

# Model Checking

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# Logical Inference

Given a **knowledge base** of known facts, can we derive new facts? Such facts are said to be **entailed** by the knowledge base.



# Wumpus World



- The player, who can navigate the grid world
- The wumpus, who will eat the player if the player blunders into its square
- Bottomless pits
- A chest of gold

# Wumpus World



- When adjacent to the wumpus, the player detects a stench.
- When adjacent to a pit, the player detects a breeze.
- When in the square with the gold, the player detects a glimmer.

# Wumpus World



Actions:

- Move N, S, E, W
- Grab the treasure



# Propositional Representation

Propositions:

- $BA1$  = “There is a breeze at A1.”
- $BB1$  = “There is a breeze at B1.”
- $PC1$  = “There is a pit at C1.”
- $PA2$  = “There is a pit at A2.”
- $PB2$  = “There is a pit at B2.”

... and so on



# Knowledge Base + Sensing

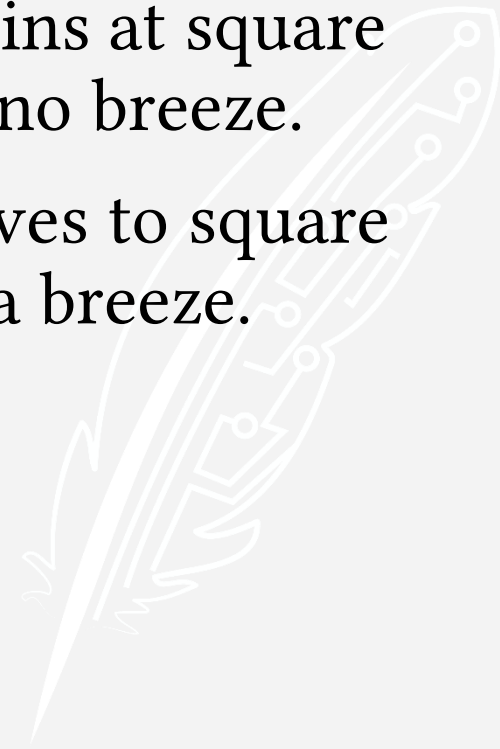
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- $BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1$
  - $BB1 \leftrightarrow PB2 \vee PC1$
- ... and so on
- $\neg BA1$
  - $BB1$

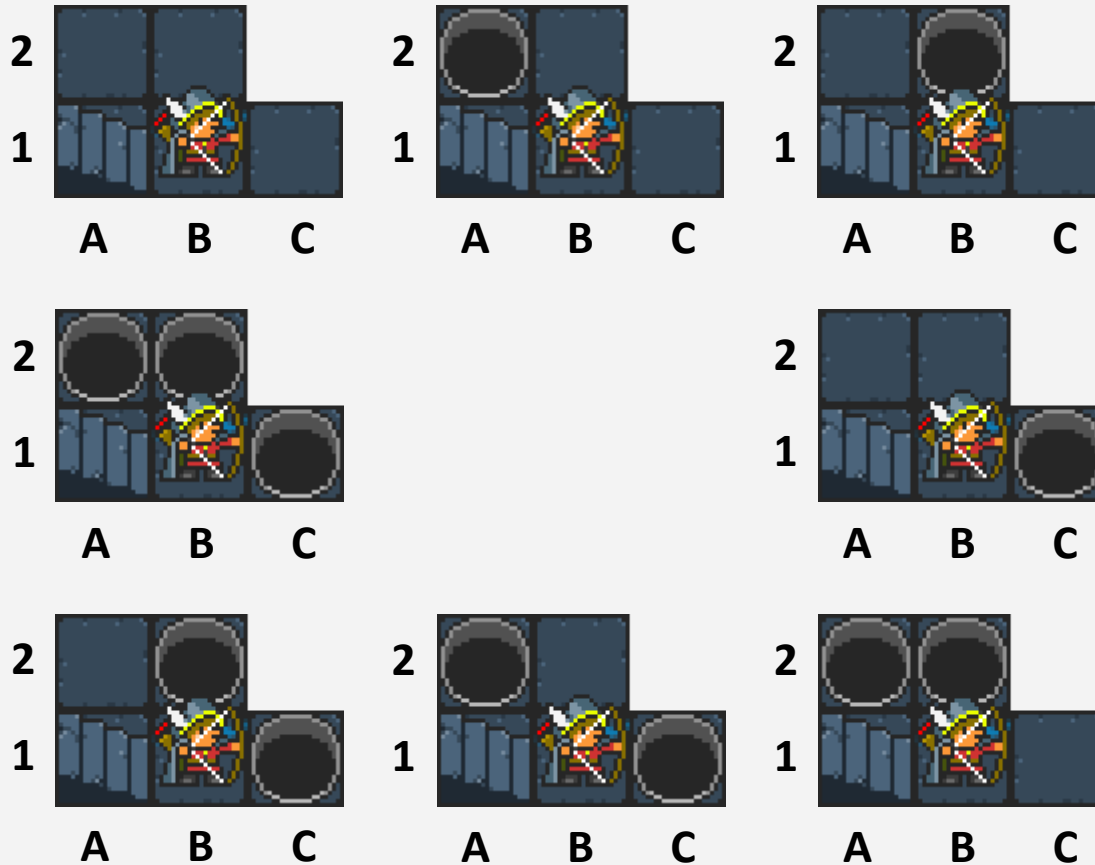
## Events:

The player begins at square A1 and senses no breeze.

The player moves to square B1 and senses a breeze.



# Possible Worlds

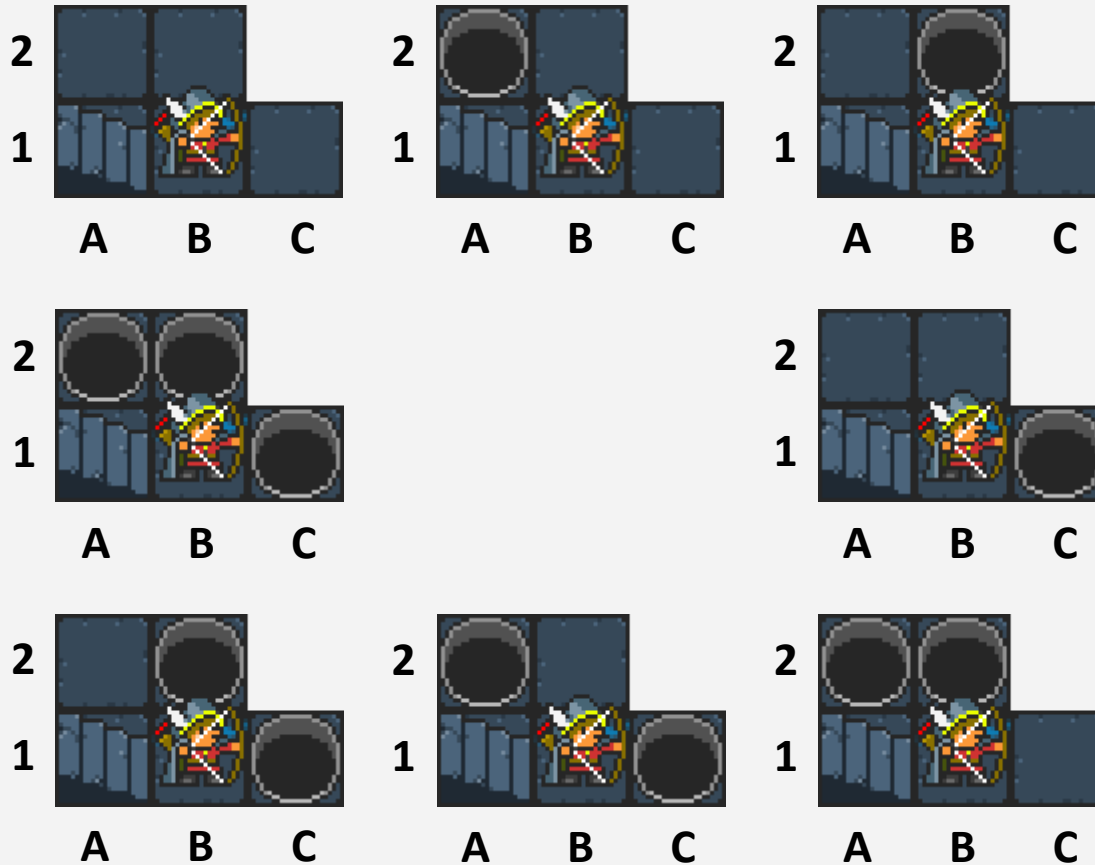


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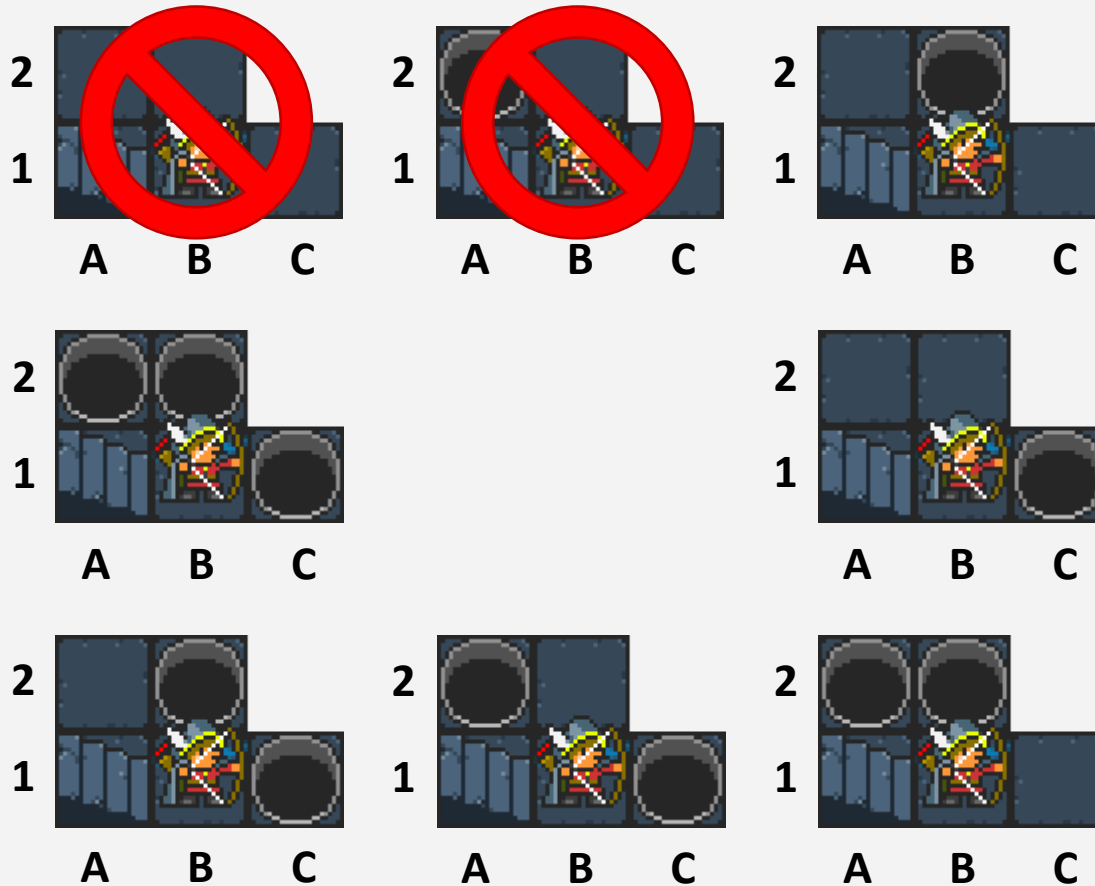
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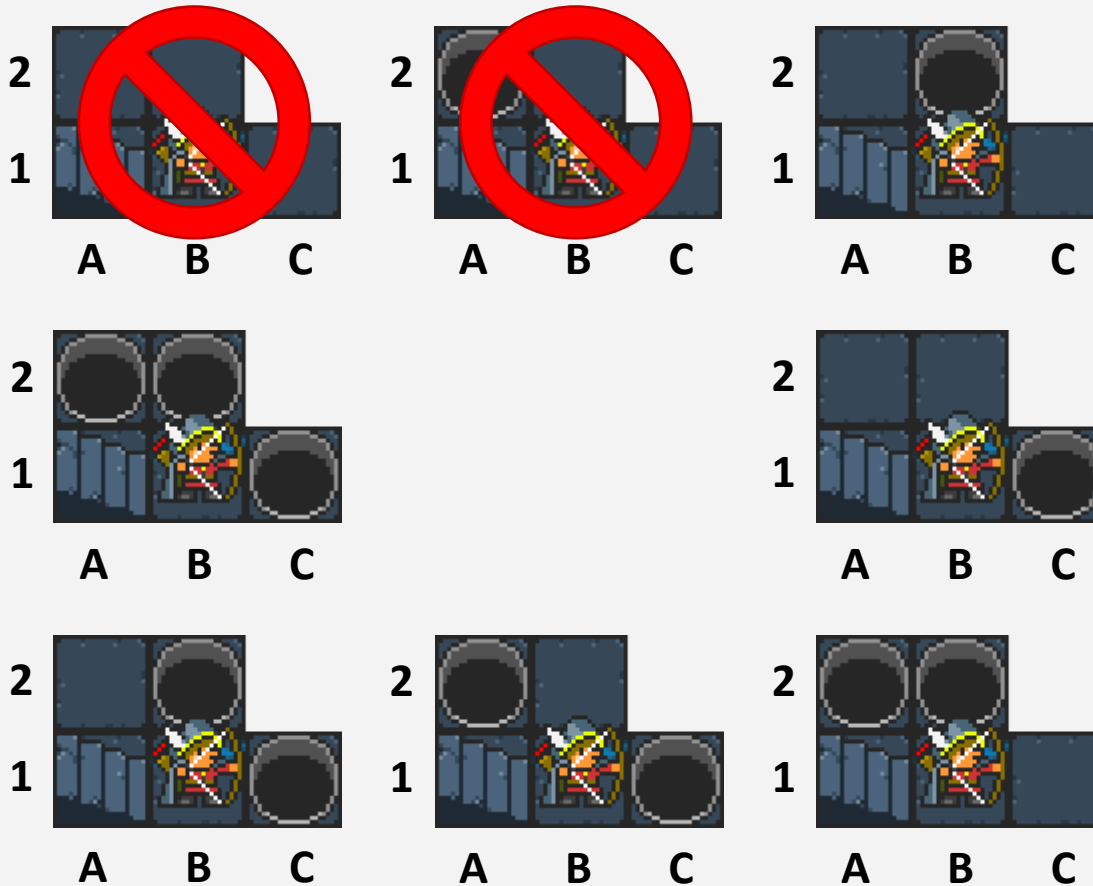
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- ... and so on
- $\neg BA1$
- $BB1$
- $\neg PA2$
- $PB2 \vee PC1$

# Logical Entailment

A fact is logically **entailed** by a knowledge base if it is true in every possible world.



# Computational Deduction

How can we replicate this logical inference procedure on a computer using a simple knowledge representation and a reusable algorithm?

Begin by putting everything into a common format, such as conjunctive normal form (CNF).

Then, explore assignments of *true* or *false* to variables until we find one that works.

# Model Checking

A **model** is an assignment (or partial assignment) of truth values to all the propositional variables for a problem.

The goal of model checking is to find a model which **satisfies** all the known facts in the world.

Model checking is very similar to constraint satisfaction problem solving.



# Propositional Satisfiability

Given a logical expression in CNF and a model, we say that the model satisfies the expression if the expression can be reduced to *true*.

Interesting historical fact: Propositional SAT was the first problem proven to be NP-complete and is the basis on which all NP-completeness proofs rest.

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$$(BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge \\ (BB1 \leftrightarrow PB2 \vee PC1)$$

Remember:  $(x \leftrightarrow y) \leftrightarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x))$

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$$\left( (BA1 \rightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge (PA2 \vee PB1 \rightarrow BA1) \right) \wedge \\ \left( (BB1 \rightarrow PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge (PB2 \vee PC1 \rightarrow BB1) \right)$$

Remember:  $x \wedge (y \wedge z) \leftrightarrow x \wedge y \wedge z$



# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$(BA1 \rightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$(PA2 \vee PB1 \rightarrow BA1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \rightarrow PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(PB2 \vee PC1 \rightarrow BB1)$

Remember:  $(x \rightarrow y) \leftrightarrow (\neg x \vee y)$



# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg BA1 \vee (PA2 \vee PB1)) \wedge \\ & (\neg(PA2 \vee PB1) \vee BA1) \wedge \\ & (\neg BB1 \vee (PB2 \vee PC1)) \wedge \\ & (\neg(PB2 \vee PC1) \vee BB1) \end{aligned}$$

Remember:  $x \vee (y \vee z) \leftrightarrow x \vee y \vee z$



# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$(\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg(PA2 \vee PB1) \vee BA1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(\neg(PB2 \vee PC1) \vee BB1)$

Remember:  $\neg(x \vee y) \leftrightarrow (\neg x \wedge \neg y)$



# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge \\ & \left( (\neg PA2 \wedge \neg PB1) \vee BA1 \right) \wedge \\ & (\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge \\ & \left( (\neg PB2 \wedge \neg PC1) \vee BB1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Remember:  $(x \wedge y) \vee z \iff (z \vee x) \wedge (z \vee y)$

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge \\ & \left( (BA1 \vee \neg PA2) \wedge (BA1 \vee \neg PB1) \right) \wedge \\ & (\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge \\ & \left( (BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge (BB1 \vee \neg PC1) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Remember:  $x \wedge (y \wedge z) \iff x \wedge y \wedge z$





# Wumpus in CNF

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$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

Each of these is a disjunctive clause.

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge \\ & (BA1 \vee \neg PA2) \wedge \\ & (BA1 \vee \neg PB1) \wedge \\ & (\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge \\ & (BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge \\ & (BB1 \vee \neg PC1) \end{aligned}$$

Together, they form  
a conjunction of  
disjunctive clauses...  
a CNF expression!

# Wumpus in CNF

Equivalent SAT file for Project 2:

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(and (or (not BA1) PA2 PB1)
      (or BA1 (not PA2))
      (or BA1 (not PB1))
      (or (not BB1) PB2 PC1)
      (or BB1 (not PB2))
      (or BB1 (not PC1)))
```



# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$(\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$(BA1 \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$

$(BA1 \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

Is this initial set of facts (before any sensing occurs) satisfiable? In other words, does it allow at least one possible world?

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$$(\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$$

$$(BA1 \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$$

$$(BA1 \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$$

$$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$$

$$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$$

$$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$$

## Variables:

$$BA1 = ?$$

$$BB1 = ?$$

$$PA2 = ?$$

$$PB1 = ?$$

$$PB2 = ?$$

$$PC1 = ?$$

Try to find an assignment of T/F to the variables which reduces all clauses to T.

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$$(\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$$

$$(BA1 \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$$

$$(BA1 \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$$

$$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$$

$$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$$

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## Variables:

$$BA1 = ?$$

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$$PA2 = ?$$

$$PB1 = ?$$

$$PB2 = ?$$

$$PC1 = ?$$

Each clause is a disjunction. Only one variable in it needs to be true. As soon as one variable in the clause is T, the whole clause is T.

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$(\neg F \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$   
 $(F \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$   
 $(F \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$   
 $(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$   
 $(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$   
 $(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$

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$PB2 = ?$

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Each clause is a disjunction. Only one variable in it needs to be true. As soon as one variable in the clause is T, the whole clause is T.



# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$(T \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$

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$PA2 = ?$

$PB1 = ?$

$PB2 = ?$

$PC1 = ?$

Each clause is a disjunction. Only one variable in it needs to be true. As soon as one variable in the clause is T, the whole clause is T.

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

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$T \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

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$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$

$BB1 = ?$

$PA2 = ?$

$PB1 = ?$

$PB2 = ?$

$PC1 = ?$

When we know a literal is F, we can remove it from the clause, because it cannot help to make it T.

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

$(\neg PA2) \wedge$

$(\neg PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

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$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$

$BB1 = ?$

$PA2 = ?$

$PB1 = ?$

$PB2 = ?$

$PC1 = ?$

If ever a clause becomes F, we know the model cannot satisfy the expression.

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

$(\neg T) \wedge$

$(\neg PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

## Variables:

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$BB1 = ?$

$PA2 = T$

$PB1 = ?$

$PB2 = ?$

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$T \wedge$

$F \wedge$

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$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

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$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$

$BB1 = ?$

$PA2 = T$

$PB1 = ?$

$PB2 = ?$

$PC1 = ?$

We need to backtrack and try a different value for PA2.



# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

$(\neg PA2) \wedge$

$(\neg PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

## Variables:

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# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

$(\neg F) \wedge$

$(\neg PB1) \wedge$

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$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

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## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

$T \wedge$

$(\neg PB1) \wedge$

$(\neg BB1 \vee PB2 \vee PC1) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PB2) \wedge$

$(BB1 \vee \neg PC1)$

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$PA2 = F$

$PB1 = ?$

$PB2 = ?$

$PC1 = ?$

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# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

$T \wedge$

$(\neg F) \wedge$

$(\neg F \vee F \vee F) \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg F) \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg F)$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$

$BB1 = F$

$PA2 = F$

$PB1 = F$

$PB2 = F$

$PC1 = F$

This model satisfies the expression. The Wumpus World rules allow at least one possible world.

# Wumpus in CNF

## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

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$(T) \wedge$

$(T \vee F \vee F) \wedge$

$(F \vee T) \wedge$

$(F \vee T)$

## Variables:

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$BB1 = F$

$PA2 = F$

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$PB2 = F$

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$PB1 = F$

$PB2 = F$

$PC1 = F$

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# Wumpus in CNF

**Knowledge Base:**

*T*

**Variables:**

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*PA2 = F*

*PB1 = F*

*PB2 = F*

*PC1 = F*

This model satisfies the expression. The Wumpus World rules allow at least one possible world.

# Naïve SAT Solver

Begin with every variable's value unassigned.

To find a model which satisfies a CNF expression:

If every clause is true, return true.

If any clause is empty, return false.

Choose an unassigned variable  $V$ .

Set  $V=T$ . Try to find a model that satisfies.

Set  $V=F$ . Try to find a model that satisfies.

Return false.

Notice the similarity to the CSP solver!



# Using SAT for Inference

Given a knowledge base (which is known to be satisfiable) and some fact, how can we tell if that fact is entailed?

**One approach:** Add the fact to the knowledge base and check if it is still satisfiable.

Will this work?

No! This will only tell us if there exists a possible world in which that fact is true, not if it is actually true.

# Possible Worlds



## Knowledge Base:

- $BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1$
- $BB1 \leftrightarrow PB2 \vee PC1$

## Query:

- $PB2$

It *might* be true, but also it might not be.

# Possible Worlds



## Knowledge Base:

- $BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1$
- $BB1 \leftrightarrow PB2 \vee PC1$

## Query:

- $\neg PA2$

It is true in all possible worlds!

# Proof By Contradiction

Given some proposition  $P$  that you want to prove true, assume  $\neg P$  and show that this leads to an absurd conclusion.

In other words, prove  $P$  by showing that  $\neg P$  is impossible.

In other words, add  $\neg P$  to the knowledge base and show that it has become unsatisfiable.

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

- There is a breeze at A1 if and only if there is a pit at A2 or a pit at B1.
- There is no breeze at A1.

$$(BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$$

$$\neg BA1$$

## Query:

There is no pit in square A2.

$$\neg PA2$$



# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

- There is a breeze at A1 if and only if there is a pit at A2 or a pit at B1.
- There is no breeze at A1.

## Negated Query:

There is a pit in square A2.

$$(BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$$

$$\neg BA1$$

$$PA2$$



# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

- There is a breeze at A1 if and only if there is a pit at A2 or a pit at B1.  $(BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$
- There is no breeze at A1.  $\neg BA1 \wedge$
- There is a pit in square A2.  $PA2$

We add the negated query to the knowledge base and hope that it is unsatisfiable.

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

- There is a breeze at A1 if and only if there is a pit at A2 or a pit at B1.  $(BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$
- There is no breeze at A1.  $\neg BA1 \wedge$
- There is a pit in square A2.  $PA2$

In other words, we can prove  $\neg PA2$  by showing that it can't possibly be the case that  $PA2$ .



# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$(BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$\neg BA1 \wedge$

$PA2$

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# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$$(BA1 \leftrightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$$

$$\neg BA1 \wedge$$

$$PA2$$

First, convert to conjunctive normal form.

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$(BA1 \rightarrow PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$(PA2 \vee PB1 \rightarrow BA1) \wedge$

$\neg BA1 \wedge$

$PA2$

First, convert to conjunctive normal form.

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg BA1 \vee (PA2 \vee PB1)) \wedge \\ & (\neg(PA2 \vee PB1) \vee BA1) \wedge \\ & \neg BA1 \wedge \\ & PA2 \end{aligned}$$

First, convert to conjunctive normal form.

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg BA1 \vee (PA2 \vee PB1)) \wedge \\ & ((\neg PA2 \wedge \neg PB1) \vee BA1) \wedge \\ & \neg BA1 \wedge \\ & PA2 \end{aligned}$$

First, convert to conjunctive normal form.

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg BA1 \vee (PA2 \vee PB1)) \wedge \\ & ((BA1 \vee \neg PA2) \wedge (BA1 \vee \neg PB1)) \wedge \\ & \neg BA1 \wedge \\ & PA2 \end{aligned}$$

First, convert to conjunctive normal form.

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$(\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$(BA1 \vee \neg PA2) \wedge (BA1 \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$

$\neg BA1 \wedge$

$PA2$

First, convert to conjunctive normal form.

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

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# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

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$\neg BA1 \wedge$

$PA2$

## Variables:

$BA1 = ?$

$PA2 = ?$

$PB1 = ?$

Now, check if this expression can be satisfied.  
Remember: we hope that it cannot be!

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$$(\neg T \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$$

$$(T \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$$

$$(T \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$$

$$\neg T \wedge$$

$$PA2$$

## Variables:

$$BA1 = T$$

$$PA2 = ?$$

$$PB1 = ?$$

Now, check if this expression can be satisfied.  
Remember: we hope that it cannot be!

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$(F \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$T \wedge$

$T \wedge$

$F \wedge$

$PA2$

## Variables:

$BA1 = T$

$PA2 = ?$

$PB1 = ?$

Now, check if this expression can be satisfied.  
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# Wumpus SAT

**Knowledge Base:**

*F*

**Variables:**

*BA1 = T*

*PA2 = ?*

*PB1 = ?*

Now, check if this expression can be satisfied.  
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# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

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$(BA1 \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$

$\neg BA1 \wedge$

$PA2$

## Variables:

$BA1 = ?$

$PA2 = ?$

$PB1 = ?$

Now, check if this expression can be satisfied.  
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# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$$(\neg F \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$$

$$(F \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$$

$$(F \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$$

$$\neg F \wedge$$

$$PA2$$

## Variables:

$$BA1 = F$$

$$PA2 = ?$$

$$PB1 = ?$$

Now, check if this expression can be satisfied.  
Remember: we hope that it cannot be!

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$(T \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$

$(F \vee \neg PB1) \wedge$

$T \wedge$

$PA2$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$

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Now, check if this expression can be satisfied.  
Remember: we hope that it cannot be!

# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$T \wedge$

$\neg PA2 \wedge$

$\neg PB1 \wedge$

$T \wedge$

$PA2$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$

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$\neg T \wedge$

$PA2$

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$PA2$

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*F*

**Variables:**

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*PA2 = ?*

*PB1 = T*

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 $PA2 = ?$   
 $PB1 = F$

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# Wumpus SAT

**Knowledge Base:**

$\neg T \wedge$   
 $T$

**Variables:**

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$PA2 = T$

$PB1 = F$

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**Knowledge Base:**

$F \wedge$

$T$

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*F*

**Variables:**

*BA1 = F*

*PA2 = **F***

*PB1 = F*

Now, check if this expression can be satisfied.  
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# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$\neg PA2 \wedge$   
 $PA2$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$   
 $PA2 = ?$   
 $PB1 = F$

There is no way to satisfy this expression!  
We have proved there is no pit in A2.

# Wumpus SAT

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$\neg PA2 \wedge$   
 $PA2$

## Variables:

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 $PA2 = ?$   
 $PB1 = F$

There is no way to satisfy this expression!  
We have proved  $\neg PA2$ .



# Wumpus SAT

## Knowledge Base:

$\neg PA2 \wedge$   
 $PA2$

## Variables:

$BA1 = F$   
 $PA2 = ?$   
 $PB1 = F$

There is no way to satisfy this expression!  
We have proved  $\neg PA2$  because  $PA2$  is impossible.

# Using SAT for Inference

**Query:**  $PA2$

$KB \wedge \neg PA2$  is satisfiable, so we cannot conclude  $PA2$ .

**Query:**  $\neg PA2$

$KB \wedge PA2$  is not satisfiable, so we can conclude  $\neg PA2$ .

$\neg PA2$  is entailed by the knowledge base.

# Improving the SAT Solver

Begin with every variable's value unassigned.

To find a model which satisfies a CNF expression:

If every clause is true, return true.

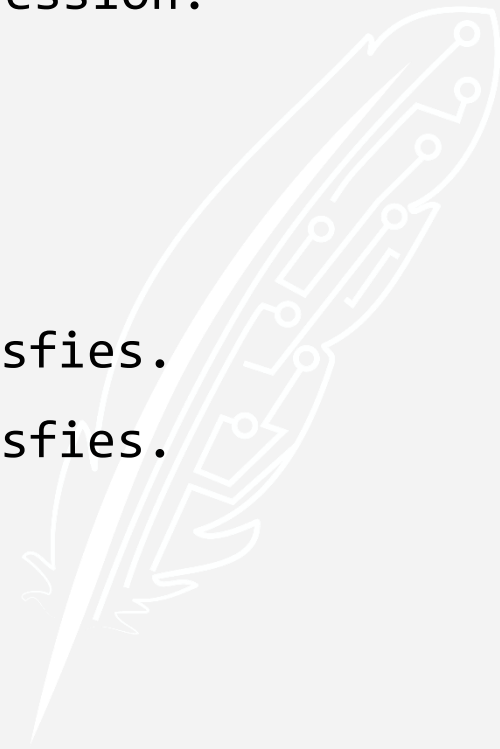
If any clause is empty, return false.

Choose an unassigned variable  $V$ .

Set  $V=T$ . Try to find a model that satisfies.

Set  $V=F$ . Try to find a model that satisfies.

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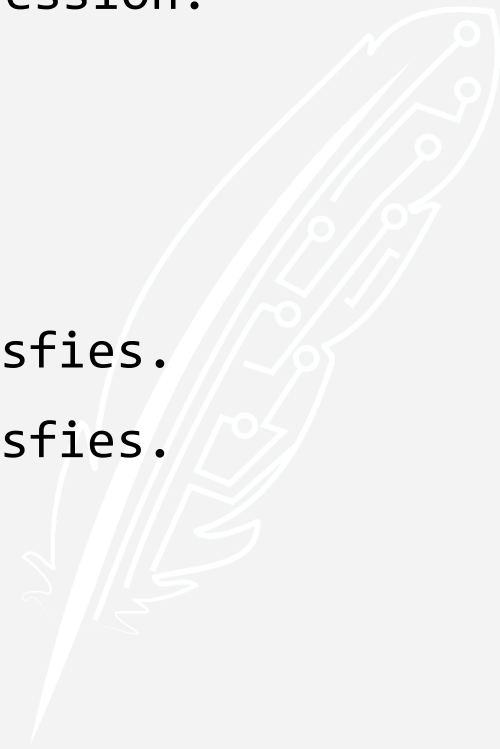
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# Which variable to choose?

**Knowledge Base:**

$(\neg BA1 \vee PA2 \vee PB1) \wedge$

$(BA1 \vee \neg PA2) \wedge$

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$\neg BA1 \wedge$

$PA2$

**Variables:**

$BA1 = ?$

$PA2 = ?$

$PB1 = ?$

Should we try assigning  $BA1 = T$ ?

# Which variable to choose?

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$\neg BA1 \wedge$

$PA2$



**Variables:**

$BA1 = ?$

$PA2 = ?$

$PB1 = ?$

This is called a “unit clause” and  $BA1$  can only be  $F$ .

# Which variable to choose?

**Knowledge Base:**

$$(X \vee Y \vee Z) \wedge$$

$$(\neg Y \vee Z)$$

**Variables:**

$$X = ?$$

$$Y = ?$$

$$Z = ?$$

Is there any reason to try assigning  $Z = F$ ?

# Which variable to choose?

**Knowledge Base:**

$$(X \vee Y \vee Z) \wedge$$

$$(\neg Y \vee Z)$$

**Variables:**

$$X = ?$$

$$Y = ?$$

$$Z = ?$$

$Z$  is called a “pure symbol” because it always appears with the same valence. In other words, we only ever see  $Z$ , and we never see  $\neg Z$ .

There is no reason to bother trying  $Z = F$ .



# DPLL Algorithm

Begin with every variable's value unassigned.

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Simplify the model by assigning unit clauses.

Simplify the model by assigning pure symbols.

If every clause is true, return true.

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Return false.

# Which variable to choose?

**Knowledge Base:**

$$(A \vee B \vee C) \wedge$$

$$(\neg A \vee B) \wedge$$

$$(X \vee Y \vee Z) \wedge$$

$$\neg Y$$

**Variables:**

$$A = ?$$

$$B = ?$$

$$C = ?$$

$$X = ?$$

$$Y = ?$$

$$Z = ?$$

Components can be solved separately, in parallel.

# Borrowing from CSPs

- Variable and value ordering
- Intelligent backtracking and backjumping
- Local search



# Review: Local Search

## **Traditional Search:**

- Start with an empty solution.
- At each step, add one thing to the solution.
- Return solution on success; backtrack on fail.

## **Local Search:**

- Start with a random (probably bad) solution.
- At each step, make one change.
- Run until solution found or out of time.

# Local Search SAT Solver

Randomly assign T or F to every variable.

Until you run out of time:

    If every clause is true, return solution.

    Choose a variable  $V$ .

    Flip the variable ( $T \rightarrow F$  or  $F \rightarrow T$ ).



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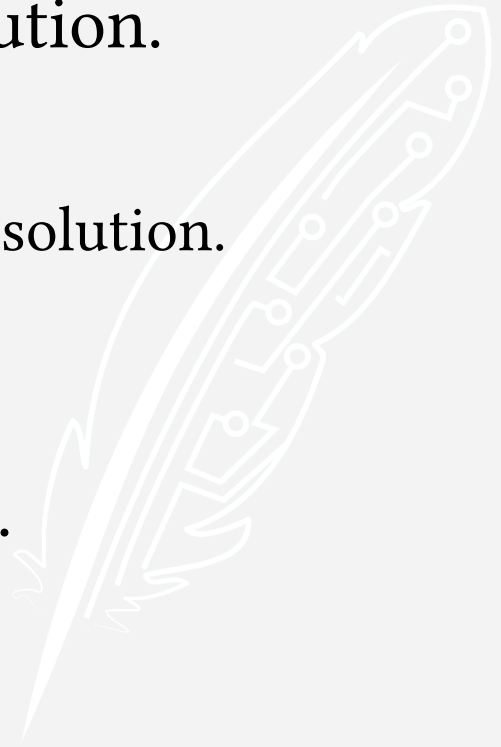
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  - Usually make a change that improves the solution.
  - Sometimes make a random change.
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# Solution Quality (Utility)

How do we measure which solutions to a SAT problem are better than others?

If a problem has  $n$  clauses, then a solution has 0 unsatisfied clauses and  $n$  satisfied clauses.

The number of satisfied clauses is a good measure of how good a solution is. In other words, solutions where more clauses are satisfied are better than ones where fewer clauses are satisfied.

# GSAT Algorithm

Let  $n$  be the "noise parameter," where  $0 < n < 1$ .

Randomly assign T or F to every variable.

Until you run out of time:

    If every clause is true, return solution.

    With probability  $p < n$ :

        Flip a random variable.

    Else:

        Flip the variable that leads to higher utility.

# GSAT Example

Problem: `(and (or A B) (or (not A) B))`

Solution: `A=? B=?`

Expression: `(and (or ? ?) (or (not ?) ?))`

Start with a random assignment of values.

# GSAT Example

Problem: `(and (or A B) (or (not A) B))`

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Is this a solution?      satisfied                      not satisfied

No, so we need to choose a variable to flip.

# GSAT Example

Problem: `(and (or A B) (or (not A) B))`

Solution: `A=T B=F`

Expression: `(and (or T F) (or (not T) F))`

Assume the noise parameter is  $n = 0.25$ .

25% of the time, we choose a variable at random.

We generate a random number  $p = 0.13$  and  $p < n$ , so we pick a variable at random, and we get **A**.

# GSAT Example

Problem: `(and (or A B) (or (not A) B))`

Solution: `A=F B=F`

Expression: `(and (or F F) (or (not F) F))`

Flip **A** from **T** to **F**.

# GSAT Example

Problem: `(and (or A B) (or (not A) B))`

Solution: `A=F B=F`

Expression: `(and (or F F) (or (not F) F))`

Is this a solution?      not satisfied      satisfied

No, so we need to choose a variable to flip.



# GSAT Example

Problem: **(and (or A B) (or (not A) B) )**

Solution: **A=F B=F**

Expression: **(and (or F F) (or (not F) F) )**

We generate a random number  $p = 0.82$  and  $p > n$ , so we will flip the variable that results in the most clauses being satisfied.

# GSAT Example

Problem:  $(\text{and } (\text{or } A B) (\text{or } (\text{not } A) B) )$

Solution:  $A=F \ B=F$

Expression:  $(\text{and } (\text{or } F F) (\text{or } (\text{not } F) F) )$

If we flip **A** from **F** to **T**, how many will be satisfied? 1

If we flip **B** from **F** to **T**, how many will be satisfied? 2

So **B** is the better choice.

# GSAT Example

Problem: `(and (or A B) (or (not A) B))`

Solution: `A=F B=T`

Expression: `(and (or F T) (or (not F) T))`

Flip **B** from **F** to **T**.

# GSAT Example

Problem: `(and (or A B) (or (not A) B))`

Solution: `A=F B=T`

Expression: `(and (or F T) (or (not F) T))`

Is this a solution?      satisfied      satisfied

Yes!

# Improving GSAT

Two features of GSAT we would like to improve:

- Consider flipping every variable at every step.
- Random moves are a little too random.



# WalkSAT Algorithm

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Randomly assign T or F to every variable.

Until you run out of time:

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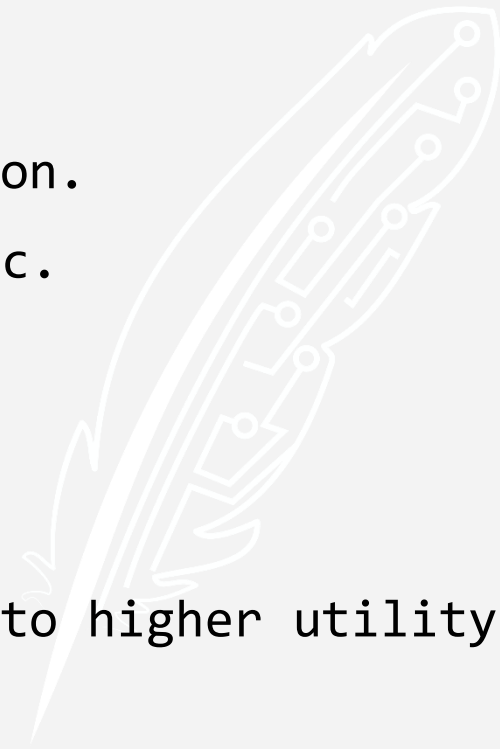
    Randomly choose an unsatisfied clause  $c$ .

    With probability  $p < n$ :

        Flip a random variable in  $c$ .

    Else:

        Flip the variable in  $c$  that leads to higher utility.



# GSAT vs. WalkSAT

- Algorithms are very similar. The only difference is how they choose which variable to flip.
- GSAT considers every variable every time.
- WalkSAT first chooses an unsatisfied clause, then chooses a variable in that clause.
- WalkSAT has a chance of improving the solution even when making a random move.