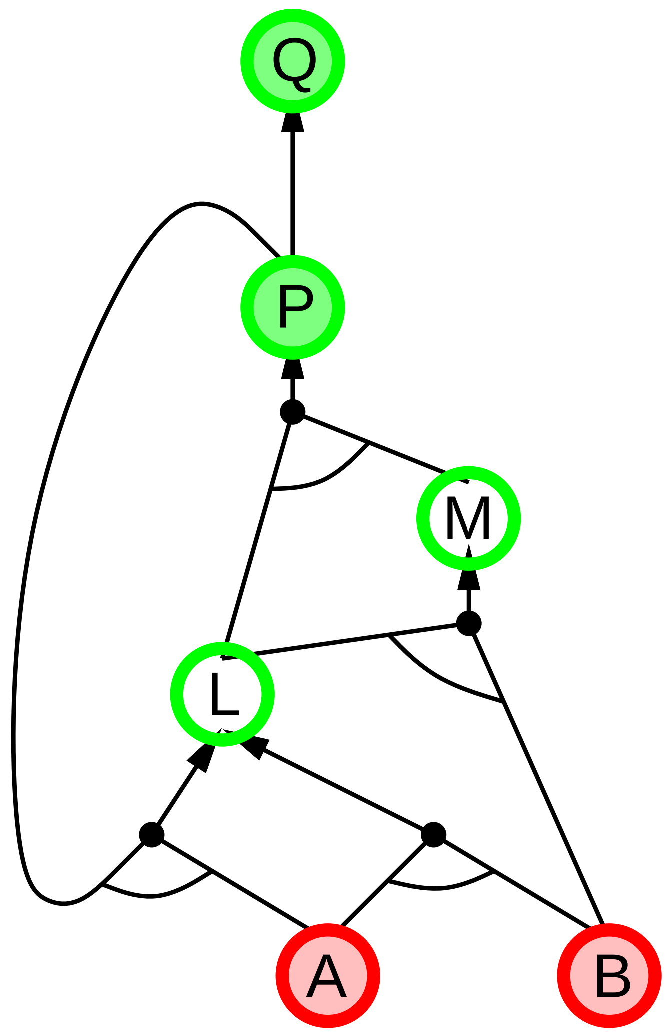

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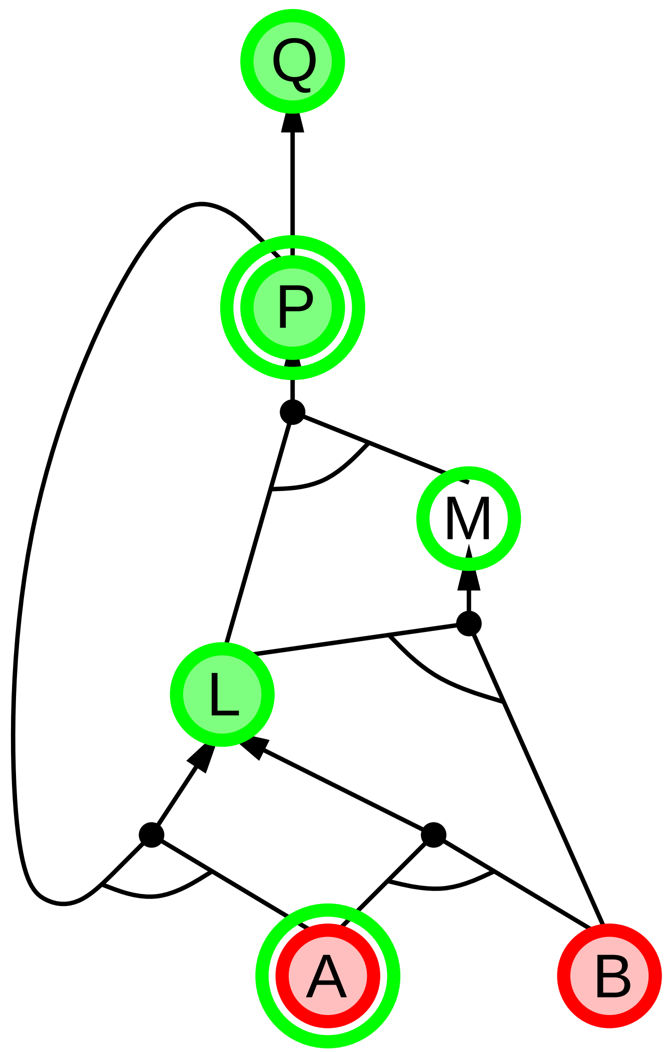

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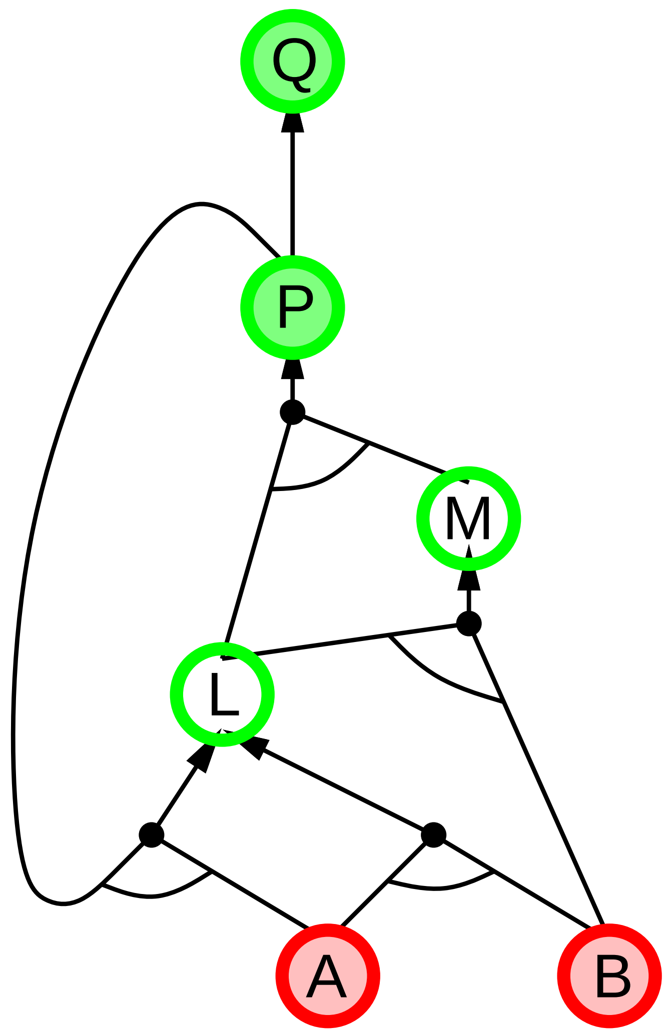

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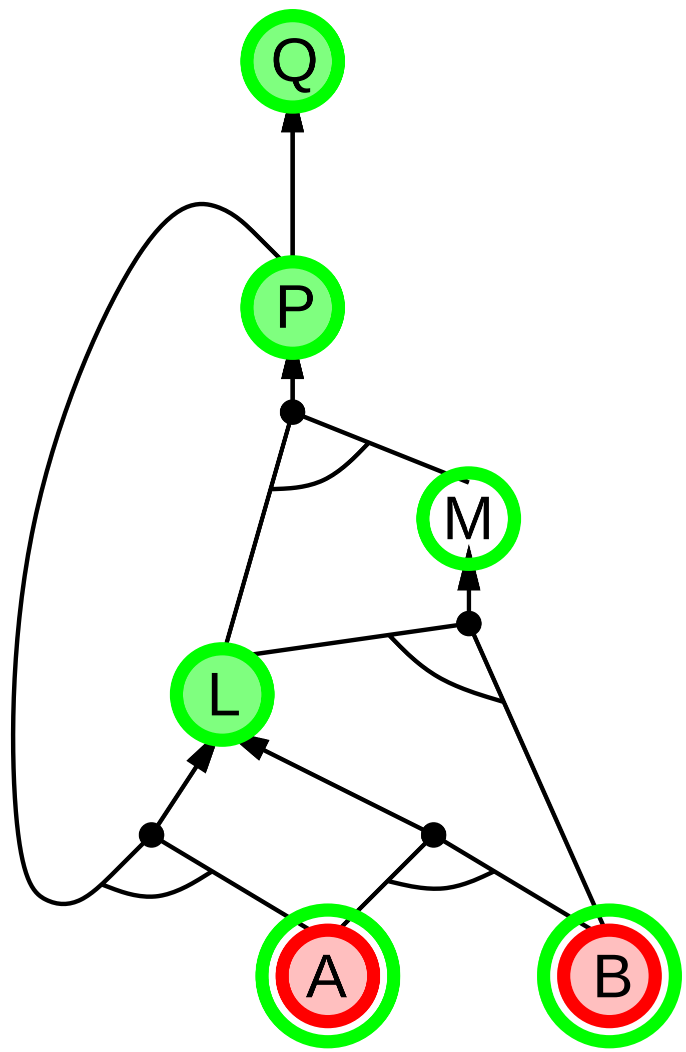

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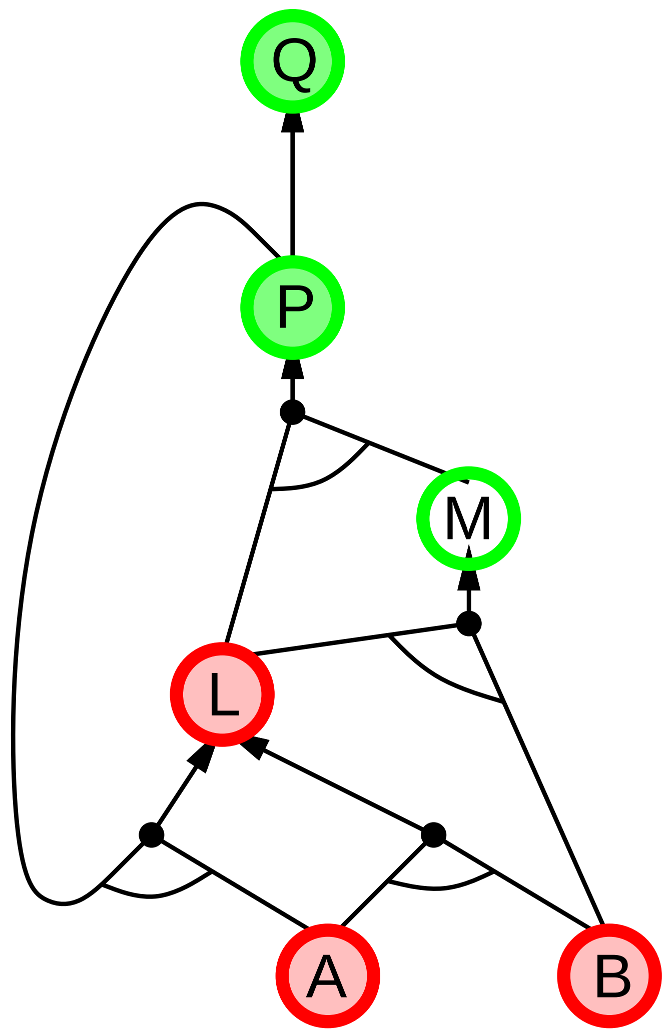

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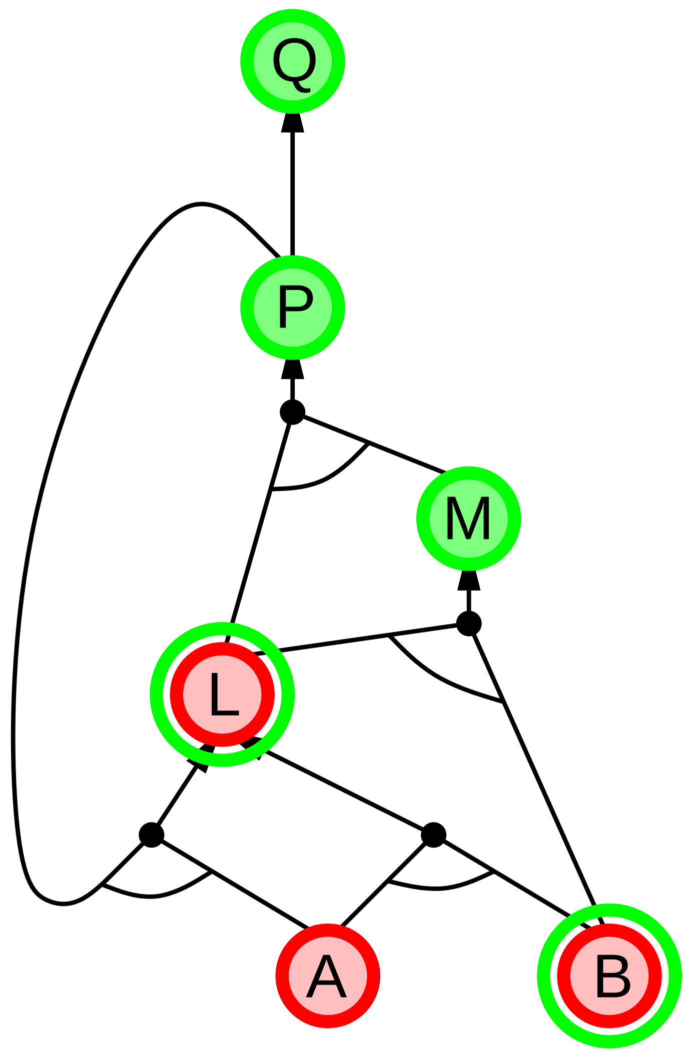

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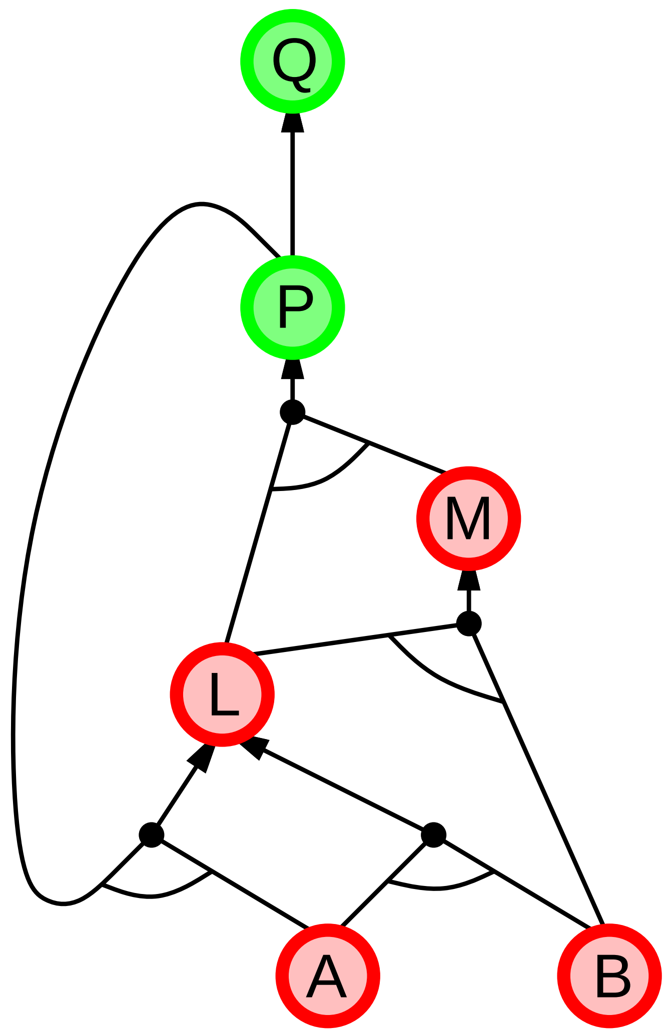

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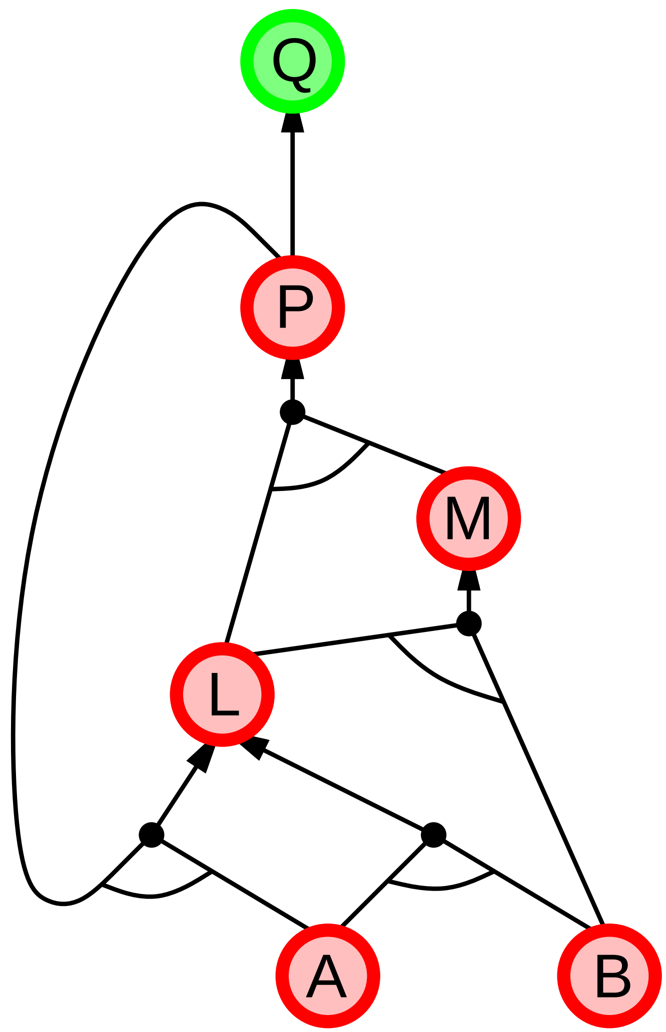

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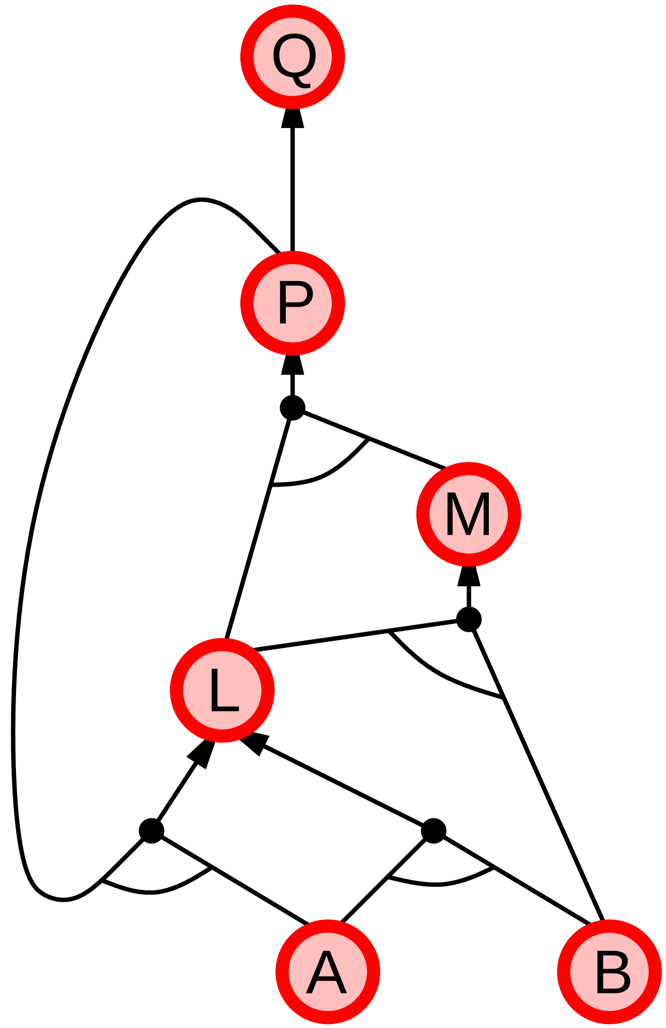


Forward vs. backward chaining

FC is data-driven, cf. automatic, unconscious processing,
e.g., object recognition, routine decisions

May do lots of work that is irrelevant to the goal

BC is goal-driven, appropriate for problem-solving,
e.g., Where are my keys? How do I get into a PhD program?

Complexity of BC can be **much less** than linear in size of KB

Resolution

Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF—universal)

$$\textbf{conjunction} \text{ of } \underbrace{\textbf{disjunctions} \text{ of } \textbf{literals}}_{\textbf{clauses}}$$

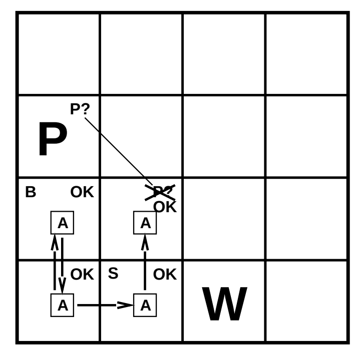
E.g., $(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (B \vee \neg C \vee \neg D)$

Resolution inference rule (for CNF): complete for propositional logic

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

where ℓ_i and m_j are complementary literals. E.g.,

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



Resolution is sound and complete for propositional logic

Conversion to CNF

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

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:

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

Resolution algorithm

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

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function PL-Resolution(KB, α) returns true or false
   inputs: KB, the knowledge base, a sentence in propositional logic
           α, the query, a sentence in propositional logic

   clauses ← the set of clauses in the CNF representation of KB ∧ ¬α
   new ← { }
   loop do
      for each Ci, Cj in clauses do
         resolvents ← PL-Resolve(Ci, Cj)
         if resolvents contains the empty clause then return true
         new ← new ∪ resolvents
      if new ⊆ clauses then return false
      clauses ← clauses ∪ new
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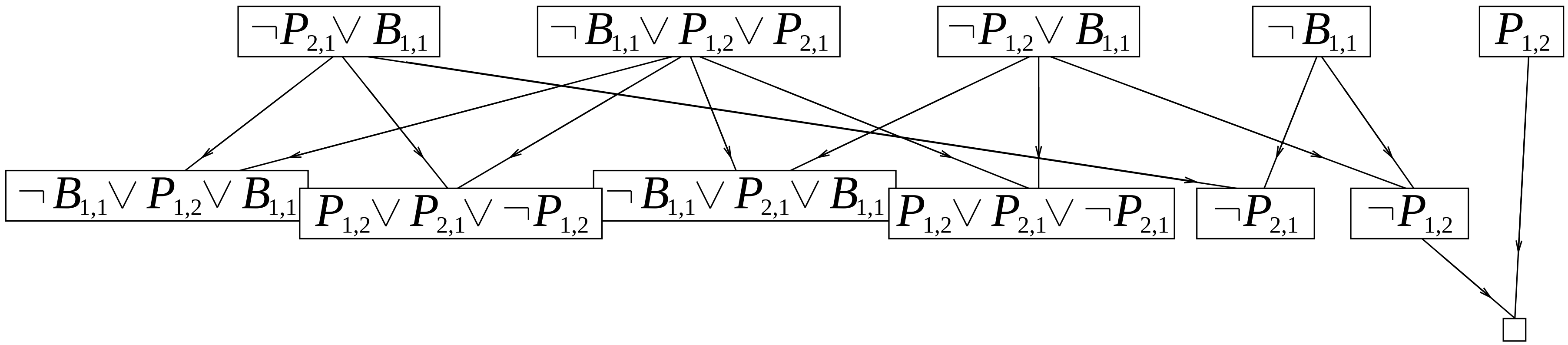
Resolution example

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



Summary

Logical agents apply inference to a knowledge base
to derive new information and make decisions

Basic concepts of logic:

- syntax: formal structure of sentences
- semantics: truth of sentences wrt models
- entailment: necessary truth of one sentence given another
- inference: deriving sentences from other sentences
- soundess: derivations produce only entailed sentences
- completeness: derivations can produce all entailed sentences

Wumpus world requires the ability to represent partial and negated information, reason by cases, etc.

Forward, backward chaining are linear-time, complete for Horn clauses
Resolution is complete for propositional logic

Propositional logic lacks expressive power