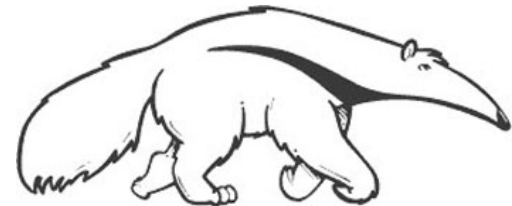


# Propositional Logic A: Syntax & Semantics

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence  
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**Read Beforehand: R&N 7.1-7.5**  
**Optional: R&N 7.6-7.8)**

# You will be expected to know:

- Basic definitions (section 7.1, 7.3)
- Models and entailment (7.3)
- Syntax, logical connectives (7.4.1)
- Semantics (7.4.2)
- Simple inference (7.4.4)

# Complete architectures for intelligence?

- Search?
  - Solve the problem of what to do.
- Logic and inference?
  - Reason about what to do.
  - Encoded knowledge/“expert” systems?
    - Know what to do.
- Learning?
  - Learn what to do.
- Modern view: It's complex & multi-faceted.

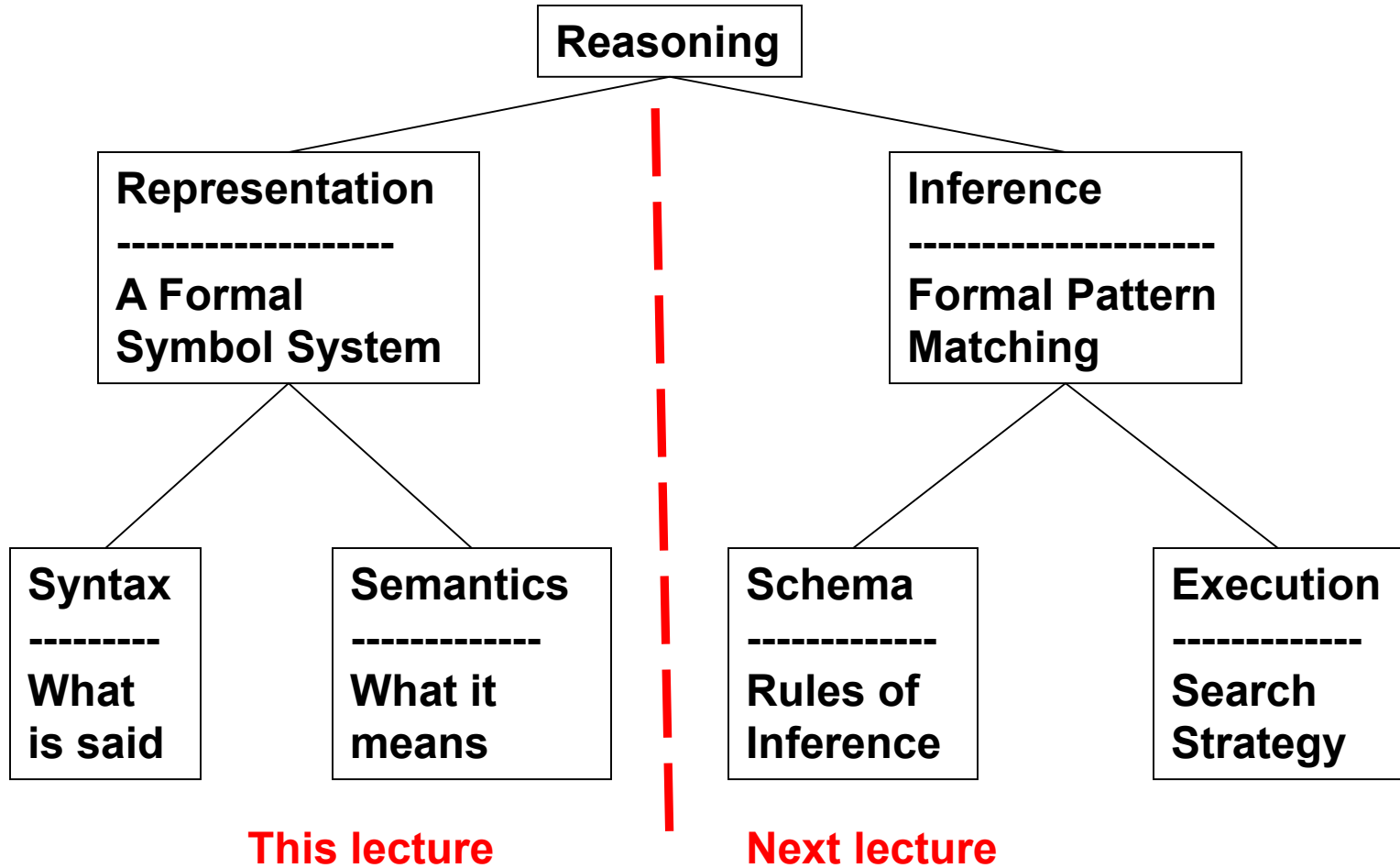
# Inference in Formal Symbol Systems: Ontology, Representation, Inference

- **Formal Symbol Systems**
  - **Symbols** correspond to **things/ideas** in the world
  - **Pattern matching & rewrite** corresponds to **inference**
- **Ontology**: What exists in the world?
  - What must be represented?
- **Representation**: Syntax vs. Semantics
  - What's Said vs. What's Meant
- **Inference**: Schema vs. Mechanism
  - Proof Steps vs. Search Strategy

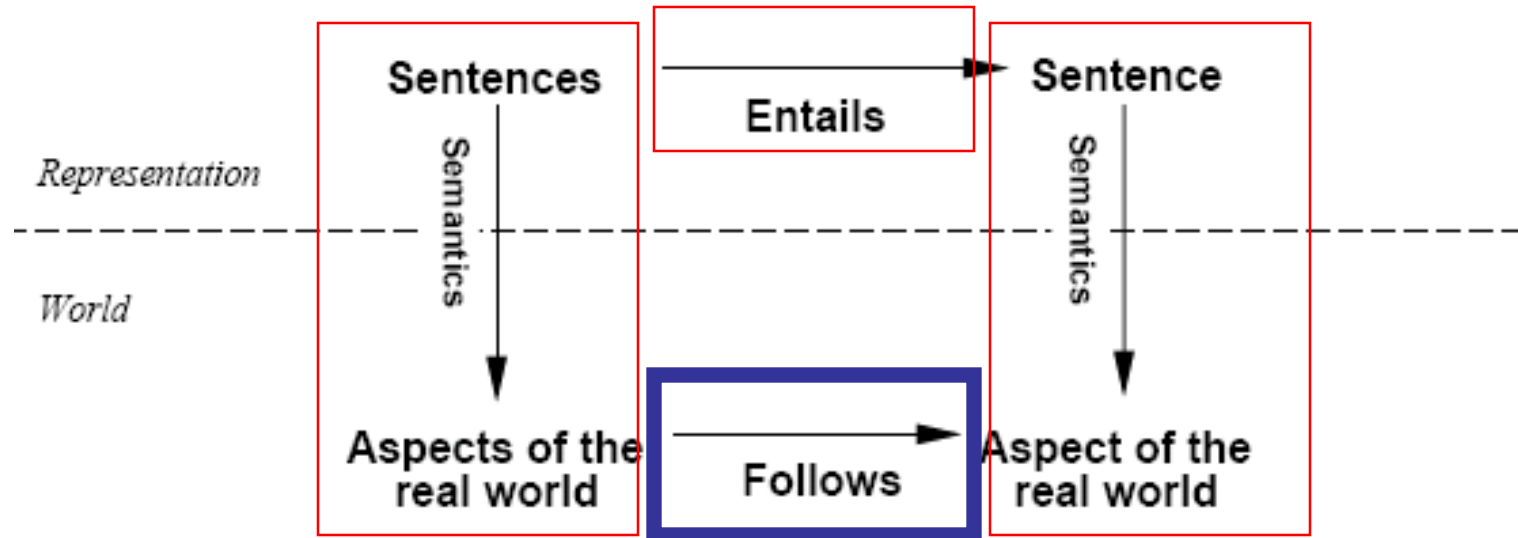
# Ontology:

What kind of things exist in the world?

What do we need to describe and reason about?



# Schematic perspective



*If KB is true in the real world,  
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# Why Do We Need Logic?

- Problem-solving agents were very inflexible: hard code every possible state.
- Search is almost always exponential in the number of states.
- Problem solving agents cannot infer unobserved information.
- We want an algorithm that reasons in a way that resembles reasoning in humans.

# Knowledge-Based Agents

- **KB = knowledge base**
  - A set of sentences or facts
  - e.g., a set of statements in a logic language
- **Inference**
  - Deriving new sentences from old
  - e.g., using a set of logical statements to infer new ones
- **A simple model for reasoning**
  - Agent is told or perceives new evidence
    - E.g., agent is told or perceives that A is true
  - Agent then infers new facts to add to the KB
    - E.g.,  $KB = \{ (A \rightarrow (B \text{ OR } C)); (\text{not } C) \}$   
then given A and not C the agent can infer that B is true
    - B is now added to the KB even though it was not explicitly asserted, i.e., the agent inferred B



# Types of Logics

- **Propositional logic:** concrete statements that are either true or false
  - E.g., John is married to Sue.
- **Predicate logic (also called first order logic, first order predicate calculus):** allows statements to contain variables, functions, and quantifiers
  - For all X, Y: If X is married to Y then Y is married to X.
- **Probability:** statements that are possibly true; the chance I win the lottery?
- **Fuzzy logic:** vague statements; paint is slightly grey; sky is very cloudy.
- **Modal logic** is a class of various logics that introduce modalities:
  - **Temporal logic:** statements about time; John was a student at UCI for four years, and before that he spent six years in the US Marine Corps.
  - **Belief and knowledge:** Mary knows that John is married to Sue; a poker player believes that another player will fold upon a large bluff.
  - **Possibility and Necessity:** What might happen (possibility) and must happen (necessity); I might go to the movies; I must die and pay taxes.
  - **Obligation and Permission:** It is obligatory that students study for their tests; it is permissible that I go fishing when I am on vacation.

# Other Reasoning Systems

- How to produce new facts from old facts?
- Induction
  - Reason from facts to the general law
  - Scientific reasoning, machine learning
- Abduction
  - Reason from facts to the best explanation
  - Medical diagnosis, hardware debugging
- Analogy (and metaphor, simile)
  - Reason that a new situation is like an old one

# Wumpus World PEAS description

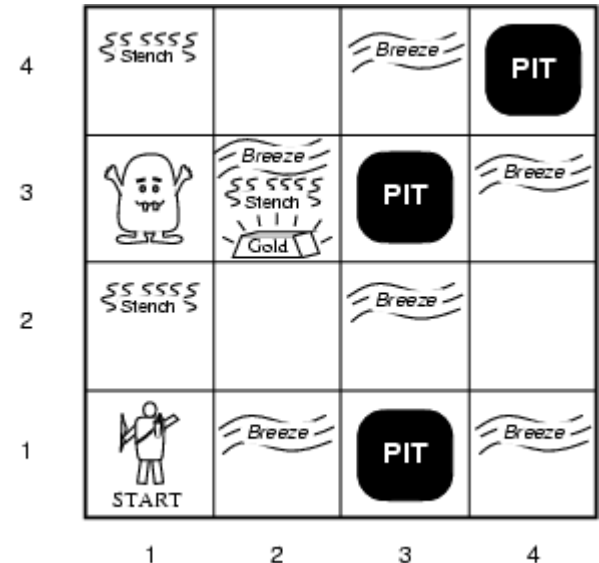
- Performance measure

- 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

Would DFS work well? A\*?



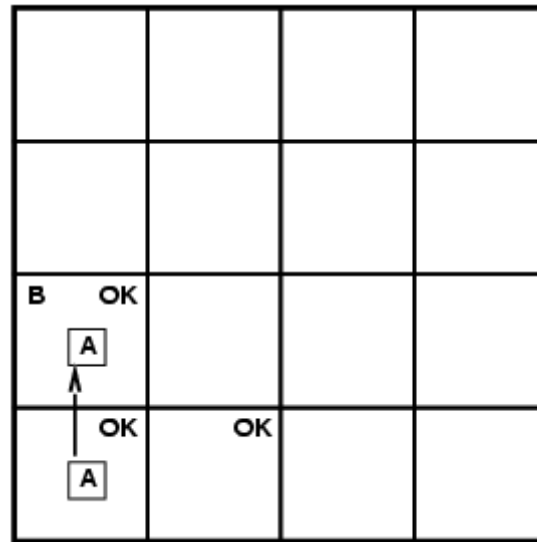
- Sensors: Stench, Breeze, Glitter, Bump, Scream

- Actuators: Left turn, Right turn, Forward, Grab, Release, Shoot

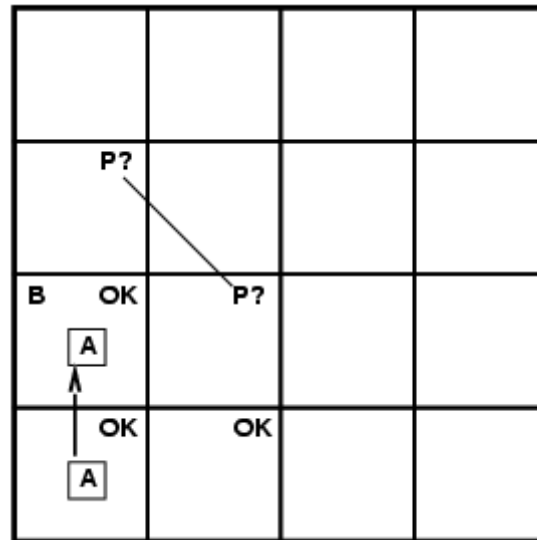
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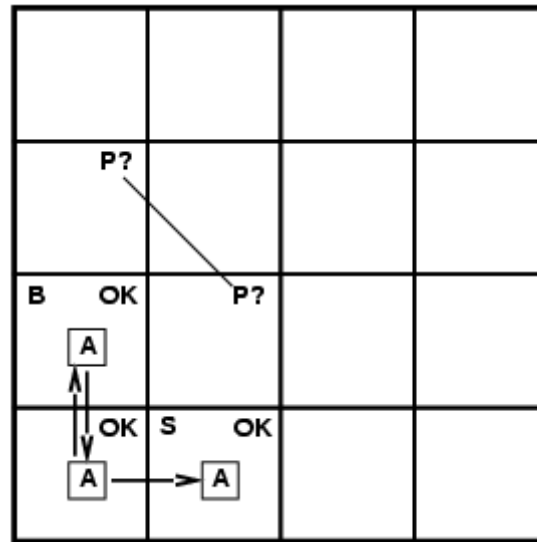
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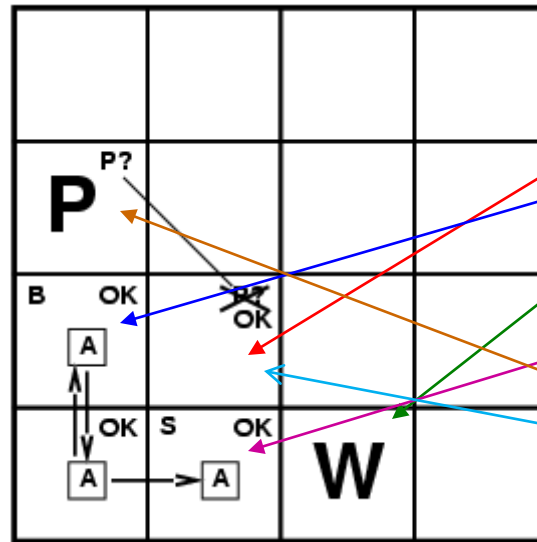
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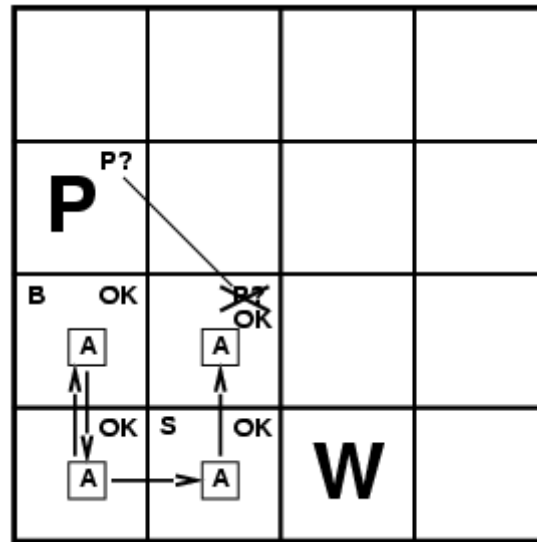


If the Wumpus were  
**here**, stench should be  
**here**. Therefore it is  
**here**.  
Since, there is no breeze  
**here**, the pit must be  
**there**, and it must be OK  
**here**

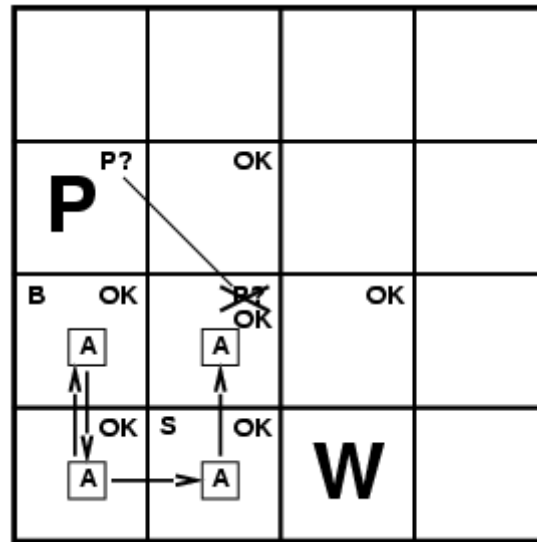
**We need rather sophisticated reasoning here!**



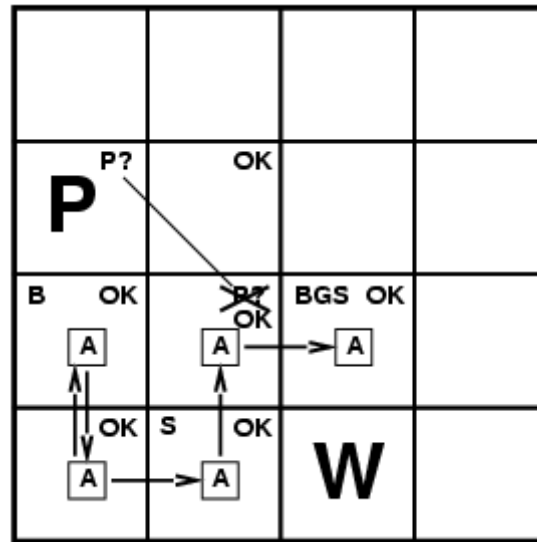
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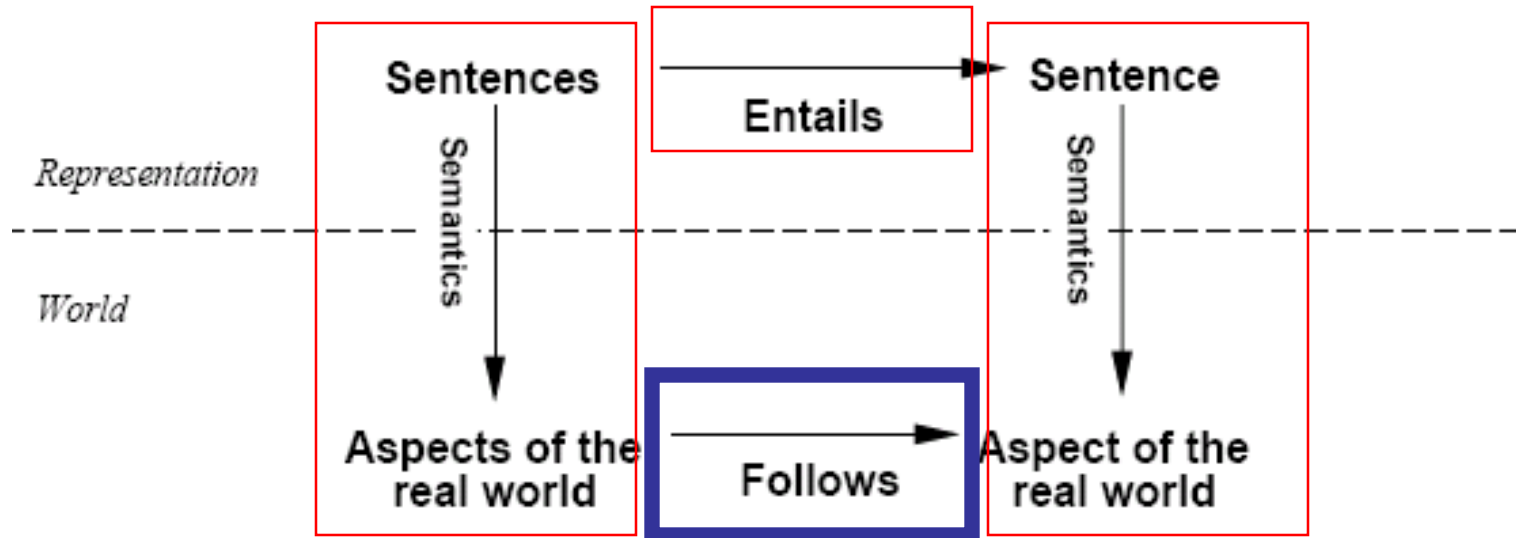
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# Logic

- We used logical reasoning to find the gold.
  - **Logics** are formal languages for representing information such that conclusions can be drawn from formal inference patterns
  - **Syntax** defines the well-formed sentences in the language
  - **Semantics** define the "meaning" or interpretation of sentences:
    - connect symbols to real events in the world
    - i.e., define **truth** of a sentence in a world
  - E.g., the language of arithmetic:
    - $x+2 \geq y$  is a sentence
    - $x^2+y > \{ \}$  is not a sentence }  $\longrightarrow$  syntax
  
  - $x+2 \geq y$  is true in a world where  $x = 7, y = 1$
  - $x+2 \geq y$  is false in a world where  $x = 0, y = 6$
- }
- $\longrightarrow$
- semantics

# Schematic perspective



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# Entailment

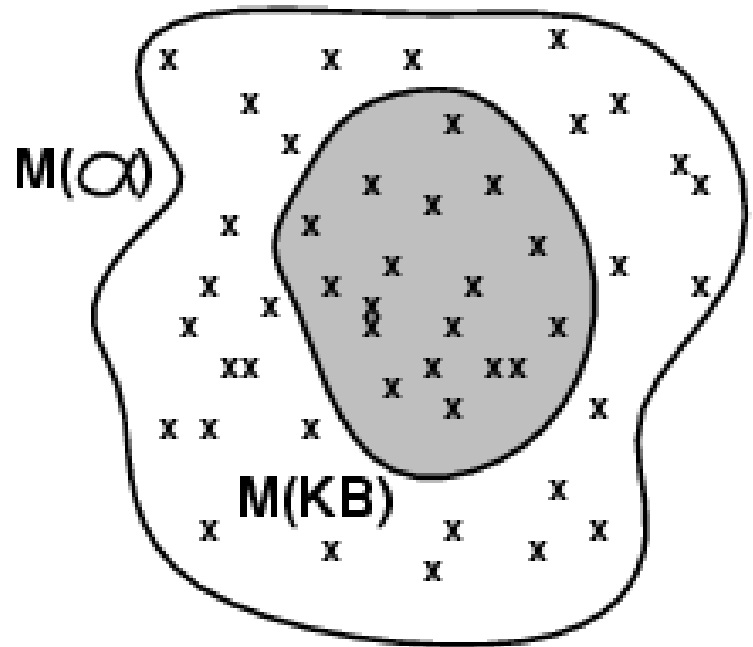
- **Entailment** means that one thing **follows from** another set of things:

$$KB \models \alpha$$

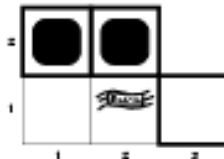
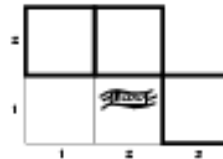
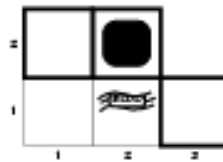
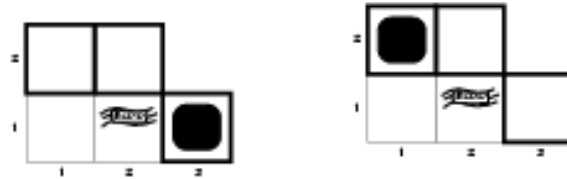
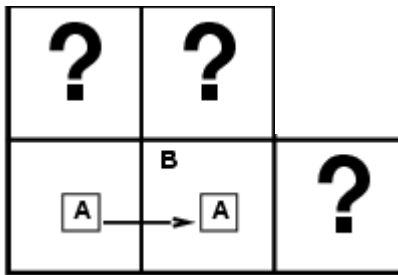
- Knowledge base  $KB$  entails sentence  $\alpha$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is true in **all worlds** wherein  $KB$  is true
  - E.g., the  $KB$  = “the Giants won and the Reds won” entails  $\alpha$  = “The Giants won”.
  - E.g.,  $KB$  = “ $x+y = 4$ ” entails  $\alpha$  = “ $4 = x+y$ ”
  - E.g.,  $KB$  = “Mary is Sue’s sister and Amy is Sue’s daughter” entails  $\alpha$  = “Mary is Amy’s aunt.”
- The entailed  $\alpha$  MUST BE TRUE in ANY world in which KB IS TRUE.

# Models (and in FOL, Interpretations)

- **Models** are formal worlds in which truth can be evaluated
- We say  $m$  is a **model of** a sentence  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha$  is true in  $m$
- $M(\alpha)$  is the set of all models of  $\alpha$
- Then  $KB \models \alpha$  iff  $M(KB) \subseteq M(\alpha)$ 
  - E.g.  $KB$ , = “Mary is Sue’s sister and Amy is Sue’s daughter.”
  - $\alpha$  = “Mary is Amy’s aunt.”
- Think of  $KB$  and  $\alpha$  as constraints, and of models  $m$  as possible states.
- $M(KB)$  are the solutions to  $KB$  and  $M(\alpha)$  the solutions to  $\alpha$ .
- Then,  $KB \models \alpha$ , i.e.,  $\models (KB \Rightarrow \alpha)$ , when all solutions to  $KB$  are also solutions to  $\alpha$ .



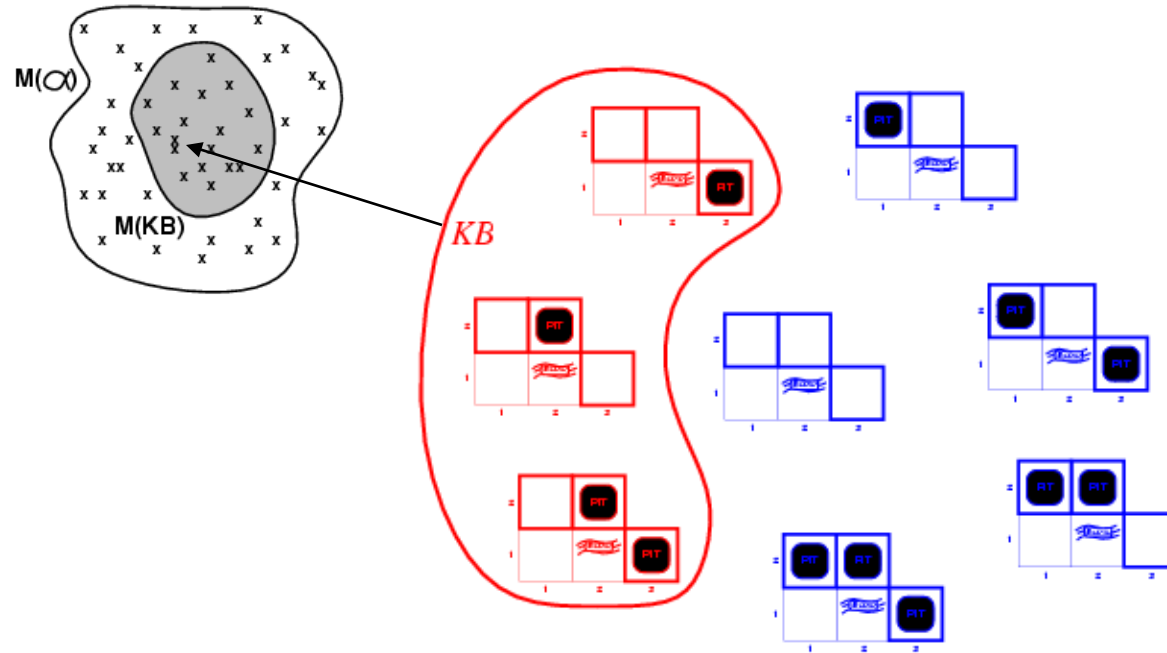
# Wumpus models



All possible models in this reduced Wumpus world. What can we infer?

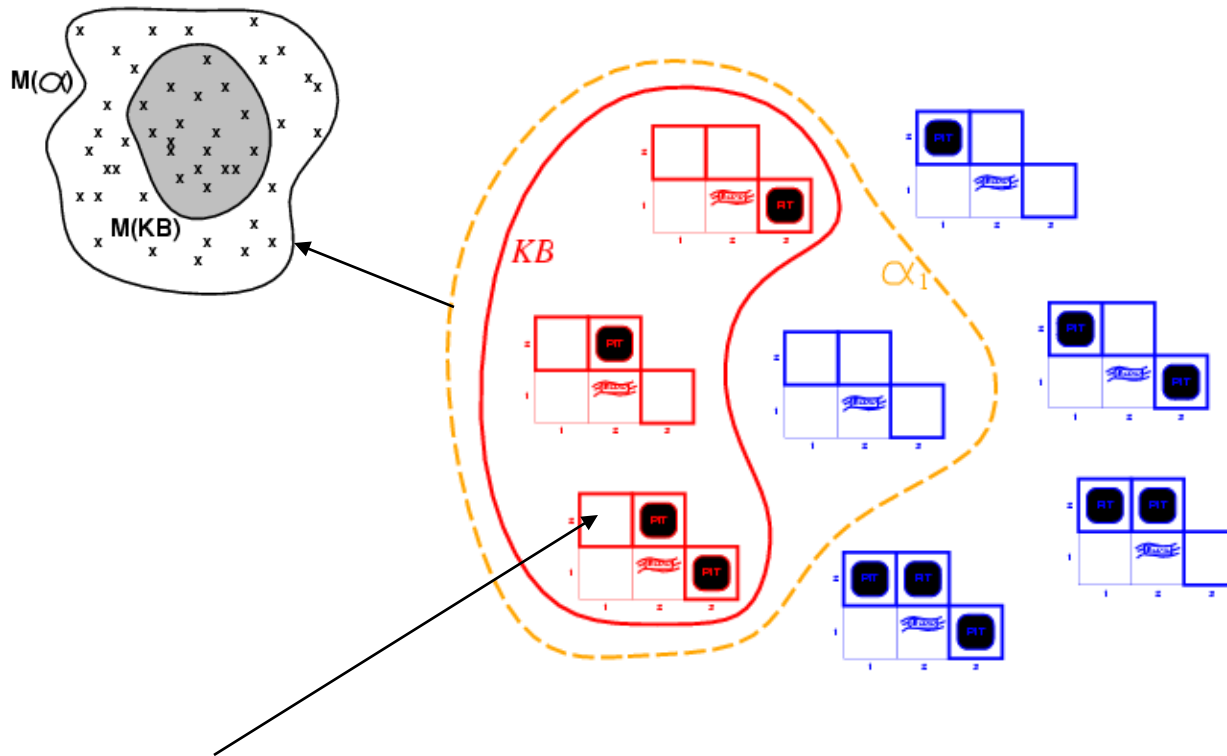


# Wumpus models



- $M(KB)$  = all possible wumpus-worlds consistent with the observations and the “physics” of the Wumpus world.

# Wumpus models



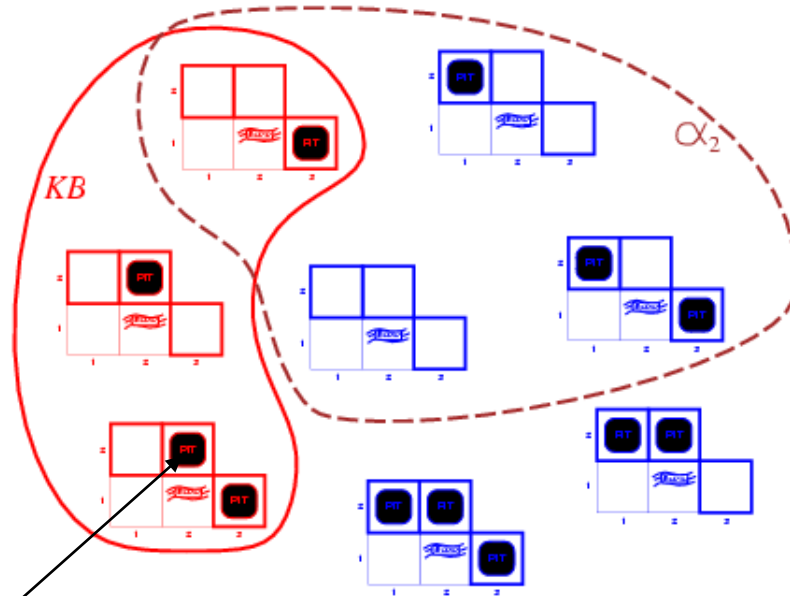
Now we have a query sentence,  $\alpha_1 = "[1,2] \text{ is safe}"$

$KB \models \alpha_1$ , proved by **model checking**

$M(KB)$  (red outline) is a subset of  $M(\alpha_1)$  (orange dashed outline)

$\Rightarrow \alpha_1$  is true in any world in which KB is true

# Wumpus models



Now we have another query sentence,  $\alpha_2 = "[2,2] \text{ is safe}"$

$KB \not\models \alpha_2$ , proved by **model checking**

$M(KB)$  (red outline) is a not a subset of  $M(\alpha_2)$  (dashed outline)

$\Rightarrow \alpha_2$  is false in some world(s) in which KB is true

# Recap 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)

# Recap propositional logic:

## Semantics

Each model/world specifies true or false for each proposition symbol

E.g.  $P_{1,2}$        $P_{2,2}$        $P_{3,1}$   
false          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 <b>and</b>	$S_2$ is true
$S_1 \vee S_2$	is true iff	$S_1$ is true <b>or</b>	$S_2$ is true
$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$	is true iff	$S_1$ is false <b>or</b>	$S_2$ is true
i.e.,	is false iff	$S_1$ is true <b>and</b>	$S_2$ is false
$S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2$	is true iff	$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2$ is true <b>and</b>	$S_2 \Rightarrow S_1$ is true

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

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

\* iff = if and only if

# Recap truth tables for connectives

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>
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<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>

**OR:**  $P$  or  $Q$  is true or both are true.  
**XOR:**  $P$  or  $Q$  is true but not both.

**Implication is always true when the premises are False!**

# Inference by enumeration

(generate the truth table = model checking)

- Enumeration of all models is sound and complete.
- For  $n$  symbols, time complexity is  $O(2^n)$ ...
- We need a smarter way to do inference!
- In particular, we are going to infer new logical sentences from the data-base and see if they match a query.

# Logical equivalence

- To manipulate logical sentences we need some rewrite rules.
- Two sentences are **logically equivalent** iff they are true in same models:  $\alpha \equiv \beta$  iff  $\alpha \models \beta$  and  $\beta \models \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \wedge \\(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) && \text{commutativity of } \vee \\((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \wedge \\((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) &\equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) && \text{associativity of } \vee \\ \neg(\neg\alpha) &\equiv \alpha && \text{double-negation elimination} \\(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha) && \text{contraposition} \\(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta) && \text{implication elimination} \\(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) &\equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)) && \text{biconditional elimination} \\ \neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\ \neg(\alpha \vee \beta) &\equiv (\neg\alpha \wedge \neg\beta) && \text{de Morgan} \\(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee \\(\alpha \vee (\beta \wedge \gamma)) &\equiv ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge (\alpha \vee \gamma)) && \text{distributivity of } \vee \text{ over } \wedge\end{aligned}$$



**You need to know these !**



# 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 false in **all** 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  
(there is no model for which  $KB = \text{true}$  and  $\alpha$  is false)

# Summary (Part I)

- 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
  - soundness: derivations produce only entailed sentences
  - completeness: derivations can produce all entailed sentences
  - valid: sentence is true in every model (a tautology)
- Logical equivalences allow syntactic manipulations
- Propositional logic lacks expressive power
  - Can only state specific facts about the world.
  - Cannot express general rules about the world (use First Order Predicate Logic)