Logical Agents

CHAPTER 7

Outline

- Knowledge-based agents
- Wumpus world
- Logic in general - models and entailment
- Propositional (Boolean) logic
- Equivalence, validity, satisfiability
- Inference rules and theorem proving
  - forward chaining
  - backward chaining
  - resolution
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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

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 is Jane's father?

Do we need 3rd Tell?

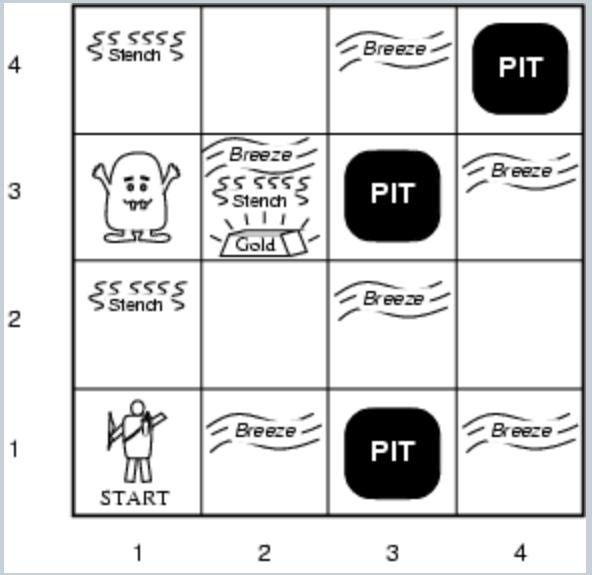
- The agent must be able to:
  - Represent states, actions, etc.
  - Incorporate new percepts
  - Update internal representations of the world
  - Deduce hidden properties of the world
  - Deduce appropriate actions

Knowledge Based Agent

- Construct sentences for:
  - Assertion about percepts
  - Asking next action
  - Assertion of the action

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
- Sensors: Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream
- Actuators: Left turn, Right turn, Forward, Grab, Release, Shoot



Wumpus world characterization

- Fully 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

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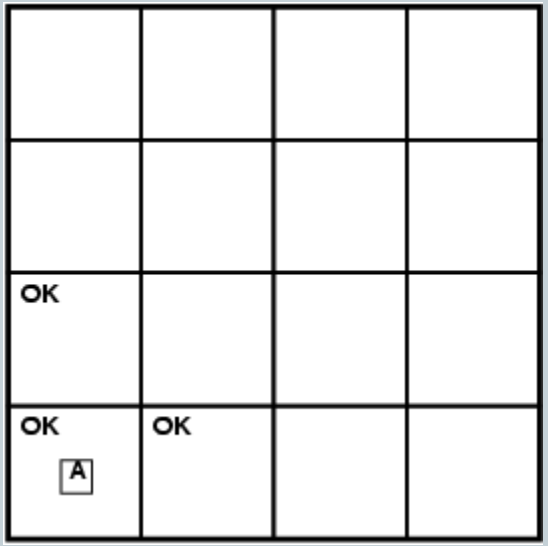

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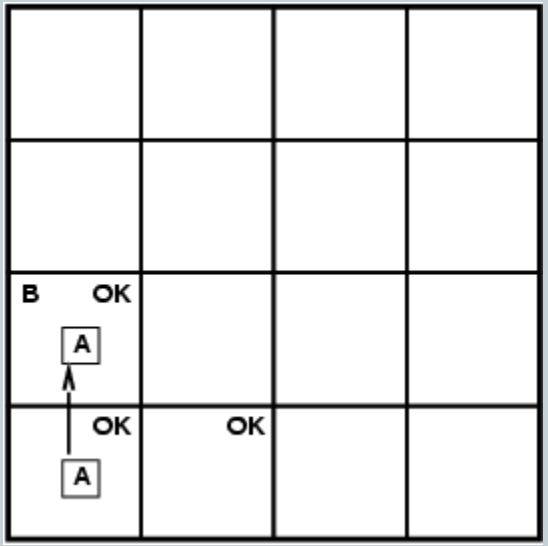

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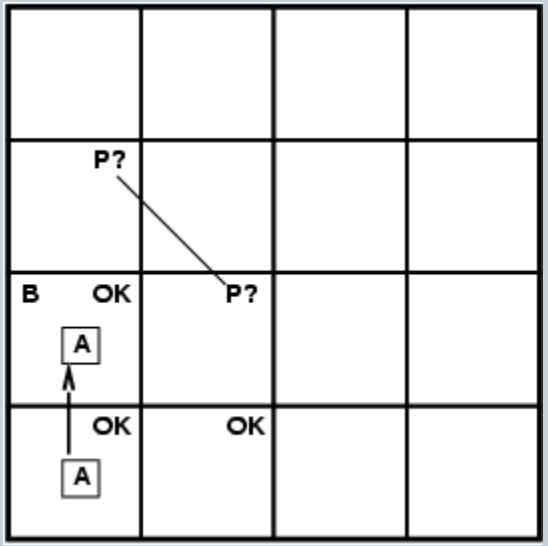

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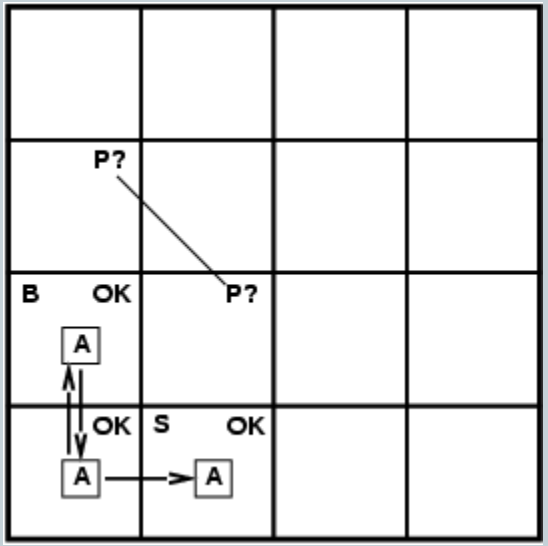

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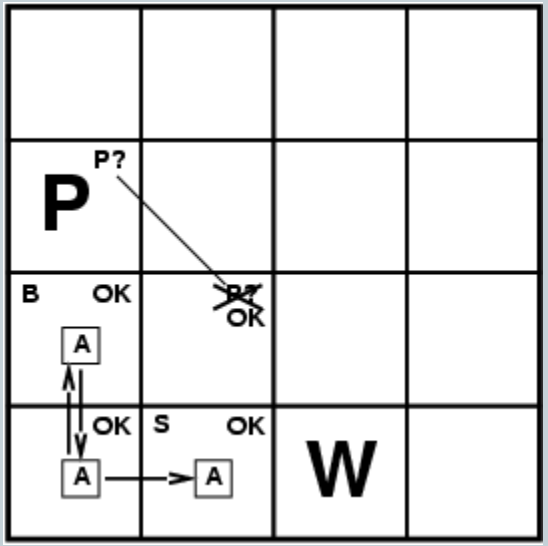

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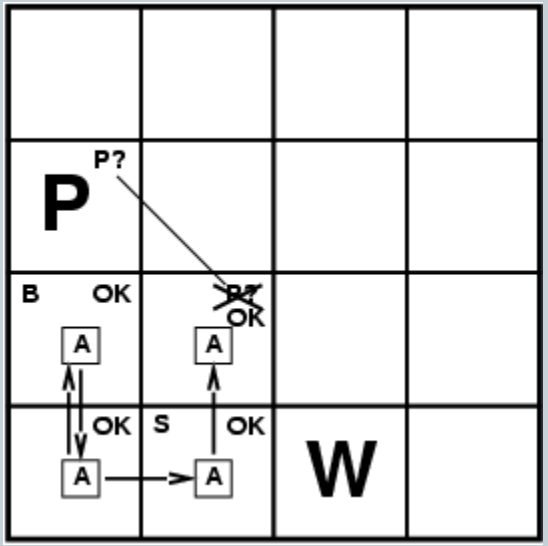

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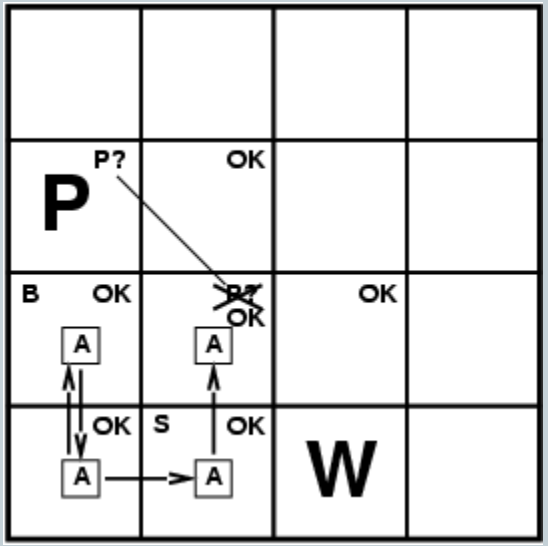

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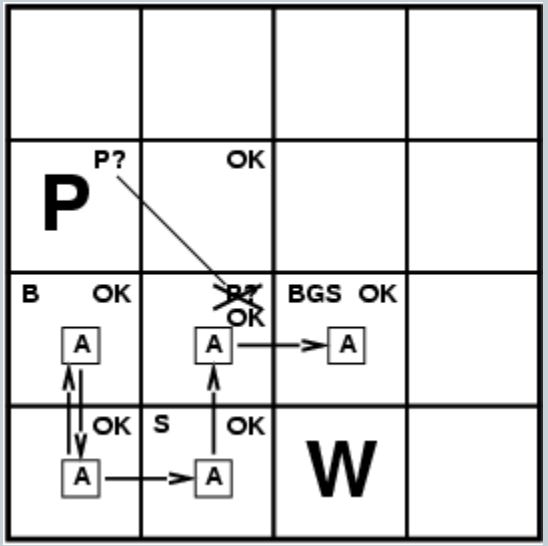

Logic in general

- 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:
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$$KB \models \alpha$$

- 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"
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  - E.g., x+y = 4 entails 4 = x+y
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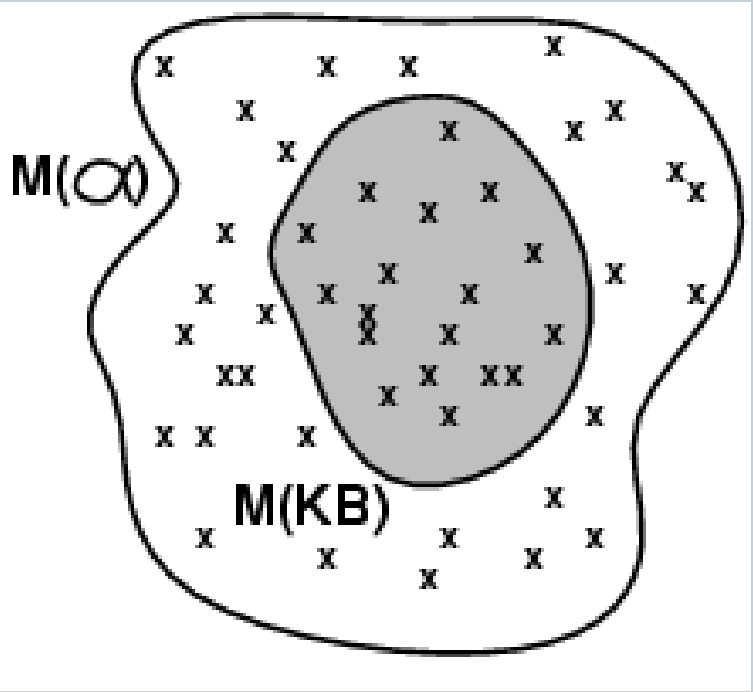
  - Entailment is a relationship between sentences (i.e., syntax) that is based on semantics

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(α)* is the set of all models of α
- Then KB $\models$ α iff $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$
  - E.g. *KB* = Giants won and Reds won α = Giants won

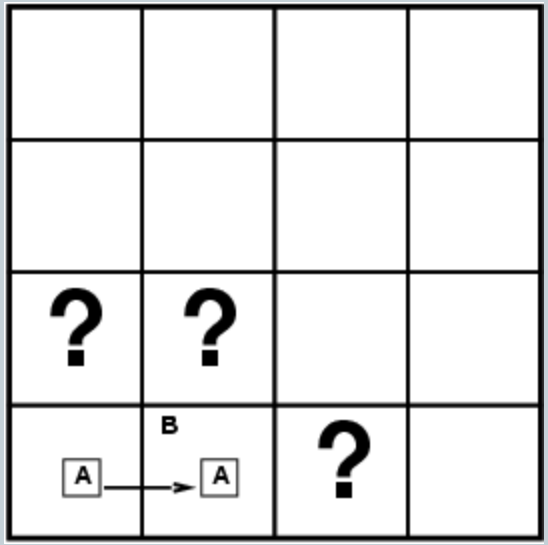


Entailment in the wumpus world

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

Consider possible models for *KB* assuming only pits

3 Boolean choices ⇒ 8 possible models



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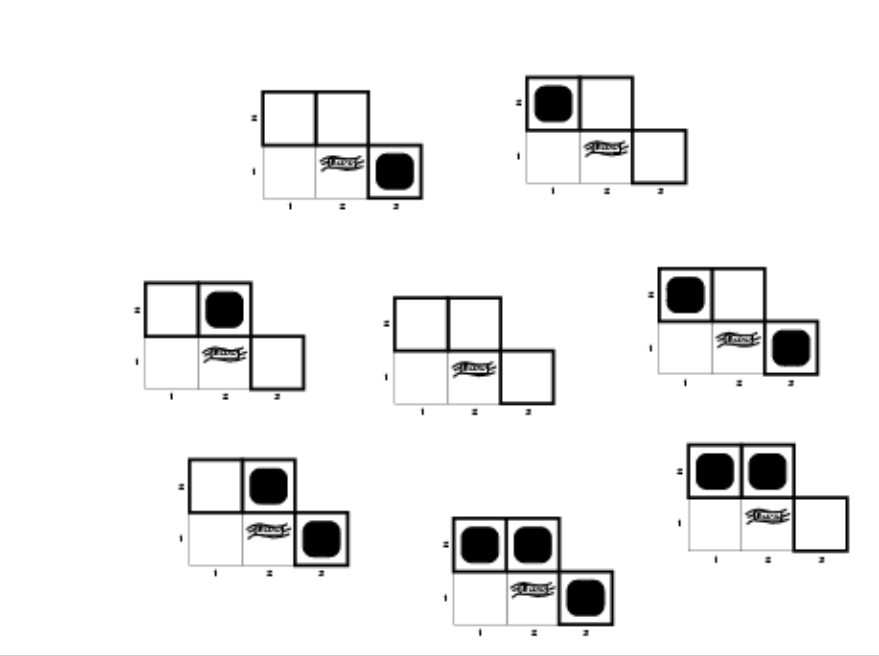

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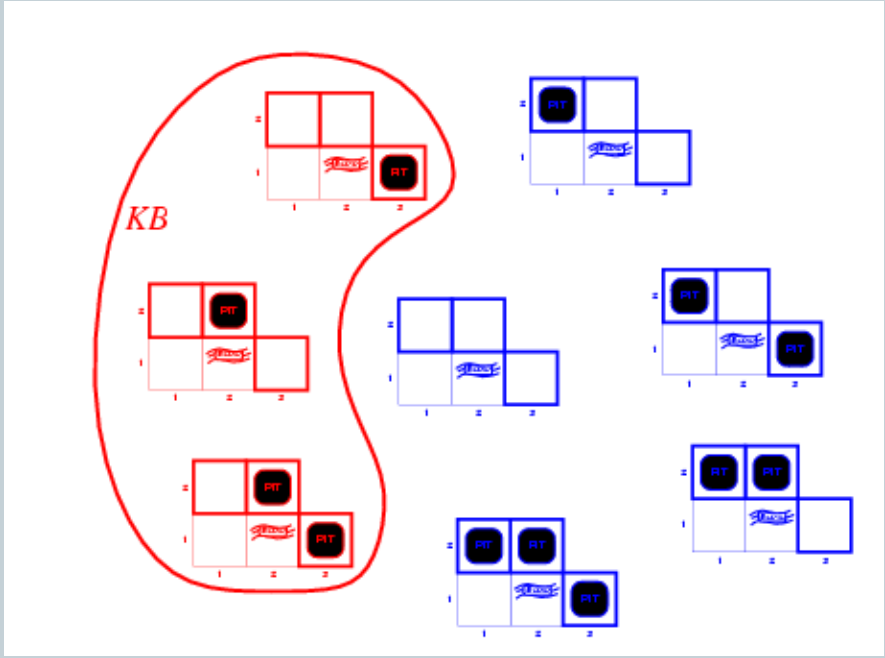

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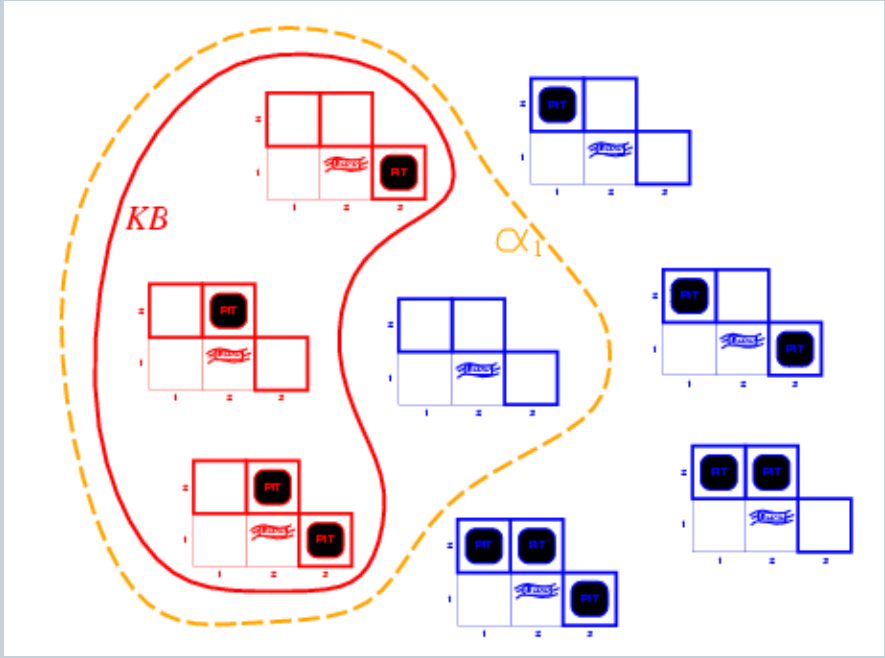

- *KB* = wumpus-world rules + observations
- α_1 = "[1,2] is safe", *KB* $\models \alpha_1$, proved by model checking
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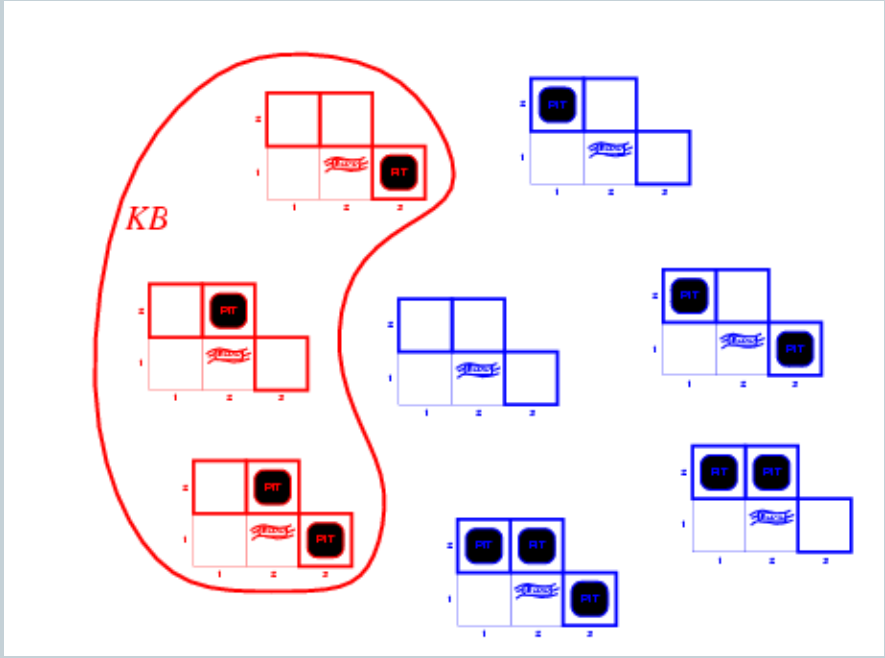

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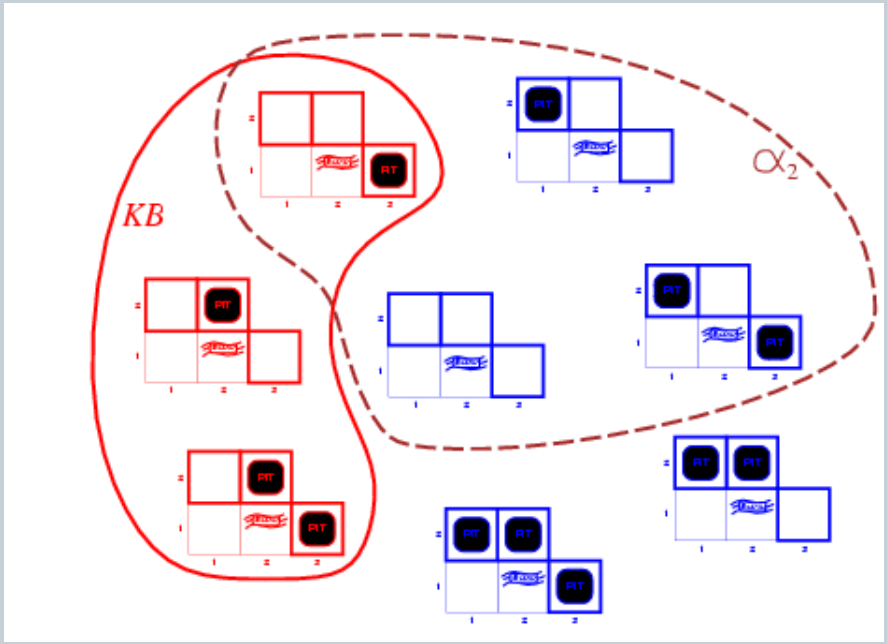

- *KB* = wumpus-world rules + observations
- α_2 = "[2,2] is safe", $KB \nvdash \alpha_2$
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Inference

- $KB \vdash_i \alpha$ = sentence α can be derived from *KB* by procedure *i*
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- Soundness: *i* is sound if whenever $KB \vdash_i \alpha$, it is also true that $KB \models \alpha$
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- Completeness: *i* is complete if whenever $KB \models \alpha$, it is also true that $KB \vdash_i \alpha$
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- 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.
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- That is, the procedure will answer any question whose answer follows from what is known by the *KB*.
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Propositional logic: Syntax

- Propositional logic is the simplest logic – illustrates basic ideas
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- The proposition symbols P_1, P_2 etc are sentences
  - If S is a sentence, $\neg S$ is a sentence (negation)
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  - If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \wedge S_2$ is a sentence (conjunction)
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  - If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \vee S_2$ is a sentence (disjunction)
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  - If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$ is a sentence (implication)
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  - If S_1 and S_2 are sentences, $S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$ is a sentence (biconditional)
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Propositional logic: Semantics

Each model specifies true/false for each proposition symbol

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

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

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

Truth tables for inference

$B_{1,1}$	$B_{2,1}$	$P_{1,1}$	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{2,1}$	$P_{2,2}$	$P_{3,1}$	KB	α_1
$false$	$false$	$false$	$false$	$false$	$false$	$false$	$false$	$true$
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Inference by enumeration

- Depth-first enumeration of all models is sound and complete
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```
function TT-ENTAILS?(KB, α) returns true or false

    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))
```

- For n symbols, time complexity is $O(2^n)$, space complexity is $O(n)$
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Logical equivalence

- Two sentences are logically equivalent} iff true in same models: $\alpha \equiv ß$ iff $\alpha \models \beta$ and $\beta \models \alpha$
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\begin{aligned}
(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \wedge \\
(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \vee \\
((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \wedge \\
((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \vee \\
\neg(\neg\alpha) &\equiv \alpha && \text{double-negation elimination} \\
(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) && \text{contraposition} \\
(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) && \text{implication elimination} \\
(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) &\equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) && \text{biconditional elimination} \\
\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\
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(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee \\
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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 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., $A \vee B$, C

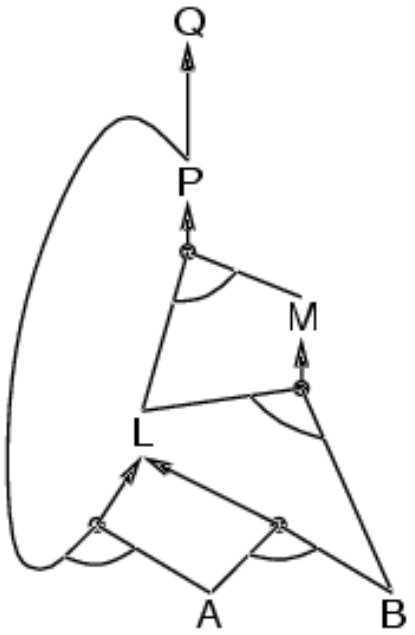
A sentence is unsatisfiable if it is true in no models
e.g., $A \wedge \neg A$

Satisfiability is connected to inference via the following:
$KB \models \alpha$ if and only if $(KB \wedge \neg \alpha)$ is unsatisfiable

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
  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 to be true

  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
```

- Forward chaining is sound and complete for Horn KB
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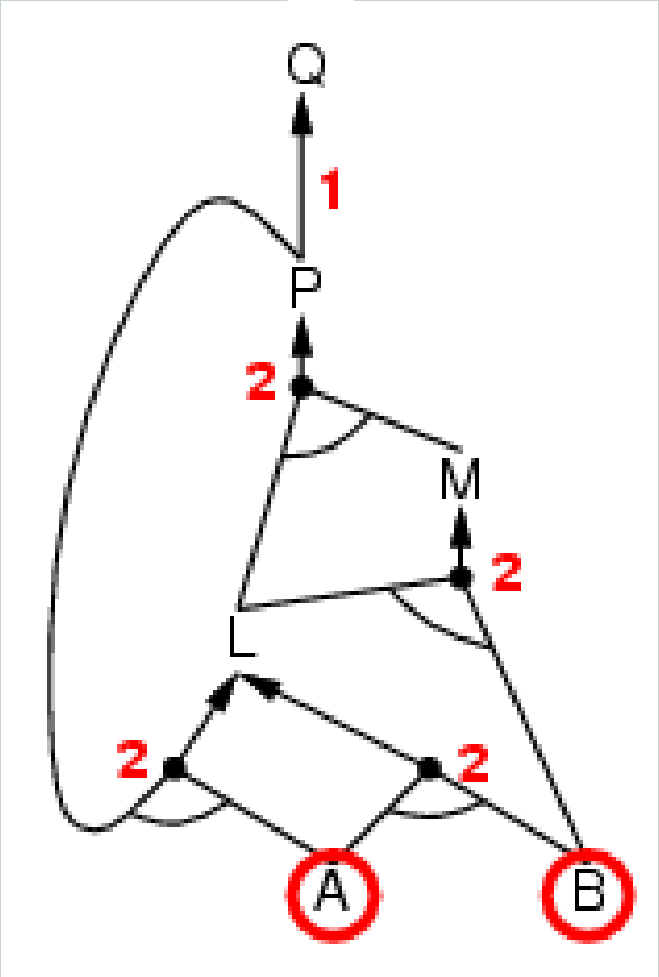
Forward chaining example



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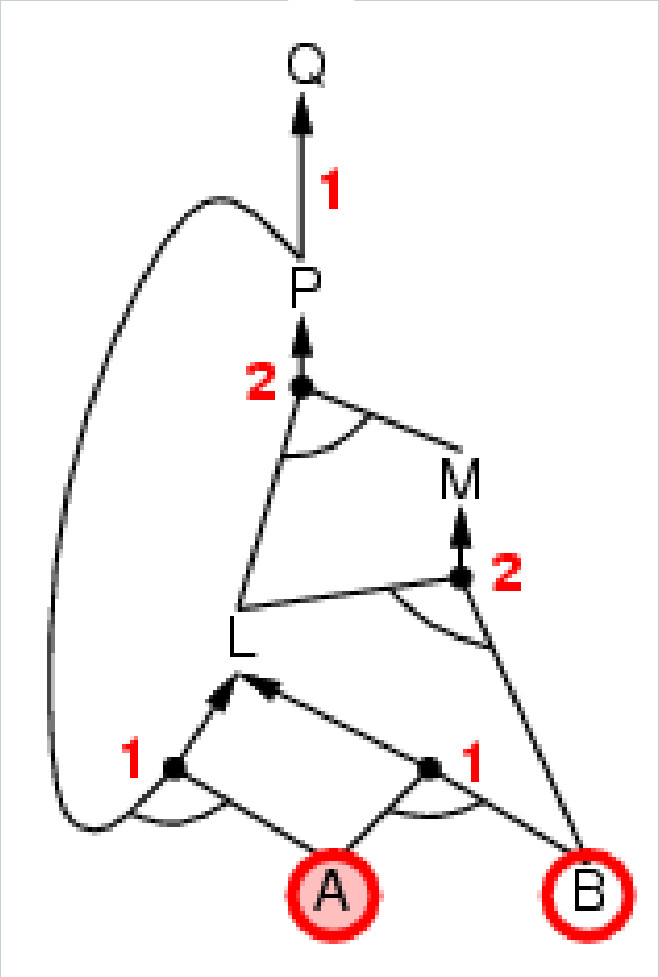

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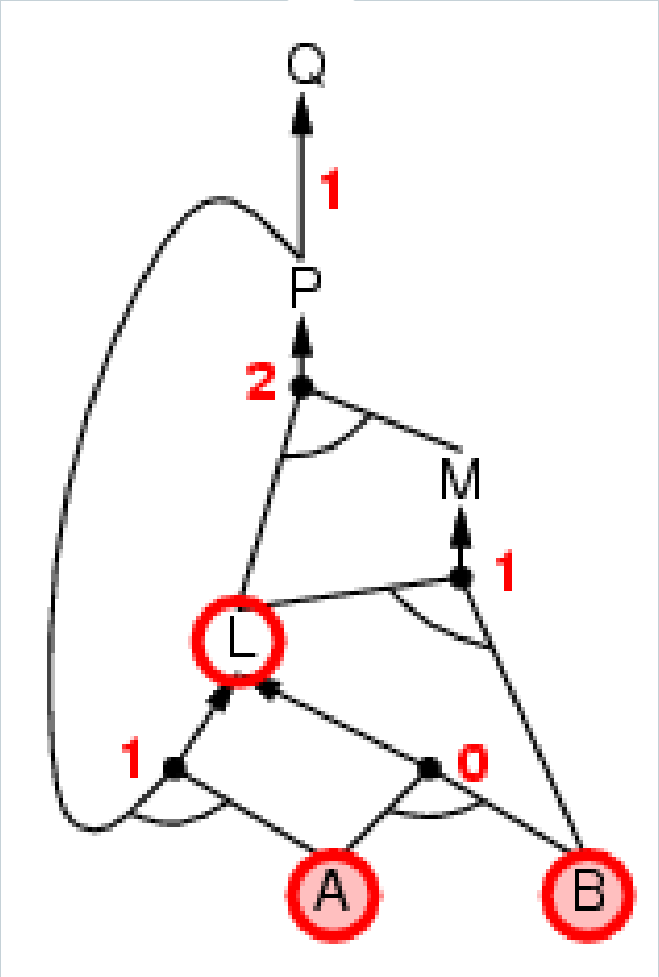

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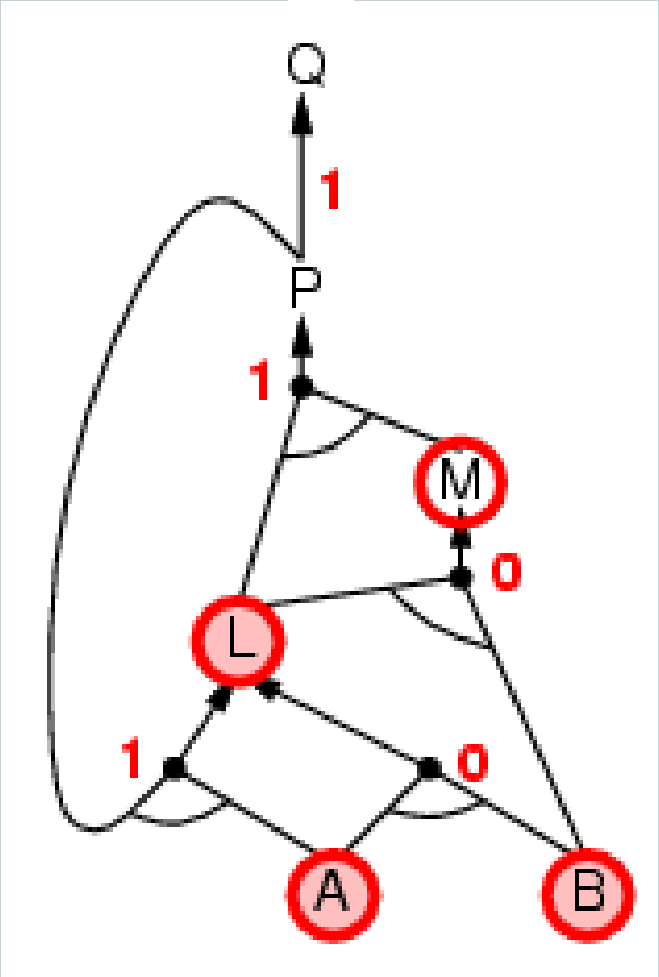

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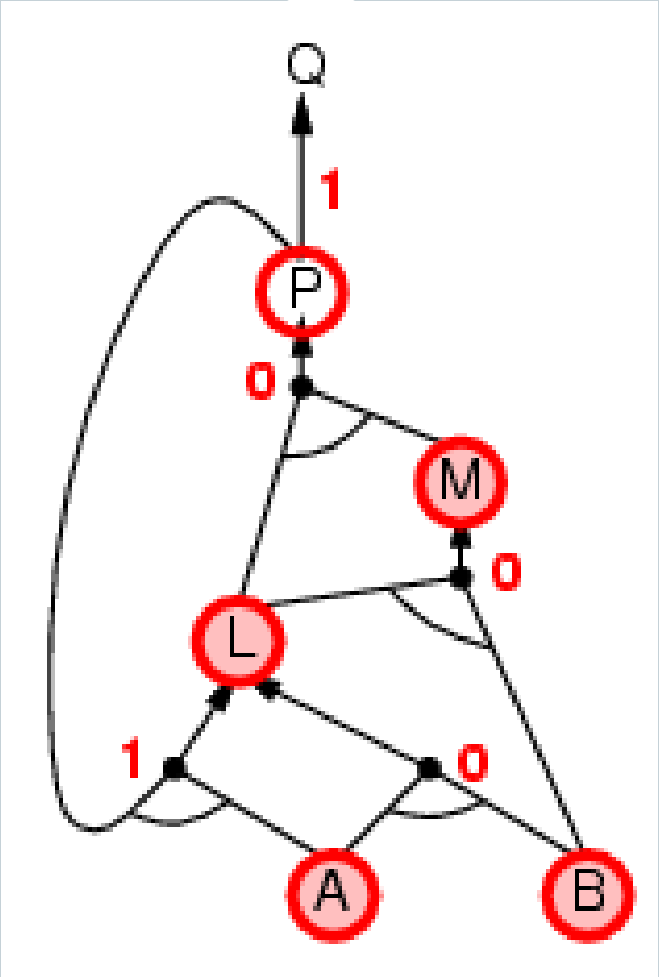

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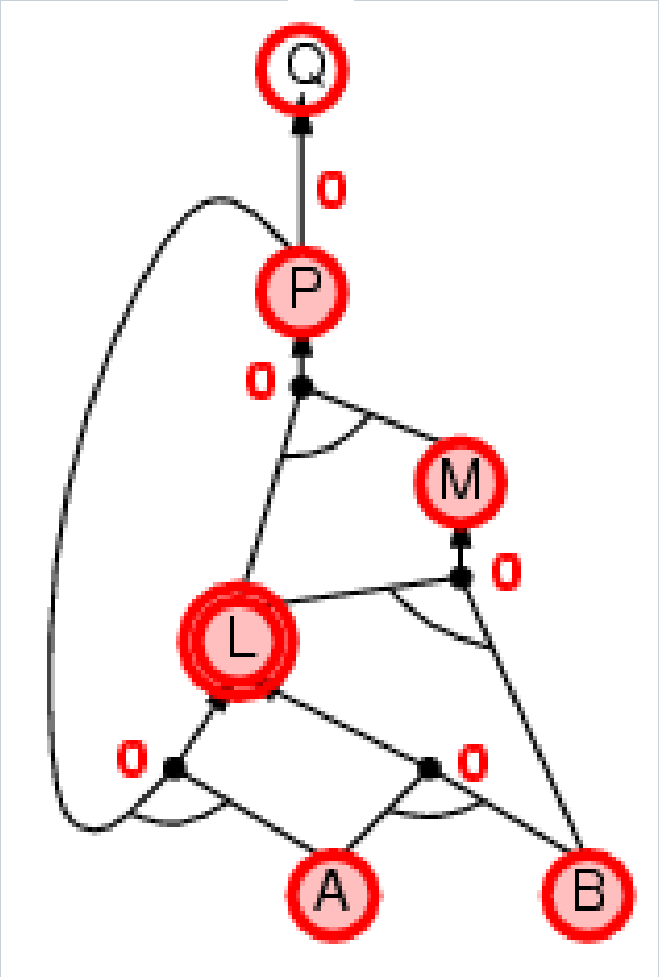

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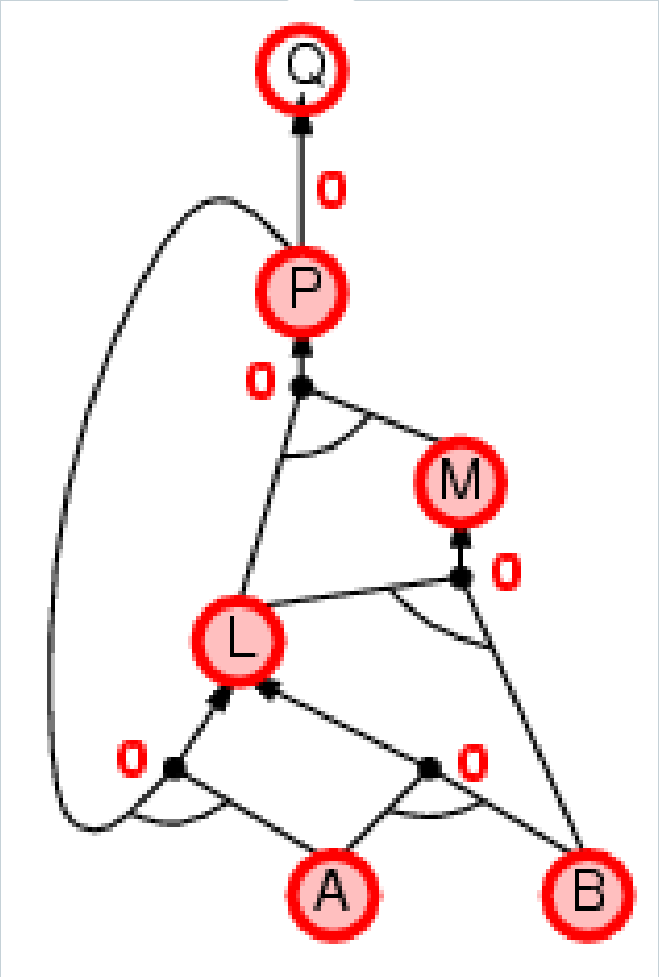

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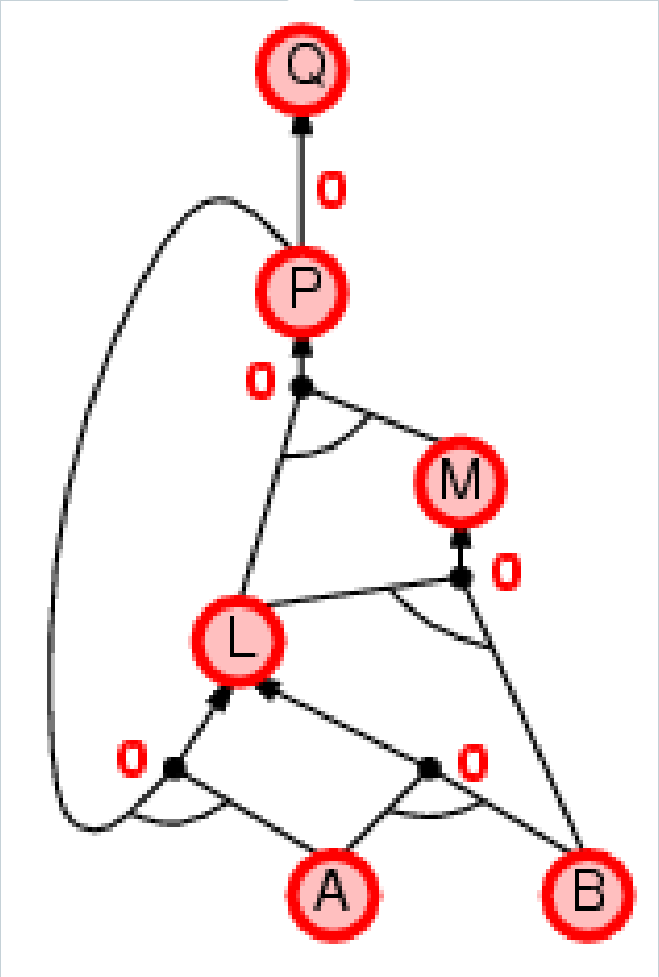

Proof of completeness

- FC derives every atomic sentence that is entailed by *KB*
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1. FC reaches a fixed point where no new atomic sentences are derived
2.
2. Consider the final state as a model *m*, assigning true/false to symbols
3.
3. Every clause in the original *KB* is true in *m*
4.

   $a_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge a_k \Rightarrow b$

4. Hence *m* is a model of *KB*
5.
5. If $KB \models q$, *q* is true in every model of *KB*, including *m*
6.

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.
2. has already failed
3.

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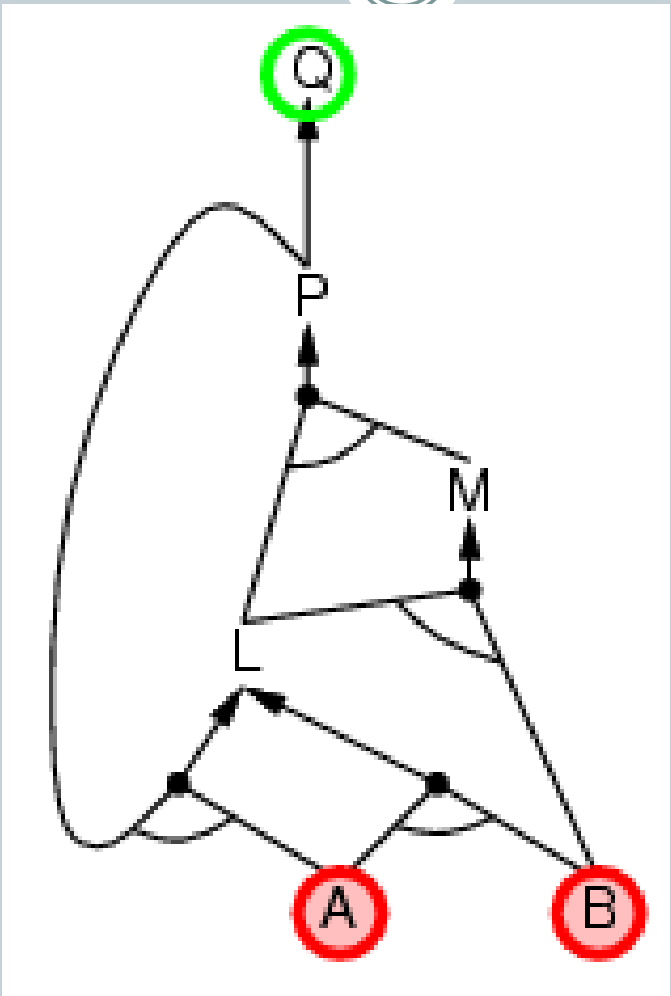

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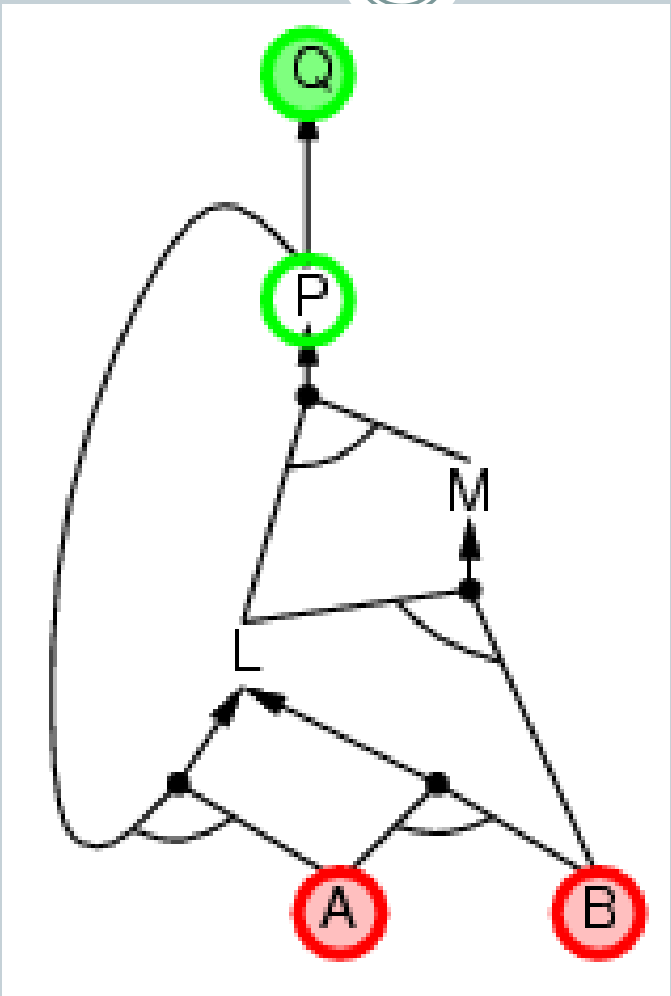

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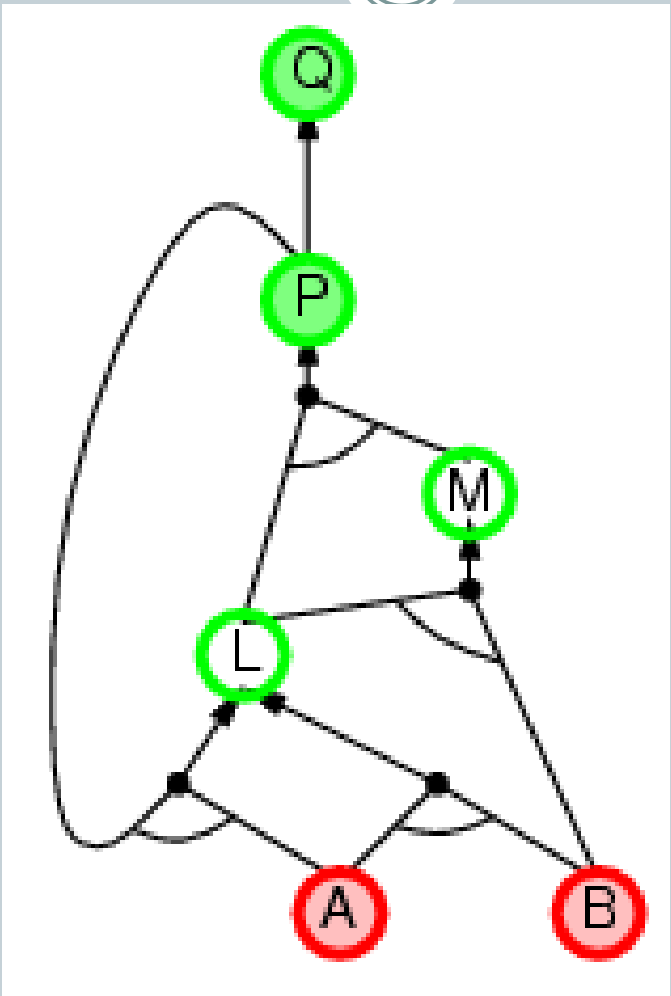

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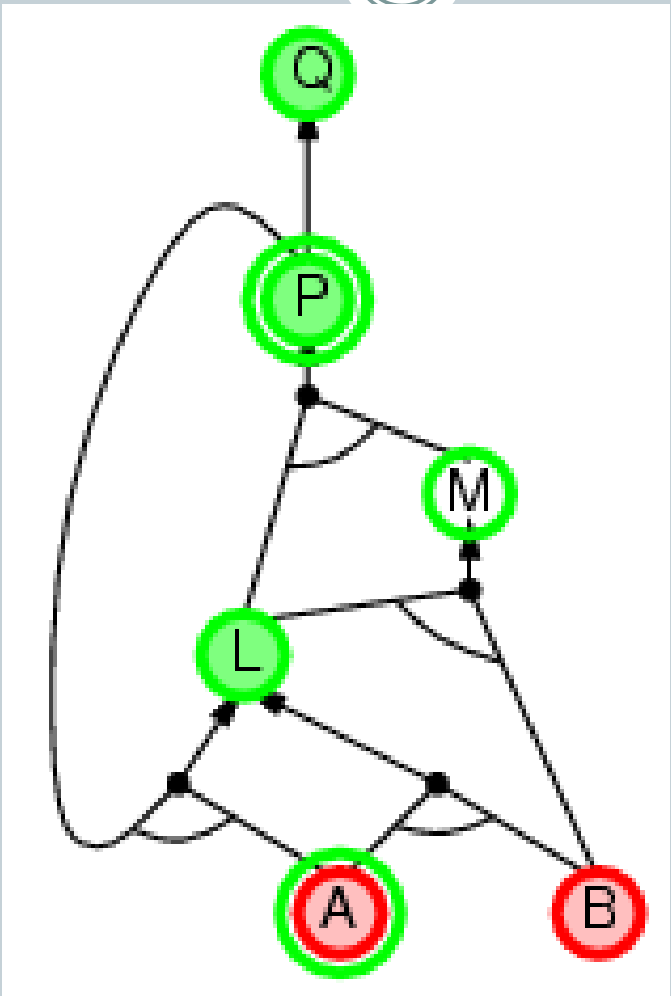

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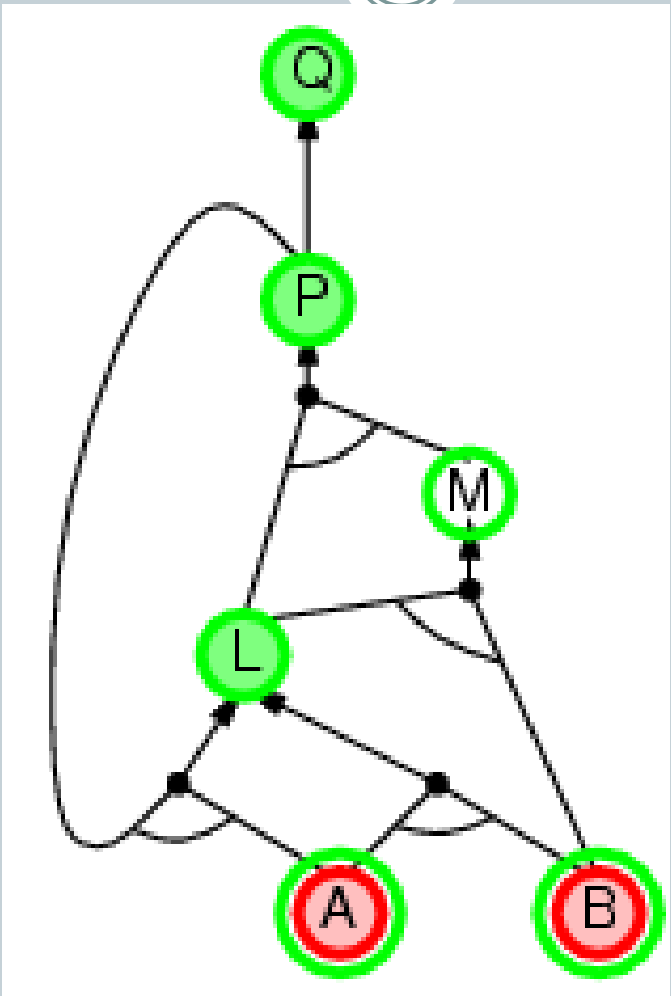

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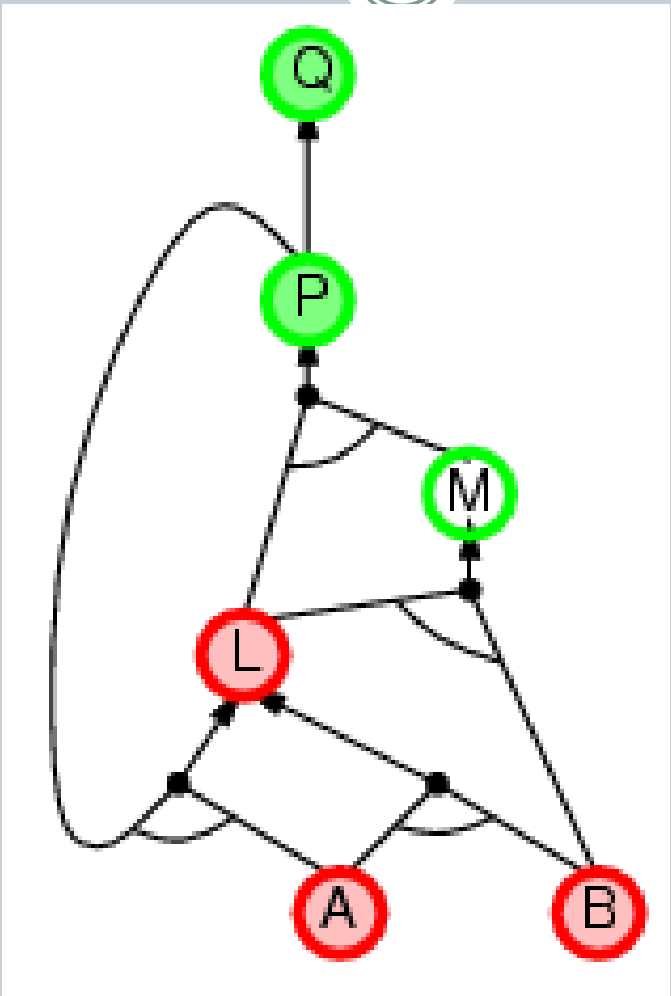

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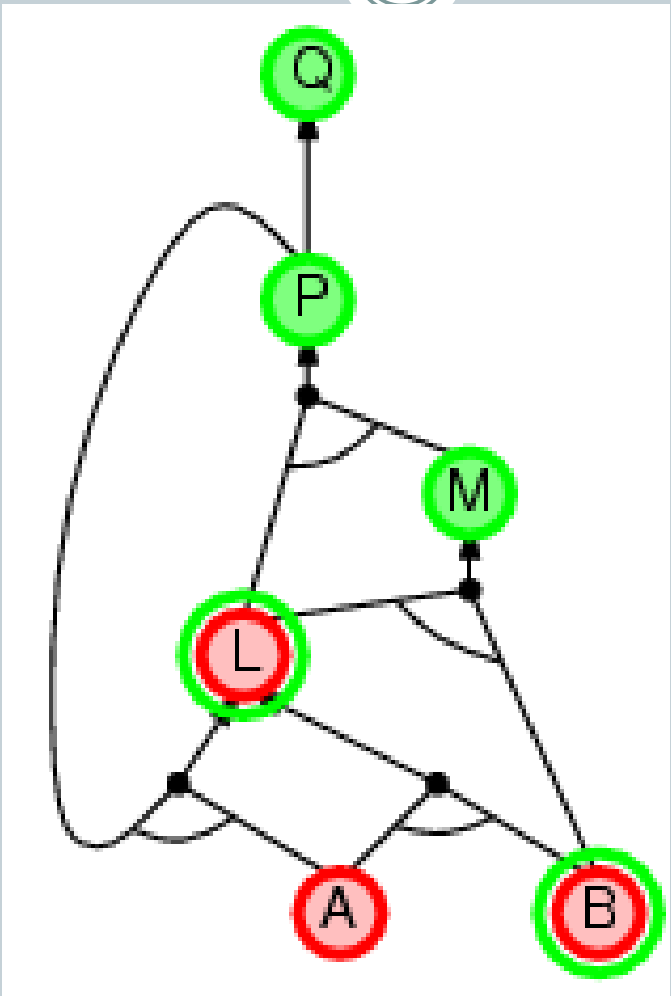

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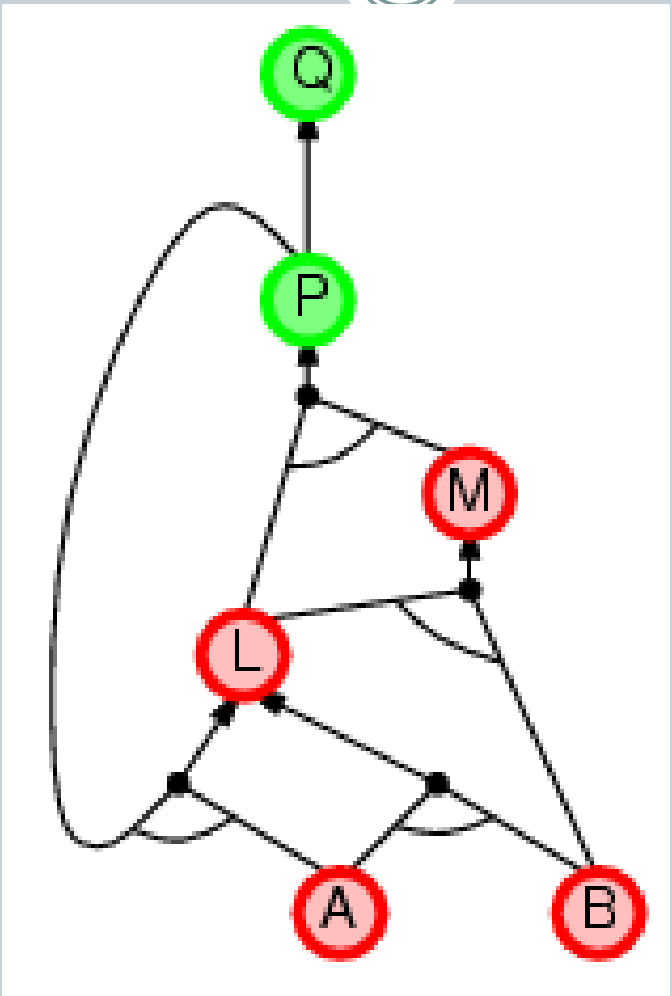

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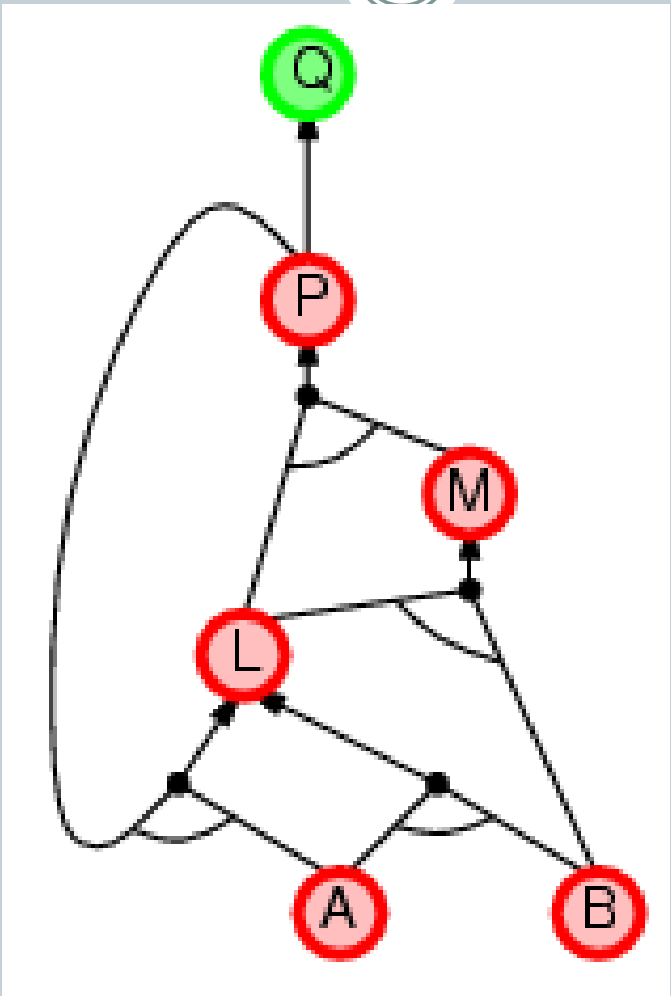

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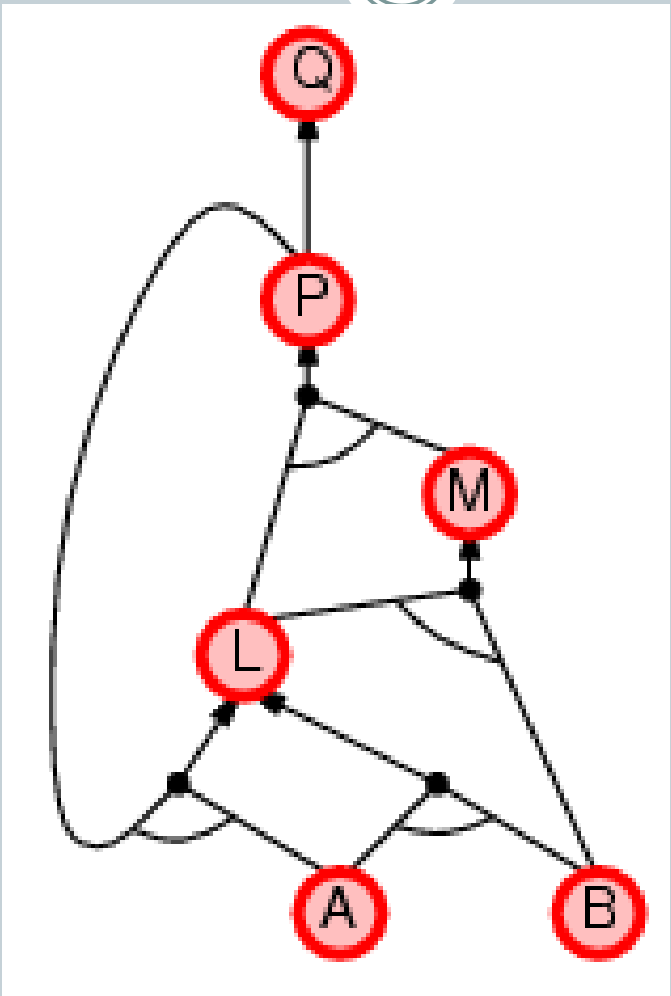

Forward vs. backward chaining

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

- Logical agents apply inference to a knowledge base to derive new information and make decisions
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- Basic concepts of logic:
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  - syntax: formal structure of sentences
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  - semantics: truth of sentences wrt models
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  - entailment: necessary truth of one sentence given another
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  - inference: deriving sentences from other sentences
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  - soundness: derivations produce only entailed sentences
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  - completeness: derivations can produce all entailed sentences
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- Wumpus world requires the ability to represent partial and negated information, reason by cases, etc.