

More Propositional Logic

- Inference
 - Forward and backward chaining
- Satisfiability problems.
 - Backtracking search (Davis-Putnam)
- A Propositional Logic based Wumpus World Agent

Forward and Backward Chaining

- Horn Clause:

- Disjunction of literals in which at most one literal is positive.

$$\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R$$

- Implication in which the premise is a conjunction of positive literals and the conclusion is a single positive literal.

$$(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R$$

- There are many KBs which are naturally in this form.

equivalent



Forward Chaining

- The KB is a conjunction of Horn Clauses
 - Each is an implication (rule).
- The goal is a single positive proposition Q .
- The answer tells us whether or not Q is entailed by the KB.
- Deciding entailment takes time linear in the size of the KB.

FC Algorithm (informal)

Do until Q is in the KB or nothing left to do:

Find a rule whose premise is satisfied by the KB.

Add the conclusion to the KB.

If we found Q (the conclusion of some rule whose premise was satisfied)

KB entails Q

FC Algorithm (formal)

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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
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FC Example

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$$L \wedge M \Rightarrow P$$

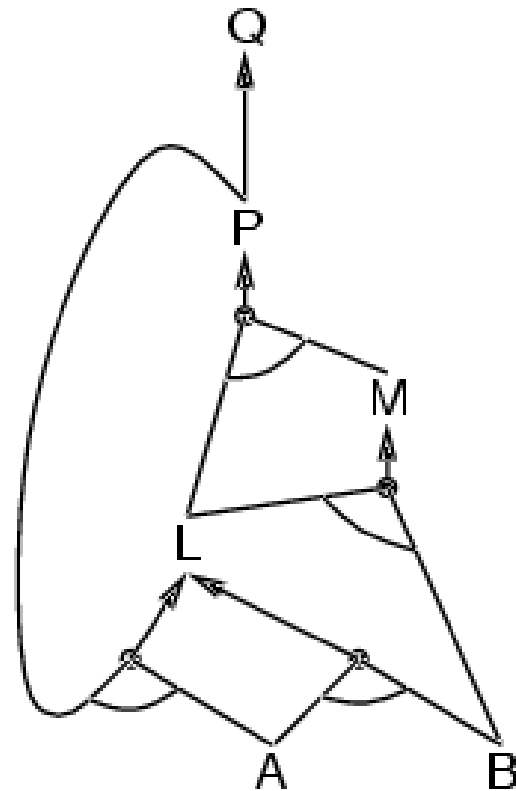
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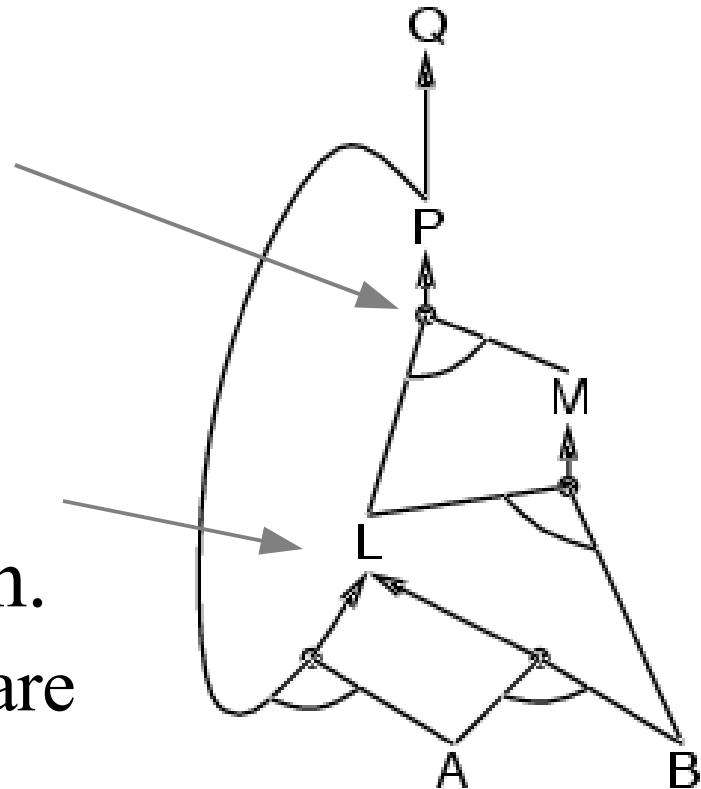


AND-OR Graph

Links joined by an arc
indicate a conjunction
all must be true

Links joined with no arc
indication a disjunction.

Proving any of the links are
true is enough.



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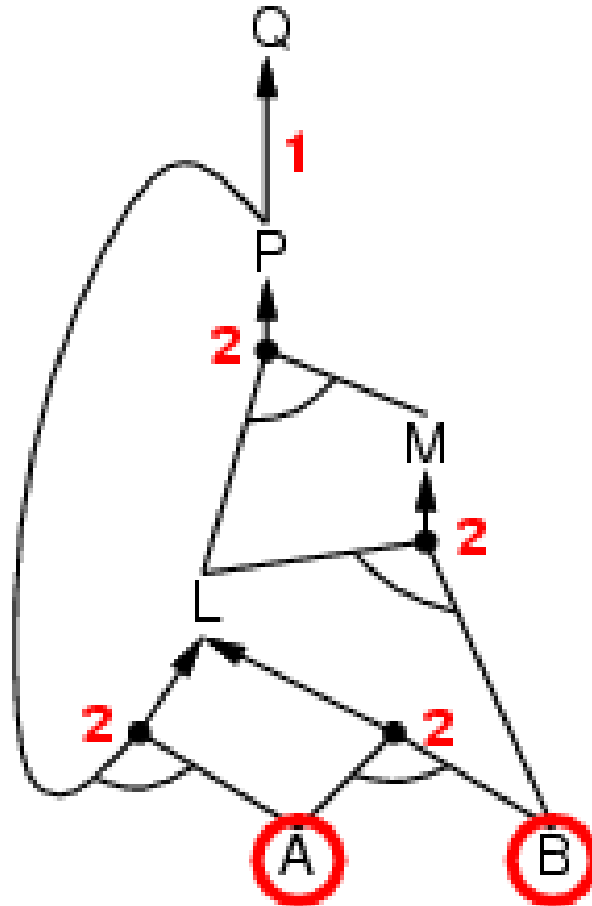
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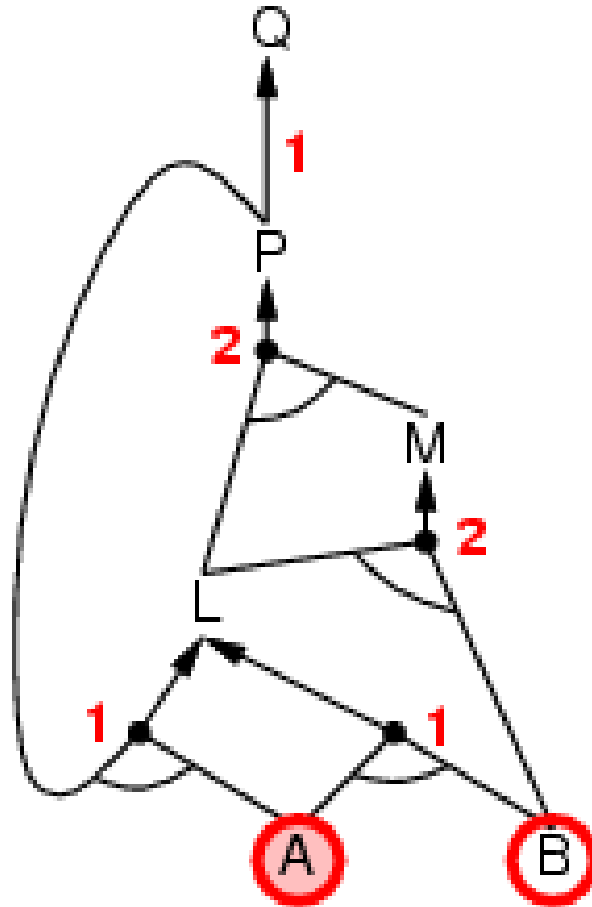
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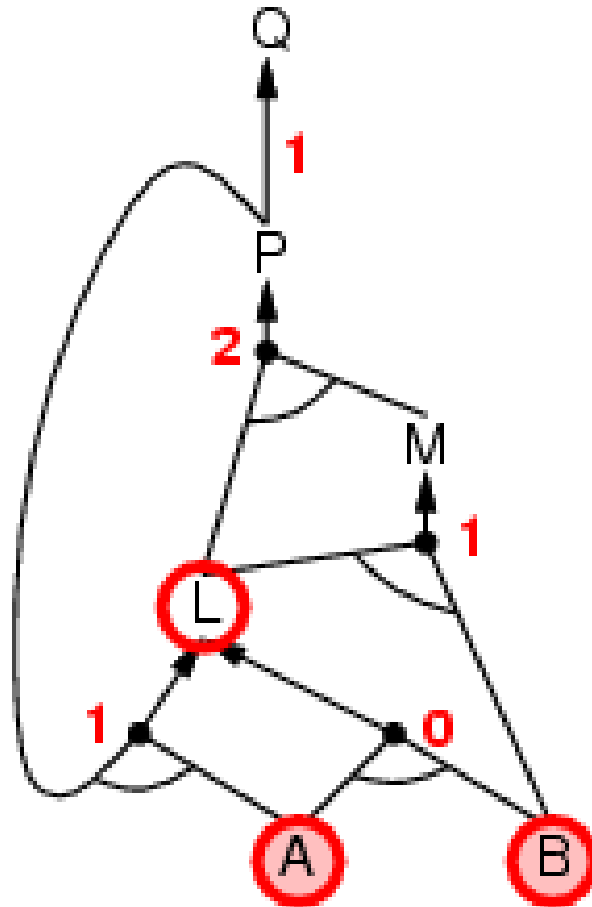
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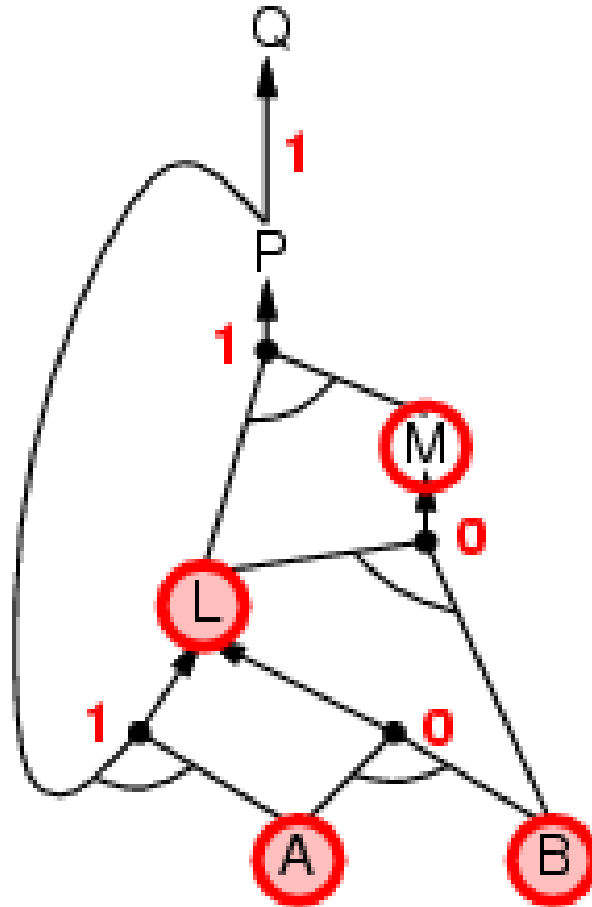
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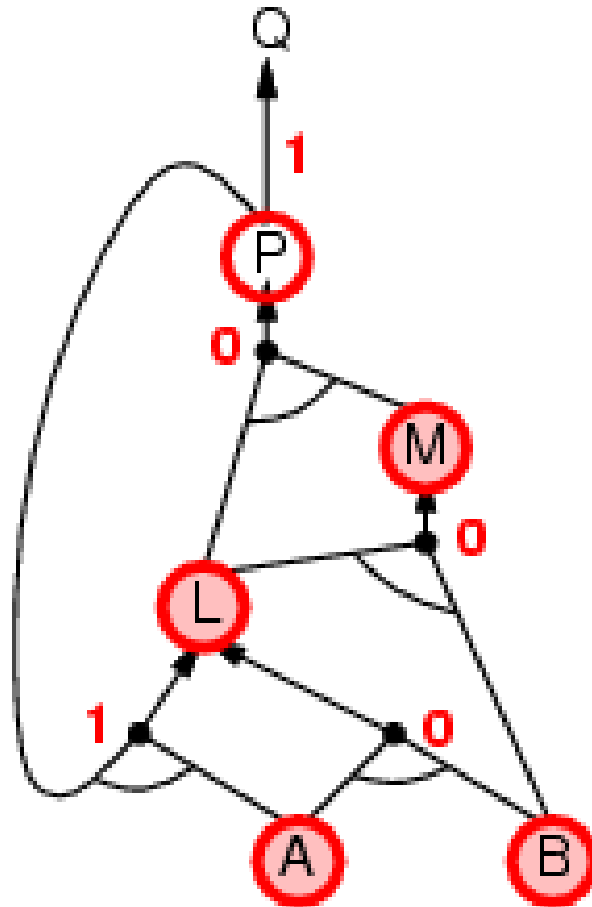
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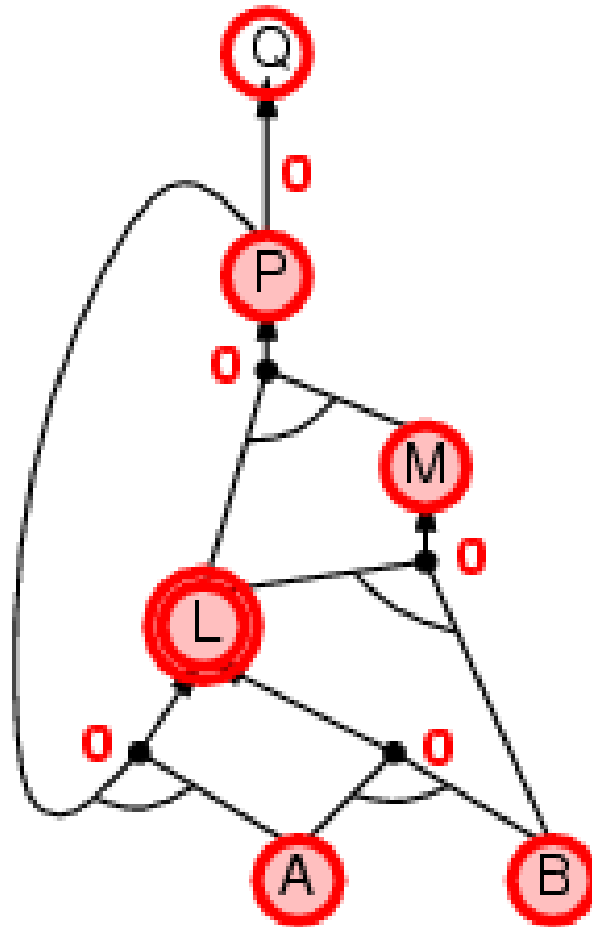
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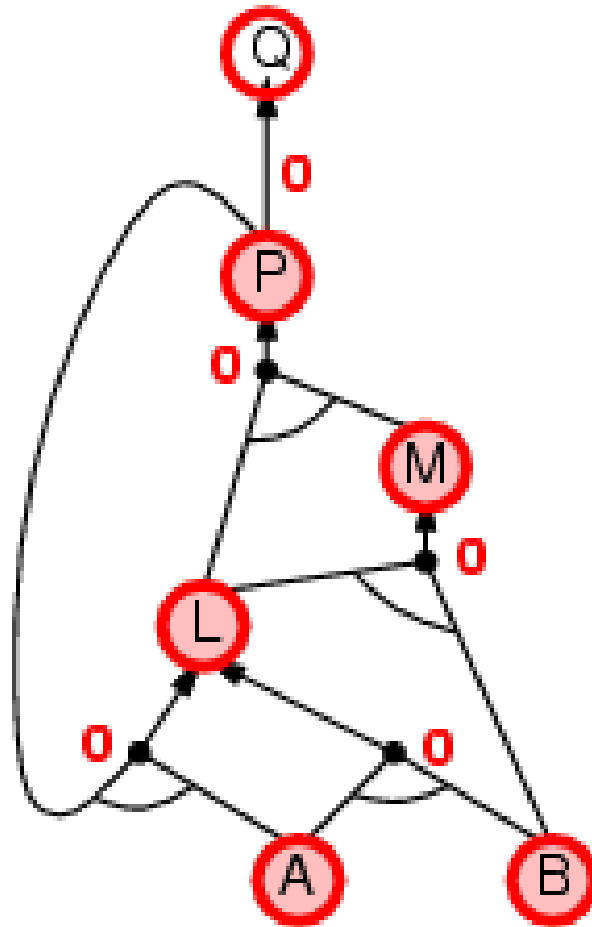
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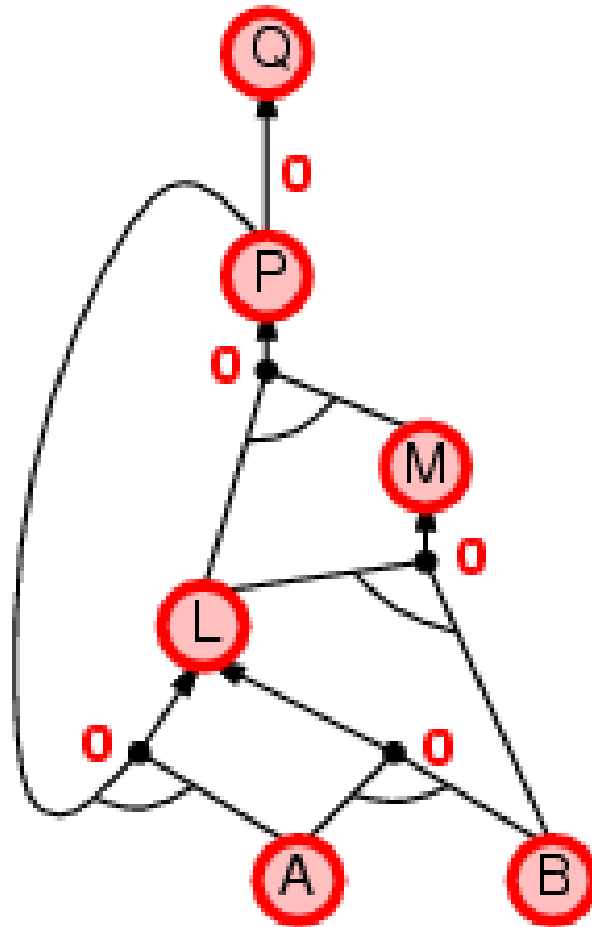
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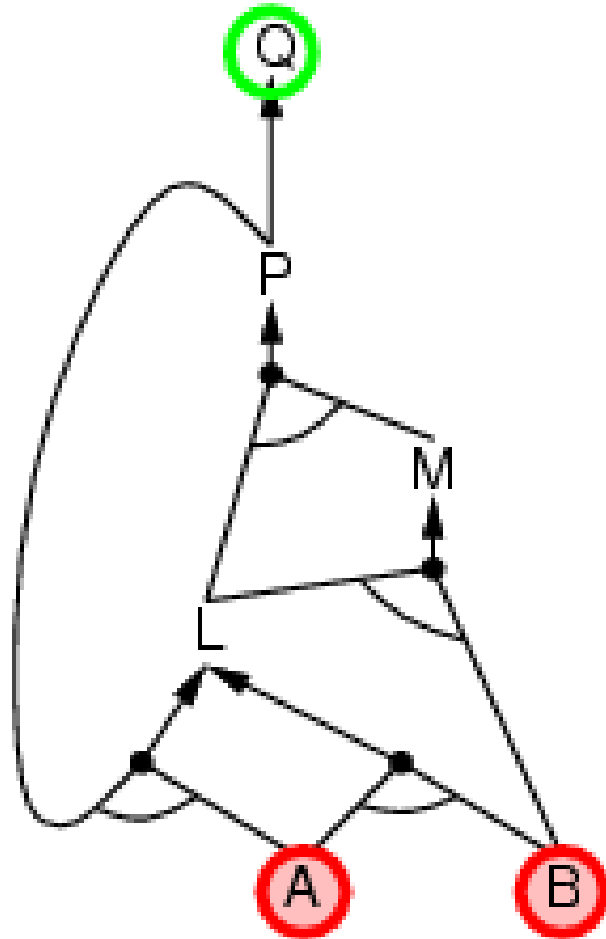
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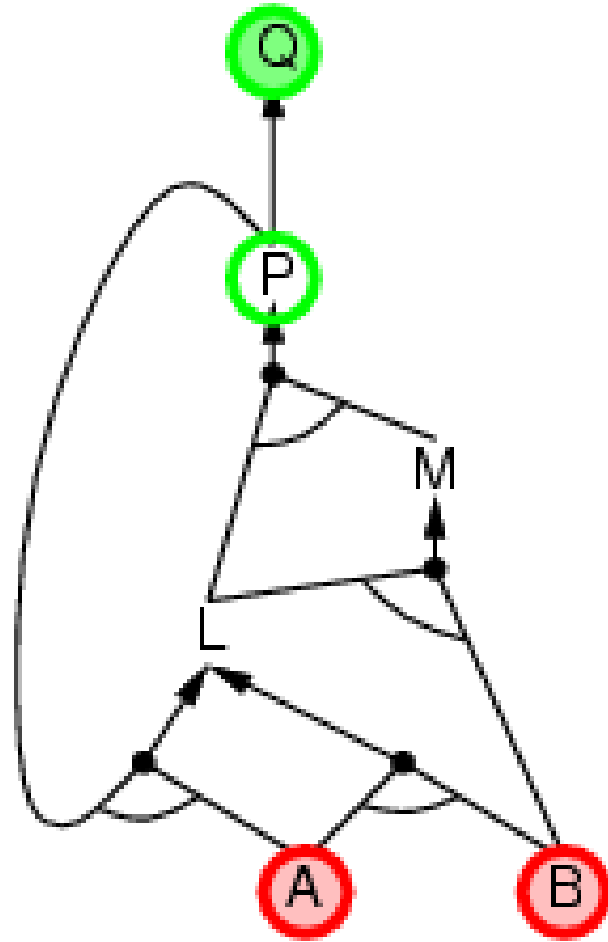


- Work backwards from the query Q .
- Find a clause whose conclusion is Q :
 - Prove each of the premises using backward chaining.
- Often requires less work than forward chaining
 - Using only the parts of the KB that can be relevant to the goal.

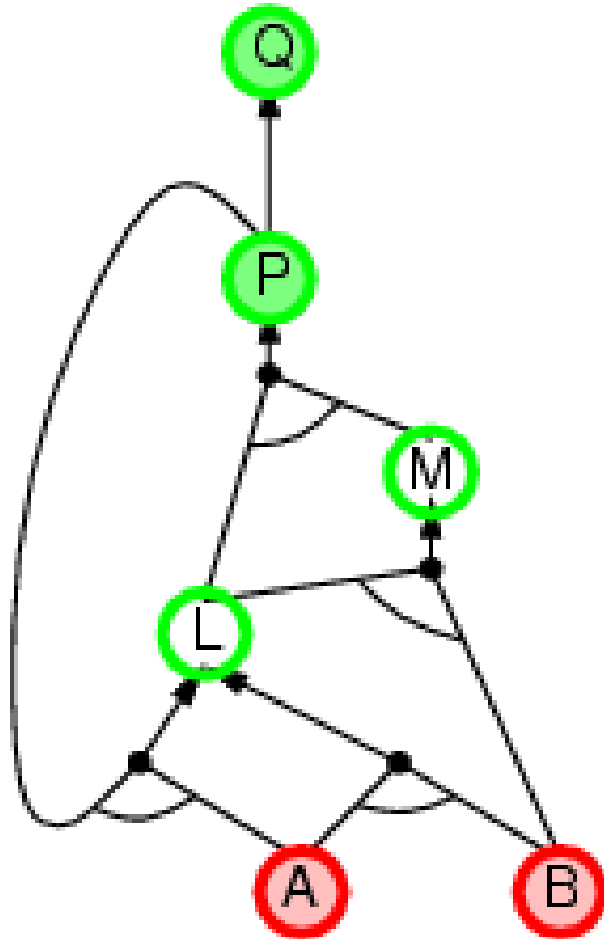
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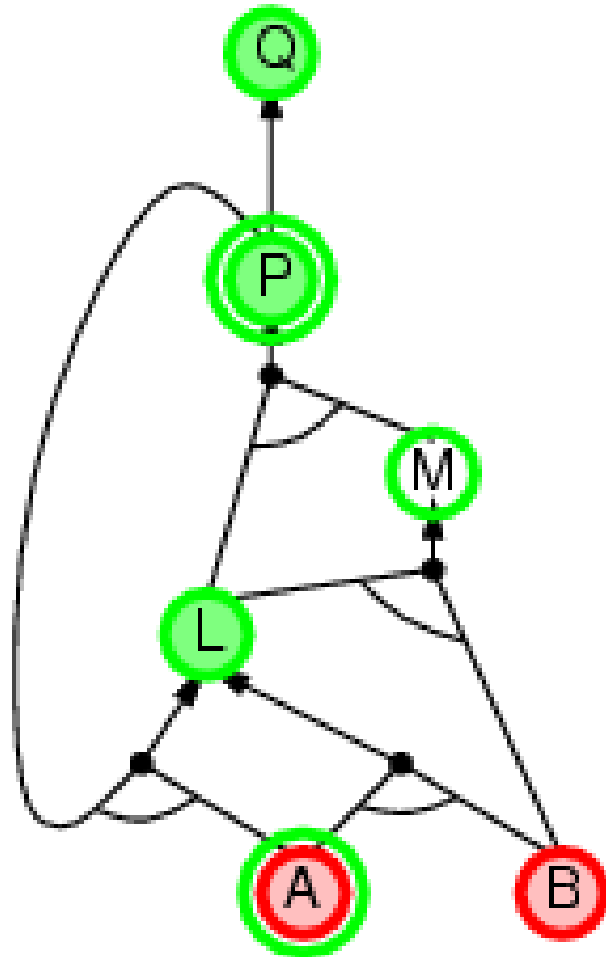
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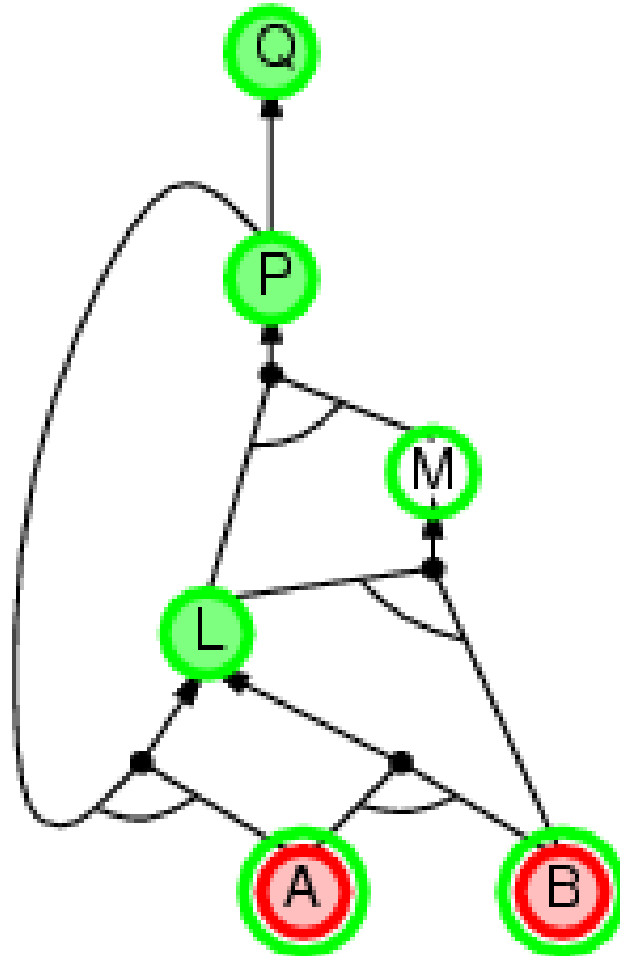
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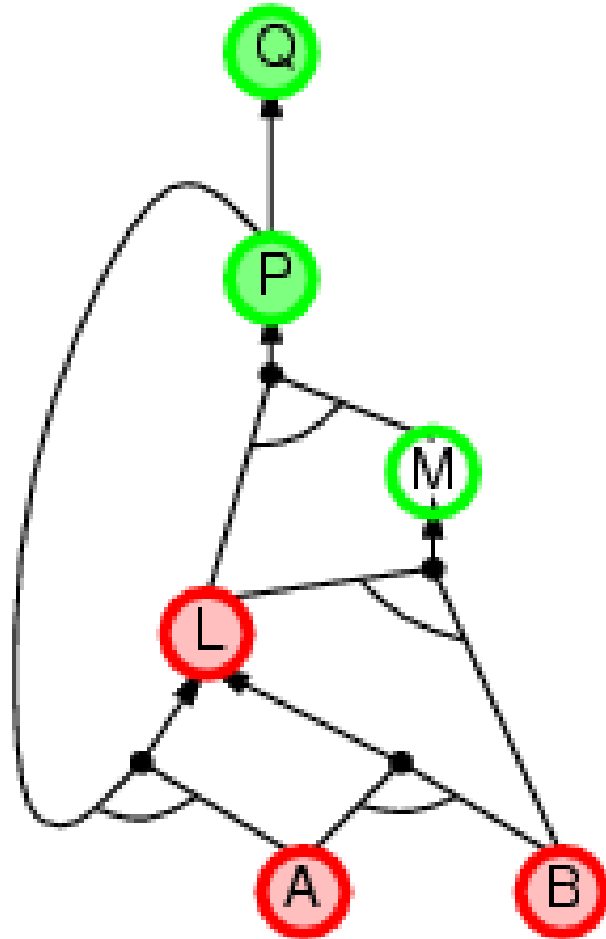
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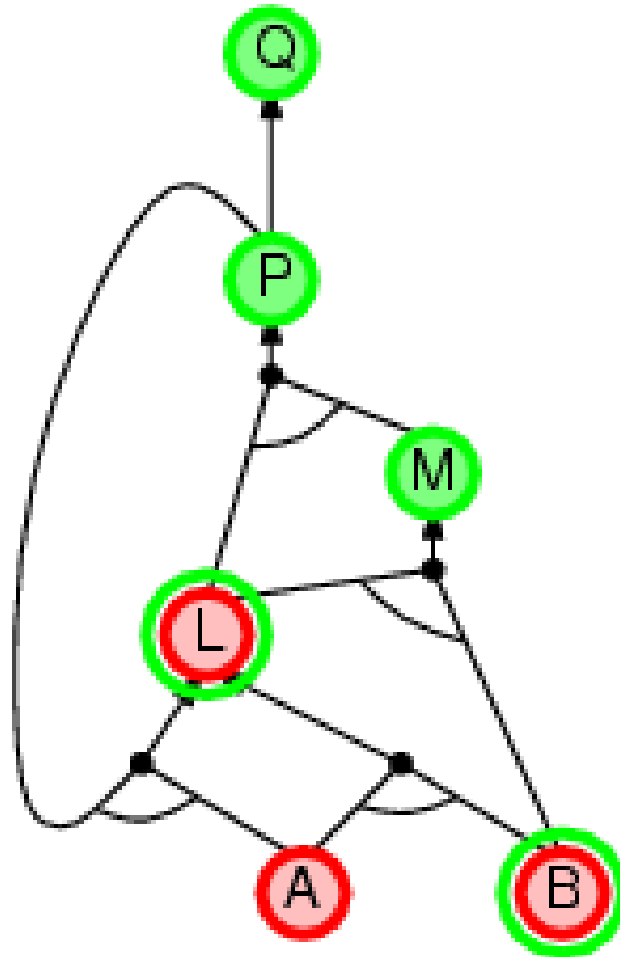
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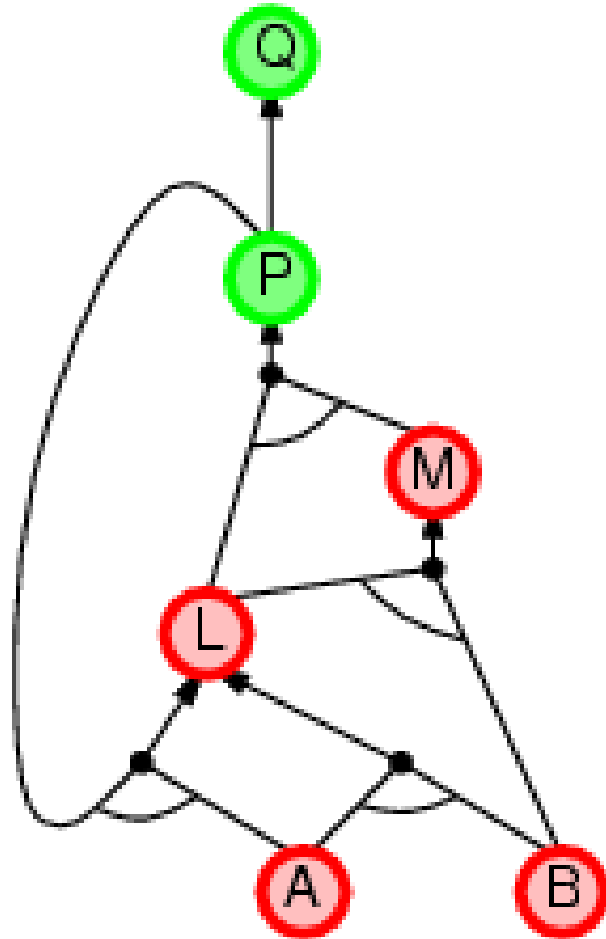
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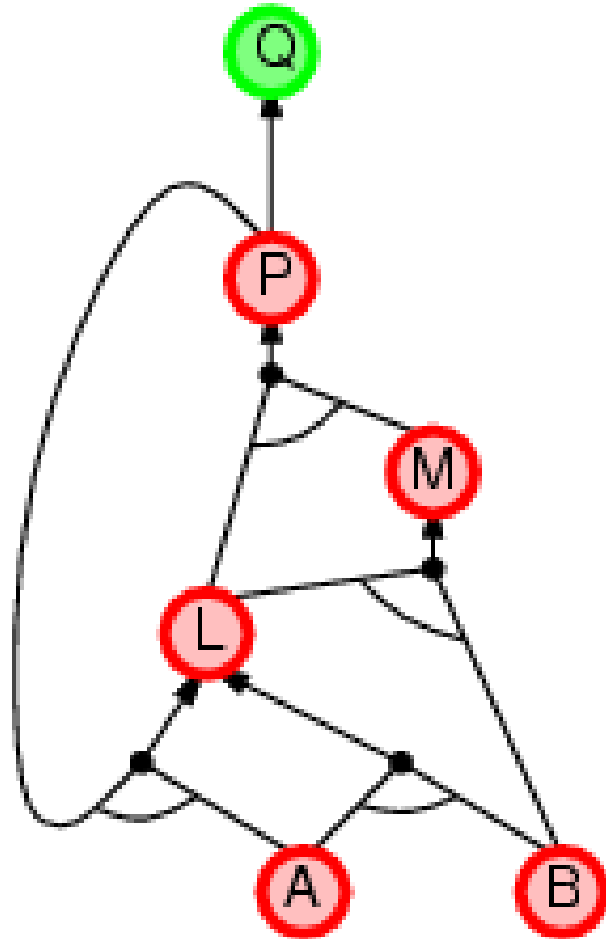
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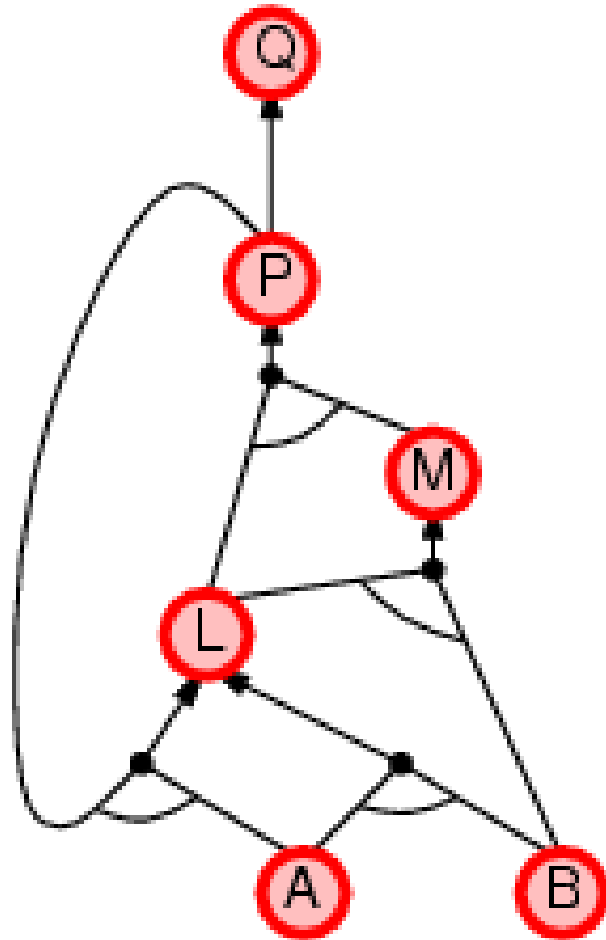
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Satisfiability

- Very important class of problems
 - NP Complete
- Given a sentence in propositional logic, is there any model that satisfies the sentence?
 - Is there any model for which the sentence is true?
- Sounds easy enough...
 - The problem is how long it takes to check all possible models.

Satisfiability Search

- David-Putnam (Logemann and Loveland)
- Start with CNF clauses.
- Depth first enumeration of all possible models.
 - In general this would take $O(2^n)$ time.
 - David Putnam has some improvements that can shorten the search time significantly.

Davis-Putnam Improvements

- Early Termination – recognizes when a clause will be true based on partial assignment.
 - If we have assigned $A=TRUE$, then $(A \vee \mathbf{B} \vee \mathbf{C})$ is true regardless of what we assign to B and C
 - For all models consistent with the current partial assignment, we can throw away the clause $(A \vee \mathbf{B} \vee \mathbf{C})$
 - Search tree below this point is dealing with a smaller problem.

Davis-Putnam Improvements (cont.)

- Heuristic: pure symbol
 - any symbol that appears with the same “sign” everywhere can be assigned a value without searching.

$$(A \vee Q \vee \neg T) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee T) \wedge (\neg P \vee X \vee Y \vee Z)$$

P and Q are pure.

Setting P to false can't hurt.

Setting Q to true can't hurt.

Davis-Putnam Improvements (cont.)

- Unit clause heuristics
 - Any clause containing a single literal defines what value that proposition should have.
 - This can propagate...
 - We propagate assignments to unit clauses as far as possible before branching in the search tree.
 - Example: $(\neg X) \wedge (\neg X \vee T) \wedge (Y \vee Z \vee Q \vee S)$ will become $X=\text{false}$, $T=\text{true}$, $(Y \vee Z \vee Q \vee S)$

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CNF

Each clause has 3 literals.

$$(P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee S \vee T) \wedge \dots \wedge (\neg X \vee S \vee \neg Z)$$

Find an assignment of values to all propositions P,Q,S,T,X,... such that the entire sentence is true.

If we have n propositions, there are 2^n possible assignments...

Wumpus KB

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

- **For every square x,y we have rules:**

$$B_{x,y} \Leftrightarrow (P_{x+1,y} \vee P_{x-1,y} \vee P_{x,y+1} \vee P_{x,y-1})$$

$$S_{x,y} \Leftrightarrow (W_{x+1,y} \vee W_{x-1,y} \vee W_{x,y+1} \vee W_{x,y-1})$$

- There is a wumpus somewhere:

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

- There is only one wumpus:

$$(\neg W_{1,1} \vee \neg W_{1,2}), (\neg W_{1,1} \vee \neg W_{1,3}), (\neg W_{1,1} \vee \neg W_{1,4}), \dots$$

- We end up with 155 sentences using 64 propositions.