

# Splitting an operator

## An algebraic modularity result and its application to logic programming

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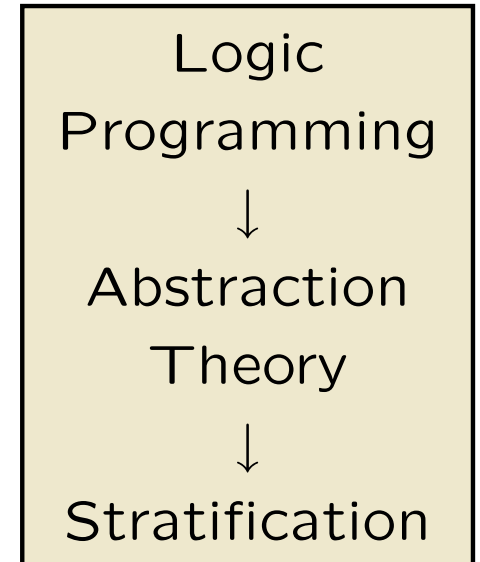
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# Various Logic Program Semantics

- Assign “meaning” to a program / knowledge base: perfect model, stable models, **well-founded model**
- Normal (logic) programs: negation in rule body allowed.

$$win(X) \leftarrow move(X, Y), not\ win(Y) \quad (1)$$

$$move(c, d) \leftarrow \quad (2)$$

$$move(a, b) \leftarrow \quad (3)$$

$$move(b, a) \leftarrow \quad (4)$$

- The** well-founded model:

True	Undefined	False
<i>win(c)</i>	<i>win(a)</i>	<i>win(d)</i>
	<i>win(b)</i>	

- Two** stable models:

	True	False		True	False
(i)	<i>win(c)</i>	<i>win(d)</i>	(ii)	<i>win(c)</i>	<i>win(d)</i>
	<i>win(a)</i>	<i>win(b)</i>		<i>win(b)</i>	<i>win(a)</i>

## More About Well-Founded Models

- See [VanGelder/Ross/Schlipf 89, Przymusinski 91]
- Generally accepted for “reasonable” sceptical reasoning
- “well-behaved” :
  - always exists, stratification not required
  - unique model
  - goal-oriented procedure exists
  - quadratic complexity
- *undef* is assigned to atoms which negatively depend on themselves, and for which no independent “well-founded” derivation exists
- XSB-Prolog system (Warren et. al., top-down system)
- SModels (Niemelä et. al., bottom-up system, also for stable model semantics)

# “Building in” Information into Programs

● Program  $P$

$q \leftarrow$	$r \leftarrow not\ s$
$p \leftarrow not\ q, s$	$p \leftarrow not\ p$

● Partial interpretation  $\mathcal{J}$

True	Undefined	False
$q$	$p, r$	$s$

● Quotient program  $\frac{P}{\mathcal{J}}$

$q \leftarrow$	$r \leftarrow true$
$p \leftarrow false, s$	$p \leftarrow undef$

●  $\mathcal{J}$  is a partial model of  $\frac{P}{\mathcal{J}}$  iff for all  $Head \leftarrow Body$  in  $\frac{P}{\mathcal{J}}$ :

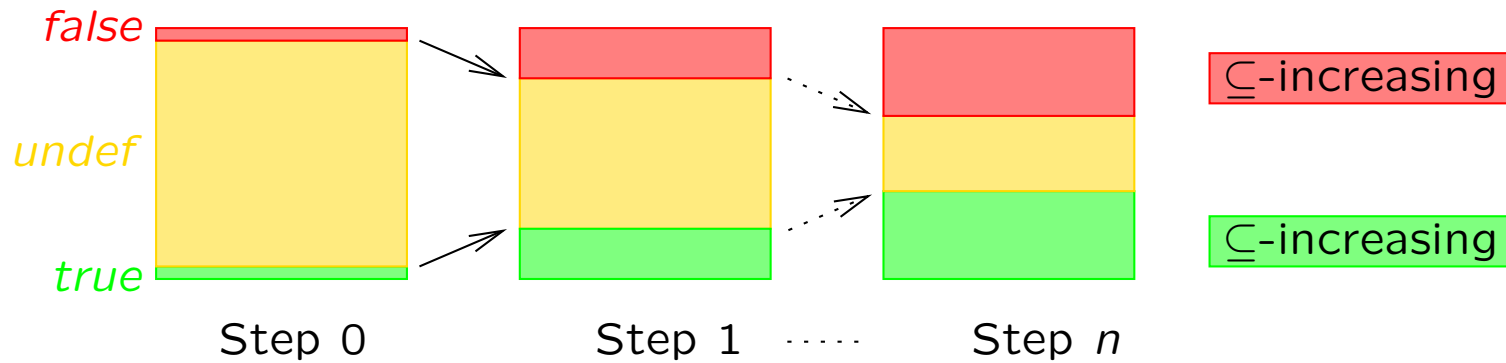
- If  $\mathcal{J}(Body) = true$  then  $\mathcal{J}(Head) = true$
- If  $\mathcal{J}(Head) = false$  then  $\mathcal{J}(Body) = false$

● **Least** partial model  $LPM(\frac{P}{\mathcal{J}})$

True	Undefined	False
$q, r$	$p$	$s$

- $\mathcal{J}$  minimizes *true* atoms, and
- $\mathcal{J}$  maximizes *false* atoms

# Well-Founded Models as Fixpoint Iteration



- Maintain two sets to represent  $\mathcal{J}_i$ :
  - The “*true*” atoms
  - The “*true* or *undef*” atoms
- Set  $\mathcal{J}_0 = \text{“all } undef \text{”}$  and do  $\mathcal{J}_{i+1} = LPM(\frac{P}{\mathcal{J}_i})$  until fixpoint, where
- sequence  $(\mathcal{J}_0 = \text{“all } false \text{”}), \mathcal{J}_1, \dots, \mathcal{J}_{n-1}, (\mathcal{J}_n = \mathcal{J}_{n+1} = LPM(\frac{P}{\mathcal{J}_i}))$  obtained with operator associated to  $(Head \leftarrow Body) \in \frac{P}{\mathcal{J}_i}$ :
  - (i) If  $\mathcal{J}_k(Body) = true$  then  $\mathcal{J}_{k+1}(Head) = true$
  - (ii) If  $\mathcal{J}_{k+1}(Head) = false$  then  $\mathcal{J}_k(Body) = false$  iff  
 If  $\underbrace{\mathcal{J}_k(Body) \neq false}_{\mathcal{J}_k(Body) \in \{true, undef\}}$  then  $\underbrace{\mathcal{J}_{k+1}(Head) \neq false}_{\mathcal{J}_{k+1}(Head) \in \{true, undef\}}$

# Computing Well-Founded Models, Step 0 $\mapsto$ Step 1

$P$

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$a \leftarrow$

$c \leftarrow \text{not } b, a$

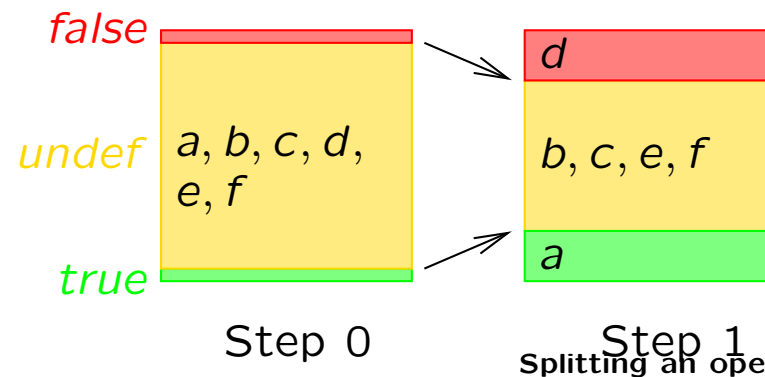
$b \leftarrow \text{not } c$

$e \leftarrow \text{not } d$

$f \leftarrow e$

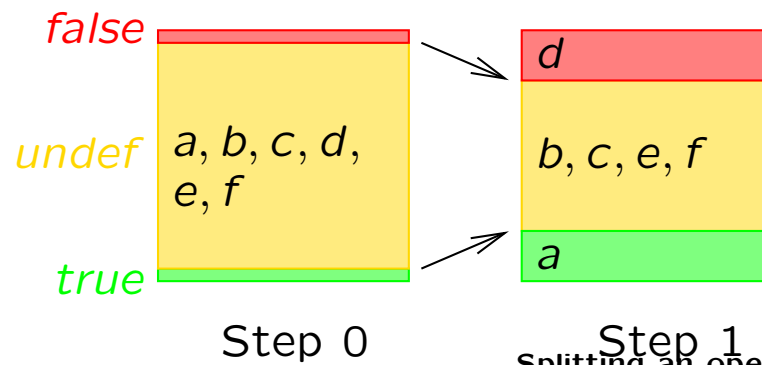
$f \leftarrow \text{not } a$

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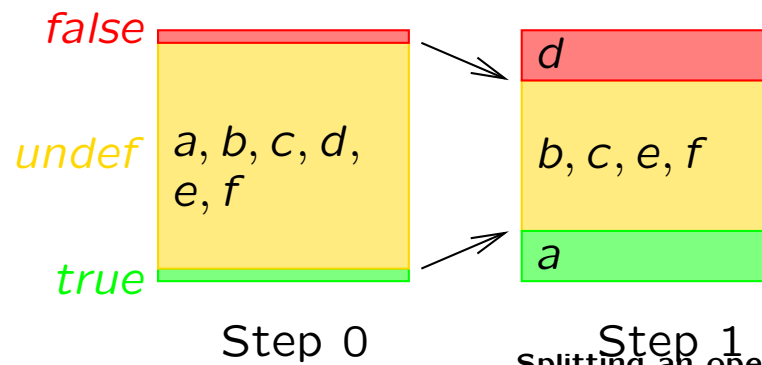
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$e \leftarrow \text{not } d$	$e \leftarrow \text{undef}$
$f \leftarrow e$	$f \leftarrow e$
$f \leftarrow \text{not } a$	$f \leftarrow \text{undef}$



# Computing Well-Founded Models, Step 0 $\mapsto$ Step 1

$P$	(i) build $P/$ <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>a, b, c, d, e, f</math></span>
$a \leftarrow$	$a \leftarrow$
$c \leftarrow \text{not } b, a$	$c \leftarrow \text{undef}, a$
$b \leftarrow \text{not } c$	$b \leftarrow \text{undef}$
$e \leftarrow \text{not } d$	$e \leftarrow \text{undef}$
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(ii) derive new *true* atoms  $a$



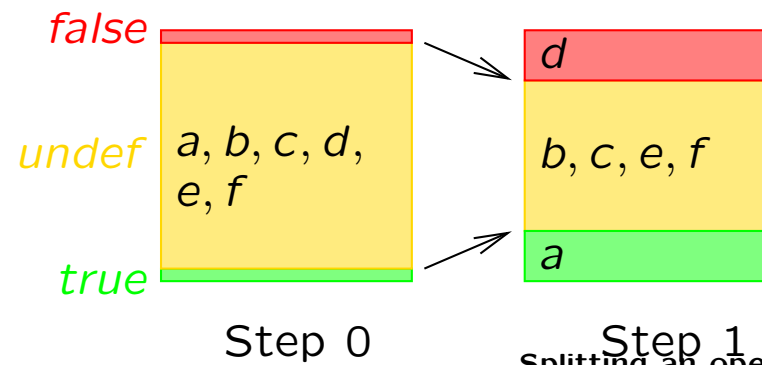


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(ii) derive new *true* atoms a

(iii) derive new *true* or *undef* atoms a b, c, e, f



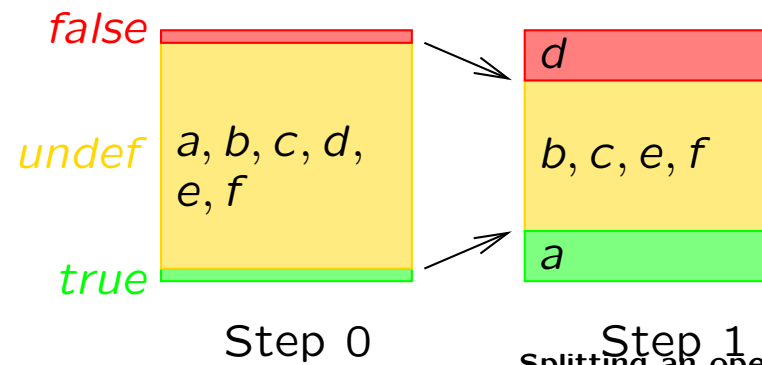
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$f \leftarrow \text{not } a$	$f \leftarrow \text{undef}$

(ii) derive new *true* atoms  $a$

(iii) derive new *true* or *undef* atoms  $a$   $b, c, e, f$

(iv) conclude new *false* atoms  $d$



# Computing Well-Founded Models, Step 1 $\rightarrow$ Step 2

$P$

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$a \leftarrow$

$c \leftarrow \text{not } b, a$

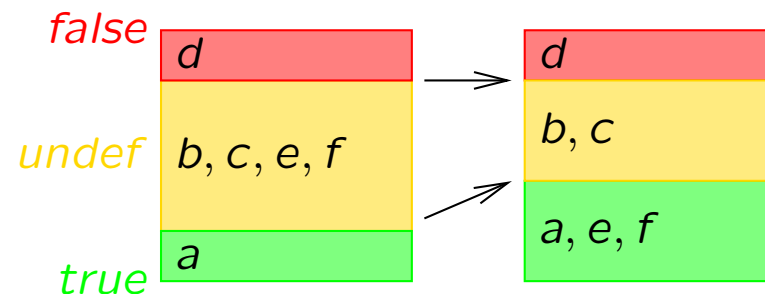
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$e \leftarrow \text{not } d$

$f \leftarrow e$

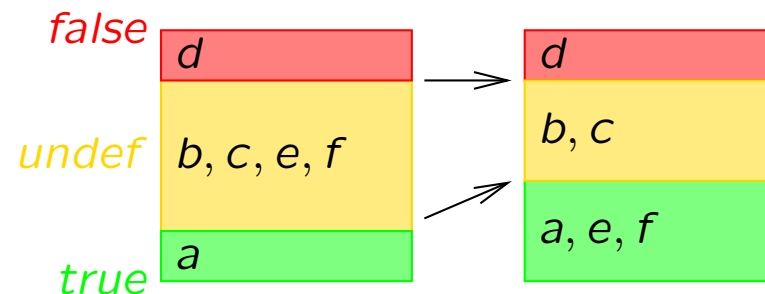
$f \leftarrow \text{not } a$

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# Computing Well-Founded Models, Step 1 $\mapsto$ Step 2

$P$	(i) build $P/$
	<span style="background-color: green; color: black;">a</span> <span style="background-color: yellow; color: black;">b, c, e, f</span> <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">d</span>
$a \leftarrow$	$a \leftarrow$
$c \leftarrow \text{not } b, a$	$c \leftarrow \text{undef}, a$
$b \leftarrow \text{not } c$	$b \leftarrow \text{undef}$
$e \leftarrow \text{not } d$	$e \leftarrow \text{true}$
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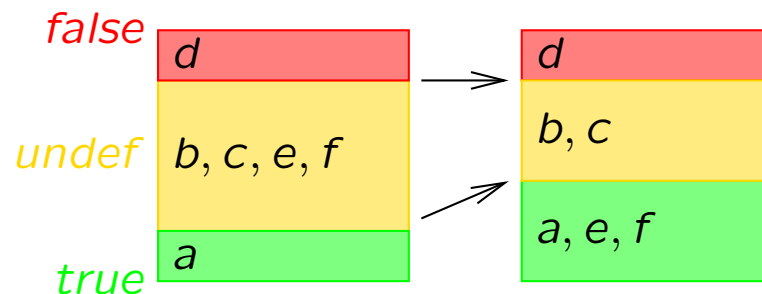
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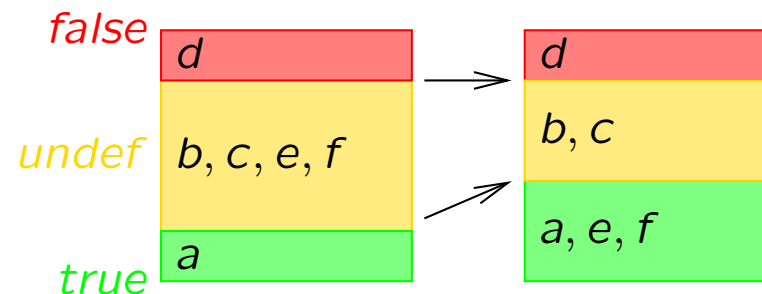
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$b \leftarrow \text{not } c$	$b \leftarrow \text{undef}$
$e \leftarrow \text{not } d$	$e \leftarrow \text{true}$
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(ii) derive new *true* atoms a, e, f

(iii) derive new *true* or *undef* atoms a, e, f b, c



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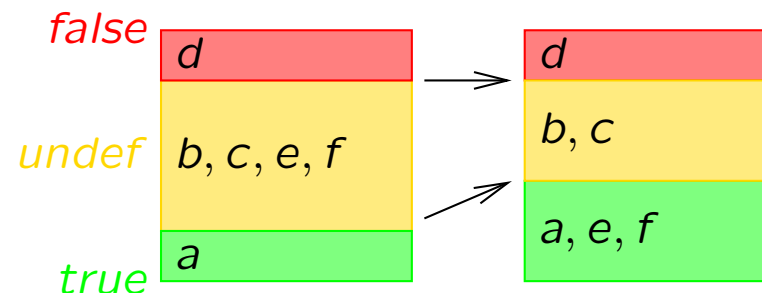
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(ii) derive new *true* atoms  $a, e, f$

(iii) derive new *true* or *undef* atoms  $a, e, f, b, c$

(iv) conclude new *false* atoms  $d$



Step 1

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# Abstraction Theory (Denecker, Marek and Truszczyński)

Recall Fitting operator for logic programs:

- (i) If  $\mathcal{J}_k(\text{Body}) = \text{true}$  then  $\mathcal{J}_{k+1}(\text{Head}) = \text{true}$
- (ii) If  $\mathcal{J}_k(\text{Body}) \neq \text{false}$  then  $\mathcal{J}_{k+1}(\text{Head}) \neq \text{false}$

Fitting: Semantics as fixpoints of certain derived operators

## Abstraction Theory

- Operator (i) alone is sufficient, (ii) is derived (minor issue)
- Other major knowledge representation formalisms (Autoepistemic Logic, Default Logic) can be described by operators comparable to (i) with same monotonicity properties
- **Conclusion:** Develop theory on an abstract level.
- **Applications:**
  - Comparable (new) semantics for AEL and DL Logic as in logic programming
  - Abstract results on stratification

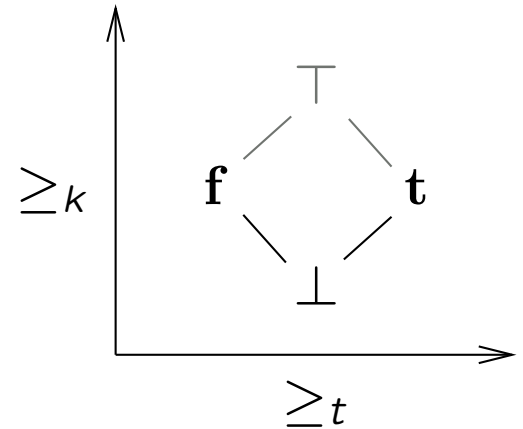


# Ordering Interpretations

Ordering of truth values:

$\geq_k$  knowledge (precision, information) ordering

$\geq_t$  truth ordering



Maintain two sets  $(X, Y) \in 2^\Sigma \times 2^\Sigma$  to represent an interpretation:

- The “*true*” atoms  $X$
- The “*true* or *undef*” atoms  $Y$

Further notions:

- $(X, X)$  is **exact**
- $(X, Y)$  is **consistent** iff  $X \subseteq Y$

Ordering interpretations, bilattices  $(2^\Sigma \times 2^\Sigma, \leq_k)$  and  $(2^\Sigma \times 2^\Sigma, \leq_t)$ :

$(X, Y) \leq_k (X', Y')$  iff  $X \subseteq X'$  and  $Y' \subseteq Y$  (Knowledge ordering)

$(X, Y) \leq_t (X', Y')$  iff  $X \subseteq X'$  and  $Y \subseteq Y'$  (Truth ordering)

# Evaluation of Formulas

$$H_{(X,Y)}(\phi) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{t} & \phi \text{ is true in the interpretation defined by } (X, Y) \\ \mathbf{f} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H_{(X,Y)}(p) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{t} & \text{if } p \in X \quad (p \text{ an atom}) \\ \mathbf{f} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H_{(X,Y)}(\phi \wedge / \vee \psi) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{t} & \text{if } H_{(X,Y)}(\phi) = \mathbf{t} \text{ and/or } H_{(X,Y)}(\psi) = \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{f} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H_{(X,Y)}(\neg\phi) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{t} & \text{if } H_{(Y,X)}(\phi) = \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{f} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Associating Operators to Programs

Let  $P$  be a Program. Define operator  $U_P : 2^\Sigma \times 2^\Sigma \mapsto 2^\Sigma$ :

$$U_P(X, Y) = \{p \in \Sigma \mid \text{there is } (p \leftarrow q, \neg r) \in P \text{ with } H_{X,Y}(q \wedge \neg r) = \text{t}\}$$

Note:  $H_{X,Y}(q \wedge \neg r) = \text{t}$  iff  $q$  is *true* and  $r$  is *false* in  $(X, Y)$

## Special case

Well known two-valued operator  $T_P : 2^\Sigma \mapsto 2^\Sigma$ :

$$X \mapsto U_P(X, X)$$

## Properties

- Fixpoints of  $T_P$  need not exist, take  $P = \{p \leftarrow \neg p\}$
- Fixpoints of  $T_P$  are **two-valued supported models**  
E.g. fixpoints of  $T_{\{p \leftarrow p\}}$  are  $\{\}$  and  $\{p\}$
- If  $P$  is definite then  $T_P$  is monotone; LFP is **minimal model**

# Fitting Operator as Symmetric Application of $U_P$

Recall  $(X, Y)$  means (“*true* atoms”, “*true* or *undef* atoms”)

Recall

$$U_P(X, Y) = \{p \in \Sigma \mid \text{there is } (p \leftarrow q, \neg r) \in P \text{ with } H_{X,Y}(q \wedge \neg r) = t\}$$

$H_{X,Y}(q \wedge \neg r) = t$  iff  $q$  is *true* and  $r$  is *false* in  $(X, Y)$

Now swap  $X$  and  $Y$ :

$$U_P(Y, X) = \{p \in \Sigma \mid \text{there is } (p \leftarrow q, \neg r) \in P \text{ with } H_{Y,X}(q \wedge \neg r) = t\}$$

$H_{Y,X}(q \wedge \neg r) = t$  iff  $q$  is *true* or *undef* and  $r$  is *false* or *undef* in  $(X, Y)$

Define Fitting operator  $\mathcal{T}_P(X, Y) = (U_P(X, Y), U_P(Y, X))$

$\mathcal{T}_P$  is  $\leq_k$ -monotone:

if  $X \subseteq X'$  and  $Y' \subseteq Y$

then  $U_P(X, Y) \subseteq U_P(X', Y')$  and  $U_P(Y', X') \subseteq U_P(Y, X)$

## Intuition for $\mathcal{T}_P$

$$\mathcal{T}_P(X, Y)(p) = \begin{cases} \textit{true} & \text{if there is } (p \leftarrow q, \neg r) \in P \text{ where } \\ & q \text{ and } \neg r \text{ are } \textit{true} \text{ in } (X, Y) \\ \textit{true} \text{ or } \textit{undef} & \text{if there is } (p \leftarrow q, \neg r) \in P \text{ where } \\ & q \text{ and } \neg r \text{ are } \textit{true} \text{ or } \textit{undef} \text{ in } (X, Y) \\ \textit{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Equivalently:

$$\mathcal{T}_P(X, Y)(p) = \begin{cases} \textit{true} & \text{if there is } (p \leftarrow q, \neg r) \in P \text{ where } \\ & q \text{ and } \neg r \text{ are } \textit{true} \text{ in } (X, Y) \\ \textit{false} & \text{if for all } (p \leftarrow q, \neg r) \in P \text{ it holds } \\ & q \text{ or } \neg r \text{ is } \textit{false} \text{ in } (X, Y) \\ \textit{true} \text{ or } \textit{undef} & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Properties of $\mathcal{T}_P$

- $\mathcal{T}_P$  is  $\leq_k$ -monotone, thus least fixpoint exists;  
Bottom element is  $(\{\}, \Sigma)$   
Gives **Kripke-Kleene semantics**, (or Fitting semantics)
- Examples

Program	Fixpoint iteration
$p \leftarrow \neg q$	$(\{\}, \{p, q\}) \rightarrow (\{\}, \{p\}) \rightarrow (\{p\}, \{p\})$
$p \leftarrow \neg p$	$(\{\}, \{p, q\}) \rightarrow (\{\}, \{p\})$
$p \leftarrow p$	$(\{\}, \{p, q\}) \rightarrow (\{\}, \{p\})$

# Abstraction Theory (1)

- Given a lattice  $(L, \leq)$  – concrete case  $(2^\Sigma, \subseteq)$
- Bilattice  $(L \times L, \leq_p)$  – concrete case  $(2^\Sigma \times 2^\Sigma, \leq_k)$
- Approximation:** any  $\leq_p$ -monotone operator  $A : L \times L \mapsto L \times L$   
A can be written as

$$\underbrace{A(X, Y)}_{\mathcal{T}_P(X, Y)} = \left( \underbrace{A_1(X, Y)}_{U_P(X, Y)}, \underbrace{A_2(X, Y)}_{U_P(Y, X)} \right)$$

- Derived operators (1) - holding an argument as parameter:

$$A^1(\cdot, Y) = \lambda X. A_1(X, Y) \text{ – concrete case } A^1(\cdot, Y) = \lambda X. U_p(X, Y)$$
$$A^2(X, \cdot) = \lambda Y. A_2(X, Y) \text{ – concrete case } A^2(X, \cdot) = \lambda Y. U_p(Y, X)$$

Both  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are  $\leq$ -monotone

## Abstraction Theory (2)

- Derived operators (1) from above:

$$A^1(\cdot, Y) = \lambda X. A_1(X, Y)$$

$$A^2(X, \cdot) = \lambda Y. A_2(X, Y)$$

- Derived operators (2):  $(C_{\mathcal{J}_P}^\downarrow(Y), C_{\mathcal{J}_P}^\uparrow(X)) = LPM(\frac{P}{(X, Y)})$

$$C_A^\downarrow(Y) = LFP(A^1(\cdot, Y))$$

$$C_A^\uparrow(X) = LFP(A^2(X, \cdot))$$

Both  $C_A^\downarrow$  and  $C_A^\uparrow$  are  $\leq$ -antimonotone

- Partial stable operator of A:**

$$\mathcal{C}_A(X, Y) = (C_A^\downarrow(Y), C_A^\uparrow(X))$$

Because  $C_A^\downarrow$  and  $C_A^\uparrow$  are  $\leq$ -antimonotone,  $\mathcal{C}_A$  is  $\leq_p$ -monotone

$LFP(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{J}_P})$  (wrt.  $\leq_k$ ) is the **well-founded model**

Two-valued fixpoints of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{J}_P}$  are the **stable models**



# Summary - Abstraction Theory → Logic Programming

Start with an operator  $O$  – concrete case  $U_P$ .

Semantics of derived operators:

- $T_P(X) = U_P(X, X)$ 
  - Fixpoints: 2-valued supported models
- $\mathcal{T}_P(X, Y) = (U_P(X, Y), U_P(Y, X))$ 
  - Fixpoints: 3-valued supported models
  - LFP: Kripke-Kleene semantics
- Let  $A = \mathcal{T}_P$ . Partial stable operator  $\mathcal{C}_A(X, Y) = (C_A^\downarrow(Y), C_A^\uparrow(X))$ 
  - Fixpoints: (partial) stable models
  - LFP: well-founded model

# Application to Default Logic and Autoepistemic Logic

Default Logic and Autoepistemic Logic semantics can be described by suitable operators  $O$ . Then:

- Usual Moore semantics for AEL is given by 2-valued supported models (“ $X \vdash \rightarrow U_P(X, X)$ ”)
- Usual Reiter semantics for DL is given by 2-valued stable models
- Intuitive mapping from DL to AEL:

Default logic inference  
rule:

$$\frac{\alpha : \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n}{\gamma}$$

Translation to Autoepistemic  
Logic:

$$\mathbf{L}\alpha \wedge \neg \mathbf{L}\neg\beta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg \mathbf{L}\neg\beta_n \rightarrow \gamma$$

Reiter semantics for DL is the same as the 2-valued stable model semantics for the translation!

# Dependency Graph leads to Stratification

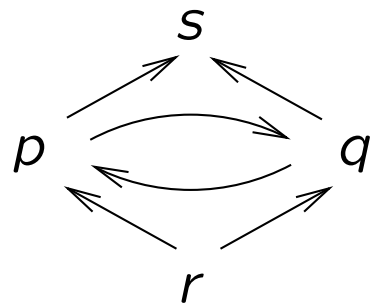
Example,  $\Sigma = \{p, q, r\}$ :

$$P: \quad s \leftarrow p, q \quad (1)$$

$$p \leftarrow \neg q, \neg r \quad (2)$$

$$q \leftarrow \neg p, \neg r \quad (3)$$

Dependency graph:



$$\Sigma_2 = \{s\}$$

$$\Sigma_1 = \{p, q\}$$

$$\Sigma_0 = \{r\}$$

Suggests **splitting**  $\Sigma = \Sigma_0 \dot{\cup} \Sigma_1 \dot{\cup} \Sigma_2$

**Contribution:** The program  $P$  is not stratified in the standard sense, but models can still be constructed in a stratified way

$$\Sigma_0 \rightarrow \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2.$$

# Stratification in Abstraction Theory - Product Lattices

So far: lattice  $(2^\Sigma, \subseteq)$  and bilattice  $(2^\Sigma \times 2^\Sigma, \leq_k)$

Now:

- Product lattice  $(\bigotimes_{i=0,\dots,n} 2^{\Sigma_i}, \subseteq)$ , where
  - $(\bigotimes_{i=0,\dots,n} 2^{\Sigma_i}, \subseteq) = (2^{\Sigma_0}, \dots, 2^{\Sigma_n})$ , and
  - $(x_0, \dots, x_n) = x \subseteq y = (y_0, \dots, y_n)$  iff  $x_0 \subseteq y_0$  and  $\dots$  and  $x_n \subseteq y_n$

- Example:  $\Sigma = \underbrace{\{r\}}_{\Sigma_0} \dot{\cup} \underbrace{\{p, q\}}_{\Sigma_1} \dot{\cup} \underbrace{\{s\}}_{\Sigma_2}$

$$x = (\{r\}, \{p\}, \{\}) \in \bigotimes_{i=0,1,2} 2^{\Sigma_i}$$

$$y = (\{r\}, \{p, q\}, \{s\}) \in \bigotimes_{i=0,1,2} 2^{\Sigma_i}$$

It holds  $x \subseteq y$

- Bilattice of product lattices  $(\bigotimes_{i=0,\dots,n} 2^{\Sigma_i} \times \bigotimes_{i=0,\dots,n} 2^{\Sigma_i}, \leq_k)$
- Product lattice of bilattices  $(\bigotimes_{i=0,\dots,n} (2^{\Sigma_i} \times 2^{\Sigma_i}), \leq_k)$

# Stratification in Abstraction Theory - Results

Notation: e.g.  $x = (\{r\}, \{p\}, \{\})$ . Then  $x|_{\leq 1} = (\{r\}, \{p\})$

**Definition:** (“Applying  $O$  at stratum  $i$  does not depend from strata  $> i$ .”)

Operator  $O$  on a product lattice  $L$  is **stratifiable** iff

for all  $x, y \in L$  and all  $i = 0, \dots, n$ :

if  $x|_{\leq i} = y|_{\leq i}$  then  $O(x)|_{\leq i} = O(y)|_{\leq i}$ .

**Theorem:** (“Logic programming: splitting results in stratification”)

Let  $P$  be a logic program and  $(\Sigma_i)_{i=0, \dots, n}$  a splitting.

Then the operator  $\mathcal{T}_P$  on the bilattice of the product lattice

$(\bigotimes_{i=0, \dots, n} 2^{\Sigma_i} \times \bigotimes_{i=0, \dots, n} 2^{\Sigma_i}, “\leq_k”)$  is stratifiable.

**Theorem:** (“Stratum-wise computation of fixpoints”)

Let  $L$  be a product lattice,  $O$  a stratifiable operator and  $x \in L$ .

Then  $x$  is a fixpoint of  $O$  iff for all  $i = 0, \dots, n$ :

$x|_i$  is a fixpoint of  $O(x)|_i$  ( $x|_i$  fixpoint of  $O_i^{x|_{< i}}$ ).

→ similar result for least fixpoints

# Stratification: Example

$O$  is  $\mathcal{T}_P$ , where

$$P: \quad s \leftarrow p, q \quad (1)$$

$$p \leftarrow \neg q, \neg r \quad (2)$$

$$q \leftarrow \neg p, \neg r \quad (3)$$

Task: compute well-founded model  $x$  of  $P$  (i.e. least fixpoint of  $\mathcal{T}_P$ )

Construct well-founded models of  $P_0^{x|<0}$ ,  $P_1^{x|<1}$ ,  $P_2^{x|<2}$

$\Sigma_0 = \{r\}$ ,  $P_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $P_0^{x|<0} = \emptyset$ , well-founded model is  $x|<1 = (\{\}, \{\})$

$\Sigma_1 = \{p, q\}$ ,  $P_1 = \{(2), (3)\}$ , with  $x|<1(r) = \text{false}$  have

$$P_1^{x|<1}: \quad p \leftarrow \neg q, t \quad (2')$$

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with  $x|_{<2}(r) = \text{false}$ ,  $x|_{<2}(p) = \text{undef}$  and  $x|_{<2}(q) = \text{undef}$  have

$P_2^{x|_{<2}}$ :

$$s \leftarrow u, u \quad (1')$$

Well-founded model is  $x|_{<3} = ((\{\}, \{\}, \{\}), (\{\}, \{p, q\}, \{s\}))$

This is the well-founded model of  $P$

# Conclusions

- Abstraction theory: framework to explain and construct semantics of knowledge representation formalism in a uniform way
- Abstract concept of stratification: useful for own work