

# And-Tree-based Search

## Example: Model-elimiation

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# And-Tree Applied to Model-elimination

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# Concrete Example: Model-elimination

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- Another, now analytical, way to solve the problem of determining if a formula is a consequence of a set of formulas
- Again works with sets of clauses
- A problem is divided into subproblems by employing a clause  $L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_n$ :  
n subproblems are generated, each of which assumes that additionally a certain instance  $\sigma$  of  $L_i$  is true (each subproblem uses a different  $L_i$  but the same  $\sigma$ )
  - Note:  $\sigma$  is the mgu as we saw prior

# Model Elimination (II)

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- We start with a "world" containing no predicate or its negation (i.e. everything is possible)
- Then we select a leaf in our tree and a clause  $L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_n$  and generate the successor nodes as described above. One additional condition is that at least one of the resulting subproblems is solved (except for a transition out of the "empty" world).
- A subproblem is solved, if it contains  $P$  and  $\neg P'$  such that there is a  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma(P) \equiv \sigma(P')$  (usually we use  $\sigma = \text{mgu}(P, P')$ )

# Model Elimination (III)

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- By using the mgu, each time we do this, we have to apply it to all subproblems we have generated so far (in order to guarantee that solutions to subproblems are compatible).
- Our problem is solved (positively), if all subproblems are solved.

# Model-elimination: Examples

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# Model Elimination (IV)

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- Solve the following problem instances:

1)  $p \vee q, p \vee \neg q, \neg p \vee q, \neg p \vee \neg q$

2)  $p, q, \neg q$

3)  $P(x) \vee R(x), \neg R(f(a, b)), \neg P(g(a, b))$

# Example 1



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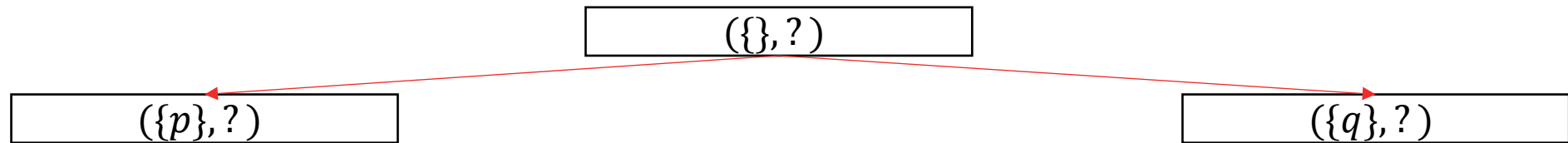
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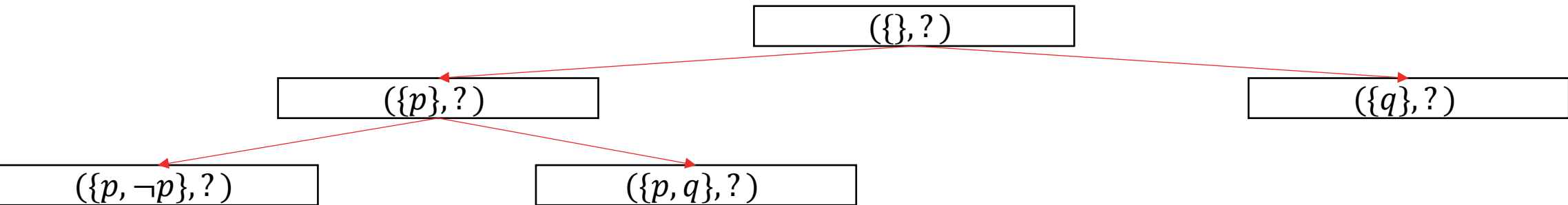
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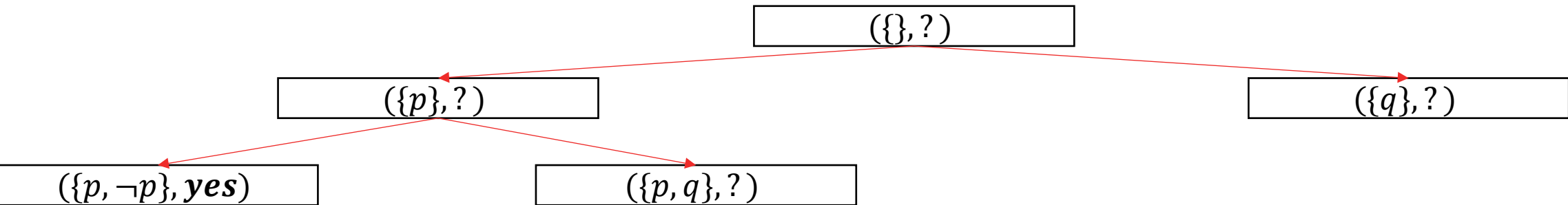


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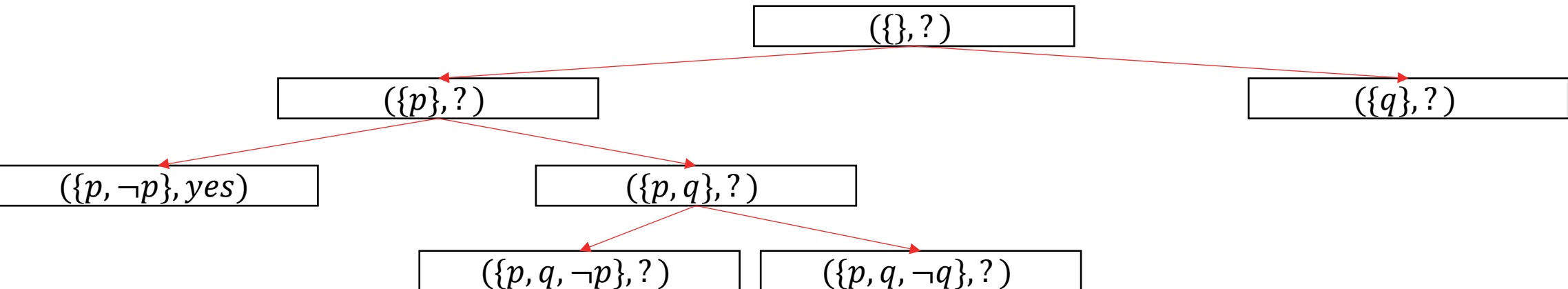
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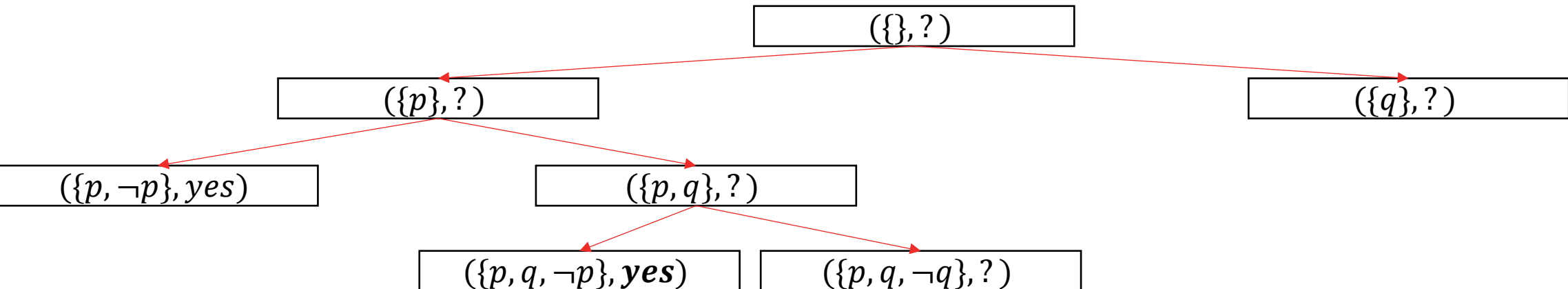
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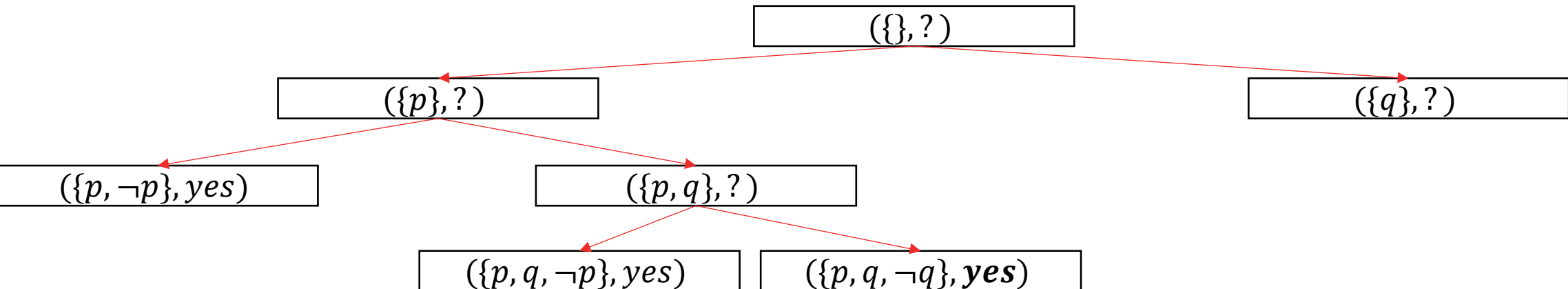
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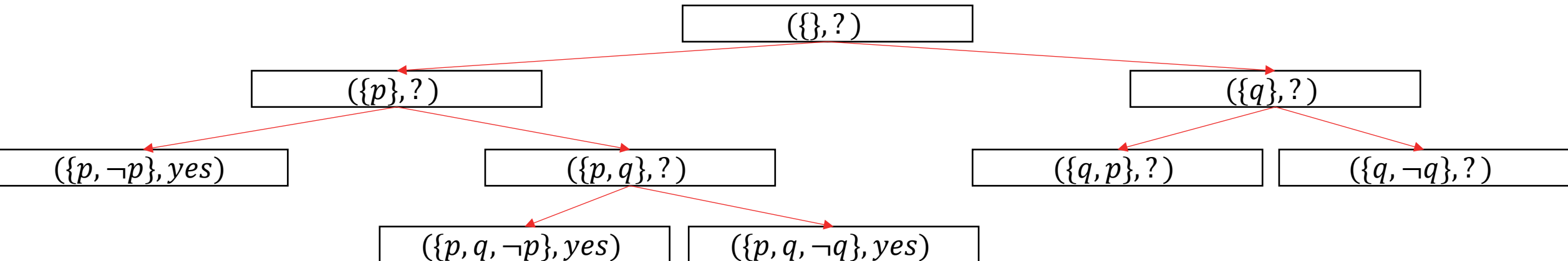




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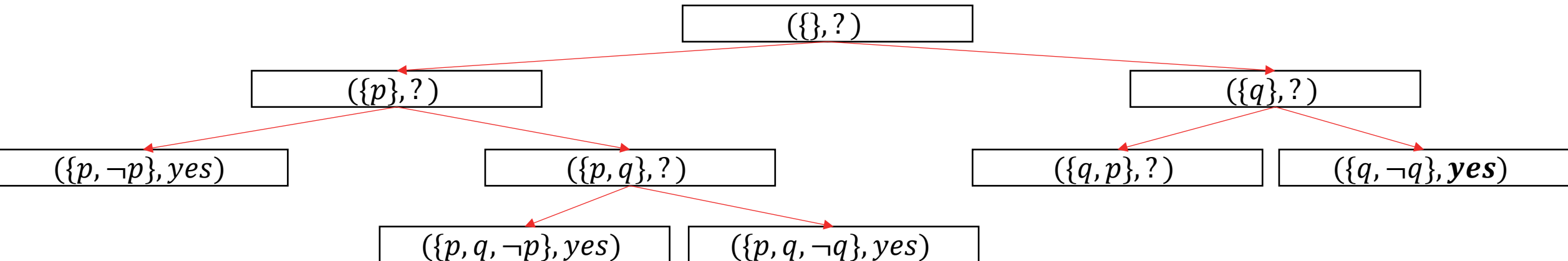
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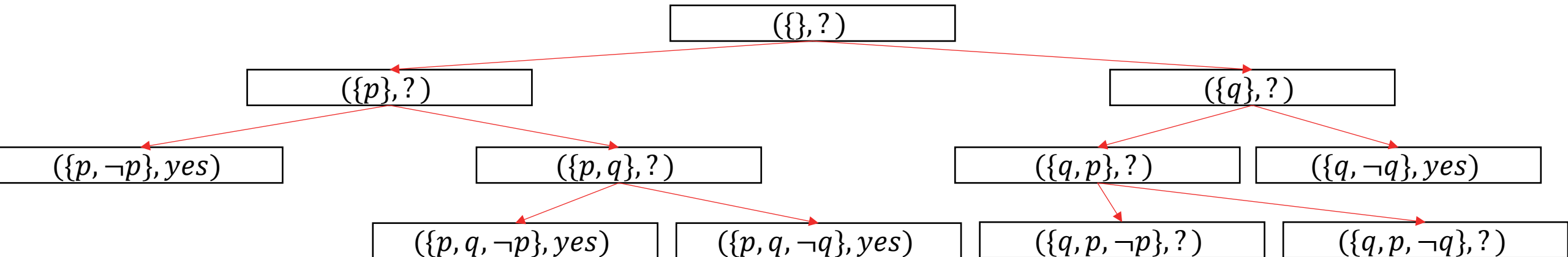
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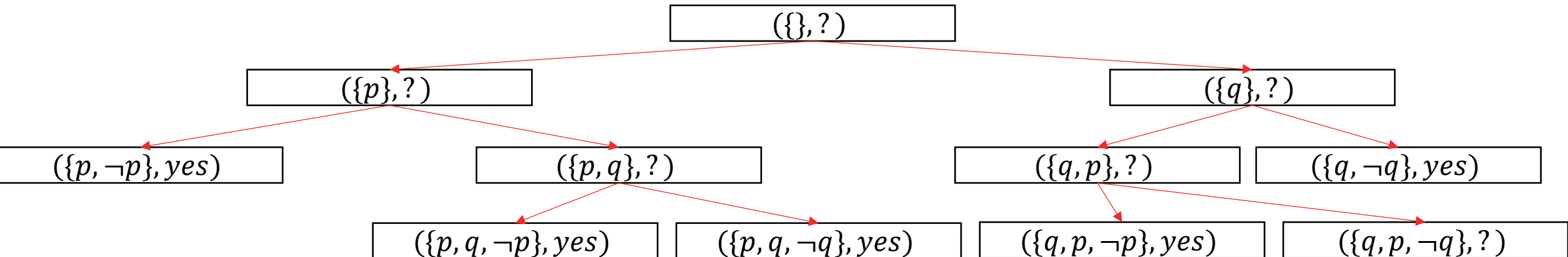
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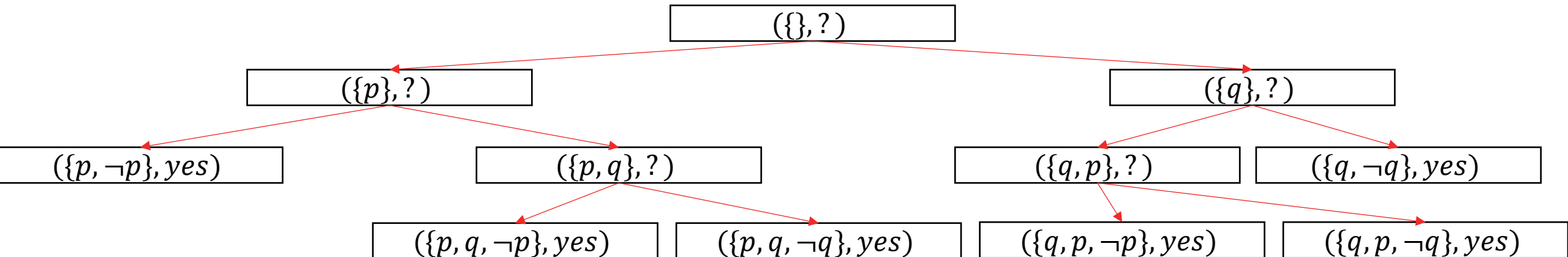
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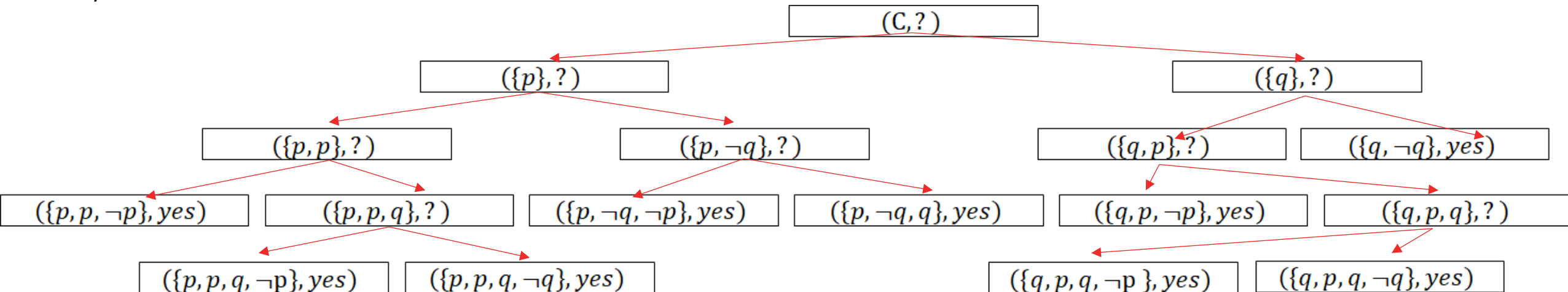


# Model Elimination (IV)

- More than one way to solve! Search control matters!

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# Example 2

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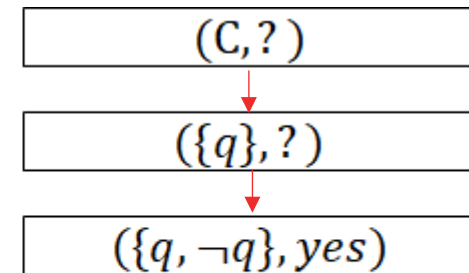
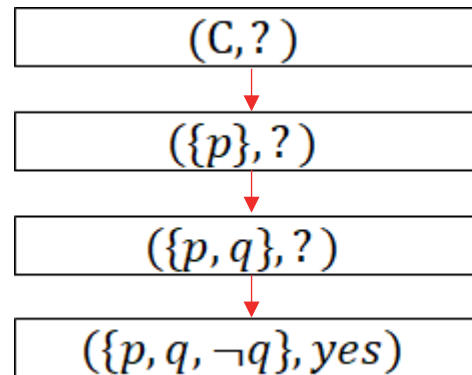


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# Example 3

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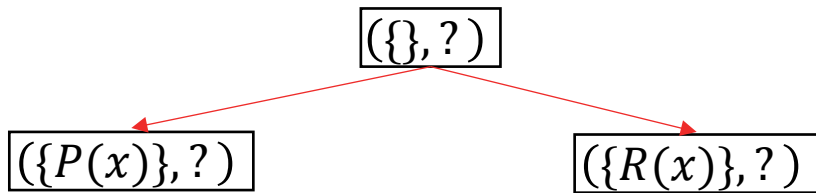
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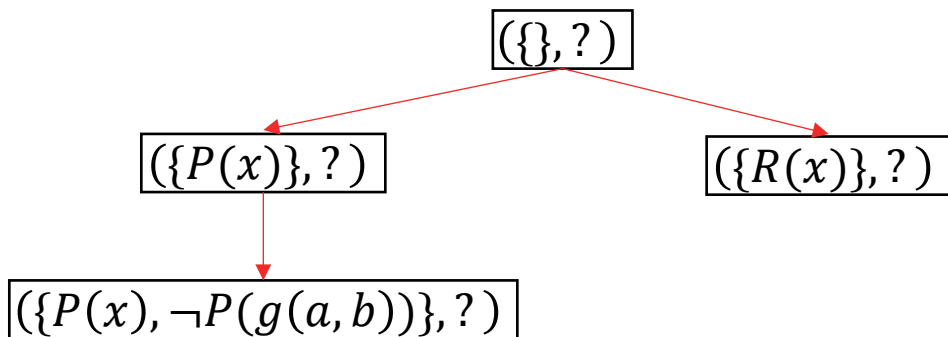


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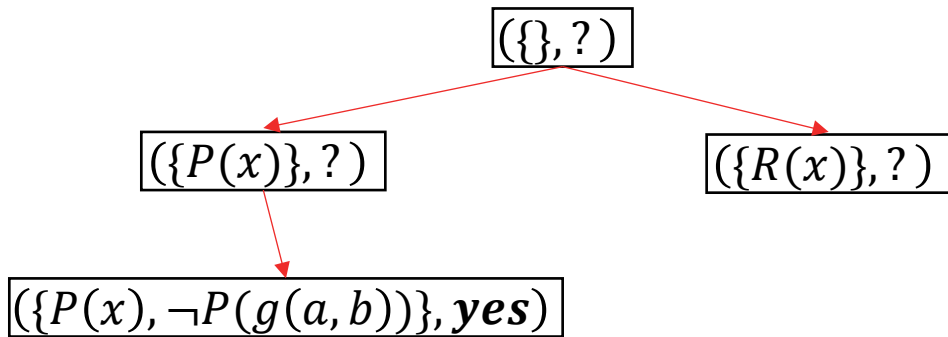
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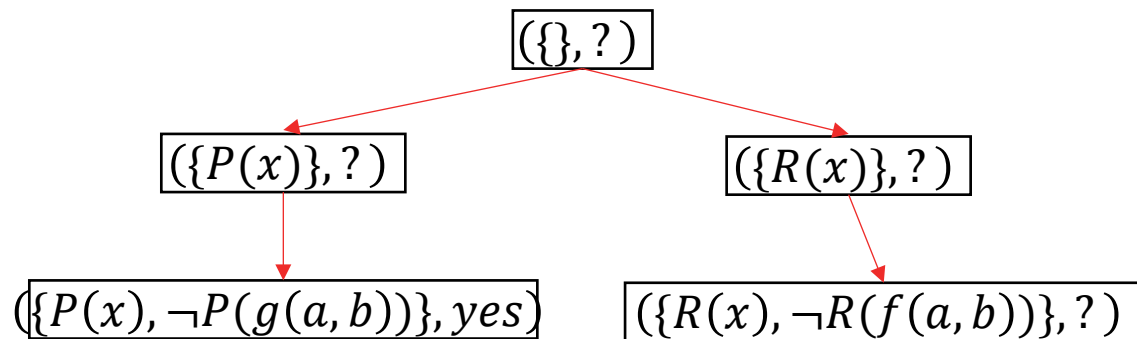


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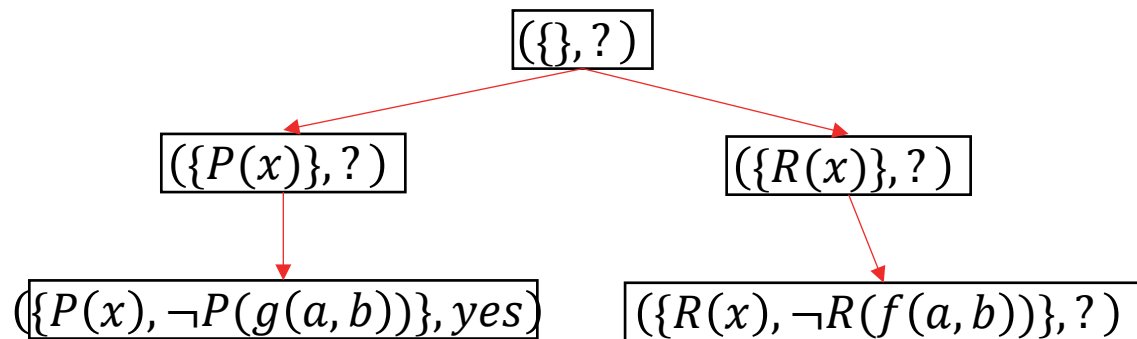


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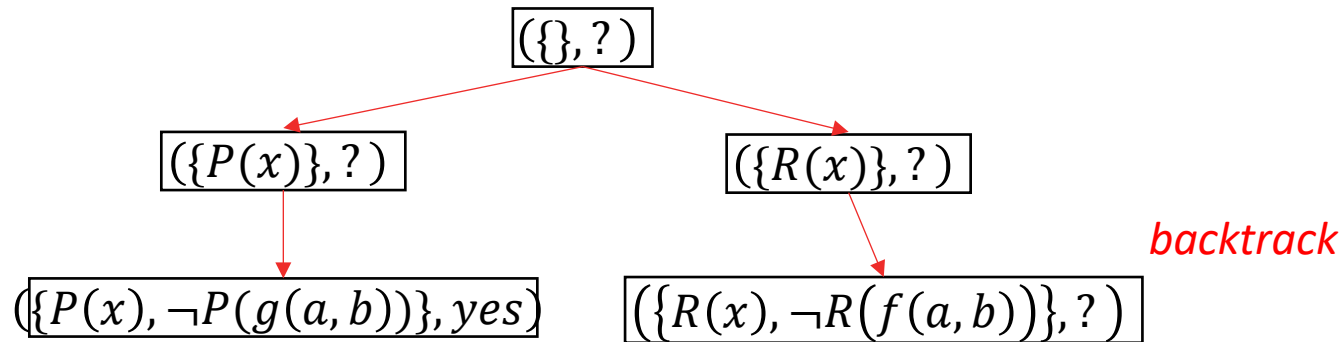
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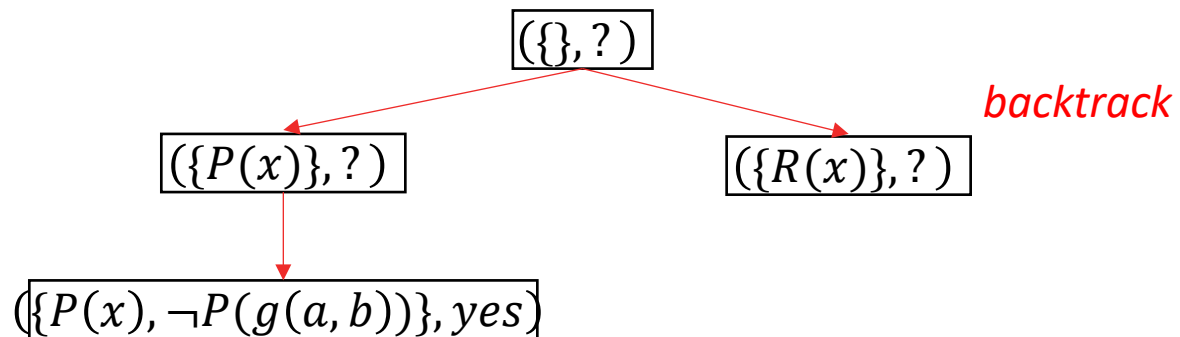


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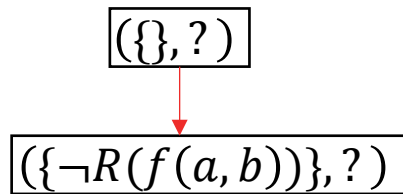
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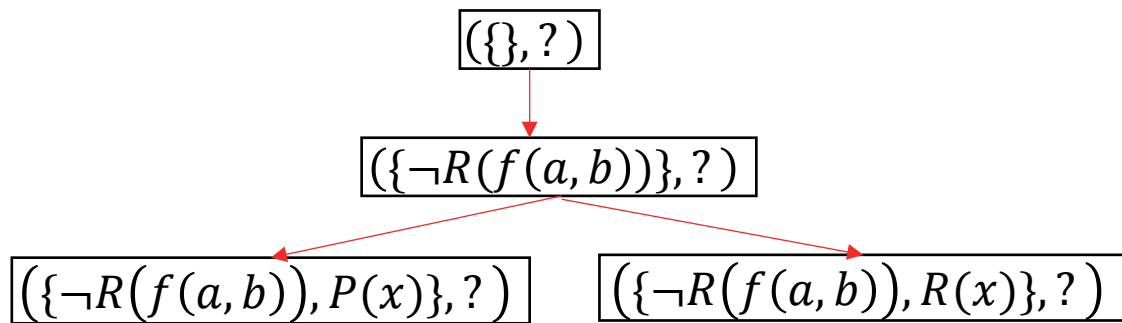


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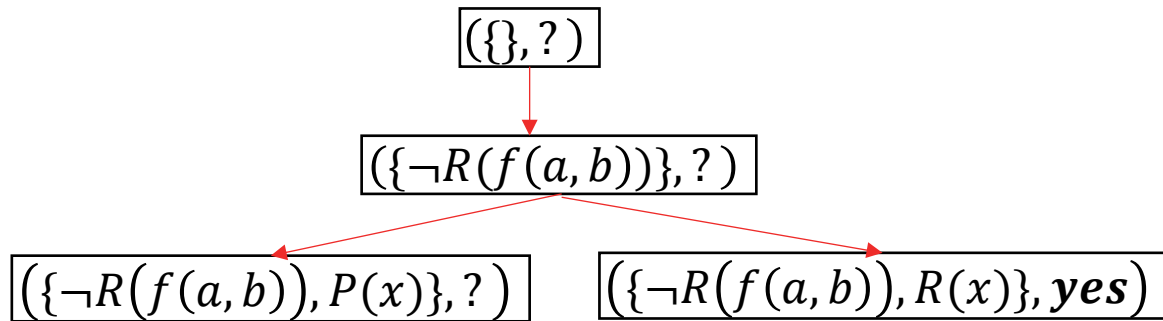


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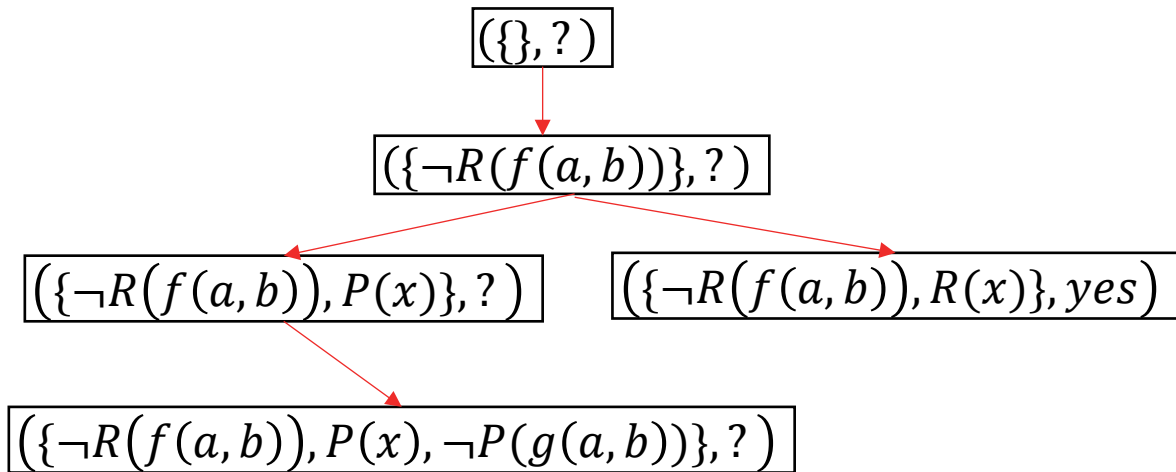


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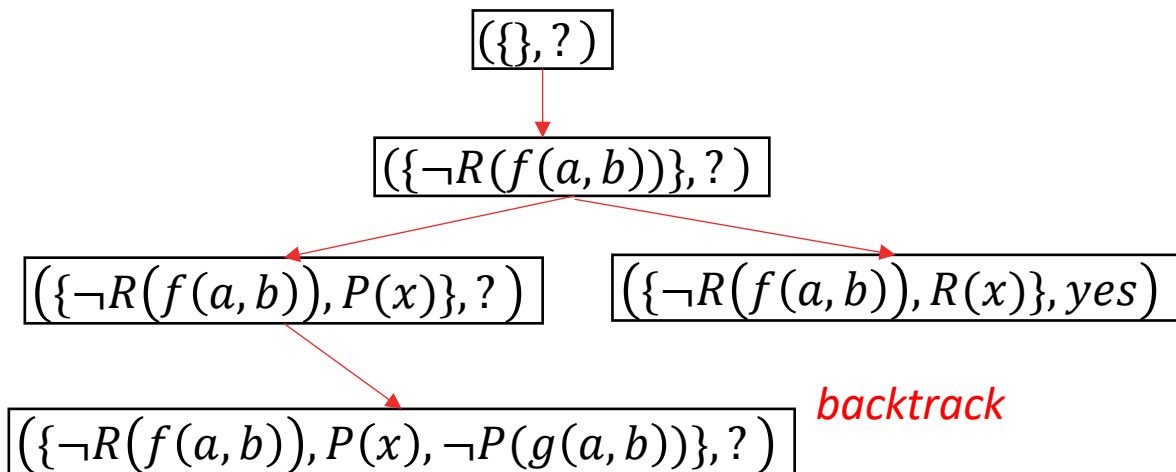


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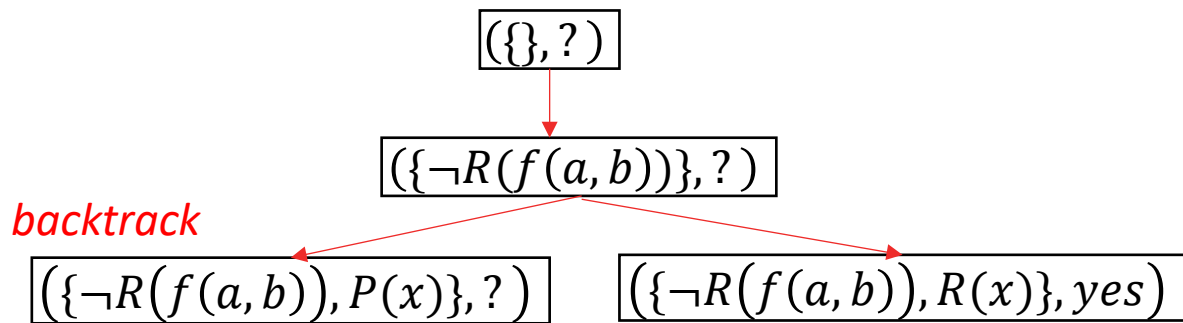
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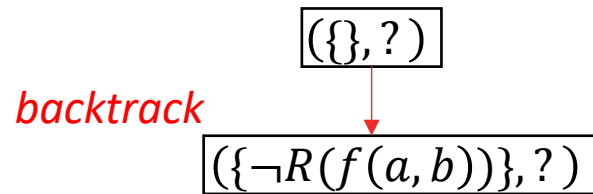
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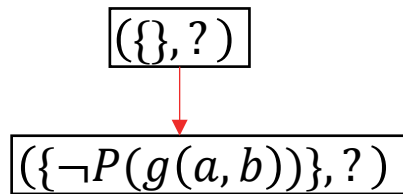
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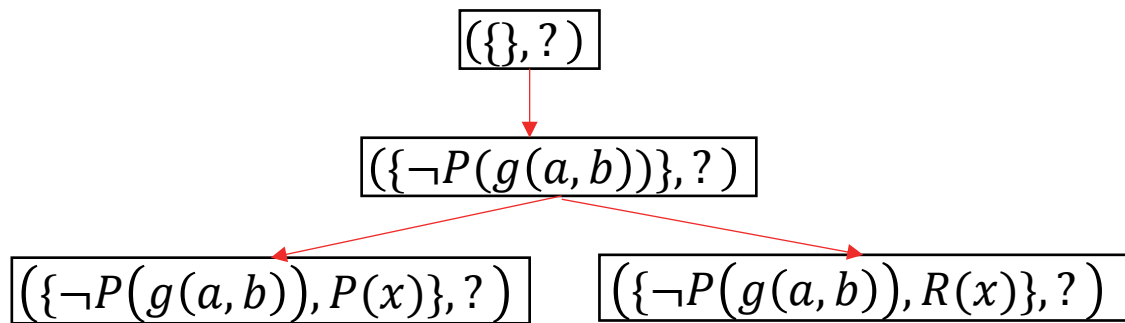


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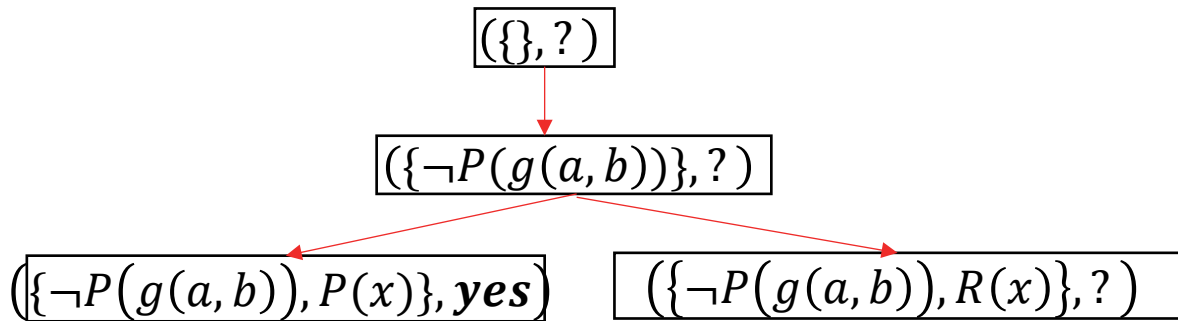


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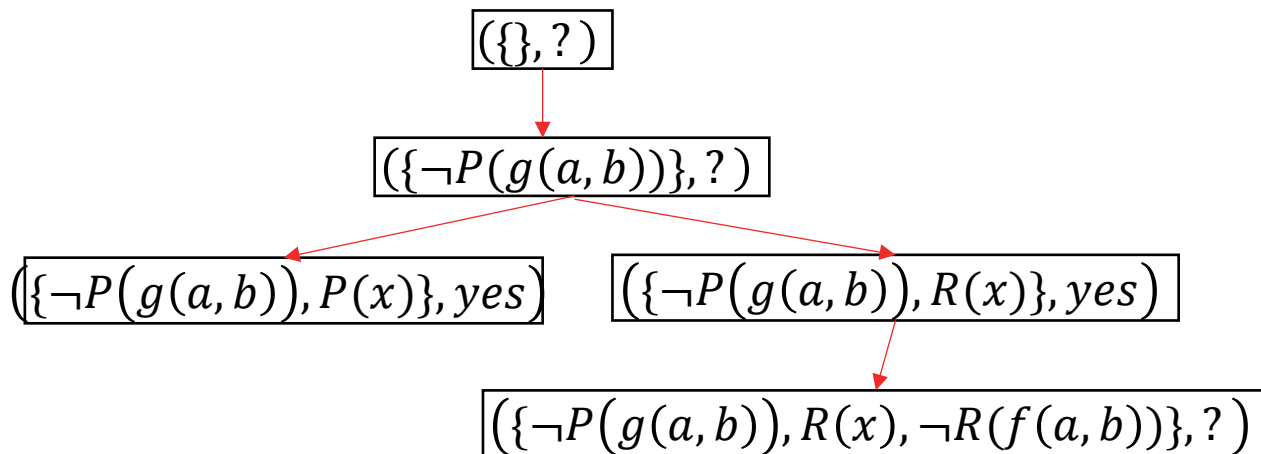


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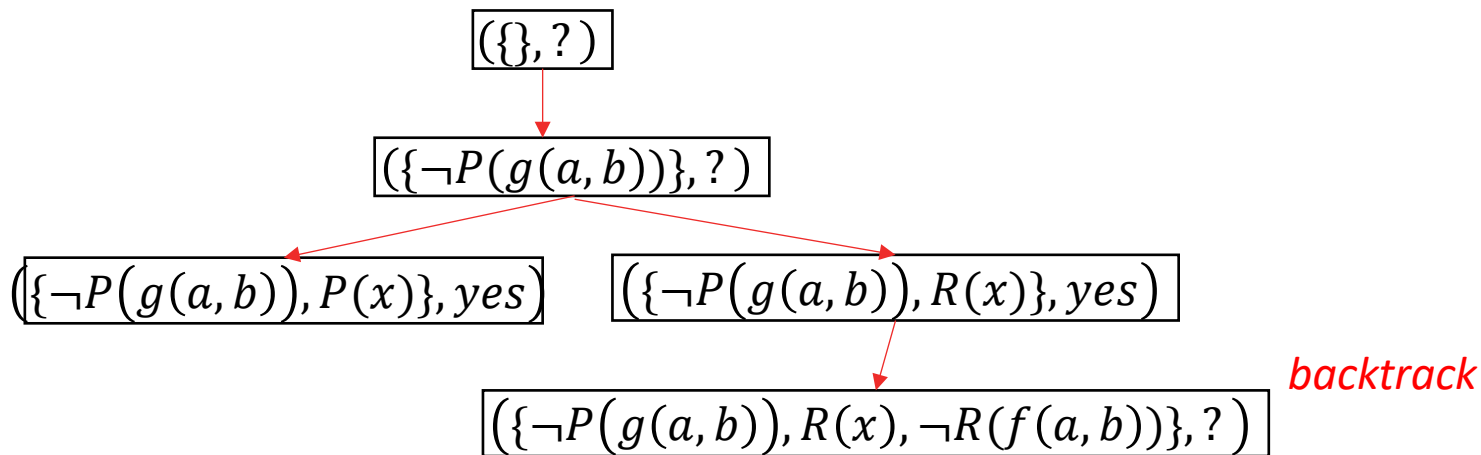


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# Summary

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- Solve the following problem instances:
  - 1)  $p \vee q, p \vee \neg q, \neg p \vee q, \neg p \vee \neg q$  **success**
  - 2)  $p, q, \neg q$  **success**
  - 3)  $P(x) \vee R(x), \neg R(f(a, b)), \neg P(g(a, b))$  **failure**

# Model-elimination: And-Tree-Based

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# Model-elimination (IV)

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## Tasks:

- Describe Model-elimination as and-tree-based search model
- Describe formally a search control for your model that uses backtracking to avoid generating an infinite branch in the tree representing the state (if the problem instance is solvable)

# Model?

# Model-elimination (IV)

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Describe Model-elimination as and-tree-based search model

- We have set of Clauses  $\mathcal{C} = \{c_1, \dots, c_p\}$  of  $p$  clauses where is clause  $c_i \in \mathcal{C}$  is of form  $c_i = L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_n$  (disjunction of literals) so will define a set all literals  $L_{all} = \{L_j \mid L_j \text{ from } c_i \forall c_i \in \mathcal{C}\}$  (set of all literals present in  $\mathcal{C}$ )
- **Prob** =  $\{pr_1, \dots, pr_m\}$  where a  $pr_i \in \mathbf{Prob}$  is
  - $pr_i \in 2^{L_{all}}$
  - (a single problem is some subset of  $L_j$  parts or **Prob** =  $2^{L_{all}}$ )

# Model-elimination (IV)

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Describe Model-elimination as and-tree-based search model

- *Div* will be defined by the relationship that if  $pr \in \mathbf{Prob}$  is selected to divide into sub-problems then based a choice of  $c_i \in \mathcal{C}$  where  $c_i = L_1 \vee \dots \vee L_n$  then  $n$  sub-problems are created where each sub-problem  $pr_j$  fulfills
  - $pr_j = pr \cup L_j$
  - (each sub-problem  $j$  is a combination of the existing set of literals with the  $j^{th}$  literal)
  - If we want to avoid infinite divisions we might also add that one  $pr_j$  must be created such that the  $L_j$  being added is such that  $\neg L_j \in pr$ . We are eliminating one model sub-branch already (unless  $pr = \{\}$  at root)



# Process?

# Model-elimination (IV)

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Describe formally a search control for your model

$f_{leaf} =$

1. 0 if  $(pr, ?)$  contains  $P$  and  $\neg P'$  such that there is a  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma(P) \equiv \sigma(P')$   
(tie break by  $<_{Lit}$ )
2.  $|pr|$  otherwise (tie break by  $<_{Lit}$ )

$f_{trans} =$

1.  $(pr, \mathbf{yes})$  if  $(pr, ?)$  contains  $P$  and  $\neg P'$  such that there is a  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma(P) \equiv \sigma(P')$
2. if out of unique  $c_i \in C$  for more **Div** or fail unification then backtrack (and remove backtracked  $c_j \in C$  from future consideration for **Div** at that leaf)
3. select  $c_i \in C$  that has most negations (tie break by  $<_{Lit}$ ) for **Div**

# Remarks

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- There are many optimization problems that can be solved by an **and-tree**-based search without backtracking!
- Backtracking is often used to reduce the memory needs for a search (it allows to store only one path of the tree).
- Backtracking can always be avoided by using **and-or-tree**-based search.
- Branch-and-bound, dynamic programming and a lot of other algorithm schemes are **and-tree**-based search! (Think about how standard code/functions work using a stack frame to store history!)

# Onward to ... or-tree-based search

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