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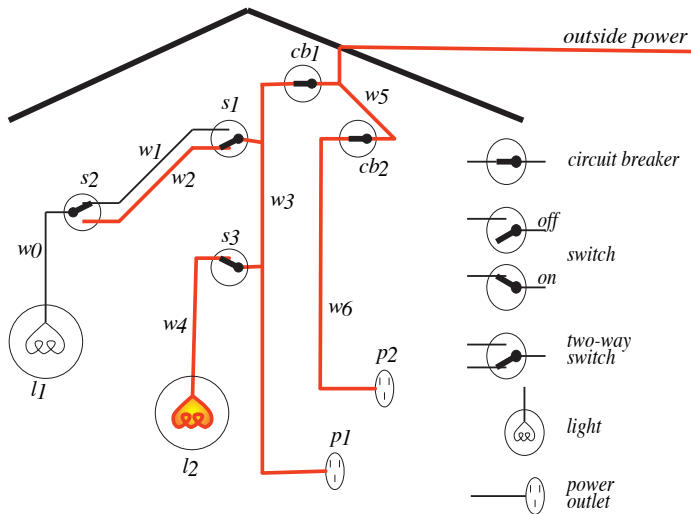
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# Electrical Environment



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- We can write a proof system that can represent that statement in a computer.

# Bottom-up Proof Procedure

One **rule of derivation**, a generalized form of *modus ponens*:  
If " $h \leftarrow b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge b_m$ " is a clause in the knowledge base,  
and each  $b_i$  has been derived, then  $h$  can be derived.

This is **forward chaining** on this clause.

(An atomic fact is treated as a clause with empty body ( $m = 0$ ).)



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$KB \vdash g$  if  $g \in C$  at the end of this procedure:

$C := \{\}$ ;

**repeat**

**select** fact  $h$  or rule " $h \leftarrow b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge b_m$ " in  $KB$  such that

$b_i \in C$  for all  $i$ , and

$h \notin C$ ;

$C := C \cup \{h\}$

**until** no more clauses can be selected.

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## Clicker Question

Consider the knowledge base KB:

$happy \leftarrow good.$	$foo \leftarrow bar \wedge fun.$
$happy \leftarrow green.$	$bar \leftarrow zed.$
$green.$	$zed.$

What is the final consequence set in the bottom-up proof procedure run on KB?

- A  $\{happy, good, green, foo, bar, fun, zed\}$
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Therefore  $I$  isn't a model of  $KB$ .

- Contradiction. Therefore there cannot be such a  $g$ .

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- Thus  $g$  is generated by the bottom up algorithm.
- Thus  $KB \vdash g$ .



## Clicker Question

Suppose there at some atom  $aaa$  such that

$KB \vdash aaa$  and

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What can be inferred?

- A The proof procedure is not sound
- B The proof procedure is not complete
- C The proof procedure is sound and complete
- D The proof procedure is either sound or complete
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An atomic fact in the knowledge base is considered as a clause where  $p = 0$ .

- An **answer** is an answer clause with  $m = 0$ .  
That is, it is the answer clause  $\text{yes} \leftarrow$ .
- A **derivation** of query “ $?q_1 \wedge \dots \wedge q_k$ ” from  $KB$  is a sequence of answer clauses  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$  such that
  - ▶  $\gamma_0$  is the answer clause  $\text{yes} \leftarrow q_1 \wedge \dots \wedge q_k$
  - ▶  $\gamma_i$  is obtained by resolving  $\gamma_{i-1}$  with a clause in  $KB$
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To solve the query  $?q_1 \wedge \dots \wedge q_k$ :

$ac := \text{“yes} \leftarrow q_1 \wedge \dots \wedge q_k\text{”}$

**repeat**

**select** atom  $a_i$  from the body of  $ac$

**choose** clause  $C$  from  $KB$  with  $a_i$  as head

    replace  $a_i$  in the body of  $ac$  by the body of  $C$

**until**  $ac$  is an answer.

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# Search Graph for SLD Resolution

$a \leftarrow b \wedge c.$	$a \leftarrow g.$
$a \leftarrow h.$	$b \leftarrow j.$
$b \leftarrow k.$	$d \leftarrow m.$
$d \leftarrow p.$	$f \leftarrow m.$
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